

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, 2nd January, 1967, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Miley, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Whelan, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley 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, Chief Assistant County Engineers R. L. Farrell and N. D. Farrell (Acting), Mr. P. J. Bermingham, Architect, and Assistant County Engineers, J. P. Caffrey, S. F. Coffey, E. M. Doyle and K. C. O'Donnell were present.

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, G. Timmins, M. J. O'Neill and Mark Deering as follows:—"That we, the Members of the Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of a Shelter, Office, Petrol Pump, and replacement of old Petrol Pump at Whitestown, for Edward O'Keefe, Parkmore, Baltinglass."
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3. Development Plan—To arrange Meetings with Members of Council for Electoral Areas.
4. To authorise Supplementary Loans for completion of Housing Schemes at Blessington, Carnew, and Grattan Park, Kindlestown.
5. Eleven Houses at Grattan Park, Kindlestown—Letter from Department of Local Government conveying sanction to acceptance of Tender and to authorise necessary borrowing.
6. Kilgarron, Enniskerry, Housing Scheme — Recommendation of County Engineer on Tenders received.
7. Housing at Dunlavin—To consider Plans submitted by Council's Architect for erection of Five Houses.
8. To receive Deputation from Local Development Association, Dunlavin, re Housing at Dunlavin.
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That in view of the serious inadequacy of housing in the Avoca and Tinahely areas that a further Report on the matter be submitted to the next Meeting, with a view to accelerating any possible Housing Programme envisaged for 1967."

10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley requesting Report from County Medical Officer about number of persons living in unsuitable houses in rural area adjoining Arklow."
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley requesting Report from County Engineer about progress made in providing cottages in the vicinity of Arklow.
12. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Miley, James Whelan and M. J. O'Neill as follows:—"I, or some Member for me, move at the next Council Meeting, instruct the Council erect the houses approved by the Minister for Local Government and that we finance them out of some of the money we instructed the Council to borrow up to 31st March, 1967, to-day 12th December, 1966."
13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—"That I, or someone for me, will move a Motion requesting the Council to build a house for James Kennedy, Knocknamuck, Grangecon, who is now living in a condemned dwelling."
14. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That this Council should build a cottage for Brian O'Keefe, Coolboy, who with his wife and four young children is at present living in a condemned house."
15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Whelan:—"I, or someone for me, will propose that the Council advertise for Tenders for the erection of the house for Richard Breen Rathmeigue."
16. Sale of Vested Cottage at Ballyshonogue, Tinahely — Report of County Engineer.
17. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley requesting Report from County Secretary about sale of vested cottage occupied by John Keogh, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh, and amount deducted by Council.
18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley requesting Report from County Engineer about flooding of cottage at Tomnaskela, Kilpipe, Aughrim, occupied by Martin Curry.
19. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That urgent repairs be carried out immediately for the following tenants:—James Jordan, Raheengreany; Patrick Smith, Askakeagh, Ballinglen; James Murphy, Tombrean, Carnew; and Mrs. Hagan, Ballinasillogue, Ballinglen."
20. Repairs to cottages carried out in December, 1966, and cottages to be repaired in January, 1967.
21. To fix date for visit of Members of Council to Newcastle Mental Hospital.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor E. E. Byrne, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members of the Council with Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, on the death of his brother (the late Mr. Noel Byrne). The County Manager asked that he, the County Secretary, and the Members of the staff be associated with the Council's expression of sympathy. Councillor H. J. Byrne thanked the Members and Officers for their expression of sympathy.

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, G. Timmins, M. J. O'Neill and Mark Deering as follows:—"That we, the Members of the Wicklow

County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning Approval for the erection of a Shelter, Office, Petrol Pump, and Replacement of old Petrol Pump at Whitestown, for Edward O'Keefe, Parkmore, Baltinglass."

The County Secretary stated that the application had been refused on the grounds that an additional entrance and exit on to the Main Blessington/Baltinglass Road at this 'Y' junction would create a traffic hazard and would reduce the carrying capacity of the road. He submitted a Report of the County Engineer in which he forwarded a Plan showing existing and proposed Petrol Stations along the road between Blessington and Baltinglass, and pointed out that existing Petrol Filling Stations in Baltinglass and Stratford were $5\frac{1}{2}$ and $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles approximately south of this proposed site and that Petrol Filling Stations were also located at Donard ($2\frac{1}{2}$ miles); Hollywood ($7\frac{1}{2}$ miles); and Poulaphouca (10 miles north of the site). In addition permission had been granted by the Council under Seltion 4 to a Mr. Burke for a site 9 miles north of the site. Permission had been refused for another site at Hollywood Cross, which was approximately 7 miles north of the site. The County Engineer stated that he understood that there had been a Workshop and a Petrol Pump at one time on this proposed site.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of a Shelter, Office, Petrol Pump and replacement of old Petrol Pump at Whitestown, for Edward O'Keefe, Parkmore, Baltinglass.

Passed unanimously.

In reply to Councillors J. Temple and H. J. Byrne, who had referred to the desirability of consulting local Members before decisions were given refusing permissions, the County Manager stated that the matter of submitting such applications to the Council had been considered and it was intended to submit such applications to the Council whenever possible, bearing in mind the fact that on account of the time-limit involved this might not be possible in all cases.

Item No. 2—Notice of intention to move Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in names of Councillors James Everett, T.D., H. W. Hopkins, James D. Haughton, James Gregory and Roger Miley as follows:—"That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning Approval for the Construction of Shop, Tea-Rooms and Extension of Existing Car Park at "Mount Usher," Ashford, Co. Wicklow, as described in Plan submitted on Mr. R. P. Walpole's behalf on 19th October, 1966."

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that he was unable to understand the objection to the application and referred to the importance of "Mount Usher Gardens" and the extent of employment that had been provided by Messrs. Walpole for so many years, and emphasised that the Gardens were a National asset and that their expansion should be encouraged. He felt that the County Engineer and Planning Staff should have consulted the County Manager, who he knew had a deep appreciation of the importance of "Mount Usher Gardens." Councillors R. Miley, Miss M. Walsh, H. B. Hipwell, M. Deering and H. J. Byrne also strongly supported the proposal. The County Manager stated that

no objections had been received from any commercial interests in the area and it was with the greatest reluctance that it had been decided that the proposed development was unsuitable. He took the opportunity of joining in the tributes to the Walpole family for what they had done in providing these Gardens at "Mount Usher," which were undoubtedly world famous and a valuable tourist asset. The only reason why the application had been refused was on account of the difficulty of access and the road traffic hazard which might develop. The road carried very heavy traffic. If the Council felt that permission should be granted the County Manager suggested that consideration might be given to reducing the Speed Limit at this particular section of the road to 30 m.p.h. and to move the Limit further southwards.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and Co. Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning Approval for the construction of Shop, Tea-Rooms and extension of existing Car Park at "Mount Usher," Ashford, Co. Wicklow, as described in Plan submitted on Mr. R. P. Walpole's behalf on 19th October, 1966.

Passed unanimously.

The Members of the Council agreed that the matter of altering the Speed Limit at Ashford to 30 m.p.h. and extending the boundary of the Limit southwards be referred to the Technical Committee for examination.

Item No. 3—Development Plan—To arrange Meetings with Members of Council for Electoral Areas.

The Council decided to fix the following dates for Meetings of Members of the Council for each of the four Electoral Areas in relation to the Development Plan in course of preparation under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963:-

Arklow Electoral Area: On Wednesday, 11th January, 1967, at 3 p.m. at Shillelagh.

Baltinglass Electoral Area: At 8 p.m. on 18th January, 1967, at Blessington.

Bray Electoral Area: At 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 11th January, 1967, at Town Hall, Bray.

Wicklow Electoral Area: At 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 4th January, 1967, at Wicklow.

Item No. 4—To Authorise Supplementary Loans for Completion of Housing Schemes at Blessington, Carnew and Grattan Park, Kindlestown.

The Council agreed to defer this item to the Meeting to be held on 9th January, 1967, at the request of the County Secretary.

Item No. 5—Eleven Houses at Grattan Park, Kindlestown—Letter from Department of Local Government Conveying Sanction to Acceptance of Tender and to Authorise Necessary Borrowing.

The Council noted the submission of letter received from the Department of Local Government conveying sanction to the Scheme for the erection of Eleven Houses at Grattan Park, Kindlestown. It was

noted that any expenditure which might be incurred within the present financial year on the Scheme would have to be met from within the Council's Capital Allocation for the current year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £20,945 from the Commissioners of Public Works, re-payable over a period of fifty years, with interest at 7½ per cent., to defray the cost of the erection of Eleven Houses at Grattan Park, Kindlestown.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Kilgarron, Enniskerry, Housing Scheme—Recommendation of County Engineer on Tenders Received.

The recommendation of the County Engineer on the Tenders received for the Scheme of Ten Council Houses at Kilgarron Park, Enniskerry, together with Development Works and Public Services for these and for sites for Eighteen Private Houses, was submitted. The Council noted his recommendation for the acceptance of the lowest Tender received. The County Secretary pointed out that the Tender included a sum of £4,375 for Development of Eighteen Private Housing Sites. The County Manager pointed out that if the full cost of the Development of the Private Sites was to be recovered from persons leasing the sites it would be necessary to charge a Ground Rent of £20 per annum. He suggested that the Council might consider charging a Ground Rent of £12 per annum and subsidising each site to the extent of £8 per annum. The Council recommended, however, that a charge of £10 per annum as Ground Rent be made in respect of the Private Sites.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of recommendation of the County Engineer for the acceptance of the Tender of Thomas Tracy, Newcourt Road, Bray, in the sum of £27,489 18s. 2d. for the erection of Ten Council Houses at Kilgarron, Enniskerry, and for the Development Works and Public Services to these and to the sites for Eighteen Private Houses, and hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £27,500 to defray the cost of the erection of the houses and the carrying out of the Development Works, the money to be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works, re-payable over a period of fifty years, with interest at 7½ per cent.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Housing at Dunlavin—To Consider Plans Submitted by Council's Architect for Erection of Five Houses; And

Item No. 8—To Receive Deputation from Local Development Association, Dunlavin, Re Housing at Dunlavin.

The Council received a Deputation from the Dunlavin Development Association consisting of the Rev. R. A. Warke, Rector, and Messrs. Thomas Grace, Harold Fisher, Thomas Kirwan, Joseph Roche and T. Roche. Councillor M. Deering introduced the Deputation. The Rev. Mr. Warke thanked the Council for receiving the Deputation and stated that their purpose in attending was to urge on the Council the need for providing additional houses at Dunlavin. He stated that because of the lack of housing people were not sure of their future in Dunlavin

and tended to leave the town for Dublin or England. He inquired if it was the Council's intention to continue Church Tce., and to link it up with the Fairgreen, which it was felt would assist development of the area. He stated that Dunlavin appeared to be developing as a dormitory area for Dublin and for the Industrial Sites at Newbridge, Kilcullen and Naas, and stated that about thirty persons left Dunlavin each morning to travel to work in either Dublin or towns in Kildare. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, told the Deputation that the Members of the Council for the Area had pressed the needs of Dunlavin in regard to housing very strongly at Meetings of the Council and that Plans were at present before the Council for the erection of five houses. Due to the present shortage of capital the Council were restricted in the extent to which new Housing Schemes could be commenced, but as money became more readily available the Council would make every effort to provide the houses needed. Councillor M. Deering mentioned that it would be desirable that the Courthouse at Dunlavin be restored.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of Plans submitted for erection of Five Houses at Dunlavin and direct that the Plans be submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval to the invitation of Tenders.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—
“That in view of the serious inadequacy of Housing in the Avoca and Tinahely Areas that a further Report on the matter be submitted to the next Meeting, with a view to accelerating any possible Housing Programme envisaged for 1967.”

The County Secretary stated that it had not been possible to obtain suitable sites for housing either at Avoca or Tinahely. A number of sites in Tinahely had been suggested, some of which were suitable for housing, but it had not been possible to obtain them by Agreement. It was agreed that the Members of the Council for the Area would endeavour to obtain the agreement of landowners for sale to the Council of suitable sites.

Item No. 10—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Quigley requesting “Report from County Medical Officer About Number of Persons Living in Unsuitable Houses in Rural Area Adjoining Arklow.”

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had reported that only seven applications had been received from persons living in the Arklow Rural District in the past two-and-a-half years and of these only two applicants were in need of housing and he felt that their needs could be met by casual vacancies. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley “Requesting Report from County Engineer About Progress Made in Providing Cottages in the Vicinity of Arklow.”

The County Secretary pointed out that there was not evidence of a demand for new housing in this area and that the Council's Architect had recommended that housing to meet the needs of workers in the town of Arklow should be considered in relation to existing sites within the Urban Area. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Miley, James Whelan and M. J. O'Neill as follows:—“I, or some Member for me, move at the next Council Meeting, instruct the Council erect the houses approved by the Minister for Local Government and that we finance them out of the money we instructed the Council to borrow up to 31st March, 1967, to-day 12th Dec., 1966.”

Councillor Miley urged that a start be made on the Scheme for the provision of Rural Cottages and that any expenditure incurred in the present financial year be met from temporary overdraft. The County Secretary pointed out that the overdraft authorised by the Council on the 12th December, 1966, was for Revenue Account and was to meet the normal running costs of the Council's Services, but could not be used for Capital purposes. The Council's Treasurers had already refused applications for Loans for a number of Capital Works. The Scheme had been approved by the Department and acceptance of the Tenders had been sanctioned, but formal sanction to the Loan required had not yet been received. In reply to inquiry from Councillor Timmins as to whether satisfactory water supplies had been found for the houses the County Secretary stated that arrangements were being made for the boring of wells on the sites as it was necessary to ensure that a satisfactory water supply was available before the erection of the houses could be commenced. The Council noted that arrangements were being made for the provision of the water supplies to each of the houses.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—
“That I, or someone for me, will move a Motion requesting the Council to build a house for Jas. Kennedy, Knocknamuck, Grangecon, who is now living in a condemned dwelling.”

The County Secretary stated that James Kennedy had been appointed to the tenancy of a vacant cottage at Stratnakelly, Tinahely, in December, 1965, and had then asked that repairs be carried out before he would occupy the cottage, but subsequently, in May, 1966, informed the Council that he was not accepting the tenancy since he could not find work in that part of the County. The cottage was re-advertised and John Kennedy, Grangecon (father of James Kennedy) was the only applicant and it was stated that if he was granted the tenancy of the house he would allow his son to take over his own house in Grangecon. John Kennedy was appointed to the tenancy of the cottage, but notified the Council in December, 1966, that owing to financial difficulties of transport he was unable to take up tenancy. Mr. James Kennedy still resided in a cottage owned by Mr. M. Kealy of Ballycore, also situated at Grangecon. Councillor M. J. O'Neill stated that Mr. Kennedy was prepared to provide a site for a cottage and it was agreed that if he submitted particulars of the site, arrangements would be made to have it examined.

Item No. 14—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—
“That this Council should Build a cottage for Brian O'Keefe, Coolboy, who with his wife and four young children is at present living in a condemned house.”

Councillor Miss Walsh handed in a completed Application Form from Mr. O'Keefe in respect of the erection of a house and stated that he would submit particulars of a site which could be made available. It was agreed that on receipt of details of the site the site would be examined and a Report submitted.

Item No. 15—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Whelan:—
“I, or someone for me, will propose that the Council advertise for Tenders for the Erection of the House for Richard Breen of Rathmeigue.”

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;
Seconded by Councillor A. H. Hadden:

Resolved—That the Council advertise for Tenders for the erection of the house for Richard Breen of Rathmeigie.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16—Sale of Vested Cottage at Ballyshonogue, Tinahely—Report of County Engineer.

The Council considered Report of the County Engineer of 2nd January, 1967, in regard to his examination of the cottage of Michael Dempsey, Ballyshonogue, Tinahely, and noted that he estimated the market value of the entire property at £1,200 and the value of the improvements at £444. On this basis a sum of £252 appeared to be an appropriate amount to be paid to the Council from the receipts of the sale. Following a discussion on the matter:

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—Subject to sanction we accept £237 10s. as the amount to be paid to Council from sale of vested cottage at Ballyshonogue, Tinahely.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 17—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley Requesting Report from County Secretary about sale of Vested Cottage occupied by John Kehoe, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh, and amount deducted by Council.

The County Secretary submitted a Report indicating how the value of the cottage was determined by the Council and stated that a figure of £166 13s. 4d. had been agreed and sanctioned by the Minister as the amount payable to the Council in respect of the sale of the cottage. The Solicitors acting for the vendor had been informed, but so far had not agreed to make this payment. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 18—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley Requesting Report from County Engineer about flooding of cottage at Tomnaskela, Kilpipe, Aughrim, occupied by Martin Curry.

The County Engineer reported that a certain amount of flooding took place in heavy rain from a stream on the opposite side of the road which crossed in a culvert and discharged to an open channel in front of the cottage gate entrance. The channel overflowed and water entered the cottage out-house. He recommended that the existing culvert at the gateway be extended and the open channel downstream of the culvert be cleaned and graded at an estimated cost of £10.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;
Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer for the extension of the existing culvert at the gateway to cottage at Tomnaskela, Kilpipe, Aughrim, occupied by Martin Curry, and the cleaning and grading of the open channel downstream, at an estimated cost of £10.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 19—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—
“That urgent repairs be carried out immediately for the following tenants:— James Jordan, Raheengreany; Patrick Smith, Askakeagh, Ballinglen; James Murphy, Tombrean, Carnew; and Mrs. Hagan, Ballinasillogue, Ballinglen.”

The County Secretary stated that the Contractor had already been instructed to carry out repairs to the cottage of James Jordan; that an estimate had been submitted for the repairs to the cottage of Mr. Patrick Smith; that repairs to the cottage of James Murphy, Tombrean, Carnew, had been carried out in 1966, but additional repairs (estimated at £1 6s.) had been sought and a Report had been submitted. Arrangements were being made for inspection of the cottage of Mrs. Hagan, Ballinasillogue, Ballinglen. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 20—Repairs to cottages carried out in December, 1966, and cottages to be repaired in January, 1967.

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired in December, 1966, and of those to be repaired in January, 1967.

Item No. 21—To fix date for visit of Members of Council to Newcastle Mental Hospital.

The Council decided to fix Monday, 30th January, 1967, at 3 p.m. as the date for the visit of Members of the Council to Newcastle Mental Hospital.

Notices of Motion—

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

In the names of Councillors James Everett, T.D., and James Gregory:—
“That Miss Mary Murphy, Old Village, Rathnew, be appointed tenant of cottage, as she has resided since house was erected over thirty years ago.”

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley:—“Requesting a Report from Co. Engineer as to when he would be in a position to give Council a Report on Mr. Michael Goss's application under Town Planning Act seeking permission to build a Factory at Ballymorris, Aughrim, near Ballycoogue Steps.”

In the name of Councillor H. B. Hipwell:—“That the County Engineer report to next Meeting on position regarding (a) widening of Boghall Road Corner, Bray; and (b) on the proposed traffic lights at Quinsboro' Road/Main Street, Bray.”

In the names of Councillors James Gregory, James Everett, T.D., and Roger Miley:—“That the watermain be extended from Nun's Cross to Ballyduff, Ashford.”

In the name of Councillor James O'Toole:—“That a light be placed on existing pole and bracket opposite the Powerscourt Arms Hotel and adjoining Magee's Victualler Shop.”

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th January, 1967, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Miley, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Whelan, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, J. Gregory and H. W. Hopkins.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers R. L. Farrell and N. D. Farrell (Acting), Mr. P. J. Birmingham, Architect, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, S. F. Coffey, E. M. Doyle and K. C. O'Donnell attended.

AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 7th, 11th and 14th November, 1966.
2. To fix date for Estimates Meeting of Council for year 1967-'68.
3. Report requested by Councillor J. Quigley regarding road from Ballydonnell Crossroads to Poulaphouca, Avoca.
4. To authorise Supplementary Loans for completion of Housing Schemes at Blessington, Carnew, and Grattan Park, Kindlestown.
5. Proposed erection of prototype house—Plans submitted by Council's Architect.
6. Sewerage Scheme for Bray and adjoining area.
7. Proposed extension of watermain at Blessington.
8. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins:—Requesting the Council to extend the water supply at Stratford to the Council cottages at Winetavern and Randalstown.
9. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Edward Byrne and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—"That a water supply be given to the County Council cottages at Coolnaskeagh, Templecarrig."
10. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton and James Everett, T.D.:—Requesting Report on progress made in connection with Water and Sewerage Scheme for houses in Ballinahinch, Newtownmountkennedy.
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. D. Haughton:—"That the Glenealy Water Supply Scheme be extended to the Council cottages at Bahana, Rathdrum."
12. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:—"That two extra public lights be erected at Greenane."
13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:—"That four public lights be provided at Askinagap."
14. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Edward Byrne:—"That the District Engineer report on the need for a public light midway down the road at the cottages at Redford, Greystones."
15. Application from Workers' Union of Ireland for payment of £1 per week increase to Assistance Officers.
16. Coast Erosion at Wicklow—Letter from Town Clerk, Wicklow U.D.C.

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17. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Blockage of Roads by N.F.A. Demonstration.

Councillor J. Temple protested against the blockage of public roads by the Demonstration organised by the National Farmers' Association on that date and stated that workers from Bray had been obstructed in going to work in Dublin and also workers coming from Dublin to Bray had been unable to get to work. He pointed out that no persons or Organisation should be permitted to break the law by blocking public roads.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole:

Resolved—That we record our protest against the obstruction of the public roads by members of N.F.A., as a result of which workers were prevented from reaching their place of employment.

Passed—Councillors A. H. Hadden and G. Timmins dissenting.

Councillor A. H. Hadden expressed regret at the proposal of Councillor Temple and pointed out the difficulties which had been experienced by farmers during recent years.

Illness of Member of Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of continued leave of absence from attendance at Council Meetings being granted to Councillor P. McCarthy during the period of his illness.
Passed unanimously

At the suggestion of Councillor Hadden the Council agreed that a message be sent to Councillor P. McCarthy conveying the best wishes of the Members of the Council for his speedy restoration to health.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

The County Secretary having informed the Council that the Minutes were not yet available for circulation to the Members the Council deferred this item.

Item No. 2—To Fix Date For Estimates Meeting of Council For Year 1967/'68.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby fix Monday, 27th February, 1967, as the date for the Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the year 1967/'68.

Passed unanimously

Item No. 3—Report Requested by Councillor J. Quigley Regarding Road from Ballydonnell Crossroads to Poulaphouca, Avoca.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:-

County Engineer's Office,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

24th November, 1966.

COUNTY SECRETARY,

Re: Road from Ballydonnell Crossroads to Poulaphouca, Avoca.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 14th instant.

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday, 9th January, 1967. 13

It was proposed to have this road reconstructed and rolled under the year's County Road Grant. It would now seem, however, that the money will not be available, as it will be required to defray the cost of the storm damage repairs.

The road will be included in next year's County Road Grants.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer,

The Council noted the terms of the Report.

Item No. 4—To Authorise Supplementary Loans For Completion of Housing Schemes at Blessington, Carnew and Grattan Park, Kindlestown.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £2,562 from the Commissioners of Public Works, re-payable over a period of fifty years, with interest at 7½ per cent., to defray the balance of the cost of the erection of Ten Houses at Blessington.

Passed unanimously

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £1,154 from the Commissioners of Public Works, re-payable over a period of fifty years, with interest at 7½ per cent., to defray the balance of the cost of the erection of Five Houses at Carnew.

Passed unanimously

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £1,063 from the Commissioners of Public Works, re-payable over a period of fifty years, with interest at 7½ per cent., to defray the balance of the cost of the erection of Nine Houses at Grattan Park, Kindlestown.

Passed unanimously

Item No. 5—Proposed Erection of Prototype House—Plans Submitted By Council's Architect.

The County Secretary submitted details of Plans which had been prepared by the Council's Architect for a Prototype House, which had been designed for speedy erection and was expected to reduce the cost of building. He suggested, if the Council agreed, that the Plans might be submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval. A Grant was available under Section 20 of the Housing Act, 1966, towards the cost of erection of a Prototype House. The estimated cost of erection of the superstructure of the house was £1,700. Councillor J. Temple suggested that the Plans might be considered by Members of the Council at Local Area Meetings. The Council decided that particulars of the House be circulated to the Members of the Council and that the matter be included on the Agenda for the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 6—Sewerage Scheme For Bray and Adjoining Area.

The County Manager stated that the total estimated cost of the Scheme was in the region of £330,000, but following consideration of the matter by Bray Urban District Council, following examination of

the Reports of the County Engineer, Town Engineer, Bray, and the County Medical Officer, it was proposed that portion of the Scheme might be deferred and it was felt that this might reduce the initial cost to a figure in the region of £150,000. Particulars of the suggested items which might be deferred were given to the Council and these included the deferring of the provision of the new Outfall at the Harbour and instead some improvements to the present Outfall. The Council agreed that the Scheme be carried out in stages. The County Engineer stated that the Town Engineer, Bray, and himself would be meeting the Department's Engineering Inspector during the following week with a view to determining the section of the Scheme to be carried out as the first stage and the Consulting Engineers could then be instructed to prepare the detailed Plans for this portion of the Scheme. The Council approved of the proposals.

Item No. 7—Proposed Extension of Watermain at Blessington.

The County Secretary stated that following representations received from the Blessington Development Association regarding the need for an extension of the new watermain at Blessington towards the south of the town the following Report of the County Engineer had been submitted:-

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
14th December, 1966.

COUNTY SECRETARY,

Re: New Watermain At Blessington.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 29th September last.

The present Contract only brings the water as far as the Technical School and the Factory.

The following extensions would be necessary to serve all the houses on this road down to the Lake:-

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| (a) 690 yards of approximately 3" Class 'B' main to serve the proposed Secondary School and three other houses | £1,035 0 0 |
| (b) Further extension of 160 lin. yards 3" main to serve two additional houses (Mrs. Shannon and Miss Coughlan) | £ 240 0 0 |
| (c) Further extension of 420 lin. yards to serve remaining two houses (Messrs. O'Riordan and Byrne). | £ 330 0 0 |

Total Cost of 1,270 yards £1,605 0 0

There is adequate water available from the Scheme to meet the demands of these houses and leave a substantial reserve over for further development.

It is recommended that these extensions be carried out.

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

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we approve of Plans being prepared and Tenders invited for an extension of the watermain at Blessington for a distance of 1,270 yards southwards along the road towards Burgage Cemetery

from the main's present termination near the Technical School.
Passed unanimously

Item No. 8—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins:—"Requesting the Council to Extend the Water Supply at Stratford to the Council Cottages at Winetavern and Randalstown."

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:-

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
7th December, 1966.

COUNTY SECRETARY,

Re: Water Supply Extension at Randalstown and Whitestown Area—Stratford-on-Slaney.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 11th February, 1966.

Approximately 2½ miles of pipe would have to be laid to serve 17 houses in this area. A balancing tank may also have to be constructed near Stratford.

An approximate estimate cost of this extension to serve the seventeen houses listed in the townlands of Randalstown, Ballinatone, Winetavern and Whitestown would be £4,500. This estimate is for laying the main only and does not include for bringing the water into each house and providing sinks and soakaway. To do this would cost approximately £510 making the total cost of the scheme £5,010.

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

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we approve of Plans being prepared and Tenders invited for the provision of a water supply extension to serve seventeen houses in the Randalstown and Whitestown areas, Stratford-On-Slaney, at estimated cost of £4,500.

Passed unanimously

Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Edward Byrne and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—"That a Water Supply be given to the County Council Cottages at Coolnaskeagh, Templecarrig."

The County Engineer reported that these cottages, due to their elevation, could not be supplied from the Templecarrig Scheme without pumping. Apart from this fact it was considered that the Templecarrig Supply would be able to meet only the existing demands when the area was fully developed. The formation of a Group Scheme to supply the area was being investigated. Councillor Edward Byrne suggested that it might be possible to serve the cottages from some of the springs serving the Templecarrig Water Supply. It was agreed that the County Engineer examine the matter further.

Item No. 10—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton and James Everett, T.D.:—"Requesting Report on progress made in connection with Water and Sewerage Scheme for houses in Ballinahinch, Newtownmountkennedy."

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:-

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
9th January, 1967.

COUNTY SECRETARY,

Re: Sewerage Extension to Ballinahinch, Newtownmountkennedy.
Item 10 on Agenda.

A Chara,

There are ten County Council cottages which could be served by extending the sewer. The distance is approximately 700 lin. yards and would require at least a 9" dia. pipe. A 6" dia. subsidiary drain would also be necessary to serve the houses on the south side of the road as they are on a much higher level.

A detailed survey would have to be made, but a preliminary estimate would be £1,850 for laying of sewers and an additional £500 for connecting up to each house and fitting W.C.'s in each outhouse. The total estimate, therefore, of bringing and installing this service in these houses is £2,350.

Water would also have to be brought and this would necessitate obtaining permission from Dublin Corporation to extend the mains. A 2" dia. main would be sufficient and an estimate cost of laying this is £700.

The complete servicing of these houses is estimated, accordingly, to cost £3,050.

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

On the proposal of Councillor J. Gregory, seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the Council approved of the necessary Plans being prepared for the purpose of inviting Tenders for the Scheme.

Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. D. Haughton:—
"That the Glenealy Water Supply Scheme be extended to the Council Cottages at Bahana, Rathdrum."

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
9th January, 1967.

COUNTY SECRETARY,

Re: Glenealy Water Supply—Extension to Bahana.
Item No. 11 on Agenda.

A Chara,

The demand on the Glenealy Supply is increasing and it was considered that this extension to Bahana should be included in the proposed Garryduff Supply. If it was got from this source the pipe could be also extended to supply the Tap area.

The Garryduff Scheme will not be completed for some time. If, therefore, this scheme is considered urgent it could be taken from the Glenealy Supply with a 4" asbestos main so as to allow for a further development when the Garryduff Scheme would be completed.

The estimated cost of the Scheme would have to be increased to £1,800. To take the supply to each house, instal sink and soakaway is estimated to cost an additional £150.

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

The Council agreed that Plans for the Scheme be prepared on the basis of providing a 4" asbestos main so as to allow for further development when the Garryduff Scheme would be completed.

Water Supply for Ballymanus Lane, Glenealy.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that a Report be submitted as to the position regarding the proposed water supply for Ballymanus Lane, Glenealy.

Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:—
"That two extra Public Lights be erected at Greenane."

The following Report of the Assistant County Engineer was submitted:—

Courthouse, Arklow,
22nd November, 1966.

T. J. Donovan, Esq., B.E.,
County Engineer,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of copy of letter concerning public lighting at Greenane. There is only one inhabited building at Greenane and that is Byrne's public house to which is also attached the Post Office. It is hardly proposed that a light should be put at the public house. It may be that the request is for lighting on the avenue to Greenane Church, but this is a private avenue owned by the Kemmis Estate and I do not think we could legally put lights there. There are already two lights at the Church gate and one outside the Church probably maintained by the Parish.

Yours faithfully,
J. P. CAFFREY.

Councillor Quigley contended that a light was necessary on the Bridge and stated that Greenane was the only place where there was a Church, a Post Office, and a Publichouse without any public lighting. The County Manager pointed out that the Council's Engineer did not see any justification for providing public lighting. A light was available at the Church and it was not considered that a public light should be provided for a Publichouse.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;
Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we approve of a quotation being obtained from the Electricity Supply Board for the provision of two extra public lights at Greenane.

Passed unanimously

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:—
"That four Public Lights be provided at Askinagap."

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
12th January, 1967.

COUNTY SECRETARY,

Re: Public Lighting at Askinagap.

A Chara,

This village consists of a Church and an adjoining school, a shop and ten houses scattered along a stretch of road approximately two-

thirds of a mile in length. There are four existing E.S.B. poles on which lights could be erected. The only light in the village at present is an external light over the front door of the Church.

It would seem to be a matter of policy by the Council as to whether public lighting should be provided for a scattered community area as this. If it is decided to provide lights, quotations could be got from the E.S.B.

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

The County Manager stated that in view of the length of road over which the houses were stretched public lighting would scarcely be justified. Councillor Whelan having referred to the fact that a Church and School, as well as a Shop and houses, were involved, the County Manager suggested that the Council might agree to provide a light for the Church and School.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we approve of quotations being obtained from the Electricity Supply Board for the provision of three public lights at Askinagap.

Passed unanimously

Item No. 14—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Edward Byrne:—

“That the District Engineer Report on the need for a Public Light midway down the road at the cottages at Redford, Greystones.”

The County Engineer stated that the E.S.B. had been asked for a quotation in respect of the supply of the light requested and the Council noted the position.

Item No. 15—Application from Workers' Union of Ireland for Payment of £1 per week Increase to Assistance Officers.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Social Welfare, of the payment of the 'Tenth Round' salary increase of £1 per week to Assistance Officers employed by the Council, with effect from 1st June, 1966, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of such payment.

Passed unanimously

The County Secretary stated that the cost involved would be £260 in the present year and £312 in a full year.

Item No. 16—Coast Erosion at Wicklow — Letter from Town Clerk, Wicklow U.D.C.

The following letter from the Town Clerk, Wicklow, was submitted:—
Wicklow Urban District Council,
Town Hall, Wicklow.

5th January, 1967.

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,
County Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

At meeting held on the 3rd instant the Urban Council discussed the Preliminary Report of the Commissioners of Public Works.

I am to state that while the Council indicated that they would be prepared to give consideration to the question of a contribution, the members felt that more information was needed to enable them to discuss the matter more fully. One of the points mentioned was that information should be sought as to the proportion of the capital cost which will be met by way of state grant. It was also suggested that a meeting might be arranged between representatives of the County Council and Urban Council to discuss the proposals. The Council was also perturbed to note that the letter from the Commissioners indicated that the matter would need to be deferred owing to the financial position. In this connection the members asked me to again stress that a scheme of coastal protection for Wicklow is a matter of urgency and that every effort must be made to ensure that the industrial sites on the Murrough are adequately safeguarded. I shall be obliged if you will bring the matter to the attention of your Council particularly with reference to the points mentioned, i.e. the Urban Council considers that the amount to be payable by State towards the capital cost should be ascertained. The urgency of the matter of coastal protection in regard to Wicklow should be stressed.

The Council will be prepared to co-operate in any discussions which may be arranged regarding the scheme and the amount of the Urban Council contribution towards capital and maintenance costs.

Yours faithfully,

S. DESMOND,
Acting Town Clerk.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor H. W. Hopkins:

Resolved—That the Minister for Finance be requested to indicate the amount of the Grant which would be made available to the Council towards the cost of the Scheme for Coastal Protection Works at "The Murrough," Wicklow, estimated to cost £23,000.

Passed unanimously

Item No. 17—Inquiries Arising from County Manager's Orders.

Planning Application — Garage and Showroom at Killadreenan, Newtownmuck Kennedy.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., protested against the refusal of the County Manager to give effect to the Resolution passed under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, requiring that permission be granted for the erection of the Garage and Showroom for Mr. Noel Gregory at Killadreenan. Councillor Everett, supported by Councillor Temple, contended that the County Manager was required to give effect to the terms of the Resolution. The County Manager pointed out that under the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, where a Resolution was passed in accordance with the Section by the Council the County Manager was required to give effect to the Resolution, provided, however, that this could lawfully be done. He pointed out that the Council's Solicitor in his Advice, which had been circulated to the Members of the Council, had indicated that since the proposal related to the building of a Garage and Showroom on a plot attached to a Vested Cottage it would be unlawful to give effect to the terms of the Resolution. A cottage plot could not be used for a commercial purpose. The County Manager agreed that permission had been given for the erection of a Petrol Filling Station on the plot, but at the time of the grant of permission he was not aware that it was a cottage plot, by reason of the fact that there had been a shop at this place for some time previously. The fact that permission had been granted

for a Petrol Filling Station did not, in his view, justify a grant of permission for the recent application. Councillor H. J. Byrne suggested that since the cottage had been permitted to be used as a shop over a period of years that the owner might have obtained a right by prescription. At the suggestion of Councillor J. Temple the Council agreed that full particulars of the matter be submitted to the Department of Local Government with a request for the Minister's decision.

Proposed Bonus for Workers and Engineers Employed on Erection of Temporary Bridges.

In reply to Councillor Miss M. Walsh the County Secretary stated that sanction had not yet been received to this proposal. Councillor Miss Walsh asked that the matter be taken up again with the Department of Local Government.

Rents For Houses at Blessington.

Councillor J. Miley protested against the introduction of a revised Differential Renting Scheme for the new cottages at Blessington without the Scheme having first been submitted to the Members of the Council. The County Manager stated that the Scheme was related to the cost of providing the houses and that such Schemes were the subject of approval by the Minister. It was not possible to submit a Scheme for approval by the Minister until the final cost had been determined. He pointed out that Councillor Miley had been anxious that the tenants be allowed into occupation prior to Christmas and this had been arranged. Councillor Miley also raised the matter of the allocation of a house at Blessington to Mr. Michael Cullen, Tinode, and urged that he be allowed take up occupation. The County Manager gave particulars again of the reasons why it was not possible to allow Mr. Cullen to take up occupation pending settlement of the matter of the house in which he was at present living.

Baltinglass Fire Station.

Councillor Timmins asked that a Report in regard to the matter of the proposed Fire Station for Baltinglass be submitted to the next Meeting of the Council.

Road at Killegar.

Councillor H. B. Hipwell asked if it would be possible to widen the road leading to the Roadstone Sand-Pit at Killegar and said that the road was being used by very heavy lorries and was very narrow. It was agreed that the County Engineer be asked to examine the matter.

Notices of Motion.

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

- In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh: — "That the road from Moyne to Askinagap be re-surfaced in the coming year."
- In the names of Councillors James Miley and M. J. O'Neill: — "That a Report be submitted on the position of a Water Supply for the people of Hollywood."
- In the name of Councillor Edward Byrne: — "That in view of the fact that Dublin Corporation are already supplying Redford cottages with water through the medium of a pump that the installation of individual supplies would be more effective and less wasteful."
- In the name of Councillor John Quigley: — "That the Council direct that Messrs. Dermot O'Connell, N.T., and John Doyle, Redcross, be directed to put up a proper septic tank to deal with effluent sewerage from their premises flowing on to lands of Mr. Henry Johnston (formerly Mates's holding)."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

As arranged at the Meeting of the Council held on the 9th January, 1967, a Meeting of the Members of the Council was held at Newcastle Mental Hospital on 30th January, 1967, at 3 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors John Quigley, James Miley, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Whelan, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary, Dr. T. Egan, Resident Medical Superintendent, and Mr. E. A. Dunphy, Chief Clerk, were present.

Dr. Egan informed the Members of the progress made in the treatment of patients since the Hospital opened and stated that in March, 1965, there had been 324 patients receiving treatment by the Dublin Health Authority at Grangegorman Mental Hospital and that at present 41 patients were being treated at Newcastle Mental Hospital and 223 in the Hospitals of the Dublin Health Authority. This showed a reduction of 60 in the period since the 31st March, 1965. In connection with the Clinic Services Dr. Egan stated that 1,492 consultations with patients had been held in 1965 and in 1966 there had been 2,500 consultations. On the 1st November, 1966, one Ward at the Hospital had been opened for treatment of male patients and he hoped to be able to receive female patients in mid-February. Dr. Egan referred to the difficulties which had been experienced in recruitment of staff, particularly of female nursing staff. The Chairman and Members of the Council expressed disappointment at the lack of progress in arranging for alterations to the main buildings and the provision of extensions to enable the full number of 199 patients to be accommodated and while expressing appreciation of the excellent service being provided by the Clinics operated by Dr. Egan and his staff, emphasised the desire of the Members that as many patients as possible be transferred from the Dublin Health Authority Hospitals to Newcastle. The County Manager stated that when it was proposed that the buildings at Newcastle be taken over by the Council and operated as a Mental Hospital the accommodation in the buildings had been inspected by Officers of the Department of Health and the advice of a Resident Medical Superintendent from another Hospital had been obtained, and the advice he had received was that the premises were suitable for use for the purposes of a Mental Hospital. Acting on this advice, and Members of the Council having inspected other Mental Hospitals, the Council agreed to take over the premises and to set up their own Mental Hospital. Following Dr. Egan's appointment a further inspection of the buildings had been carried out by Officers of the Department of Health and by the Council's Architect and it was agreed that alterations were required to the existing building and that extensions were also needed before patients could be accommodated. He stated that the two Front Units would be capable of taking 74 patients, and following alterations 64 patients could be accommodated in the main Block and that a further 60 patients could be accommodated in a new extension. During the past week a Plan had been received from the Consulting Architect (Mr. Vincent Kelly) for the proposed alterations to the Main Block and for the new extension and these were available for examination by the Council. The County Manager drew attention to the marked

The Council agreed that the Plan submitted by the Architect be considered by the Council at the Meeting to be held on the 6th February, 1967, and that arrangements be made for ensuring that the Plans, as agreed with the R.M.S. and the Architect, be forwarded without delay to the Department of Health, and that the views of the Council in regard to the need for expediting the carrying out of the alterations and the extensions be conveyed to the Department. In regard to the matter of housing for the staff the County Manager stated that he understood that members of the staff would be prepared to build their own houses if sites could be provided. It was understood that the staff did not favour sites being provided on the Hospital grounds and the County Manager suggested that sites might be obtained either at Newtownmountkennedy, Kilcoole, Greystones, or Wicklow. He felt, however, that both Greystones and Wicklow would be somewhat too far from the Hospital and that Newtownmountkennedy or Kilcoole would be more suitable. The Council agreed that this matter be considered also at the Meeting of the Council on the 6th February.

Notice of Motion:

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Enclosed for the closing of books for 1900 are 100 copies of the
 100th Anniversary of the Republic of the United States of America.
 The following is a list of the names of the persons who have
 been appointed to the various positions of honor and trust in the
 Government of the United States of America for the year 1900.
 The names of the persons who have been appointed to the various
 positions of honor and trust in the Government of the United States
 of America for the year 1900 are as follows:

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, 6th February, 1967, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, J. Gregory and H. W. Hopkins.

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

AGENDA:

1. Application for closing of Roads for Circuit of Ireland International Rally on Saturday, 25th March, 1967.
2. Increase in allocation of Capital for House Purchase Loans and Supplementary Grants—Letter from Department of Local Government.
3. Application for consent to sales of vested cottages at (1) Baltinglass; Lugduff, Tinahely; (3) Cronakeary, Ashford; and (4) Oldcourt, Bray.
4. Proposal for purchase by Council of vested cottage.
5. Application for consent to sale of part of vested cottage plot at Monastery, Enniskerry.
6. Proposed erection of prototype house—Report of Council's Architect.
7. Acquisition of Plot of Land at Kilcoole.
8. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and J. Gregory:—"That Miss Mary Murphy, Old Village, Rathnew, be appointed tenant of cottage, as she has resided since house was erected over thirty years ago."
9. Newcastle Mental Hospital—Plans for alterations and extensions and housing for staff.
10. Appeals against Decisions of Council to grant permission for (a) House at Haylands, Holyvalley, Blessington; and (b) Motel at Kilmurray, Bray.
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley requesting Report on an application to build factory at Ballymorris, Auhgrim.
12. Repairs to Cottages carried out in January, 1967, and Cottages to be repaired in February, 1967.

Item No. 1—Application for Closing of Roads for Circuit of Ireland International Rally on Saturday, 25th March, 1967.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That having considered application of Royal Irish Automobile Club, and the necessary public notice having been given, we approve of the closing to public traffic of the roads described hereunder on Saturday, 25th March, 1967:-

From Mullan Crossroads through Auhavannagh to Moneymeen Crossroads (a distance of approximately eight miles):

From: 6 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

The Kilmolin/Sallygap/Laragh Road from a point approximately a half-mile south of Kilmolin to a point approximately four miles north of Laragh:

From: 5 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.

We hereby authorise the holding of a Motor Car Rally on the roads while so closed to public traffic.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Increase in Allocation of Capital for House Purchase Loans and Supplementary Grants — Letter from Department of Local Government.

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

Department of Local Government,
Custom House,
Dublin 1.

13th January, 1967.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to previous correspondence regarding the housing capital allocations for 1966-67, and to state that, insofar as house-purchase loans and supplementary grants (including section 5 cases) are concerned, the combined allocation of £75,000, already notified to you in respect of these services is hereby increased to £100,000.

It will be open to the housing authority to determine the manner in which the sum of £100,000 may be allocated as between house-purchase loans and supplementary grants. The Department should be notified as soon as possible of the authority's decision in this matter, and loan proposals may be submitted for approval at that stage, where necessary. Applications for draws to be made during the current financial year on foot of loans from the Local Loans Fund should be submitted to the Commissioners of Public Works not later than 28th February, 1967.

Mise, le meas,

P. DUFFY.

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

The County Secretary suggested that £16,000 of the additional Allocation might be assigned to House Purchase Loans and the remaining £9,000 to Supplementary Grants. The sum of £16,000 would be sufficient to meet the balance of House Purchase Loans approved by the Council, and which would arise for payment within the year. It would enable the Council to meet the Loans for the remaining houses at Bentley Park, Bray. The sum of £9,000, it was calculated, would be sufficient to meet all applications for Supplementary Grants in respect of which Grants had been paid by the Department of Local Government and for which applications for Supplementary Grants had been received by the Council to date.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That having considered letter of 13th January, 1967, from Department of Local Government, notifying a further Allocation of £25,000 of Capital for the purposes of House Purchase Loans and Supplementary Grants, we approve of £16,000 being allocated for House Purchase Loans and £9,000 being allocated for Supplementary Grants. Passed unanimously.

In reply to Councillor Timmins the County Secretary stated that Supplementary Grants for Provision of Private Water Supply and Sewerage Facilities did not come within this Allocation and formed part of Sanitary Services. The Council had been unable to obtain a Loan for

the purpose of paying these Supplementary Grants. Councillor Timmins suggested that moneys received by the Council from the sale of Vested Cottages be used towards the making of Supplementary Grants for Water Supply and Sewerage Facilities and asked that the County Manager examine this proposal.

Item No. 3—Application for Consent to Sales of Vested Cottages at (1) Baltinglass; (2) Lugduff, Tinahely; (3) Cronakeary, Ashford; and (4) Oldcourt, Bray.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by Patrick Glynn of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 11/1 to Colm Phelan, Edward Street, Baltinglass, for the sum of £125, subject to the Annuity continuing to be paid and the Statutory Conditions continuing to apply, and to the payment to the Council of the sum of £80. Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by Edward Donegan of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 229/10 at Lugduff, Tinahely, to Hugh Lennon, Tomacork, Carnew, for the sum of £450, subject to the Annuity continuing to be payable and the Statutory Conditions continuing to apply, and subject to the payment to the Council of the sum of £150. Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by John Doyle, Cronakeary, Ashford, of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 116/11 to Stephen Peake, for the sum of £200, the Annuity to continue to be payable on the cottage and the Statutory Conditions to continue to apply. Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we approve of the refusal of the application of John Morris, tenant-purchaser of Cottage No. 133/4, for consent to the sale of his interest in the cottage to Walter O'Toole, as the sale would result in there not being alternative accommodation for the family of the tenant-purchaser. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Proposal For Purchase by Council of Vested Cottage.

The County Secretary stated that the Solicitor acting for Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy, tenant-purchaser of cottage at Kilpoole Hill, Wicklow, had inquired if the Council would be prepared to purchase Mrs. Murphy's interest in the Vested Cottage for £500. The Council's Engineer has estimated that the market value of the cottage was about £500 and on this basis if the Council were proposing to purchase, the appropriate offer would be two-thirds of £500, i.e., £333 6s. 8d. Councillor J. J. McCreagh, Chairman, expressed the view that it would be a dangerous precedent for the Council to purchase a Vested Cottage which had been offered for sale. Councillor Temple pointed out that the

Council had the power to purchase such cottages and if there were persons in the area needing housing accommodation he felt it would be good business for the Council to purchase the cottage.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That we approve of an offer of £333-6-8 being made to Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy for the purchase of her interest in Vested Cottage No. 7/11 at Kilpoole Hill, Wicklow.

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

In Favour: Councillors J. Whelan, H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Gregory, H. B. Hipwell, H. W. Hopkins, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Quigley, J. Temple, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh—Eleven.

Against: Councillors E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., A. H. Hadden, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole and J. J. McCrea—Eight.

The Resolution was declared passed by eleven votes in favour to eight against.

Item No. 5—Application For Consent to Sale of Part of Vested Cottage Plot at Monastery, Enniskerry.

The Council considered the application of Mr. Michael Barry for consent to the sale of portion of the plot attached to his Vested Cottage at 2 Monastery Road, Enniskerry, to Mr. Donal McGillicuddy, 2, Hollywood Drive, Goatstown, County Dublin. The County Secretary stated that a previous application for consent to sale of part of the plot had been made by Mr. Barry and it was found that the person proposing to purchase part of the plot was a builder. The present applicant (Mr. Donal McGillicuddy) was employed by a building firm. There appeared to be some doubt as to whether he was seeking the plot for the purposes of building a house for himself. Mr. McGillicuddy's mother had come to live in Roundwood about five years previously, but it did not seem that Mr. McGillicuddy was a native of the County. Members of the Council stated that they were satisfied that Mr. McGillicuddy did wish to acquire the plot for the purpose of building a house for himself as he was getting married shortly.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we approve of the sale by Michael Barry of portion of the plot attached to his Vested Cottage at No. 2, Monastery Road, Enniskerry, to Donal McGillicuddy, 2, Hollywood Drive, Goatstown, Co. Dublin, subject to payment to the Council of the appropriate amount in respect of the redemption of the Annuity on the portion of the plot being sold.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Proposed Erection of Prototype House—Report of Council's Architect.

The County Secretary stated that the Report of the Council's Architect in regard to the Plans prepared by him for a Prototype House to be erected by a method of 'System' Building had been circulated to the Members of the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. P. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That having considered Report of Council's Architect and Plans and Specification submitted for Prototype House we approve of the Plans being submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval to the erection of one house, in accordance with the Plans and Specification, with the aid of a Grant under Section 20 of the Housing Act, 1966.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Acquisition of Plot of Land at Kilcoole.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had been in negotiation with the Misses Catherine and Esther Toner of Kilcoole for the acquisition of a small plot of ground containing slightly more than a quarter of an acre for the purpose of providing a more suitable access to the Council's Housing Scheme at Kilcoole. The Council had eventually agreed to pay the owners the price sought by them, i.e., £100, together with a sum for Legal Expenses, and their Solicitor had forwarded a Contract for Sale, the terms of which had been agreed by the Council. The Council had then been informed that the Misses Toner had changed their minds and were not prepared to sell. In the circumstances it was recommended that the Council make a Compulsory Purchase Order for the acquisition of this small plot of ground.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne.

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of the acquisition of plot of ground at Kilcoole containing 0.068 acres and owned by the Misses Catherine and Esther Toner, and required for the purposes of the Council's Housing Scheme at Kilcoole.

Passed unanimously.

The Misses Toner also owned the large field adjoining the Council's Housing Scheme at Kilcoole and it was understood that they would be prepared to consider an offer for the purchase of the field, which contained somewhat over five acres. The Council's Architect had recommended that the field might be acquired for the purposes of future Housing in Kilcoole.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of negotiations being entered into with the Misses Catherine and Esther Toher for the purchase of field containing five acres approximately at Kilcoole, adjoining the Council's Housing Scheme Site.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and J. Gregory:—"That Miss Mary Murphy, Old Village, Rathnew, Be Appointed Tenant of Cottage, as she has resided since house was erected over thirty years ago."

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory;

Resolved—That we recommend that Miss Mary Murphy, Old Village, Rathnew, be appointed tenant of cottage, as she has resided since house was erected over thirty years ago.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that for many years Miss Murphy had been unable to meet the rent of the cottage and the rent had been written off by the Council. It appeared that her only income had been from a Disabled Person's Allowance received from the Council. It was understood that recently a nephew had come to live with her and she had been paying the rent for the past six months. There was no intention of disturbing Miss Murphy in her occupation of the cottage, but it was felt that due to her circumstances she should not be formally appointed tenant and be enabled to purchase the cottage as she would not be in a position to meet the cost of maintenance. Members of the Council stated that Miss Murphy wished to purchase the cottage so that she could leave it to her foster-child.

Item No. 9—Newcastle Mental Hospital — Plans For Alterations And Extensions And Housing For Staff.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that there were a number of matters in connection with Newcastle Mental Hospital to be discussed and he felt that a Special Meeting would be required for the purpose. Following a discussion on the matter, in the course of which the County Manager pointed out that on account of pressure of work in relation to the Estimates (both for the County Council and for the Urban District Councils) it would not be possible for him to attend a Special Meeting in addition to the normal Meetings of the Council during the next month, it was decided to include this item on the Agenda for the Meeting on the 13th February, 1967.

Item No. 10—Appeals Against Decisions of Council to Grant Permission for (a) House at Haylands, Holyvalley, Blessington; and (b) Motel at Kilmurray, Bray.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor H. J. Byrne, the County Secretary stated that in the event of Oral Hearings of these Appeals the Members of the Council would be entitled to be represented by the Council's Solicitor to put forward the views of the Members of the Council in relation to their decision in these applications.

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That the Council be represented at Oral Hearings of these Planning Appeals.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That the Members of Council who signed Notices under Section 4 attend at Oral Appeals in respect of Motel at Kilmurray and House at Haylands, Blessington.

Passed unanimously

Councillor Temple pointed out that the Members of the Council who would be attending at the Appeals would wish to instruct the Council's Solicitor to enable him to put forward on their behalf the reasons for the decision taken in the matter of these applications.

Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley Requesting Report on an Application to Build Factory at Ballymorris, Aughrim.

The County Secretary stated that there had been references in the Press to the Council's having refused permission for the erection of a Plastics Factory at Ballymorris, Aughrim, but no such application had been received until the 20th January, 1967, and in fact the details submitted at that time were insufficient to be accepted as a proper appli-

cation and no evidence had been submitted of public notice having been given of the intention to apply for Planning permission.

Item No. 12—Repairs to Cottages carried out in January, 1967, and Cottages to be repaired in February, 1967.

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired during the month of January, 1967, and of those to be repaired during the month of February, 1967. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that a promise had been given that a particular cottage would be repaired in 1965, but that nothing had been done so far. He wished to know how many tradesmen were at present employed by the Council. Councillor Quigley and Councillor Miss Walsh pointed out that very few repairs were being carried out in the South-Eastern Area, apparently due to the difficulty of getting Contractors, and stated that this was unsatisfactory as there were many cottages needing repairs.

Attendance of Assistant County Engineers at Meetings of Council.

Councillor J. Miley and Councillor J. Temple inquired why Council Engineers were not present at the Meeting. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, pointed out that there was a Resolution of the Council requiring that the Assistant County Engineers attend at all Meetings of the Council. The County Manager stated that with the introduction of a Five-Day Week for Council staff and the requirement that the Engineers attend two or possibly three County Council meetings during each month the Engineers' work had been curtailed. He pointed out that Assistant County Engineers did not contribute anything to the Meetings of the Council and did not supply any information and he agreed with the County Engineer that there did not appear to be much point in requiring their attendance. Councillor J. Miley stated that matters were often brought up at Meetings for which the attendance of the Assistant County Engineers was necessary. The County Engineer stated that he had made representations to the County Manager regarding the matter of the attendance of Assistant County Engineers at Meetings of the Council in the interests of economy and efficiency. If a particular Engineer were required for any Meeting he would, of course, arrange for him to be present. Councillor H. J. Byrne agreed that a lot of time was lost by Engineers in attending at Council Meetings and that he would hand in a Notice of Motion to rescind the previous Resolution and to require the Assistant County Engineers to attend at only one Meeting each Month.

Vandalism in Glendalough.

Councillor R. Miley stated that the Bridge at Derrybawn had been damaged by vandals, coping-stones having been knocked off and thrown into the River and the granite walls also being damaged. He stated that attempts had been made to set fire to the Round Tower in Glendalough and that the Deer Stone had been overturned.

Tenders For New Housing Schemes — Erection of Twelve Houses at Newtownmountkennedy and Four Houses at Blessington.

The following Tenders for the erection of Twelve Houses at Newtownmountkennedy were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council:-

Name and Address of Tenderer	Amount of Tender
Messrs. Eager Bros., Trudder, Newtownmountkennedy.	£20,949 0 0
Messrs. McNulty, Building Contractors, Ashford.	£27,392 5 0
John O'Toole, Esq., Kiltimon, Newcastle.	£28,034 0 0
Messrs. T. J. Cummins and Co., 69/70, Patrick Street, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin,	£34,343 2 10

The following Tenders for the erection of Six Houses at Blessington were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council:-

Name and Address of Tenderer	Amount of Tender
John Lynch, Esq., 63, Sarto Road, Naas, Co. Kildare.	£13,685 0 0
Messrs. C. Byrne and Sons, Hacketstown, Co. Carlow.	£13,840 0 0

The Council agreed that the Tenders be referred to the County Engineer for examination and recommendation. The County Secretary stated that two Tenders, one for each Scheme, had been received after 12 o'clock noon on that day and, consequently, could not be opened or considered.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors H. J. Byrne and A. H. Hadden:—"That in future Engineers be required to attend one Meeting of the County Council per month (Housing Meeting) and that the previous Resolution be rescinded."

In the name of Councillor James Miley:—"That I, or some Member for me, move that some lights be provided at the terrace of houses built at Blessington."

In the name of Councillor James Whelan:—"That I, or someone for me, will move (a) that the gateway into Ballycoogue Cemetery be moved to a central position and widened; and (b) that the corner of the parking space be rounded off and pipes set in underneath wall to take flow of water."

In the name of Councillor Edward Byrne:—"That a light be provided at bus stop at Lower Windgates, Greystones, to serve ten cottages and some private houses on the other side of road. (There is no existing light)."

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That the road from Kilpipe to Killacloran be put in proper repair and re-surfaced."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 13th February, 1967, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, and Mr. P. J. Bermingham, Architect, attended.

AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 5th and 12th December, 1966, and 2nd and 9th January, 1967.
2. Acknowledgment of Resolution of Sympathy.
3. Application to compete under Scholarship Scheme.
4. Newcastle Mental Hospital—Plans for alterations and extensions; Repairs to roof of Nurses' Home; and Housing for Staff.
5. Resolutions from Wicklow County Executive, N.F.A., and Barn-darrig and District Branch, N.F.A., in relation to Resolution of Council.
6. Authorisation of Expenditure.
7. Report of County Engineer on expenditure to date on Repairs to Roads and Bridges damaged by Flooding.
8. Coast Protection Scheme at Wicklow.
9. Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme, 1967.
10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That the road from Moyne to Askinagap be re-surfaced in the coming year."
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:—"That the Council take over and maintain as a County Road Ballymaconey Lane from Mullanacranna to Mr. Thomas Kearney's farmyard gate."
12. Request from I.C.A. Guild, Dunlavin, for repairs to road from Lugatryna to Dunlavin.
13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor H. B. Hipwell requesting Reports on: (a) Widening of Boghall Corner, Bray; and (b) Proposed traffic lights at Quinsboro' Road/Main Street, Bray.
14. Proposed Air Display at Glenealy.
15. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors H. J. Byrne and A. H. Hadden:—"That in future Engineers be required to attend one Meeting of the Council per month (Housing Meeting) and that the previous Resolution be rescinded."

16. Proposed Fire Stations at Baltinglass and Dunlavin.
17. Greystones Sewer Outfall—To authorise Supplementary Loan to defray balance of cost.
18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:—"That Council direct that Messrs. Dermot O'Connell, N.T., and John Doyle, Redcross, be directed to put up a proper septic tank to deal with effluent sewerage from their premises flowing on to lands of Mr. Henry Johnston (formerly Mates's holding)."
19. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Gregory, J. Everett, T.D., and R. Miley:—"That a watermain be extended from Nun's Cross to Ballyduff, Ashford."
20. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor E. Byrne:—"That in view of the fact that Dublin Corporation are already supplying Redford cottages with water through the medium of a pump that the installation of individual supplies would be more efficient and less wasteful."
21. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley requesting "Report on the position of a water supply for the people of Hollywood."
22. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. O'Toole:—"That a light be placed on existing pole and bracket opposite the Powerscourt Arms Hotel and adjoining Magee's Victualler's Shop."
23. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;
Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 5th and 12th December, 1966, and 2nd and 9th January, 1967.
Passed unanimously

Item No. 2—Acknowledgment of Resolution of Sympathy.

The following card received from Mrs. Phyllis O'Kelly was submitted and noted by the Council:-
The County Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Phyllis O'Kelly is most grateful for your kind expression of sympathy on the death of Sean T. Your remembrance and thoughtfulness have given her much comfort.

My sincere thanks to the Members of the County Council for their sympathy and for their tributes to my husband.

PHYLLIS BEAN UI CHEALLAIGH.

Item No. 3—Application to Compete Under Scholarship Scheme.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, raised the matter of a boy who he stated had been informed by his teacher last year that he was too young to compete under the Council's Scholarship Scheme and stated

that the boy had been informed in the present year that he was over the age limit for competing under the Scheme. It appeared that the boy was in fact eligible in the previous year, but was some days over the age limit in the present year. He suggested that representations might be made to the Department of Education to allow the boy to compete in the current year in view of the circumstances. Councillor J. Miley stated that a similar situation applied in the case of a boy in the Blessington area. The Council agreed that representations be made to the Department of Education that these boys be allowed to compete at the Examination under the Scholarship Scheme in the present year.

Item No. 4—Newcastle Mental Hospital—Plans for Alterations and Extensions; Repairs to Roof of Nurses' Home; and Housing for Staff.

The County Manager stated that the total number of patients to be accommodated in the Hospital at Newcastle, when the necessary alterations and extensions were carried out, would be 204. The Front Units were being used for patients, but the main building required alterations before patients could be accommodated in it. Plans which had been received recently from the Consultant Architect had been examined by the Resident Medical Superintendent and were being submitted to the Department of Health for approval. In reply to Councillor H. J. Byrne the County Manager stated that a sum of about £9,000 had been spent on alterations to the Front Units and service areas and repairs would also be needed to the Nurses' Home, which were estimated to cost £11,000. The cost of alterations to the main building and the erection of the extension would be defrayed from the compensation being received from the Dublin Health Authority in the first instance, but if this did not prove adequate to meet the full costs a Special Grant could be applied for. There had been a reduction of about 60 in the number of patients undergoing treatment in the Dublin Health Authority Mental Hospitals since the Mental Hospital at Newcastle had been opened and the Clinics put into operation. The Council noted the position in the matter.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we approve of the carrying out of repairs to the roof of the Nurses' Home at Newcastle Mental Hospital, as recommended by the Consultant Architect and approved by Department of Health, and authorise the necessary expenditure to defray the cost of the work, which it is noted will be met from part of the capital sum due to the Council by the Dublin Health Authority.

Passed unanimously

The County Manager stated that the Secretary and himself had met members of the staff of Newcastle Mental Hospital who were anxious to arrange for the erection of houses for themselves. It had been indicated to the members of the staff concerned that sites might be available on the Hospital Grounds, or at Newcastle or Kilcoole, but the members of the staff indicated that they would prefer to build houses in Wicklow Town, where they considered there would be better

facilities, particularly as regards schools (including vocational education). The matter of making available sites in Wicklow for the members of the staff was being considered with the Urban District Council.

Item No. 5—Resolutions from Wicklow County Executive, N.F.A., and Barndarrig and District Branch, N.F.A., in relation to Resolution of Council.

The following Resolutions received from the National Farmers' Association (Wicklow County Executive), and from the Barndarrig and District Branch of the N.F.A., were submitted:-

NATIONAL FARMERS' ASSOCIATION (Wicklow County Executive):

"This County Executive censures the Wicklow County Council for its action in discriminating against a section of the populace which has no powerful trade union laws to protect it.

Council Members are the elected representatives of the farming community as well as of the urban dweller, and have no mandate for engaging in ill-informed criticism of any particular section.

If it is not plainly apparent to some Members of the Wicklow County Council that agriculture is in a critical condition then these representatives are not fit to carry out their important public work."

NATIONAL FARMERS' ASSOCIATION (Barndarrig and Dist. Branch):

"That this Meeting, having considered the Press reports of the remarks made by certain Members of the Wicklow County Council about the N.F.A. action on January 9th, and having noted how eagerly they abandoned those matters which they were elected to deal with in order to pass judgment on the actions of a large section of the community, regards with mingled aversion and contempt the action of people who misuse their position as members of a public body in order to promulgate their private opinions. That these people should regard themselves as entitled and competent to lecture their fellow citizens was considered to indicate a rather unpleasant mixture of arrogance and impertinence."

In the course of the discussion on the matter it was indicated by Members of the Council that they could not be expected to condone an unlawful act in the blocking of public roads and interference with the public. On the proposal of Councillor Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor Deering, the Council passed a Resolution as follows:-

"That this Council request the Minister for Agriculture to meet the National Farmers' Association without any further delay."

The Resolution was passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the Wicklow County Executive of the National Farmers' Association had asked if the County Executive could be represented by a small Deputation at the Estimates Meeting of the Council and if a copy of the Estimates could be supplied to them when it became available. The Council agreed to receive a Deputation at the Estimates Meeting and approved of the issue of a copy of the Estimates to the Association.

Item No. 6—Authorisation of Expenditure:

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

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

ROADS:

Ordinary Road Works — County	£6,846	
Other Purposes	£3,314	£10,160

HEALTH:

Medicines	£8,261	
Council's Institutions	£6,343	
Extern Institutions	£28,010	
Mass Radiography Services	£213	
Specialist Services — Out-Patient Clinics	£134	
Ambulance Services — Transport of Patients	£950	
General Administration	£988	£44,900

SANITARY SERVICES:

Drainage and Public Sanitary Works	£720	
Water Supplies	£3,130	
Other Purposes	£1,040	£4,890

HOUSING:

Labourers' Acts	£1,513	
Other Purposes	£1,346	£2,859

GENERAL PURPOSES:

Fire Brigades	£600	
Drainage of Land	£50	
Other Purposes	£4,412	£5,062

TOTAL: £67,871

Passed unanimously

Item No. 7—Report of County Engineer on Expenditure to date on Repairs to Roads and Bridges damaged by flooding.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the expenditure to the 19th January, 1967, on Repairs to Roads and Bridges damaged by the Floods in November, 1965, amounted to £51,122. £39,546 had been spent on County Roads and Bridges and £11,576 on Main Roads and Bridges. The County Manager stated that the Department of Local Government had indicated that no Special Grants would be made available to defray the cost of the flood damage and in consequence the full amount of the County Road Grants for the current financial year had to be assigned towards the cost and it seemed that, similarly, in the coming year it would not be possible to carry out any improvements on County Roads.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we note the Report of the County Engineer on the expenditure incurred to date on repair of damage to Main and County

Roads and Bridges from flooding in November, 1965, and again request the Minister for Local Government to authorise the defraying of the cost of these works from Road Grants by way of Special Grants.

We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of amounts provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of repairs to Roads and Bridges damaged by flooding.

Passed unanimously

Item No. 8—Coast Protection Scheme at Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that the Town Clerk, Wicklow U.D.C., had written to state that the Urban District Council at their Meeting on the 7th February had considered the matter of coastal erosion at Wicklow, but had not reached any decision on the matter of making a contribution towards the cost of preparing a Scheme. The Urban District Council had decided to ask the Minister to receive a Deputation from the Urban District Council in order to stress the urgency and importance of a Scheme of Coastal Protection Work at Wicklow. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 9—Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme, 1967.

The County Secretary stated that very few applicants had availed of the Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme in recent years. It seemed doubtful if the Council should continue the Scheme. In the current year only one person had applied for a Loan of £20 under the Scheme and in the previous year there had been only three applicants.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we hereby adopt a Scheme under Section 2 of the Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Act, 1956, for the year 1967, in similar terms to the Scheme applying for the year 1966, subject to the amendment of the rate of interest to 6 per cent. per annum.

Passed unanimously

Item No. 10—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—

"That the Road from Moyne to Askinagap be re-surfaced in the coming year."

The Council noted the Report of the County Engineer that this road was included under the County Road Grants for the coming year, but that whether the work would be carried out or not depended on whether County Road Grants would be available in the coming financial year for such work.

Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:—

"That the Council take over and maintain as a County Road Ballymaconey Lane from Mullanacranna to Mr. Thomas Kearney's farmyard gate."

On the proposal of Councillor Quigley, supported by Councillors O'Neill, Whelan and Timmins, the Council agreed that this road be taken over as a Public Road. The County Secretary pointed out that the normal procedure was to refer such proposals to the Members of

the Council for the Local Electoral Area for consideration at the Roads Estimates Meeting and if the Members found themselves in a position to provide the necessary moneys to meet the cost of putting the road in order the Council then decided to take it over.

Item No. 12—Request from I.C.A. Guild, Dunlavin, for Repairs to Road from Lugatryna to Dunlavin.

The County Secretary stated that a request had been received from the Dunlavin Guild of the I.C.A. that the road from Lugatryna to the town of Dunlavin be repaired. It was stated that the road had been in a very bad state of repair for a considerable length of time. The County Engineer had reported that the road, which was in two parts, had been inspected and County Road No. 403 was in a reasonable state of repair considering its relatively minor importance. The second part was a Land Commission road leading to six properties at Lugatryna. Repairs to potholes on the County Road were being carried out. The Land Commission road was approximately 750 yds. long and 10 ft. wide and served farmhouses and two other property owners. The road was a cul-de-sac, leading only to the last farmyard, and was in fairly good condition, some repairs and widening having been carried out by the persons living there. The cost of re-shaping and surface-dressing was estimated at £360, with a further £50 annual maintenance charge. On the proposal of Councillor M. Deering, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, the Council agreed to take over the road as a Public Road.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor H. B. Hipwell requesting Reports on: (a) Widening of Boghall Corner, Bray; and (b) Proposed Traffic Lights at Quinsboro' Road/Main Street, Bray.

In regard to the acquisition of land for the improvement of the corner at Boghall Road, Bray, the County Engineer stated that the owner of the land (Mr. Healy) had been very ill, but that recently there had been discussions with Mrs. Healy and agreement had been reached on terms for the acquisition of the necessary land. In regard to the provision of traffic lights the County Engineer stated that the type of lights to be provided was at present under discussion with the Garda Síochána.

Item No. 14—Proposed Air Display at Glenealy.

The County Secretary stated that it was proposed to hold an Air Display and Air Rally, and also an Air Race at Glenealy on the 3rd and 4th June, 1967. The circuit for the Race would be Glenealy to Rockfield and then North over the sea to Greystones and returning to Glenealy. The promoters wished to have the approval of the Council to the holding of the Display and Air Race, but it was not expected that they would be seeking any special facilities from the Council. The necessary arrangements were being made with the Garda Síochána for the control of traffic in the area. In reply to Councillor H. J. Byrne the County Secretary stated that the Air Race would be run under Regulations laid down by the Department of Transport and Power. The Council indicated that there was no objection to the Air Race, Rally or Display.

Item No. 15—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors H. J. Byrne and A. H. Hadden:—"That in future Engineers be required to attend one Meeting of the County Council per month (Housing Meeting) and that the previous Resolution be rescinded."

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor A. H. Hadden:

Resolved—That in future Engineers be required to attend one Meeting of the County Council per month (Housing Meeting) and that the previous Resolution be rescinded.

Passed unanimously

Item No. 16—Proposed Fire Stations at Baltinglass and Dunlavin.

The County Secretary stated that the Plans for the Fire Stations at Baltinglass and Dunlavin had been submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval and it was hoped that approval would be received and that Tenders could be invited at an early date.

Item No. 17—Greystones Sewer Outfall—To Authorise Supplementary Loan to Defray Balance of Cost.

The County Secretary stated that the final cost of the work amounted to £6,862 12s. 8d., whereas the original Loan borrowed was £5,750.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £1,112 from the Commissioners of Public Works, re-payable over a period of twenty-five years, to defray the balance of the cost of the Re-laying of Sewer Outfall at Greystones.

Passed unanimously

Item No. 18—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:—"That Council direct that Messrs. Dermot O'Connell, N.T., and John Doyle, Redcross, be directed to put up a proper Septic Tank to deal with effluent sewerage from their premises flowing on to lands of Mr. Henry Johnston (formerly Mates's Holding)."

The County Secretary stated that Notices had been served on the persons referred to requiring them to abate nuisance which was being caused on the lands of Mr. Henry Johnston. Councillor Quigley stated that no steps had been taken by Messrs. O'Connell and Doyle to deal with the matter. The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer would be asked for a further Report.

Item No. 19—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Gregory, J. Everett, T.D., and R. Miley:—"That a Watermain be extended from Nun's Cross to Ballyduff, Ashford."

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

County Engineer's Office,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

13th February, 1967.

County Secretary.

Re: Water Supplies — Extension to Nun's Cross, Ballyduff.

Item No. 19.

A Chara.

An extension to serve twenty-four houses at Killiskey and Ballyduff area would have to be taken off the Ashford supply which is served from Ballinalea Storage Tank with a T.W.L. of 250 O.D. As Killiskey is at an altitude of 298 O.D. and the highest point on the Nun's Cross/Ballyduff road is 373 O.D., a pumping system would have to be installed to pump from a 12,000 gallon service reservoir erected approximately at an elevation of 420 O.D.

The estimate cost of erecting a pump house, 12,000 gallons service reservoir and laying approximately 3,000 lin. yds. of 2" pumping main and 1,500 lin. yds. of 2" service main is £5,500. This estimate does not include any fittings or connections to houses.

Mise le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor R. Miley, the Council agreed that Plans and Specifications be prepared for the proposed extension of the water supply to Nun's Cross, Ballyduff.

Item No. 20—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor E. Byrne:—"That in view of the fact that Dublin Corporation are already supplying Redford Cottages with water through the medium of a pump that the installation of individual supplies would be more efficient and less wasteful."

Councillor Byrne pointed out that individual supplies to the houses at Redford would be more economic, more efficient, and less wasteful of water than the present system of water supply by means of a pump. The County Secretary stated that it was understood that the Dublin Corporation were not objecting to a water supply being provided for these cottages and for those at Ennis's Lane, but the Plans to enable Tenders to be invited had not yet been approved by the Department of Local Government. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 21—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley requesting "Report on the position of a Water Supply for the people of Hollywood."

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

County Engineer's Office,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

13th February, 1967.

County Secretary.

Re: Hollywood Water Supply.

Item No. 21.

A Chara,

There is no existing source of water supply that can be used to serve this area. A bore will, therefore, have to be sunk to investigate

if there is an adequate underground source for a water supply in the vicinity.

The total number of houses to be served in the area is 21, together with a school and a farm. The village itself consists of 7 dwelling-houses, 1 school, 1 shop, 2 public houses and farm buildings. An extension, however, could be taken to serve seven houses at Rathattin and four County Council houses at Hollywood Upper.

The estimate cost of sinking this well, providing a 12,000 gallon service storage tank and laying 2,400 lin. yds. of 2" dia. main is £3,070.

Before such a scheme could be embarked on it would be necessary to ascertain if a suitable water supply both in quantity and quality would be available from the proposed bore.

An alternative to this scheme would be to get an extension from a scheme in County Kildare. I was to have had a Meeting with Officials of Kildare County Council to see if it was possible to serve this area from their supply. I was unable to do so until I had an investigation made of the area which Wicklow County Council require to be served and to get an idea of the amount of water required. I have now got this information and I intend to have a Meeting with Kildare County Council Officials in the near future with a view to ascertaining if it is economical to serve this area from their Supply.

Mise le meas.

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

The Council noted that the County Engineer would be meeting Officers from Kildare County Council in regard to the matter at an early date.

Item No. 22—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. O'Toole:—
That a light be placed on existing pole and bracket opposite the Powerscourt Arms Hotel and adjoining Magee's Victualler's Shop."

The County Engineer stated that the Electricity Supply Board had been asked to supply an estimate of the cost of providing the additional light. The Council noted that an estimate of cost was being obtained.

Item No. 23—Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

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

Rathdrum Development Association.

Councillor R. Miley stated that he had been asked by the Rathdrum Development Association to inquire about the matter of providing a Scavenging Service for houses at Ballygannon; regarding a Speed Limit for the town; and placing of a Sign on the Wexford/Dublin Road to indicate RATHDRUM. It was agreed that a Report be submitted to the next Meeting.

Scavenging Services for Enniskerry and Newtownmountkennedy.

Reports regarding the provision of these Services were requested for the next Meeting.

Dispensary Residence at Blessington.

Councillor J. Miley asked if Dr. Clearkin, former District Medical Officer, Blessington, could be allowed to remain in occupation of the Dispensary Residence at Blessington for a further period of two months from the 1st March, as his house was not yet completed. The County Manager pointed out that the Council had had to institute proceedings against Dr. Clearkin to recover the Dispensary Residence and he was required to vacate the Residence on the 1st March under a Court Order. It was agreed that the advice of the Council's Solicitor on the matter be obtained.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors Mary Walsh, J. J. McCrea, John Quigley and James Everett, T.D.:—Notice of intention to move a Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:—"That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of dwellinghouse on plot vested in Mrs. Kennedy at Killiniskeyduff, Arklow, Co. Wicklow."

In the name of Councillor Mary Walsh:—"That I, or someone for me, will propose that sewerage facilities be provided for cottages at Kilmagig Lower, Avoca."

In the name of Councillor John Quigley:—Requesting Reports from County Engineer: (1) About condition of road from Milltown Cross to Carrignamweel, Rathangan; (2) About condition of pump at Kilballyowen, Aughrim; and (3) Regarding possibility of providing Group Water Supply for cottages at Balleeshal, Aughrim.

In the names of Councillors J. Gregory and James Everett, T.D.:—"That we will move at the next Meeting of the County Council that compensation for ground taken for road improvement at Timore be paid to all cottage tenants."

In the name of Councillor James Whelan:—"That I, or someone for me, will move at the next Housing Meeting of the Council that in the case of the sale of a Vested Cottage by Mr. John Keogh, Ballynultagh, to Mr. George Hickey, the Council agree to accept £100, that being one-third of the sale price."

In the name of Councillor James Miley:—"That I, or some Member of this Council, move for me (1) That this Council take over road at Crehelp, now constructed and tarred by Rural Employment Scheme; and (2) That road at Kylebeg be taken over and maintained—it has also been constructed and tarred by Rural Employment Scheme,

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on 27th February, 1967.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.
Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, G. Timmins, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, J. Gregory and H. W. Hopkins.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

Deputation from Wicklow County Executive, National Farmers' Association.

The Council received a Deputation from the Wicklow County Executive of the National Farmers' Association consisting of Messrs. Derek Rothwell (Chairman), B. T. Doyle (Hon. Treasurer), E. F. Day (Press Officer), and James J. Nolan (Hon. Secretary). Mr. Nolan spoke on behalf of the Deputation and thanked the Council for receiving them and for the Council's Resolution calling on the Government to meet the National Farmers' Association. In regard to the Estimates for the coming year he stated that the proposed increase of 6s. 9d. in the £ came as a 'shock' to the Association. He referred to the fact that in the previous year it had been indicated that any extra costs on Health Services would be met by additional State Grants and would not involve an increase in the Rate and asked if it would be possible at this stage to take up the matter further with the Department of Health. He pointed out that figures issued by the Government recently had showed that the agricultural community had increased production and had borne substantially increased costs, but that agricultural incomes had fallen. In regard to the Estimate for Road Services he noted that although Road Tax on motor vehicles had been substantially increased no increase in State Grants towards the cost of road improvement was expected. In regard to the effect of the Agricultural Grant he pointed out that this benefitted agricultural land only and mainly the lesser valuations, but that farmers had to pay the full increase in Rates on dwellings. Mr. Nolan also quoted figures to show the increase in costs of farm equipment and wages and reduced prices received for produce. In regard to the Rates Campaign, Mr. Nolan stated that this was not a refusal to pay Rates, nor was it aimed at any particular Council, but was simply a postponement of payment until the Government dealt in a satisfactory way with their responsibilities towards the farming community. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, informed the members of the Deputation that the points raised would be carefully considered and that no Member of the Council was anxious to increase Rates if that could be avoided. Councillor A. H. Hadden stated that the position as regards the relations between the National Farmers' Association and the Government had worsened and that farmers had had their Driving Licences withdrawn and some had been arrested and imprisoned for not paying fines. He felt that the Council should make a protest to the Government in the matter.

It was

Proposed by Councillor A. H. Hadden;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That the Estimates Meeting be adjourned for one week.

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

In Favour—Councillors Edward Byrne, H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, A. H. Hadden, H. W. Hopkins, J. Quigley, J. Temple, G. Timmons, Miss M. Walsh and J. J. McCrea—Twelve.

Against—Councillors J. Whelan, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill and J. O'Toole—Seven.

The Resolution was declared passed by twelve votes in favour to seven votes against.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor M. Deering, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with Councillor J. D. Haughton on the death of his mother.

The Chairman declared the Meeting of the Council adjourned until Monday, 6th March, 1967.

The adjourned Estimates Meeting of the Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on 6th March, 1967, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.
Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, J. Gregory and H. W. Hopkins.

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

The Council proceeded to examine Estimates in detail.

Roads:

The Council Manager stated that the increase of 3s. 6d. in the Estimate for Roads was made up of a number of items. The sum of approximately 9d. was due to a Debit Balance resulting from the '10th Round' of wage increases granted to Roadworkers as from the 1st June, 1966, and a further sum of about 11d. was accounted for by the necessity to make provision for this increase in wages for the coming financial year. A sum of about 1s. 6d. represented the provision made by the County Engineer in the Estimates for the costs of improving and reconstructing rural roads which the Council proposed to take over as Public Roads. Provision for Superannuation for Roadworkers also showed an increase. In reply to inquiry from Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, as to what Credit Balance was available the County Manager stated that the Council at present had an Overdraft of £217,000 and at the end of the last financial year there was practically no Credit Balance left. He pointed out that Overdraft Interest in the year 1966/67 would cost up to £7,000 and in the coming year it was estimated that it would cost £8,000.

Councillors J. Miley and G. Timmins referred to the large mileage of unsurfaced roads in West Wicklow and urged that a greater share of the moneys provided for Roads be made available to that area. Councillor O'Neill and Councillor Deering also urged a greater provision for Roads for the Western District. In regard to County Road Grants the County Manager pointed out that the County Road Grants allocated for the year 1966/67 had to be used towards the cost of Repairs to Roads and Bridges as a result of the flooding which occurred in November, 1965. To date the Repairs to County Roads because of Flood Damage had cost £39,546 and a sum of £11,576 had been spent on the Repairs to Main Roads as a result of the floods. It would seem, therefore, that the greater part of the County Road Grants for the coming financial year would also have to be used to meet the costs of flooding.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That we omit the provision of £18,497 for work on New Roads.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager stated that a claim had been received from the Unions representing Roadworkers for the introduction of a 42½ hour working week. No financial provision had been made in the Estimates in respect of this claim. A claim had also been received for the introduction of weekly payments, but no special provision had been made in the Estimates in this regard.

Health Services.

In regard to the Health Grant the County Manager stated that Health Authorities had been given to understand in the previous year that it was proposed to stabilise the demand on Rates for Health Services at the amount which had to be met from Rates in respect of the year 1965/66. Later, however, it was found that there would be a modification in the proposal and in the White Paper on the Health Services it was indicated that the cost of further extension of the services would not have to be met in any proportion by Local Rates. If the Rate had been stabilised at the 1965/66 figure the Council would be receiving about £45,000 more from the State, but the amount of the Grant allocated to the Council was limited to £410,000 and if any increased charges arose during the year such increases would have to be met in full from Rates. Having examined the details of the Health Services the Council approved the Estimate under that heading.

The County Manager stated that an application had been received from the County Medical Officer for an increase in his staff by the provision of an additional Clerical Officer, but no provision had been made in the Estimates for this purpose.

Assistance Services and Sanitary Services.

The Council approved of the provisions made in the Estimates for Assistance Services and for Sanitary Services.

Housing Services.

Councillor H. J. Byrne pointed out that two-thirds of the Council's cottages had now been vested in the tenants and in these circumstances he felt that the provision for Cottage Repairs could be reduced by £4,000 without causing any hardship. On the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell, the Council agreed to reduce the provision for Cottage Repairs by £4,000.

General Purposes.

The County Manager pointed out that a Credit Balance of £13,105 had been utilised in the year 1965/66, which effected a reduction in the Rate for General Purposes of over 1s. The increase in the Estimate for General Purposes for the coming year was due to rises in expenditure only to the extent of about 6d. In regard to Tourist Development the County Manager stated that a sum of £1,000 had been provided for the coming financial year, which represented an increase of £500. Following a discussion on this matter the Council agreed that the provision of £1,000 remain. In regard to the amount provided for Local Elections the County Secretary pointed out that the provision made did not include for the issue of polling cards and it was estimated that up to £1,000 extra would be required if

the Council wished to issue such cards. The Council decided not to issue polling cards in respect of the Local Elections. In regard to the provision for Fire Brigades the County Secretary stated that provision had been made in the Estimates for a revision of the remuneration of Fire Brigade Personnel consequent on the increase in rates of wages of Fitters, on which the remuneration of Fire Brigade Personnel was based. It was proposed also to pay members of the Fire Brigade in respect of attendances at fires occurring on Sundays at the rate applicable for night fires, i.e., at 50 per cent. over the normal rate of pay.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we approve of payment of revised rates of remuneration to Fire Brigade Personnel in accordance with the increase in rates of pay for Fitters with effect from 1st June, 1966, and 10th October, 1966, and of payment of Fire Brigade Personnel in respect of attendances at fires occurring on Sundays at the rate applicable for night fires, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to be Passed unanimously.

Courthouses.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell, the Council agreed to reduce the provision for Repairs and Renewals to Courthouses by £600.

The County Manager stated that an application had been received from Rate Collectors for payment of travelling expenses, but no provision had been made in the Estimates for this purpose. In regard to Drainage of Land and Coast Protection no provision had been made in the Estimates in respect of costs which might arise in connection with the Dargle River Flood Prevention Scheme which meet the cost of the revised rates of remuneration. was at present under consideration by the Department of Local Government, nor had any provision been made towards the cost of Coast Protection Works at Ballygannon, Kilcoole, or Wicklow.

Separate Charges.

In relation to the charge for Malicious Injuries the County Secretary stated that the amount provided in the Estimates represented only the sum required to meet Decrees actually received by the Council. It was expected that there would be a substantial increase in the requirement under this heading in the next Estimates as further Awards had been made by the Courts to an amount of about £1,500.

Having completed the examination of the Estimates the County Secretary stated that the reductions effected by the Council would reduce the amount required by approximately 1s. 10½d. The Council decided to adjourn further consideration of the Estimates to a Meeting to be held on Monday, 13th March, 1967, and agreed that an ordinary Meeting of the Council also be held on that date following the termination of the Estimates Meeting.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillor James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Mark Deering and G. Timmins: Notice of intention to move Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the following terms:—

"That we, the Members of the Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of a bungalow at Ballyfolan, Manor Kilbride."

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley: Requesting Report from County Secretary, "about percentage of Rate collected 1st March, 1967, and the number of Civil Bills served on ratepayers after the 1st October, 1966."

The further adjourned Estimates Meeting of the Council was held on 13th March, 1967, at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.
Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, J. Everett, T.D., John Temple, Roger Miley, J. Gregory and H. W. Hopkins.

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

The County Secretary stated that the reductions made by the Council in the Estimates had been calculated and the effect of these alterations was to reduce the Rate required to a figure of 55s. 11d. Councillor G. Timmins inquired as to the Council's financial position at the end of March, 1966, and asked for the County Manager's view as to what the Council's financial position would be at the end of March, 1967. The County Manager stated that the Report of the Local Government Auditor on the Audit of the Accounts of the Council for the year 1965/'66 showed that in 1964/'65 the Council had absorbed Credits amounting to £31,802 and in 1965/'66 further Credits amounting to £116,462. The Auditor in his Report had drawn attention to the decline in the Credit Balance over recent years and stated that at the 31st March, 1966, it was only £356. The Auditor went on to say that this was not sufficient for the day-to-day business of the Council and temporary borrowing by way of Bank Overdraft must be availed of. Councillor H. J. Byrne proposed that a Rate of 55s. 11d. in the £ be adopted. Councillor H. B. Hipwell seconded.

It was

Proposed by Councillor A. H. Hadden;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we reduce the Estimates by the equivalent of 11d. in the £, the County Manager to effect savings to this extent during the year.

Councillor J. Miley referred again to the matter of unsurfaced roads in West Wicklow area and suggested that surface-dressing of certain roads might be deferred and the moneys used instead for reconstructing roads which were not at present surfaced. The County Engineer pointed out that roads had suffered very badly during the floods in November, 1965, and all this damage had not yet been made good. The roads which were included for surface-dressing in the coming year should in fact have been treated in the present year and if they were not done they would deteriorate. He pointed out that the Department of Local Government insisted that the Council provide at least the same sum for the Maintenance of Roads as in the previous year and that the more roads the Council took over the more must be spent in subsequent years in maintaining them. Roads in the county which were not yet surfaced carried very little traffic.

In regard to the proposal in the name of Councillor A. H. Hadden the County Secretary pointed out that it was a matter for the Council to determine where reductions might be made in the Estimates. The

County Manager pointed out that a sum of about £12,000 would have to be found if it were desired to reduce the amount of the Estimate by the equivalent of 11d. All items in the Estimates had been carefully prepared and there were no over-estimations. Councillor Hipwell stated that he felt the Council should indicate where savings might be made if they felt that this was possible, but that it was not reasonable to ask the County Manager to make an arbitrary reduction. A vote having been called for on the amendment in the name of Councillor A. H. Hadden, it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

In Favour—Councillors J. Whelan, M. Deering, A. H. Hadden, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh and J. J. McCrea—Seven.

Against—Councillors E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, H. B. Hipwell, H. W. Hopkins, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, J. O'Toole, J. Quigley, and J. Temple—Twelve.

The amendment was declared defeated by twelve votes against to seven votes in favour.

The following Resolutions in the name of Councillor H. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell, were declared passed on the same voting. The County Secretary stated that since preparing the Estimates two further Decrees for Malicious Injury had been received and it would be necessary to provide for these in the Estimates for the coming year. The provision for Malicious Injury Claims consequently would be increased from £517 to £640.

It was Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

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, 1968:—

Roads	...	...	...	...	13/1.26
Health	...	...	...	...	22/3.28
Assistance	...	...	...	...	1/6.52
Sanitary	...	...	...	...	4/1.26
Housing	...	...	...	...	5/7.98
General Purposes	...	...	...	...	9/2.70

Separate Charges:

Vocational Education	...	...	2/7.22
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board	...	...	0/0.79
Criminal Injuries	...	...	0/0.46

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

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, 1967, as follows:—

	Arklow	Bray	Wicklow
	£	£	£
Roads	2,637	11,106	2,142
Health	15,219	64,100	12,364
Public Assistance	1,021	4,800	829
General Purposes	1,466	6,174	1,191

Separate Charges:

Vocational Education	1,721	Nil	1,398
Malicious Injuries	25	107	21

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.

17th February, 1967.

ESTIMATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1967/'68.

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Details are given in the attached Tables, under the principal Service headings, of the Estimates of Expenses and Receipts of the County Council for the year ending 31st March, 1968.

For the coming year the total Expenditure is estimated at £1,769,611. (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 these Expenses are offset by corresponding Receipts. As explained in submitting Estimates previously the items under the heading of Materials Expenses and Machinery Expenses are merely a proforma 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 on Roads). The total Receipts are shown at £916,972, so that the net Outlay which would have to be met from Rates would be £852,639.

The net Expenditure as now shown would require a Rate in the coming year of 57/9d. in the £. The separate Rates for the various Service and the variations from last year are shown below:—

Roads	...	14/6.8d.	Increase of 3/6d.
Health	...	22/3.51d.	Increase of 1d.
Assistance	...	1/6.52d.	Increase of 1d.
Sanitary Services	...	5/11.77d.	Increase of 1/0.3d.
Housing	...	4/1.26d.	Increase of 6d.
General Purposes	...	9/3.14d.	Increase of 1/7.2d.

In the provision for Roads for the coming year it was necessary to include a Debit Balance from the present year, which derives from the fact that additional Expenditure had to be met because of increases in wages ("10th Round") as from 1st June, 1966. In addition, extra provision was made by the Council for Special Employment Schemes at Christmas. These two items account for a Debit balance of £9,900, which has to be carried over in the coming year's Estimates. The Estimate also includes almost £18,500 for Improving and Reconstructing Rural Roads which the Council proposes to take over as Public Roads. The County Engineer has indicated that if these Roads are to be improved this special provision would be essential. In order to permit of the same volume of work being carried out as in the present year account must be taken of wage increases allowed some months ago and, consequently, the Estimates show an

increase of £8,919 for Main Roads and of £6,680 for County Roads. (In the latter instance this is in addition to the £18,500 already mentioned for Improvements to Rural Roads). The Estimate for Health shows little variation from the present year, being 22/3.51d. in the £. It should be stressed, however, that there has been a marked rise in the total Outlay on the Health Services, but this has been offset in part by an increased Receipt by way of Health Grant and also by the fact that last year provision had to be made for a large Debit Balance under this heading.

Public Assistance shows little change from the present year—there is an increase of 1d. There is, however, a rise of 1/0.3d. in the Rate required for Sanitary Services and this is ascribable to the cost of providing for new Domestic Scavenging Services and new Water and Sewerage Services. For Housing the Rate shows an increase of 6d., which is due to the Outlay on Supplementary Grants and an additional provision for Housing Repairs. The Rate for General Purposes shows an increase of 1/7d. and briefly this is attributable to the following items: Additional Overdraft Interest; a rise in the cost of Fire Brigades; the effect of "10th Round" increase in the remuneration for the staff in the lower paid categories; and provision for Elections (which are expected to be held in June next). But in addition to these rises in Expenditure the Rate for General Purposes is influenced by the application of a Credit Balance last year. When the Rate for 1966/67 was being determined it was decided to bring in a Credit of over £13,000 and this was equivalent to almost 1/0d. in the £.

ROADS.

As shown above, the Rate required for Roads is 14/6.8d.; last year the Rate struck for this purpose was 11/0.85d. The total amount required for Roads comes to £417,854 and of this amount it is expected that £214,676 will come from the Road Fund (the Receipts to which come from Motor Taxation). This would mean that of the total Outlay on Roads in the coming year about 51 per cent. would be met from the Road Fund.

The County Engineer has submitted an Estimate of £101,453 for Maintenance and Reconstruction of Main Roads. This is greater by £8,919 than the amount allowed in the present year. The additional amount is sought so as to ensure that the same volume of work can be carried out as in 1966 there was an increase in wages and this must be taken into account in finding the requirements for next year.

It is expected that a similar amount as in the present year, i.e., £136,170, will again be available from the Road Fund for Special Improvement Works on Main Roads. The major part of this Grant is being specially assigned to the Main Road T.7 (Bray-Rathnew-Arklow), which is nowadays designated as an Arterial Route. In the present year £78,200 was allocated for improvements on this Route. The balance of £57,970 is assignable to Improvement Works on other Main Roads throughout the County.

The amount available by way of Grant from the Road Fund for the Improvement of County Roads was reduced in the present year. Formerly it had been £30,910, but in the current year it was reduced to £25,440—a reduction of £5,470. It seems that this reduction has been made because of the standard which has been reached for most of the County Roads.

Each year the Council has been taking over further lengths of Rural Roads and after classifying them as Public Roads the intention would be to improve them. Some of these are narrow roads in rural areas, serving only a small number of households. The County Engineer in a Special Report has pointed out that if these roads are to be improved then additional moneys from the Rates will have to be provided for this purpose. The provision in the coming year for County Roads is £104,210, which is an increase of £25,177 on the current Estimate. Of this increase £6,680 would be required to meet last year's rise in wages and the balance of £18,497 represents the County Engineer's Estimate for Improving County Roads which already have been taken over by the Council, or which it is proposed to take over as Public Roads.

In the present year £3,000 was allowed by the Council for Winter Employment Schemes (£1,500 on Main Roads and £1,500 on County Roads). In December last, however, the Council decided to increase the allocation by £2,000. A similar increase is shown in the Estimates under this heading.

The damage caused by flooding in November, 1965, was very extensive, and not only were Bridges destroyed, but road surfaces in many instances also were damaged and had to be restored. So far £51,122 has been spent on repair and restoration works. It was understood by the Council at the time that Special Grants would be forthcoming from the Road Fund to meet the entire cost of these works, and that in consequence the ordinary allocation of Grants would not be affected. In the interval, however, it has been found that no Special Grants whatever will be allocated for Road Works which became necessary because of flood damage and that annual Grants which normally would be available to the Council will have to be applied to meet the cost involved. It has already been pointed out that the Grant for County Roads has been reduced by £5,470 this year to £25,440. The Repairs to County Roads because of Flood Damage already have cost £39,546; the balance of £11,576 out of £51,122 has been spent on Main Roads. It will be seen, consequently, that the entire County Road Grant for the present year will be absorbed in meeting in part the cost of Flood Damage. Moreover, it seems likely that any Grant allocated for County Road Improvements in the coming year will probably also be absorbed in making good the damage to County Roads. The Members of the Council will appreciate that it will not be possible with the Grants which would be forthcoming for County Roads to carry out any Improvement Schemes they may have had in mind for Rural Roads—whether these be existing Public Roads in need of reconstruction, or be new lengths of road which the Council propose to take over for public maintenance.

In the present year much of the activities of the Council have had to be concentrated on repairing roads damaged through the flooding in 1965. These works included the erection of five Temporary Bridges and the Main Road Bridge at Rathdrum required extensive repairs, which are now being completed. The County Engineer has mentioned in a Special Report that the five Temporary Bridges will eventually have to be replaced by permanent structures and that the necessary financial provision for this purpose will have to be made. This will not, however, arise immediately, as in the first instance Plans for the new structures and estimates of the cost would have to be prepared. It would be hoped that Grants from the Road Fund would be forthcoming to meet the cost involved.

During the present year the Arterial Route T.7 was improved at Barndarrig. It was hoped to have been able to start work on large-scale improvements between Bray and Kilmacanogue, but great difficulty has been found in acquiring the necessary land.

The other main variation in the Roads Estimates comes under the heading of Superannuation. The amount required for Superannuation of Council Workmen would be £4,421 greater in the coming year—of this £2,669 is shown under Main Roads and £1,752 under

County Roads.

It is notable that the only assistance given from the Road Fund towards the costs of the Engineering Services is that represented by the remuneration of the Engineers (3) engaged directly on design work and the supervision of major works in progress on Main Roads. Local Authorities may feel that this is scarcely reasonable, especially as the cost of staff employed in connection with Roads in the Department of Local Government seems to be met completely from the Road Fund. In the present year it seems that £152,500 is being taken from the Road Fund towards meeting the costs of engineering and administrative staff in the Department who have duties in relation to Roads. This, moreover, is in addition to a payment from the Road Fund to the Department of Justice of £340,000 as a contribution towards the remuneration of the Garda Síochána.

HEALTH SERVICES.

Whilst in total the Outlay on the Health Services will again be up substantially as compared with the present year, the Rate for Health, however, will almost be unchanged—it shows an increase of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in these Estimates. The actual Rate for Health will be 22/3.51d. and it will be seen that it represents about 40 per cent of the total Rate.

The total Outlay on the Health Services (including Mental Hospitals) comes to £818,404. The Health Grant will be £410,000 and other Receipts come to £25,580, making a total of £435,580. The net Expenditure to be met from Rates, consequently, will be £382,824. In the present year the estimated Expenditure for Health was £758,122 and the Receipts were estimated at £410,592, leaving the net Outlay £347,530. Last year it was necessary to provide for a Debit Balance of £16,700 in the Health Services, but in the present year it is found that there will be a saving on the Estimate originally adopted. This means that a Credit Balance of £9,032 can be brought into account and if it were not for this Credit the Rate would show a greater increase than $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Health Grant:

Last year Health Authorities were given to understand that it was proposed to stabilise the demand on Rates for the Health Services at the amount which had to be raised from Rates in the year 1965/66. Later, however, it was found that there would be some modification in this proposal and it was mentioned that the White Paper on the Health Services had indicated that it would be "the cost of the further extensions of the Services" which would not have

to be met in any proportion by Local Rates. It was also pointed out by the Department of Health that the White Paper had mentioned that it was accepted in principle that the distribution of the total cost to Local Authorities of the Health Services as between Health Authorities would be determined on the basis of a formula which would make for a more equitable distribution of the cost. It seems that it was proposed in this way to give a special measure of benefit to the Western Counties where the Rates for the Health Services were higher than elsewhere.

In a letter of 6th February, 1967, the Department of Health has now indicated that for the year 1967/68 a Supplementary Grant will be paid, but that in its distribution regard would be had to the individual Health Rates and to the level of the Rates generally. The amount of Health Grant allocated to this Council for the coming year, according to this letter of 6th February, 1967, is £410,000. If the Health Grant for 1966/67 were to include a sum equal to the difference between the estimated Outlay for 1967/68 (as now submitted for your consideration) and 1965/66, then the amount of Health Grant which would be receivable in the coming year would, it is calculated, be £455,209. The letter of 6th February, 1967, from the Department of Health mentions two qualifications, however, which would affect the amount of Grant allocated for the coming year. The first is that the Department's allocation has been related to the Estimate of Expenditure submitted to them some months ago and well in advance of the coming year. This Estimate, which had been prepared almost six months in advance of the year to which it related, could not include some increases in Expenditure which at the time could not be foreseen. These increases mainly were under the headings of Hospital Treatment and Cost of Medicines. Again the Department in the allocation for the coming year have, it seems, been taking into account the considerations in relation to the level of County Rates generally, of which mention already has been made.

General Medical Services:

Under this heading the cost for the coming year is estimated at £70,780. It includes provision for the Dispensary and Domiciliary Services which are given through the District Medical Officers for patients included in the General Medical Registrar. These patients are eligible for all Health Services free of charge. It also includes the cost of Medicines, not only for persons on the Register, but also for "hardship" cases.

The Estimate for Salaries at £38,680 is up by £2,180 and this is due mainly to the fact that the posts of District Medical Officer in Blessington and Rathdrum are expected to be filled on a permanent basis by Officers who would be entitled to remuneration substantially in advance of that afforded to the present Temporary Officers employed in these two Districts. The Estimate for medicines at £24,750 shows a rise of £8,250. This steep rise is due in the first instance to the wider use of expensive drugs and the higher prices for Medicines generally. Part of it is also due to the expansion of the special service under which persons not on the General Medical Register, to whom the purchase of expensive drugs would cause hardship, may obtain such drugs. The Council in such instances can defray the cost of Medicines in whole or in part.

The proportion of the population at present registered for free services in County Wicklow is 34 per cent.; this is higher than the average for the country as a whole.

County Institutions:

The cost of the Council's own Institutions is estimated to come to £106,950, which compares with £95,350 in the present year. There is an increase of £2,400 in the cost of the District Hospital, Wicklow; of £3,650 in the cost of the District Hospital, Baltinglass; and of £5,600 for St. Colman's, Rathdrum. During the past year the "10th Round" increase in remuneration was applied to Nursing and Administrative Staff. In addition there had to be met the cost of implementing a shorter week for the Nursing Staff—the hours of duty were reduced from 90 to an 85 hour fortnight. The number of patients in St. Colman's has risen in the past year and is now 190, which is about ten above that a year ago.

Extern Institutions:

The total cost of Extern Institutions is up by almost £30,000; in the coming year it is estimated at £272,000, whereas the amount allowed in the present year was £242,800. In the present year there has been a notable trend towards a rise in the number of admissions to Hospitals, whilst in some cases the type of treatment afforded can be unusually costly.

The number of admissions to General Hospitals has shown a continuous increase in recent years. This accounts for the Estimate for such Hospitals being £15,000 higher for 1967/'68. There is a reduction of £1,500 for Maternity Hospitals and it seems that this may be due to a growing tendency to use Private Nursing Homes. The amount for Tuberculosis Hospitals at £13,500 shows no change, but the provision for Fever Hospitals at £12,000 is £5,500 above that for the present year and this Estimate is based on the experience in the current year. There is a marked rise in the provision required for Special Homes. The amount required for Homes for Mental Defectives and Deaf and Dumb Institutions at £24,000 is £6,200 higher than the Estimate for 1966/'67. Again the cost of maintenance in Special Homes is up from £2,000 to £6,000. At the present time the Council is maintaining 58 patients in Homes for Mental Defectives; there are 16 persons in Deaf and Dumb Institutions; and 7 are in Approved Schools. Below is set out the details which show the trend in admissions to General Hospitals and the number of in-patient days for the four years up to 1965/'66:—

Year	Number of Admissions	Number of In-patient Days
1962/'63	2,657	59,514
1963/'64	2,919	64,190
1964/'65	3,379	66,805
1965/'66	3,489	70,713

Mental Hospitals:

The cost of Mental Hospitals now comes under two headings—there is the Council's own Institution at Newcastle and the provision for patients in the Mental Hospitals of the Dublin Health Authority. The total cost is estimated as £202,265, which shows a reduction of

over £6,000 on the amount required in the present year. The cost of the Council's own Hospital at Newcastle is estimated at £90,015 and of treatment in the Dublin Hospitals at £112,250. Last year the amounts included for these two Institutions were: Newcastle £89,669; and Dublin Hospitals £119,250.

At present there are 40 patients being treated in Newcastle Hospital. So far only the Front Units have been brought into use and whilst the services (such as kitchen, dining facilities, etc.), in the Main Block are being used, this building cannot be used for patients until alterations be carried out. The present accommodation proposals are: Front Units 74 patients, Main Block (after conversion and alterations) 66 patients; and New Unit (which it is proposed to build), 64 patients. This would mean that in all 204 patients could be accommodated in Newcastle Hospital. At the end of January, 1967, 40 patients were being treated in Newcastle Hospital and there were 220 in St. Brendan's and other Hospitals of the Dublin Health Authority. The total of 260 showed a reduction of 60 on the number for whom treatment was being provided a few years ago. This reduction in the number of patients requiring hospital treatment has in great measure been effected by the Resident Medical Superintendent (Dr. Egan) at Newcastle Hospital and his staff through the holding of Out-patient Clinics all over the County. Even though Newcastle Hospital is still not fully available for the reception of patients the number in the Dublin Hospitals (St. Brendan's, etc.), is less by 100 than it had been a short time ago.

The cost of Mental Treatment in the present year is substantially less than had been originally estimated and this serves to offset the excess Expenditure which arose in relation to Extern Hospitals and other Institutions. This reduction in Expenditure on Mental Treatment results from the decline in the number of patients.

Maternity and Child Health Services:

The cost at £31,500 shows no change in the coming year and is intended to cover Medical Care and Hospital Treatment for Mothers and Children. It also includes the Schools Health Service.

Tuberculosis and Other Infectious Diseases:

At £11,470 the Estimate under this heading shows a reduction of £580 on the requirement in the present year. The decline in the incidence of tuberculosis continues, but it is essential that the community take advantage of the preventive and detection services, such as B.C.G. and Mass-Radiography.

Dental, Ophthalmic and Aural Services:

The Estimate is £8,900, which is almost £600 above the requirement for 1966/'67. An additional Dental Officer is to take up duty shortly and it is necessary to make some additional provision for equipment. At the present time the Dental Service is concerned mainly with schoolchildren, to whom special priority is being given.

Specialist Services:

This covers the cost of attendance at Out-Patient Clinics (mostly those attached to the Dublin Voluntary Hospitals). The cost at £10,000, which shows a slight increase over the present year, also provides for Outlay on X-rays and Analyses.

Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Disabled Persons:

The amount required for Cash Grants to these persons shows a rise of over £4,000. In the present year the Estimate is £29,500, but next year it will be £33,765. Some time ago the amount of the Allowances was increased. The number at present receiving such Allowances is 290. There is no doubt but that the existence of them has resulted in persons being retained in their own homes rather than being sent to Institutions, where costs could be much greater.

Boarding-Out, etc., of Children:

There is a rise here of £1,000 due to additional costs in maintaining children in special Institutions.

Ambulance Services and Transport of Patients:

The Estimate of £19,900 is £2,400 higher than the present year, when the amount provided was £17,500. It is intended in the coming year to purchase a new ambulance, to be stationed at Wicklow. There has been much stress in recent years on the necessity for a high standard in the Ambulance Service so as to cope with the difficulty posed by the ever-increasing number of traffic accidents. Consequently, the Council has been following a policy of having available ambulances with all modern aids and with trained personnel. The drivers in recent years have been undergoing Courses of Special Instruction and it is intended to provide a further Course for them in the near future. The cost of the Service is, like all others, affected by the "10th Round" increase in remuneration, which operated from last June. At present the Council has a special arrangement for an ambulance attached to Loughlinstown Hospital to serve the North-Eastern part of the County. In addition an arrangement also was made for the hiring of a private ambulance of a modern type, belonging to a firm in Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. These ambulances, in addition to the Council's own, are intended to serve the North-Eastern part of the County, in which the greater number of traffic accidents occur. The Council itself maintains ambulances at Wicklow, Rathdrum and Baltinglass, whilst another is kept in reserve and can be brought out if required for special calls. An arrangement exists also for the use of two private ambulances belonging to firms in Arklow. It will be seen that these arrangements give a total service of eight ambulances in the County. The possibility of providing radio-telephonic communication in the ambulances has been undergoing examination for some time past and it is hoped that it may be possible to find a type of equipment which would overcome the difficulties of communication caused by the mountain ranges in the County.

Contributions to Societies:

The number of District Nursing Associations, unfortunately, has shown a falling-off in recent years. It seems that it is difficult to keep them going nowadays through voluntary effort. In the coming year provision is being made for £3,500 for subsidising the surviving five Societies. It should here be mentioned, however, that the Council has been endeavouring to replace the Nurses employed by the District Nursing Associations by wholtime Nurses of their own. At present the Council has eleven Nurses employed on Public Health and District duties.

General Administration:

The total cost of General Administration of the Health Services is estimated at £18,840, which is £1,932 higher than the present year. This sum, however, includes Medical and Nursing Staff in addition to Office Staff. Some of the Nurses employed on Public Health duties, for example, are included under this heading. The rise is due to the effect of the "10th Round" adjustment in remuneration. Under this heading also is included the cost of Stationery, Printing, Postage, Telephones, and Insurances. The total cost of the Health Services in the coming year is estimated at £818,404, of which the amount applicable to Office Staff is £6,920. It was felt that some reference should be made to this aspect of cost as it seems that at times there is an impression that the Local Authority Health Services involve heavy administration costs.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

In the coming year the cost of Public Assistance is estimated at £27,050 and does not show much change from 1966/67 for which £26,625 was provided.

SANITARY SERVICES

Here there is an increase in Gross Expenditure of £7,149. The Outlay is estimated at £64,448 as against £57,299 in the present year. Receipts for the coming year are estimated at £12,500, so that the net amount to be met from Rates will be £51,948. The rise in cost is mainly due to additional provision for Domestic Scavenging and Water Supplies and Sewerage Services.

Water Supplies and Sewerage:

In the present year the new Water Supply for Blessington is being completed; the Scheme for Laragh/Annemoe is about to start; and a new Outfall Works at Greystones has been completed — this latter was a difficult operation as it involved tidal work. A Scheme for a special supply to houses at Milltown, Rathnew, will also start shortly and it is hoped to start work on a new supply to the village of Newcastle at an early date. For the Blessington Scheme the capital cost will reach almost £50,000 and that for Laragh/Annemoe will cost up to £60,000. In addition to these Schemes a number of extensions of services and the installation of minor supplies were completed in the present year. The difficulties of maintaining an adequate supply of water in the North-Eastern part of the County, and especially of making available a supply for new development in that area, have been receiving attention, and a Special Report from a Consultant was received some months ago. This Report, with the comments of the Council on it, was transmitted to the Department of Local Government for their views. Development in North-East Wicklow is also being hampered by the absence of adequate sewerage. A firm of Consultant's was engaged to look into the possibility of a Joint Scheme which would serve both Bray Urban District and the Rural Area immediately adjoining it. A Preliminary Report was received some time ago and after examination the Consultants were asked to make some modifications in their proposals, so that it is expected that the Final Report on this Scheme should be forthcoming at an early date. A water supply for North-East Wicklow, if based on a local source of supply, would probably cost £150,000 to £200,000, and the proposed Sewerage Scheme would likewise cost a somewhat similar figure.

The severe flooding in November, 1965, led to demands for special Drainage Schemes which might obviate the risk of flooding in the future. A Preliminary Report on a Scheme for Bray and vicinity shows that the cost would be about £120,000, of which it is expected that part will be borne by the County Council. The flooding, however, only affects buildings in the County Health District to a limited extent and the area most affected lies within the confines of Bray Urban District. The Department of Local Government has been supplied with the Consultant's Report and they have been asked to make a major contribution by way of State Grant towards the cost. The new Schemes being undertaken by the Council will involve a rise in Loan Charges in each successive year for some time to come. In addition the cost of maintenance of Water Supplies and Sewerage continues to rise. It will be appreciated that apart from the effect of any changes in remuneration, as the number of supplies increases maintenance costs will also rise. In the coming year provision is being made for about £2,300 extra for Maintenance.

The County Engineer has just reported that an investigation of existing Water Supplies and Sewage Disposal Works shows that to put them into a satisfactory condition will involve rather heavy outlay. He estimates that almost £6,000 will be required for Water Supplies and about £8,000 for Sewerage Works. The Council, if approving of these proposals, would probably feel that a Loan should be raised to defray the cost, which, it will be noted, comes to almost £14,000.

In the present year the Council approved of the employment of an additional Engineer who would be assigned duties in relation to the design of minor Water Supply and Sewerage Services. This results in an excess of £2,335 being shown under the heading of Engineering Staff.

Domestic Scavenging:

The total cost of the various Refuse Collection Services is estimated to come to £4,100—an excess of £300. This is a type of Service which is being continuously sought in additional districts. At present the Service is available in Greystones, the area adjacent to Bray (Boghall/Ballywaltrim), Enniskerry, Kilcoole, Rathnew, Rathdrum, Carnew, Tinahely, Blessington and Balinglass, and will shortly be provided also for Newtownmountkennedy.

HOUSING

The gross cost of Housing is £161,460. After taking from this Receipts of £85,771 the net amount to be met from Rates is £75,689. This would require a Rate of almost 6/- in the £—the exact levy will be 5/11-77d. This is 6d. more than the requirement for the present year.

Repairs:

The Estimate submitted for Repairs last year was £14,240, but when the Rate was being determined it was decided to reduce it to £11,000. The provision included in the attached Estimates is £14,000. For some years past in the carrying out of repairs priority is given to the houses of tenants who are seeking to avail of Cottage Purchase

Schemes. If, however, the vesting of cottages in tenants as owners were to proceed more rapidly it would be necessary to make additional provision for Repairs.

The total number of cottages which have been purchased by tenants up to the present date is 2,287 out of a total of 3,345. It can be taken, consequently, that roughly 68 per cent. of the houses are now vested in the tenants. The progress in relation to purchase can be regarded as quite satisfactory, seeing that in this County it was only in the past fifteen years or so that advantage was taken of Cottage Purchase Schemes. The progress in vesting has meant that the number of dwellings requiring to be maintained is declining, but it also is accompanied by a diminution in the income from Rents, as Purchase Annuities are based on half of rentals.

Erection of New Houses:

Recently ten new houses were completed at Blessington; nine have been built at Grattan Park, Greystones; and two rural cottages at Bawnogue, Balinglass. In a number of areas building is already in progress or new Schemes are about to commence. At Kilcoole ten houses are being built; and at Aughrim six houses are being constructed. At an early date six rural cottages will be commenced and a start made on eleven further houses at Grattan Park. In addition, a Contract is being placed for ten houses at Kilgarron. In this latter instance eighteen sites will also be provided for private development, i.e., for persons wishing to build houses for their own occupation. Tenders have also been received as follows:—Three houses at Ballywaltrim, Bray; Twelve houses at Newtownmountkennedy; and six houses at Blessington. Mention has been made earlier of the proposal for a Sewerage Scheme which would serve the rural area adjoining Bray. This is a district in which there is a housing shortage and it is considered that it would be essential to acquire as soon as possible lands on which houses could be built by the Council. In addition, provision should be made to acquire land on which persons could arrange to build their own houses. There is no doubt but that when the Council extends services in this area it would be very difficult, and possibly very costly, then to acquire the land required for housing the persons towards whom the Council has a special obligation.

Housing Grants for Private Dwellings:

For a number of years past the Council has been giving Grants for Improving Private Houses and also for assisting persons building New Houses for their own occupation. Up to the present date 1,393 Grants have been allocated for Improvements to Private Houses and the total amount required is over £140,000. Such Grants are paid in addition to whatever Grants may be paid by the State. So far 65 Grants towards the capital cost of New Houses have been allocated and the Council's Outlay here will reach £15,505. In addition, the Council has been giving Grants to assist in the installation of Private Water Supply and Sewerage for Dwellings and so far 661 such Grants have been allocated, the cost involved being £27,612. Many applications are still being received for both Grants for Improving Houses and for building New Dwellings.

As a result of all the foregoing housing activity the Loan Charges for Housing Grants show a very steep rise for the coming year—the amount required will be £18,096 (an excess of £4,796 on 1966/67, when

it was £13,300). This is a charge which has to be met in full from Rates and in the coming year it will require a rate of almost 1/6d. in the £. In addition to this subsidy for New Housing and Housing Improvements the Council also gives special assistance by way of Rate Abatements, as the valuations of new or improved dwellings are not rated in full for a number of years.

Loans for Private Dwellings:

The Loan Charges to be met in respect of advances to persons who are building their own houses will be £15,646 in the coming year. This, however, does not place any burden on Local Rates as the Charges are met in full through the repayments made by borrowers.

It will be seen that in this part of the Estimates the increased Rate of 6d. is ascribable to the Grants being given towards Private Housing and the additional provision of £3,000 which is being made for Housing Repairs.

GENERAL PURPOSES

The Rate required for General Purposes is 9/3-14d., which is 1/7½d. more than the provision made in the present year. In brief, the increased Rate is due to the additional cost of Overdraft Interest, the Fire Brigades (effect of "10th Round" increase), and the cost of Elections (which, it is expected, will be held next June). In addition, last year a Credit Balance of £13,105 was brought in and this had the effect of reducing the Rate for General Purposes by over 1/- in the £. If it were not for this Credit brought in the effective Rate for General Purposes would have been about 8/9d. Consequently, it will be seen that the increase of 1/7½d. results only to the extent of about 6d. from rises in Expenditure.

Elections:

It is assumed that Elections will be held in June, 1967, and to meet the cost of them £3,000 is being included. Last year the Council rightly presumed that Elections would not be held in 1966 and decided to exclude any provision for them, but it is most unlikely that the holding of them will be postponed again in this year.

Tourist Development:

The Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation has recently sought an increase in the amount allocated by the Council for Tourist Development. This new Body, undoubtedly, has given much assistance in attracting visitors to County Wicklow. The effect of their Publicity Programme, especially that which has been undertaken in Britain and other countries abroad, was, it is felt, quite evident last year, when notwithstanding the setback caused by the prolonged Shipping Strike the tourist season was altogether a successful one. If this Organisation is to achieve further success with its Publicity and other Programmes, additional funds will be required. Consequently it was decided to show in the Estimates a sum of £1,000 under this heading, as compared with £500 in the present year. It should be mentioned that the Council can contribute up to the product of a Rate of 1d. in the £, but, of course, a decision as to what amount can reasonably be included will rest with the Members of the Council.

Salaries and Cost of Rate Collection:

Both of these items are up in the coming year because of the effect of the "10th Round" increase allowed as from 1st June last. In the case of Salaries the increase is £1,200 and for the cost of Rate Collection an additional £1,128 will be required.

Fire Brigades:

The cost of the Fire Brigades is up by over £1,000—the Estimates show £18,594 as compared with a provision of £17,583 in the present year. The cost here again is affected by the "10th Round" increase in remuneration.

Drainage of Land:

During the present year the Council received submissions to the effect that the sum provided for this purpose was altogether inadequate; it had only been £100 and was used for maintaining the Carrigower Drainage System. A Special Report was submitted on the matter by the County Engineer and it was agreed that his recommendation to spend £650 be accepted, and this sum, accordingly, has been included.

Sheep-Dipping:

In the present year it was decided to increase the remuneration of Sheep Dipping Inspectors and also to repair a number of Sheep Dipping Baths. The Expenditure in the coming year will be £4,900 as compared with £4,770 for 1966/67.

Courthouses:

Last year an amount of £1,200 was submitted for Repairs to Courthouses, but this was reduced when determining the Rate to £600. An amount of £1,200 has again been included for the coming year, and seeing that the Central Authority is not prepared to take over responsibility for maintenance of Courthouses this latter amount would be required. In fact, the County Engineer in a Report which has just been received expresses the view that for the coming year a sum of £1,700 would be required. He also asks that additional provision of £450 be made for Offices, but this recommendation of his is not being given effect to in the attached Estimates.

Audit Fees:

Here there is an increase from £550 to £800. This represents the payment to the Local Government Department for the services of the Local Government Auditor.

Interest on Overdraft:

When the Estimates were being submitted last year attention was drawn to the rising charges for Overdraft Interest. The absorption of Credit Balances which had previously been available to the Council requires that for a great part of the year the Council has to resort to Bank-borrowing in order to finance their Services. On the basis of the experience in the current year it is clear that £8,000 would be

required for the coming year, as there has been a continuous rise in the amount of financial accommodation on Revenue Account sought from the Treasurer.

SEPARATE CHARGES

Vocational Education Committee:

The cost of Vocational Education is met by means of a Separate Charge on the County (exclusive of Bray Urban District, as Bray Urban Council operates its own Service). The gross cost of Vocational Education for the coming year will be £44,894, which compares with £40,426 in the present year. The Receipts are estimated at £8,297 (they were £6,514 for 1966/'67) and this leaves the net charge on Rates at £36,597. The Rate to be levied for Vocational Education next year, consequently, will be 2/7-2ld., which is 5d. more than was levied for the present year.

Malicious Injuries:

Last year £2,797 had to be levied for Malicious Injuries as a County-At-Large Charge. Recent further Awards by the Courts will require £517. Whilst this shows a welcome reduction on the levy for 1966/'67 it must, however, be mentioned that it looks likely that there may be a marked rise in the following year (1968/'69) having regard to the number of cases at present before the Courts.

Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board:

The charge from this Board for maintaining the Cemetery at Merrymount, near Wicklow, is levied on the Rathdrum Rural District and Wicklow Urban District. The amount required from the County Council in the coming year is £328, which shows a reduction of £7 on that for 1966/'67.

The Proposed Rate:

If the Estimates as now submitted were accepted the Rate required (excluding Separate Charges) would be 57/9d., which would be 6/9d. higher than that for the present year.

The major increase is for Roads where 3/6d. extra is sought for 1967/'68. Here there is a Debit Balance from the present year of £9,900 for which provision now must be made and which almost altogether comes from the necessity to give effect to the "10th Round" of adjustments in remuneration. These adjustments will also affect costs in the coming year so that in the case of Main Roads an additional £7,664 will be required if the same volume of work is to be maintained, whilst for the same reason an additional £6,680 would be required for County Roads. The County Engineer, in a Special Report which is being circulated, has drawn special attention to the effect on costs of taking over more rural roads as a charge on public funds. Each year groups of people press the Council to take over such roads, but this cannot be done without adding considerably to the present outlay. Not only will such roads have to be reconstructed and brought up to the high standard nowadays sought, but additional costs for maintenance in the years to come will also result. The cost of improving the roads which the Council had been contemplating

including in next year's programme would be £18,497 and this sum is now brought into the Estimates. Last year £3,000 was provided for Winter Employment Schemes, but seeing that an additional £2,000 was voted last December it was thought advisable to include £5,000 for this purpose in the Estimates. Superannuation will require £4,421 extra. There are some other upward variations in the provision being made for Roads, but the foregoing are the principal items leading to higher costs. As to the policy of taking over more roads into public charge it will be noted that the County Engineer does not consider the new roads already under consideration to be of sufficient public utility to warrant expenditure from the Rates on them. It is understandable that people may wish that lengths of road which they use, even though remote, and serving only a small number, should be maintained at public expense. But if the policy of taking over roads is to go on indefinitely it will be bound to have a serious effect on costs. Some years ago it was the policy of the Council to try to improve roads in accordance with a programme which would mean that most people would only have to travel three or four miles to reach a tarred surfaced roadway. It is not so long ago since this was looked on as quite an ambitious programme. In the event, however, the Council has gone far beyond this objective and not far short of 90 per cent. of the public roads now have tarred surfaces. This result has been achieved because of the new methods of reconstruction, giving much reduced costs, which have been used for County Roads. The County Engineer draws attention to the fact that the amount allowed for maintenance of County Roads is one of the lowest in the country. As mentioned earlier, it has been found that the Department of Local Government is not prepared to give additional Grants to meet the cost of damage caused by floods at the end of 1965, and in consequence the existing Grant for County Roads, now reduced to £25,440, will have to be applied again next year towards flood damage costs which up to the present have absorbed £39,546 for County Roads. Allowance must be made, too, for the necessity, in the fairly near future, to replace a number of temporary bridges with permanent structures. The cost of such new structures will be considerable and at this stage it cannot be said what proportion of it will be forthcoming from State Grants.

For the coming year the gross Outlay on Roads (Main and County) as shown under that heading in the estimates comes to £417,854, and of this £214,673 is expected to be met from State Grants. But it may be asked if more of the Outlay should not be met from Motor Taxation, i.e. the Road Fund, rather than from Rates. Every year there is much clamour about the Rates, and many people hold the view that as a form of taxation they are not suited to present-day conditions. In the years gone by most roads were used only by local residents; their use by people from other parts of the country was intermittent and limited. In such circumstances there was some reason for the viewpoint that their maintenance should be a local charge. But nowadays, with a highly mobile population, the position is altogether different and even quite remote roads may be used by people who come from long distances away. In such circumstances it would not be unreasonable to expect that Motor Taxation should meet all road costs; it is a form of tax which already is readily and conveniently collected by the Local Authorities. Some time ago it was added to for general exchequer purposes and Local Authorities might feel that it was regrettable that the additional assessment was not used for the primary purpose for which the tax originally was established, that is to finance road costs. Again, those concerned with local affairs might with some reason regard it as an anomaly that the costs of central authority staff with

duties relating to roads, such as those in the Department of Local Government and Justice (Garda Síochána), be helped by appropriations from the Road Fund, but that this does not apply to the Local Authorities who maintain the roads.

Whilst the exact method which will eventually be followed in allocating the Health Grant is not yet clear, it seems that adjustments may be made so as to give special assistance to areas in which the Rate for health purposes is much above the average because of low rateable valuations. The details given already will serve to show that the community is deriving much benefit from the existing Health Services. More people each year are being admitted to hospitals at public expense. Their stay there often may be of rather short duration, but the treatment afforded may be effective in curing or checking disease and prolonging life. There is increasing resort likewise to the Clinics which nowadays are available to patients. The results achieved in a comparatively short time through the local Clinics run by the Resident Medical Superintendent of Newcastle Psychiatric Hospital and his staff have earlier been referred to and have made a noteworthy contribution to health improvement. It may still be rather difficult to find suitable Institutions for all types of cases, but the number being sent to special Institutions is rising each year and so are the costs. In a way the coming year will be rather unique in that it is the first for a long time when there was not a large addition to the Rate required for Health.

In the matter of sanitation the additional areas for which a Domestic Refuse Collection is being provided and the loan charges and maintenance costs resulting from new water supplies and sewerage continue to require additions to the Rate, and this is a feature which will inevitably recur in the coming years in view of the programme of works to which the Council already is committed or is contemplating.

The Council may be of the opinion that the amount shown for Housing Repairs is too much, but it has been included because of the endeavour to further the programme of cottage purchase which, notwithstanding many difficulties, has made commendable progress in a rather short period.

Much already has been achieved through the Council's policy of making Grants to owners improving houses and to persons with limited incomes who undertake the building of their own houses. This policy has helped in the provision of sanitation and other improvements in a large number of dwellings and has enabled young people to acquire houses of their own, which without this measure of assistance would have been beyond their means. In the coming year the loan charges arising from the making of these Grants will require an addition to the Rate of over 4d. in the £. As Grants will still be sought in the future this can be expected to be a rising charge for some years to come.

Mention has been made earlier of the additional sum required for Bank Interest, which will reach £8,000 in the coming year. This continuous rise in this charge is due to the exhaustion of the Credits which formerly enabled the Council to carry on for a great part of the year without having resort to temporary overdraft from the Bank. Last year a Credit of £13,105, equivalent almost to a Rate of 1/1d., was brought in so as to reduce the rate levy, and this represents the

greater part of the increase in the Rate for General Purposes for next year.

There has, of course, been a sharp rise in local Rates in recent years, but this is in keeping with the general level of costs, which in themselves have been so much affected by increases in wages and salaries. Hours of work cannot be reduced or rates of remuneration be increased without the costs of all the services for which the Council is responsible being affected. Hospital treatment will cost more, and so will road maintenance. Houses will cost more to build or repair and sanitation will be more costly. It has been notable of late that the number of claims for alterations in conditions of employment, whether by way of increases in remuneration, shorter working hours, or longer periods of leave, is ever increasing. Scarcely has a claim from any organised group been settled when a new one is received. Some years ago in response to urgings from the Minister for Local Government a Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme was set up to deal with claims from Unions which were not entitled to resort to the Labour Court, and when the Scheme was established it was hoped that this might lead to more stable relations. But the experience has been that the existence of such machinery seemingly has led to a proliferation of claims from the numerous staff groups in the service of Local Authorities. It is felt that eventually this may result in so much attention having to be given to such claims that it will be difficult to find adequate time for the other complexities of local administration.

The rising Rate has had not the same impact for all ratepayers. Whilst householders and those with business and industrial premises may have to meet the full increase in Rates, those living on the land may not be affected to the same extent because of the effect of the Agricultural Grant. In the present year the amount received by the Council towards the Relief of Rates on Agricultural Land was £259,492 10s. 3d. It is distributed in a manner which gives the largest measure of relief to the small farmer. The following examples show the gross Rates assessed on a number of actual holdings in the present year, together with the Agricultural Grant available to them and the net Rate which was in fact payable. The actual Rates to be paid in the present year are also compared with those payable in 1955/'56—eleven years ago.

Valuation of Holding	Year	Gross Rates	Agricultural Grant	Net Rates
£53 10 0 (With One Employee)	1955/'56 1966/'67	£85 10 0 £142 3 11	£36 3 3 £86 5 3	£49 6 9 £55 18 8
£25 0 0 (With One Employee)	1955/'56 1966/'67	£39 19 1 £66 13 8	£27 3 1 £55 17 7	£12 16 0 £10 16 1
£25 0 0 (Without any Employee)	1955/'56 1966/'67	£39 19 1 £66 13 8	£19 3 3 £46 10 7	£20 15 10 £20 3 1

It will be noted from these details that, whereas there has been a rise in the Rates payable by a farmer with £53 10s. 0d. R.V., the Rates payable from the farm with £25 R.V. are less than those paid in 1955/'56.

All the accounting details required for the Estimates have been carefully collected by the Council's staff. The application and attention given to these matters by Mr. Brangan, County Secretary, and Mr. Heraty, Acting Accountant, is deserving of particular mention. The Estimates Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday, 27th February, 1967, and any further information required in relation to them will be given at that Meeting.

In presenting these Estimates the opportunity is taken of conveying to the Chairman and Members of the Council sincere appreciation and thanks for their assistance in administering the Council's many Services during the year.

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M. FLANNERY,

Wicklow County Manager.

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Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the Local Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1968

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	£ 101,453	£ 101,453	£ 104,210	£ 85,713
do. Winter Employment Schemes	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Snow Clearance	1,000	1,000	500	500
Loan Charges	2,728	2,728	941	941
Contingencies	500	500	500	500
Special Grant Works:				
Road Fund	136,170	136,170	25,440	25,440
Other Purposes:				
Salaries, etc., of County Engineer and Assistants	5,503	5,503	7,012	7,012
Travelling Expenses of Co. Engineer and Assistants	950	950	2,050	2,050
Salaries—Clerical Staff—Co. Engineer's Office			4,631	4,631
Superannuation Allowances and Gratuities—Officers	1,568	1,568	710	710
do. Servants	7,367	7,367	6,171	6,171
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	150	150	700	700
Postage and Telephone	300	300	300	300
Stamp Duty—Paying Orders	100	100	100	100
Road Opening and Reinstatements	100	100	100	100
Miscellaneous	100	100	1,500	1,500
	£260,489	£260,489	£157,365	£138,868

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	£ 52,226	£ 52,226	£	£
do. Snow Clearance	500	500		
do. Special Grant	136,170	136,170	25,440	25,440
Other Receipts:				
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	3,226	3,226	4,531	4,531
Refund of Road Fund Bonus	140	140	200	200
Weighbridge Receipts	200	200		
Superannuation Contributions	1,500	1,500	2,100	2,100
	£194,162	£194,162	£33,371	£33,371

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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	£ 38,680	£ 38,680
Fees for professional assistance	100	100
Medicines	24,750	24,750
Medical and surgical appliances	2,000	2,000
Dispensary, Clinic or Health Centre Expenses	4,200	4,200
Insurances, etc.	450	450
Loan Charges	600 (£70,780)	600 (£70,780)
INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES		
District Hospital, Wicklow	21,400	21,400
District Hospital, Baltinglass	34,950	34,950
Home for Aged and Infirm—St. Colman's Rathdrum	50,600 (£106,950)	50,600 (£106,950)
Extern Institutions:		
General Hospitals	185,000	185,000
Maternity Hospitals	31,500	31,500
Tuberculosis	13,500	13,500
Fever Hospitals	12,000	12,000
Homes for mental defectives, deaf and dumb, etc.	24,000	24,000
Homes for other persons	6,000 (£272,000)	6,000 (£272,000)
MENTAL HOSPITALS:		
Mental Hospital, Newcastle	90,015	90,015
Dublin Health Authority Hospitals (Mental)	112,250 (£202,265)	112,250 (£202,265)
MATERNITY AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES:		
Medical Care for Mothers and Infants:		
Fees to medical practitioners	9,000	9,000
Fees for professional assistance	50	50
Midwifery and nursing services	6,750	6,750
Obstetrical requisites	1,350	1,350
Milk for Mothers and children	3,500	3,500
Maternity Cash Grants	2,500	2,500
Child Welfare Service	3,650	3,650
School Health Service	4,700 (£31,500)	4,700 (£31,500)
C/fwd.	£683,495	£683,495

Purpose of Expenditure:	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
B/fwd.	683,495	683,495
TUBERCULOSIS & OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES:		
Tuberculosis:		
Salaries	4,000	4,000
Dispensary, clinic or health centre expenses	1,000	1,000
Domiciliary Welfare Service:		
Food, clothing, bedding	300	300
Mass Radiography Service	1,720	1,720
B.C.G. Service	1,500	1,500
Other Expenses:		
Fees to District Medical Officers	50	50
Other Infectious Diseases:		
Diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease	300	300
Immunisation, Vaccination and Disinfection of cloth and bedding (inc. Poliomyelitis Vaccination)	1,000	1,000
Notification and prevention of disease	100	100
Maintenance allowances to persons suffering from infectious diseases	1,500 (£11,470)	1,500 (£11,470)
DENTAL, OPHTHALMIC & AURAL SERVICES:		
Salaries and travelling expenses	5,000	5,000
Fees for professional services	1,550	1,550
Dental, optical and aural appliances	1,450	1,450
Extern Institutions—Out-Patients' Services	300	300
Furniture and equipment	500	500
Clinic or Health Centre expenses	100 (£8,900)	100 (£8,900)
SPECIALIST SERVICES:		
Out-Patient Clinics, X-Rays & Analysis of Specimens	10,000 (£10,000)	10,000 (£10,000)
REHABILITATION AND MAINTENANCE OF DISABLED PERSONS:		
Cash Grants and other expenses	33,765 (£33,765)	33,765 (£33,765)
BOARDING OUT, ETC., OF CHILDREN:		
Maintenance, clothing and education	6,700	6,700
Approved Schools	2,000 (£8,700)	2,000 (£8,700)
AMBULANCE SERVICES & TRANSPORT OF PATIENTS	19,900 (£19,900)	19,900 (£19,900)
C/fwd.	£776,230	£776,230

Purposes of Expenditure:	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
B/fwd.	776,230	776,230
SUPERVISION OF FOOD & DRINK	3,450 (£3,450)	3,450 (£3,450)
FLUORIDATION OF WATER SUPPLIES	700 (£700)	700 (£700)
CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIETIES:		
(Dist. Nursing Associations)	3,500 (£3,500)	3,500 (£3,500)
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:		
Salaries—Co. Medical Officer and Staff	6,580	6,580
do. General Office Staff	6,920	6,920
Travelling Expenses	750	750
Stationery, Printing and Advertising	1,450	1,450
Postage & Telephone Charges	2,200	2,200
Other Expenses—Heating, Lighting, etc.	840	840
Insurances	100 (£18,840)	100 (£18,840)
ASSESSMENT—NURSES ACT 1950	30 (£30)	30 (£30)
RETIRING ALLOWANCES AND GRATUITIES	12,750 (£12,750)	12,750 (£12,750)
OTHER EXPENSES:		
Fees and travelling expenses: Mental Treatment Act	200	200
Proportion of salaries of Engineers, Law Agent and Analyst	2,204	2,204
LOAN CHARGES	500 (£2,904)	500 (£2,904)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	£818,404	£818,404

Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Government Grants—Health Grant	410,000	410,000
Contributions from patients for Institutional Services:		
Council Institutions	11,000	11,000
Extern Institutions	1,500	1,500
Mental Hospital	1,230	1,230
Other Receipts:		
Hire of Ambulances	600	600
Sale of Farm Produce	1,300	1,300
Sale of offal and old stores	50	50
Rents & Ins. refunds, etc.	350	350
Officers' emoluments	5,600	5,600
Contribs. to Superannuation	3,450	3,450
Miscellaneous	500	500
	£435,580	£435,580

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Home Assistance	13,000	13,000
Footwear Scheme	1,400	1,400
Cost of Burials	450	450
Registration Expenses	650	650
Salaries	9,000	9,000
Retiring Allowances	900	900
Fuel Schemes and other Expenses	1,650	1,650
TOTAL:	£27,050	£27,050

Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Government Grant—Foot- wear Scheme	700	700
Other Receipts:		
Repayments of Home As- sistance	200	200
Repayments of Burial Ex- penses	10	10
Refund of Fees	300	300
Superannuation Contri- butions	160	160
TOTAL:	£1,370	£1,370

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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—Re- pairs and Maintenance	5,800	5,800
Water Supplies—Repairs and Maintenance	11,500	11,500
Domestic Scavenging	4,100	4,100
Dumping Grounds	1,400	1,400
Burial Grounds	4,570	4,570
Public Lighting	4,400	4,400
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—Propor- tion of salaries & travelling expenses	5,439	5,439
Analyst—Proportion of salary	75	75
Superannuation	750	750
Loan Charges:		
Sewerage & Public Sanitary Conveniences	2,210	2,210
Water Supplies	19,960	19,960
	£64,448	£64,448

SANITARY:

Nature of Income:

State Grants—Contributions to	In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Loan Charges	7,500	7,500
do. Derelict Sites	300	300
Water Undertakings	3,300	3,300
Burial Fees	800	800
Miscellaneous	400	400
Contributions to Super- annuation	200	200
	£12,500	£12,500

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**Explanatory Table of the Estimates for Financial Year
ending 31st March, 1968****HOUSING**

Purpose of Expenditure:	From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Salaries	3,872	3,872
Retiring Allowances	600	600
Superannuation—Employees	100	100
Remuneration of Engineers and Law Agent (portion)	6,246	6,246
Rent Collectors' Poundage	6,332	6,332
Repairs to Council Houses	14,000	10,000
Construction of Council Houses—Loan Charges	73,863	73,863
Insurances	1,400	1,400
Rates on Council Houses	20,500	20,500
Other Council Housing Ex- penses	305	305
Printing, Stationery and Ad- vertising, etc.	500	500
Loan Charges:		
Housing (Loans and Grants) Acts—Erection of Private Dwellings	15,646	15,646
Housing Grants for Improve- ment and Erection of Private Dwellings	18,096	18,096
TOTAL FOR HOUSING CHARGES:	£161,460	£157,460

HOUSING: Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Labourers' Acts:		
Rents of Council Houses	39,000	39,000
Housing Subsidy—State	30,900	30,900
Other Receipts	75	75
Housing (Loans & Grants) Acts—Loan Repayments	15,646	15,646
Contributions under L.G. (Superannuation) Act	150	150
TOTAL FOR HOUSING RECEIPTS:	£85,771	£85,771

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**Explanatory Table of the Estimates for Financial Year
ending 31st March, 1968****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— Demand			16,238	16,238
Public Libraries			9,316	9,316
Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963			7,500	7,500
Tourist Development	1,000	1,000		
Scholarships: Secondary	8,580	8,580		
University	3,130	3,130		
Other Purposes:				
Salaries and Travelling Ex- penses	6,485	6,485	13,995	13,995
Cost of Rate Collection— Commission and Assess- ment			16,373	16,373
Cost of Rate Collection— Superannuation			1,749	1,749
Irrecoverable Rates, Dis- counts and Remissions			1,200	1,200
Tramway Employees' Pensions			290	290
Pensions: Late Union Officers	387	387		
Co. Officers and Servants	906	906	3,205	3,205
Franchise and Jurors Lists	3,195	3,195		
Valuation	175	175		
Legal Expenses			200	200
Coroners and Inquests	750	750		
Postage and Telephones	750	750	1,250	1,250
Printing, Stationery and Ad- vertising	100	100	1,150	1,150
Elections	3,000	3,000		
Assessments:				
(i) Local Authorities (Officers and Employ- ees) Act	650	650		
(ii) Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act	400	400		
C/fwd.	£29,508	£29,508	£72,466	£72,466

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.	29,508	29,508	72,466	72,466
Fire Brigades			18,594	18,594
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 Schemes	200	200		
Milk & Dairies & Slaughter of Animals Acts			850	850
Road Fund Expenses	5,771	5,771		
Blind Persons Acts	1,250	1,250		
Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Expenses	300	300		
Civil Defence	7,888	7,888		
Diseases of Animals: Veterinary Inspectors	1,085	1,085		
Sheep Dipping Scheme	4,900	4,900		
Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	1,000	1,000		
Courthouses and Offices: Repairs and Renewals	1,200	600	900	900
Rents and Expenses	600	600	750	750
Courtkeepers and Office Attendants	257	257	900	900
Loan Charges	564	564	706	706
Expenses of Pounds			75	75
Audit Fees			800	800
Travelling Expenses: County Councillors	1,860	1,860		
Harbour Guarantees	332	332		
Interest on Overdraft: General Account			8,000	8,000
Miscellaneous	200	200	850	850
	60,504	59,904	104,891	104,891
Materials Expenses	30,000	30,000		
Machinery Expenses	85,000	85,000		
	£175,504	174,904	£104,891	£104,891

GENERAL PURPOSES— Nature of Income:	Amount Estimated			
	In which Urban Areas Participate		In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
State Grant—Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) (Amendment) Act, 1961	6,793	6,793		
Contribution to Retiring Allowances	15	15		
Licence Fees: Poison	6	6		
Cinematograph			7	7
Fines under Food and Drugs Acts	10	10		
Public Libraries			233	233
Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme: Repayments	200	200		
Recoupments: Franchise & Jurors' Expenses	1,597	1,597		
Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Expenses	300	300		
Civil Defence—State Grant	5,352	5,352		
Fire Brigades—Contributions by Urban District Councils			4,830	4,830
Fire Brigade—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	5,771	5,771		
Valuation Certificates			3	3
Proportion of Analyst's Salary chargeable to Health and Sanitary Services	150	150		
Contribution from Urban District Councils to County Checker's Salary			50	50
Bounty in lieu of Rates			8,850	8,850
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	300	300
	23,023	23,028	16,190	16,190
Materials Expenses	30,000	30,000		
Machinery Expenses	85,000	85,000		
	£138,023	£138,028	£16,190	£16,190

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for Local Financial
Year ending 31st March, 1968

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	29,336	29,336		
Repayment of Loans	9,744	9,744		
Retiring Allowances	5,814	5,814		
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board			328	328
Criminal Injuries:—				
County-At-Large	517	640		
TOTAL FOR SEPARATE CHARGES:	£45,411	£45,534	£328	£328

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	4,872	4,872		
Recoupment proportion of Pensions	2,907	2,907		
Superannuation contributions	518	518		
	£8,297	£8,297		

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
	Chargeable to the WHOLE COUNTY	Chargeable to the COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	Applicable to the WHOLE COUNTY	Applicable to the COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	Chargeable to the WHOLE COUNTY	Chargeable 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 ..	260,489	138,868	194,162	33,371	66,327	105,497	2,637	11,106	2,142	155,939		9,900	165,839	13/1-26
HEALTH ..	818,404		435,580		382,824		15,219	64,100	12,364	291,141	9,274		281,867	22/3-28
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	27,050		1,370		25,680		1,021	4,300	829	19,530			19,530	1/6-52
SANITARY ..		64,448		12,500		51,948				51,948			51,948	4/1-26
HOUSING ..		157,460		85,771		71,689				71,689			71,689	5/7-98
GENERAL PURPOSES ..	174,904	104,891	138,028	16,190	36,876	88,701	1,466	6,174	1,191	116,746			116,746	9/2-70
	£1,280,847	£465,667	£769,140	£147,832	£511,707	£317,835	£20,343	£85,680	£16,526	£706,993	£9,274	£9,900	£707,619	55/11

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 £253,098 6s. 0d.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held on Monday, 13th March, 1967, at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, following the termination of the adjourned Estimates Meeting.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, J. Everett, T.D., John Temple, Roger Miley, J. Gregory and H. W. Hopkins.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Council's Architect, and Assistant County Engineers, J. P. Caffrey and K. C. O'Donnell, attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notice of intention to propose the following Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in names of Councillors Miss Mary Walsh, J. J. McCrea, John Quigley and James Everett, T.D.:— "That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of dwellinghouse on plot vested in Mrs. Kennedy at Killiniskeyduff, Arklow, County Wicklow."
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 30th January (Special) and 6th February, 1967.
3. Overdraft on General A/C for Quarter to 30th June, 1967.
4. Rathdrum O.A.P. Sub-Committee—To fill vacancies on Committee.
5. Application for Supplementary Grants for New Houses at Bentley Park and Killickabawn, Delgany.
6. Application for consent to sales of Vested Cottages at (1) Parkmore, Baltinglass; and (2) Barraderry, Kiltegan.
7. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:—"That in the case of the sale of a Vested Cottage by Mr. John Keogh, Ballynulta, to Mr. George Hickey, the Council agree to accept £100, that being one-third of the sale price."
8. Scheme for Loans for Reconstruction, Repair or Improvement of Houses—Letter from Mr. F. Hynes, Rathnew, re Loans to tenants of Vested Cottages.
9. Sites for houses at Rathnew—Report of Council's Architect.
10. Site for housing at Avoca—Proposed compulsory acquisition of site.
11. Site for Dumping Ground at Knockroe, Kilcoole.
12. Unauthorised extensions to bungalow at Clogga, Arklow.

13. Burnaby Park, Greystones — Letter from Trustees of Burnaby Estate.
14. Housing Scheme at Parkmore, Baltinglass—Report of Co. Engineer on flooding of access road.
15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley: — "That some lights be provided at the terrace of houses built at Blessington."
16. Abandoned cars at Newtownmountkennedy.
17. Coast Erosion—Bray Promenade.
18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:—"That the gateway into Ballycoogue Cemetery be moved to a central position and widened, and that the corner of the parking space be rounded off and pipes set in underneath the wall to take the flow of water."
19. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Gregory and J. Everett, T.D.:—"That compensation for ground taken for road improvement at Timore be paid to all cottage tenants."
20. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley requesting Reports on:
 - (1) Condition of road from Mullawn Cross to Carrignaweel, Rathdangan;
 - (2) Condition of pump at Kilballyowen, Aughrim; and
 - (3) Possibility of providing Group Water Supply for cottages at Baleshal, Aughrim.
21. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh: — "That road from Kilpipe to Killacoran be put in proper repair and re-surfaced."
22. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor E. Byrne:—"That a light be provided at bus stop at Lower Windgates, Greystones, to serve ten cottages and some private houses on other side of road. (There is no existing light)."
23. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That sewerage facilities be provided for cottages at Kilmagig Rd., Avoca."
24. Application from Irish National Council on Alcoholism for Grant of £50 towards expenses of Council.
25. Revised salary scale for Dental Surgeon.
26. Repairs to cottages carried out in February, 1967, and cottages to be repaired in March, 1967.
27. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the wife and relatives of the late Mr. M. J. Conboy, County Accountant. The Chairman stated that his death came as a great shock to all as he was a young man and a very able Official of the Council. The County Manager asked that he and the members of the staff be associated with the terms of the Council's Resolution. He stated that the late Mr. Conboy had been a very conscientious Official and had always had the interests of the Council very much at heart.

Item No. 1—Notice of Intention to Propose the following Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in Names of Councillors Miss Mary Walsh, J. J. McCrea, John Quigley and James Everett, T.D.:—"That we, the Members of Wicklow Co. Council, hereby instruct the Co. Manager to issue Town Planning Approval for the Erection of Dwellinghouse on plot vested in Mrs. Kennedy at Killiniskeyduff, Arklow, Co. Wicklow."

The County Secretary gave details of the grounds for the refusal of permission and stated that the site was a vested cottage plot and that previously permission to sub-divide the cottage plot had been refused for similar reasons. The plot adjoined the Main Arklow/Wicklow Road some distance north of Arklow.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we, the Members of Wicklow Co. Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of dwellinghouse on plot vested in Mrs. Kennedy at Killiniskeyduff, Arklow, Co. Wicklow.
Passed unanimously

The County Secretary stated that if it was desired to give effect to the Council's Resolution it would be necessary for the applicant to submit a new application.

Item No. 2—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 30th January, 1967, and 6th February, 1967.
Passed unanimously

Item No. 3—Overdraft on General A/C for Quarter to 30th June, 1967.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank Ltd., for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the Quarter to 30th June, 1967, shall not exceed £300,000.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Rathdrum O.A.P. Sub-Committee—To Fill Vacancies on Committee.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons as members of the Rathdrum O.A.P. Sub-Committee to fill vacancies on the Committee:-

Very Rev. Patrick O'Flynn, P.P., Rathdrum—To fill vacancy arising from death of Very Rev. Fr. Cusack, P.P.

Rev. Canon A. H. V. Frazer—To fill vacancy caused by transfer of Rev. Canon Lowe.

Mr. D. Herr, N.T., Aughrim—To fill vacancy arising from disqualification of Mr. John McDonald.

Mr. William Cooper, Ballyhad, Rathdrum—To fill vacancy caused by Mr. S. Hetherington having left the district.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Applications for Supplementary Grants for New Houses at Bentley Park and Killickabawn, Delgany.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That we approve of payment of Supplementary Grants for New Houses to the following persons:—

In Respect of Houses at Bentley Park, Bray:

To James C. Condron, 59, Wolfe Tone Square, North, Bray (No. 1)

To Noel Murphy, Flat 8, 'Galtrim House,' Galtrim Park, Bray (No. 2)

To George Bishop, 67, Wolfe Tone Square, North, Bray, (No. 3)

To Matthew Kelly, "Glencairn," Novara Road, Bray. (No. 4)

To Thomas Byrne, 4, Florence Road, Bray. (No. 5)

To James Oliver Hopkins, "Glencourt Cottage," Killarney Road, Bray. (No. 6)

To James Byrne, 4, Wolfe Tone Square, South, Bray. (No. 8)

To Ernest Gallagher, 9, Boghall Road, Bray. (No. 9)

To Patrick McHugh, 1, Seapoint Road, Bray. (No. 11)

To Peter McDonnell, 4, Warburton Terrace, Bray. (No. 12)

To Patk. T. Salmon, 10, Carrig Villas, Killincarrig, Delgany. (No. 13)

To Edward O'Toole, "St. Mary's" Boghall Road, Bray. (No. 14)

In Respect of House at Killickabawn, Delgany:

To Thomas K. Stewart, c/o "Seaview House," Greystones.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Applications for Consent to Sales of Vested Cottages at (1) Parkmore, Baltinglass; and (2) Barraderry, Kiltegan.

The County Secretary gave details of the applications and stated that they appeared to be in order.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Christopher Donohue, tenant-purchaser of Cottage No. 170/1 at Parkmore, Baltinglass, of his interest in the cottage to George Bradley, Edward Street, Baltinglass, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £166 13s. 4d., the Annuity to continue to be paid on the cottage and the Statutory Conditions to continue to apply.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by the Representatives of the late Patrick Crinion of their interest in Cottage No. 52/1 at Barraderry, Kiltegan, to Mr. Patrick McCoy, subject to the payment to the Council of the sum of £100, the Annuity to continue to be paid and the Statutory Conditions to continue to apply to the cottage.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Whelan:—"That in the case of the Sale of a Vested Cottage by Mr. John Keogh, Ballynulta, to Mr. George Hickey, the Council agree to accept £100, that being one-third of the sale price."

Councillor J. Whelan stated that the actual sale price in this case was £300 and he considered that the Council should, consequently, accept a figure of £100 as being one-third of the sale price.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That in the case of the sale of a Vested Cottage by Mr. John Keogh, Ballynulta, to Mr. George Hickey, the Council agree to accept £100, that being one-third of the sale price.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager pointed out that it would be necessary to have confirmation of the sale price of £300 by submission of the Contract for Sale or some other suitable document. It was agreed that subject to the submission of the necessary evidence of the sale price, application would be made for sanction to the acceptance of the sum of £100.

Item No. 8—Scheme for Loans for Reconstruction, Repair or Improvement of Houses—Letter from Mr. F. Hynes, Rathnew, re Loans to Tenants of Vested Cottages.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from Mr. F. Hynes of Rathnew regarding tenants of vested cottages who wished to carry out improvements to their cottages, or extensions, but were not in a position to meet the balance of the cost of the work, having allowed for a State Grant and Supplementary Grant. In many of these cases it was stated that there were large families and extensions to the cottages were necessary. The County Secretary stated that the Council's present Scheme for the making of Loans to persons towards the cost of Reconstruction, Repair and Improvement Works on Dwellinghouses authorised the Council to make such advances to tenants of vested cottages and in fact some such Loans already had been made by the Council. The Loan which had been raised by the Council, however, had been fully expended and it had not been possible to raise a further Loan. If the Council wished to continue the Scheme in the coming year it would be necessary to set aside part of the Council's Capital Allocation for the purpose and in this regard it was presumed the

Council would need to give priority as regards moneys available to Loans to persons building New Houses and to Supplementary Grants. The Council noted that the matter would be reconsidered when the Council's Capital Allocation for the coming year was received.

Item No. 9—Sites for Houses at Rathnew—Report of Council's Architect.

The Council, at the suggestion of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., and Councillor Gregory, agreed to refer this matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area at a Local Meeting and it was agreed that a Meeting of the Committee be held on Monday, 20th March, 1967, at 3 p.m. at Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow.

Item No. 10—Site for Housing at Avoca—Proposed Compulsory Acquisition of Site.

The County Secretary submitted the Report of the Council's Architect in regard to a site owned by C.I.E. at Station Yard, Avoca, which he recommended be acquired by the Council for the purpose of providing a site for housing at Avoca. It was understood that the site would shortly be put up for public auction. The Council's Architect recommended that the site be acquired compulsorily.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;
Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That having considered Report of Council's Architect regarding site owned by C.I.E. at Station Yard, Avoca, we approve of the compulsory acquisition of this site for the purpose of providing a site for housing at Avoca.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Site for Dumping Ground at Knockree, Kilcoole.

At the suggestion of Members of the Council for Bray Electoral Area the Council agreed to refer this matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for that Area and it was agreed that a Meeting of the Committee for Bray Electoral Area be held on Thursday, 23rd March, 1967, at 8 p.m., at the Town Hall, Bray.

Item No. 12—Unauthorised Extensions to Bungalow at Clogga, Arklow.

The Council noted the Report of the County Secretary that structures were in course of erection at a bungalow at Clogga Beach, Arklow, and it appeared that these structures were intended as Kennels for the rearing of Irish Wolfhounds and that already a number of Wolfhounds were being kept on the premises. No permission had been sought or granted by the Council under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, and the occupier of the bungalow had been notified that the use of the premises for the purpose of the

rearing of Wolfhounds should be terminated immediately. The bungalow in question adjoined the Beach at Clogga, near Arklow.

Item No. 13—Burnaby Park, Greystones — Letter from Trustees of Burnaby Estate.

The Council decided to refer this matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their Committee Meeting to be held on 23rd March, 1967.

Item No. 14—Housing Scheme at Parkmore, Baltinglass — Report of County Engineer on Flooding of Access Road.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;
Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer of 7th February, 1967, we approve of the laying of approximately 80 yds. of 9" concrete pipe to a stream and providing two road gulleys at estimated cost of £85 to relieve flooding on access road at Housing Scheme at Parkmore, Baltinglass.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Miley:—"That some Lights be provided at the Terrace of Houses built at Blessington."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended the provision of one light for the new terrace of houses at Blessington. Councillor J. Miley stated that he did not consider one light would be sufficient and pointed out that there were sixteen houses there.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of an estimate being obtained from the E.S.B. for the provision of one public light on existing pole at Housing Scheme at Blessington.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16—Abandoned Cars at Newtownmountkennedy.

The County Secretary stated that four cars had been found abandoned on the roadside at Newtownmountkennedy and the Council's Solicitor had been instructed to take proceedings against the persons responsible. The Council's Solicitor had pointed out that it would be

necessary to have evidence of the persons who actually abandoned the cars since it would not necessarily have been the former owners of the cars. At present the person who it was understood was responsible was out of the country and it was not possible to serve a Summons on him. The County Manager stated that some submissions, he felt, should be made to the Central Authority to provide a disposal plant for old and wrecked cars as all Local Authorities were experiencing difficulties in regard to the dumping of such vehicles alongside public roads and in other places.

Item No. 17—Coast Erosion—Bray Promenade.

The County Secretary submitted letters received from Bray Urban District Council in regard to erosion of the sea-wall north of the new Beach Pavilion at Bray and asking that the matter be considered under the Coast Protection Act.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we make application to Commissioners of Public Works under the Coast Protection Act for a Preliminary Report on a Scheme for protection of part of Promenade at Bray.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 18—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Whelan:—

"That the Gateway into Ballycoogue Cemetery be moved to a Central Position and Widened, and that the Corner of the Parking Space be Rounded off and Pipes set in underneath the wall to take the Flow of Water."

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Engineer had reported that the entrance to Ballycoogue Cemetery was at one side and there was a steep slope from this to get from the roadway to the level of Graveyard. In his opinion, altering entrance to centre of the Graveyard would make no material difference unless considerable excavation was carried out so that a hearse could be brought to the centre of the Graveyard, and to make such alteration would cost about £170. Even if this were done there would be no turning-place for the hearse, which would have to be backed down after coffins were removed. In regard to the corner of the parking space, the Assistant Co. Engineer pointed out that this was not the property of the Council, as he had reported previously. Councillor Whelan stated that persons in the district felt strongly that the alteration should be made in the gateway and Colr. Miss Walsh pointed out that she had submitted a similar Motion about a year previously and that she felt that something must be wrong regarding the present position of the gateway. Mr. J. P. Caffrey, Assistant County Engineer, stated that changing the entrance would not

overcome the congestion at the entrance, which it was stated occurred at funerals. The Council decided to take no action on the matter.

Item No. 19—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors J. Gregory and J. Everett, T.D.:—"That Compensation for Ground Taken for Road Improvement at Timore be Paid to All Cottage Tenants."

The County Secretary stated that the Council had agreed to make payments to four tenants in respect of land acquired for Road Improvements and Paying Orders in respect of the compensation had been forwarded to the Council's Solicitor, who, however, had indicated that he had asked the tenants to call to complete the necessary Transfers, but that they had not done so. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., claimed that there had been undue delay in arranging the payments.

Item No. 20—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Quigley Requesting Reports on:—(1) Condition of Road from Mullawn Cross to Carrignamweel, Rathangan; (2) Condition of Pump at Killyowen, Aughrim; and (3) Possibility of Providing Group Water Supply for Cottages at Balleshal, Aughrim.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that arrangements had been made to have the potholes on a half-mile of tarred road near Mullins Cross repaired at an estimated cost of £30. No Report in regard to the condition of the pump at Killyowen, Aughrim, was yet available, and in relation to the matter of the Group Water Supply for cottages at Balleshal, Aughrim, the County Engineer stated that the Department had been informed that there were twenty-two cottages involved and that the Council's main from the Aughrim Water Supply, from which a connection could be taken, ran within 500 lin. yards of the cottages. The formation of the Group Water Supply Scheme to serve the area would be better, which would be arranged through the Department of Local Government.

Item No. 21—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That Road from Kilpipe to Killacoran be put in Proper Repair and Re-surfaced."

The County Engineer reported that this gravel road was the branch of County Road 202 from Kilpipe Crossroads (on the Tinahely/Aughrim Road) to Killacoran. The only house on the road was situated at the junction with the Tinahely/Aughrim Road. The road was used mainly by farm traffic and its length was one mile and its condition fair. The average width of the carriageway was 9 ft. The road was maintained in a reasonable condition by the Council. The County Engineer stated that it was considered that the traffic on the road did not justify its inclusion in next year's Estimates for County Road Improvement Grant, when there were more important roads in the area for rolling and surface-dressing. The Council noted the terms of the Report.

Item No. 22—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor E. Byrne:—"That a Light be provided at 'Bus Stop at Lower Windgates, Greystones, to serve Ten Cottages and some Private Houses on other side of Road. (There is no Existing Light)."

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Engineer agreed that a light was necessary and the E.S.B. had been asked for a quotation.

Item No. 23—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That Sewerage Facilities be Provided for Cottages at Kilmagig Road, Avoca."

The Co. Secretary stated that a Report on the matter had been requested from the County Engineer, but was not yet available.

Item No. 24—Application from Irish National Council on Alcoholism for Grant of £50 towards Expenses of Council.

Having considered the application the Members of the Council indicated that they were not agreeable to make a contribution towards the expenses of the Council.

Item No. 25—Revised Salary Scale for Dental Surgeon.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That in accordance with the Scheme for Conciliation and Arbitration, we approve of the application of a revised salary scale of £1,800 x £62 10s.—£2,300 p.a., inclusive of the 'Ninth Round' 12 per cent., to the office of wholetime Dental Surgeon, with effect from 1st June, 1966, 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 salary scale.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 26—Repairs to Cottages Carried Out in February, 1967, and Cottages to be Repaired in March, 1967.

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired during February, 1967, and those to be repaired during March, 1967.

Item No. 27—Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

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

NOTICES OF MOTION:

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

In the names of Councillors Edward Byrne, John Temple, H. B. Hipwell and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:—"We, the undersigned, hereby give notice of our intention to invoke Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, instructing the County Manager to grant Town Planning permission to Mr. Declan Burton of Enniskerry for the erection of a Garage at Enniskerry, as per Plans submitted."

In the name of Councillor Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:—"That I, or someone for me, will move at the next Council Meeting that we enter into a further Contract with the present Builder with a view to building a further ten houses at Kilcoole."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

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, 3rd April, 1967, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors John Quigley, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, J. Gregory and H. W. Hopkins.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Mr. P. J. Bermingham, Architect, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell, S. F. Coffey and K. C. O'Donnell 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 names of Councillors Edward Byrne, John Temple, Hugh B. Hipwell and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:— "That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of a Garage at Enniskerry by Mr. Declan Burton of Enniskerry."
 - (b) In names of Councillors James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Mark Deering and G. Timmins:— "That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of a Bungalow at Ballyfolan, Manor Kilbride."
2. Letter from Minister for Local Government to Chairman and Members re Development Plan under Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.
3. Annual Conference of the Town Planning Institute—Letter from Department of Local Government.
4. Acquisition of Burnaby Park, Greystones — Recommendation of Members of Council for BRAY ELECTORAL AREA.
5. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:— "That I, or someone for me, will move at the next Council Meeting that we enter into a further Contract with the present Builder with a view to building a further ten houses at Kilcoole."
6. Site for cottage for Mr. John Dillon at Kilbride, Arklow—Report of County Medical Officer.
7. Application from Ashford Housing Committee for reception of Deputation.
8. Application of Charles Gill, Old Village, Rathnew, for consent to redemption of annuity on Vested Cottage.
9. Tenders for Repairs to Cottages—Report of County Engineer.
10. Cottages repaired during March, 1967, and Cottages to be repaired in April, 1967.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne the Council passed a

Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the widow, family and relatives of the late Mr. Henry Harbourn, Manager of the National Bank, Carlow, who had been killed in a traffic accident at Moone, Co. Kildare, on the previous Saturday. The County Manager asked to be associated with the terms of the Council's Resolution of Sympathy and stated that Mr. Harbourn, who was a brother of Mr. A. Harbourn of the Bridge Hotel, Baltinglass, had been President of 'Trees for Ireland.'

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 Names of Councillors Edward Byrne, John Temple, Hugh B. Hipwell and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:— "That We, The Members of Wicklow County Council, Hereby Instruct the County Manager to Issue Town Planning Approval for the Erection of a Garage at Enniskerry by Mr. Declan Burton of Enniskerry."

(b) In Names of Councillors James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Mark Deering and G. Timmins:—"That We, the Members of Wicklow County Council, Hereby Instruct the County Manager to Issue Town Planning Approval for the Erection of a Bungalow at Ballyfolan, Manor Kilbride."

The County Secretary stated that an application had been made by Mr. Burton for a Garage at Monastery, Enniskerry, in 1965 and had been refused in July of that year. A second application had been submitted and had also been refused. An Appeal had been lodged with and had also been refused. An Appeal had been lodged with the Minister, but had subsequently been withdrawn and a new application had recently been made to the Council. The grounds for refusal of application had been (1) the construction of a Petrol Service Station in the location proposed would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard because the site was at a 'V' junction of two roads which were heavily trafficked in the Summer months; and (2) a Petrol Service Station in this location would seriously injure the amenities of the area which was predominantly rural and of considerable scenic value. Reports of the County Engineer and Chief Planning Assistant were submitted. Councillor H. J. Byrne pointed out that the site for the Garage had been moved some distance back from the apex of the junction of the two roads and Councillor Temple stated that in his opinion the benefits of the proposed Garage to the community would offset any objection to its location.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of a Garage at Enniskerry by Mr. Declan Burton of Enniskerry.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the application for approval to the erection of a bungalow at Ballyfolan, Manor Kilbride, for Mr.

Sean Murphy had been refused in February, 1967, on the following grounds:—

- (a) The proposed bungalow was out of character with the upland landscape in the area of the proposed site; and
- (b) The site was prominent in the locality and lacked any physical feature, trees or hedgerows which might serve to reduce the injury to amenity which the proposed structure would constitute.

There was no new application before the Council at present. Reports of the County Engineer and Chief Planning Assistant were submitted.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of a bungalow at Ballyfolan, Manor Kilbride.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Letter from Minister for Local Government to Chairman and Members Re Development Plan Under Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

The County Secretary stated that the Minister's letter to each Member of the Council, dated 8th March, 1967, together with copy of Circular Letter P.D.15 of the 8th March, 1967, and copy of the Notes for the Guidance of Councillors in relation to the Development Plan, which had been enclosed with the Minister's letter, had been circulated to the Members of the Council. Councillor J. Temple expressed the opinion that too much emphasis was being laid on the importance of the preservation of scenery and asked that the Council's Architect and County Engineer be what he felt was more realistic and give more emphasis to the building of houses than to their relation to scenery. Councillor H. B. Hipwell opposed the recommendation in the Notes circulated to the Members that houses should not be permitted alongside Main Roads. In reply to Councillor Whelan, who had stated that the Council, as Planning Authority, had not helped and advised applicants in the matter of Planning applications, the County Secretary stated that this was not correct and applicants were advised as to how proposals might be amended to allow of permission being granted where such was possible. Councillor Temple referred to the necessity for giving a decision on a Planning application within two months and felt that this period was too short and should be extended.

Item No. 3—Annual Conference of the Town Planning Institute — Letter from Department of Local Government.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 16th March, 1967 (Ref.: P.D.11/30), from the Department of Local Government in regard to the 1967 Annual Conference of the Town Planning Institute which would be held in Dublin from the 22nd to the 25th May, 1967. The letter referred particularly to a Symposium on "Politics, Planning and Management" to be held on the 23rd May, which would deal with working relationships between elected members of Planning Authorities and their professional advisers, and which, it was stated, would be of particular interest to Councillors and Planning Staffs. It was indicated in the letter that the attention of Councillors and Planning

Personnel should be drawn to the Programme of the Conference with a view to the authorisation of representatives to attend the Conference. The Minister had no objection to the payment of appropriate expenses to Councillors nominated to attend the Conference. Following a discussion on the matter the Council nominated any member of the Council who wished to do so to attend the Conference.

Item No. 4—Acquisition of Burnaby Park, Greystones—Recommendation of Members of Council for Bray Electoral Area.

The County Secretary stated that in August, 1965, the Council had passed a Resolution to acquire as a public space and develop as a Public Park the plot in Greystones bounded by Killincarrig Road, Burnaby Road, and the Greystones/Delgany Road, and known as "Burnaby Park." The matter had been taken up with the Trustees of the Burnaby Estate and the Council had now been informed that the Trustees would prefer not to assign or sell "The Park" to the County Council at this stage. The matter had been discussed with the Members of the Council for the BRAY ELECTORAL AREA, who recommended that in view of the terms of the letter on behalf of the Trustees the Council arrange to acquire "The Park" compulsorily.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That having considered letter of 3rd March, 1967, on behalf of the Trustees of the Burnaby Estate, and the recommendation of the Members of the Council for the BRAY ELECTORAL AREA, we hereby approve of the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order for the acquisition of "The Park", Greystones, from the Burnaby Estate. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:—"That I, or someone for me, will move at the next Council Meeting that we enter into a Further Contract with the Present Builder with a View to Building a Further Ten Houses at Kilcoole."

The County Secretary stated that twenty-five applications had been received for new houses at Kilcoole and the County Medical Officer had reported in September, 1966, on sixteen of these applications and had recommended six persons for re-housing. A further nine applications had been forwarded to the Chief Medical Officer in the month of February, but his recommendation on these was not yet available. It seemed that there would scarcely be sufficient eligible applicants to warrant the erection of a further ten houses in addition to the Scheme already in progress. The Council's Architect had indicated that the existing site would accommodate a further five houses. The Members of the Council for the BRAY ELECTORAL AREA had already recommended that the Council acquire the remainder of the field at Kilcoole on which the houses were at present being built. Councillor Hipwell expressed the view that the Council should proceed with a scheme for a further ten houses and that there would be no difficulty in getting sufficient eligible applicants for them. In reply to Councillor Temple the Council's Architect stated that he had visited the Scheme twice weekly and was quite satisfied with the standard of construction of the houses at present in progress.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we enter into a further Contract with the present Builder with a view to building a further ten houses at Kilcoole.

That we recommend that the necessary land for further housing be acquired compulsorily if necessary.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. Miley asked that applications be invited for the provision of houses in all areas of the County, and particularly at Blessington, in order to obtain an up-to-date assessment of the housing needs.

Item No. 6—Site for Cottage for Mr. John Dillon at Kilbride, Arklow—Report of County Medical Officer.

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer in Report of 31st March, 1967, stated he had considered again the matter of the area of the site for a cottage for Mr. John Dillon at Kilbride, Arklow, but could not reduce the requirement of a half-acre which he had laid down for septic tanks for new buildings. He stated that the minimum had been determined after much consideration of all the necessary factors and that he could visualise types of land where even more than such minimum would be needed. He pointed out that any breach of the requirement could lead to a large number of applications, each quoting such breach as a precedent, and that he could not alter his previous recommendation. The County Manager pointed out that the Chief Medical Officer was obliged to report to the Council on the suitability of every housing site and that his advice must be taken into account. Councillor Whelan stated that he considered the site proposed was adequate as it would be possible for the applicant to site the septic tank the required distance from the house and from the public road, as prescribed by the Department.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That we proceed with erection of house on site submitted for Mr. John Dillon at Kilbride, Arklow. Passed unanimously.

The County Manager stated that the views of the Members of the Council in regard to the area of the site, together with the recommendation of the County Medical Officer, would be submitted to the Department of Local Government.

Item No. 7—Application from Ashford Housing Committee for Reception of Deputation.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of the reception of a Deputation from the Ashford Housing Committee at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 10th April, 1967.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Application of Charles Gill, Old Village, Rathnew, for Consent to Redemption of Annuity on Vested Cottage.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Architect had reported that Mr. Gill had carried out considerable improvements to his vested cottage, which had been erected in 1935, and he estimated the value of the original cottage at £700 and pointed out that a neighbouring cottage recently had changed hands for this sum. He estimated the value of the extended cottage at approximately £900. It seemed, therefore, that if the Council were to agree to the redemption of the Annuity the value of the cottage might be determined at £700 and on this basis the amount required for redemption would be £593 18s. 10d. The cottage had been vested from the 1st June, 1962, and the period of re-payment of the Annuity was thirty-three years, which meant that only five years would have elapsed at the 1st June, 1967. The County Secretary pointed out that it had not been the policy of the Council to agree to the redemption of Annuities on vested cottages as such redemption meant that the Council had no further control over the manner of disposal of the cottage, or as to who might occupy it in the future. He pointed out that the applicant had indicated that he wished to redeem the Annuity so that he could leave the cottage to members of his family on his death but the County Secretary pointed out that he was entitled to dispose of the vested cottage by will even if the Annuity were not redeemed.

It was
Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the redemption of the Annuity on Cottage No. 178/11 of Mr. Charles Gill, 47, The Bank, Rathnew, on payment of a sum of £593 18s. 10d. to the Council.

Councillor Gregory stated that every tenant had the right to apply for redemption of the Annuity and it was for the Council to decide and he felt it would be unjust not to grant permission. Councillor Temple stated that he had approved of the policy that the Council should not agree to the redemption of Annuities on vested cottages, but stated he was reluctant to oppose the local Members. A vote having been called for on the proposal it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

In FAVOUR—Councillors J. Whelan, E. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, H. W. Hopkins, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, R. Miley, J. Quigley, J. Temple and Miss M. Walsh—ELEVEN.

AGAINST—Councillors H. J. Byrne, H. B. Hipwell, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, and G. Timmins—FIVE.

The Resolution was declared passed by eleven votes in favour to five votes against. Councillor Timmins pointed out that in view of the decision on this application, which was contrary to the policy previously followed, previous applications which had been refused should be reviewed and he asked that an application in respect of the West Wicklow Area be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting.

Item No. 9—Tenders for Repairs to Cottage—Report of Co. Engineer.

The County Secretary submitted the Report of the County Engineer on the Tenders received for Repairs to Cottages. The County Engineer recommended that the Tender of Mr. Hugh O'Neill for the Tinahely District (No. 7) at 20 per cent. over the Standard Rate be accepted.

The County Engineer pointed out that no Tenders had been received for the Western District or for the South-Eastern District and that the other Tenders received were at too high a figure and he could not recommend their acceptance. The County Engineer recommended that Tenders be invited again for the other Areas and that in the meantime repairs be carried out by direct labour.

It was
Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer in his Report on his examination of the Tenders for Repairs to Cottages for the year 1967/68.

Passed unanimously.

It was
Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we carry out repairs in West Wicklow Area for the present year by Direct Labour.

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that Tenders be re-invited for Repairs in the other Areas.

Item No. 10—Cottages Repaired During March, 1967, and Cottages to be Repaired in April, 1967.

The Council noted the list of repairs to cottages carried out during the month of March and of those to be repaired during the month of April, 1967.

Housing Capital Allocation for Year 1967/68—Council Housing.

The County Secretary stated that notification had been received that morning of the Council's Capital Allocation for Housing for the coming year. The initial amount allocated, which was sufficient to cover all Schemes in progress and Schemes for which Tenders had been approved by the Department, amounted to £63,000. It was indicated in the Department's letter that the amount of the Allocation would be increased as and when new Schemes were approved and Tenders sanctioned by the Department and, consequently, in future sanction to a Tender would also include an Allocation of Capital to meet the costs of the Scheme arising during that year. The Council noted the terms of the Department's letter.

Payment of Gratuity to Legal Personal Representative of the Late Mr. M. J. Conboy, County Accountant.

It was
Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;
Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the expenditure of £1,885 in excess of the amount provided in the Estimates for the year 1966/67 to defray the amount of the Gratuity payable to the Legal Personal Representative of the late Mr. M. J. Conboy, County Accountant.

Passed unanimously.

Water Rates at Dunlavin.

Councillor Deering stated that there were objections from persons in Dunlavin in regard to the system of collection of Water Rates and persons in the area felt that they had been paying for the service in their Rents for a number of years and that they should not have to pay an extra charge for Water Rates. The County Manager stated that the matter would be examined.

Corner at Boghall Road, Bray.

In reply to Councillor H. B. Hipwell the County Engineer stated that agreement had been reached with Mrs. Healy for the terms of acquisition of the plot of land required for the easing of the corner at Boghall Road and the matter of Conditions of Sale was at present being dealt with by her Solicitor. In regard to inquiry from Councillor Hipwell concerning the provision of traffic lights at the junction of Main Street and Quinsboro' Road the County Engineer stated that he was arranging to see the Chief Superintendent of the Traffic Section of the Garda Síochána to determine the type of lights to be provided and that he hoped to have the lights available for the coming tourist season.

Pedestrian Crossing at Blessington.

Councillor J. Miley asked if the matter of providing a pedestrian crossing at the National School in Blessington could be examined and a Report submitted.

Dump at Blessington.

Councillor Miley asked that the Assistant County Engineer at Blessington be instructed to have the gates of the Dumping Ground locked during the week as persons were dumping indiscriminately on the Dump.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— "That an Engineer's Report be submitted in connection with boundary walls at Tinahely Bridge which are allegedly in a dangerous condition."

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley:— Requesting a Report from the County Engineer "as to why the 'matchsticks' are not re-painted, as everyone recognises they are very characteristic of County Wicklow." In the name of Councillor G. Timmins:— "That a Supplementary Reconstruction Grant be paid to John Kehoe, Ballyknockan."

In the names of Councillors James Everett, T.D., James Gregory and H. W. Hopkins:— "That County Engineer prepare Plans and Estimate for extension of water from Rathnew to Killougher for supply for domestic use, as over eighty-one persons are without drinking-water or sanitary facilities, including townlands of Ballinapark, Cronakeary, and Coolawinna area."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 10th April, 1967, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.
Councillors John Quigley, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley and J. Gregory.

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, as follows:—
 - (a) In the names of Councillors Henry J. Byrne, Mary Ledwidge, John Temple and Hugh B. Hipwell:
"That we direct the County Manager to grant Town Planning permission for the erection of a house at Windgates, Bray, to Mr. Thomas Tracey of Newcourt Road, Bray, in accordance with Plans submitted by Mr. Tracey under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors John Temple, Edward Byrne and Hugh B. Hipwell:
"That we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning approval for the erection of four houses at Newtown, Enniskerry, to Mr. Rupert Mitchell, in accordance with Plans submitted by him on 22nd March, 1967. This approval to be granted only on condition that the site be no longer used as a Caravan Park."
 - (c) In the names of Councillors Roger Miley, H. W. Hopkins and James Everett, T.D.:
"That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of a bungalow at Laragh for Mrs. D. Tomkin."
 - (d) In the names of Councillors James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Mark Deering and G. Timmins:
"That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to produce turf from the Baltinglass Bog for Baltinglass Hospital."
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 13th Feb., 1967.
3. Draft Development Plan under Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 — To fix date for Meeting of Council to consider Draft Development Plan.
4. Applications for Closing of Roads:
 - (a) Application of Irish Motor Racing Club Ltd., for closing of roads at Enniskerry for purposes of Annual Hill Climb to be held on 29th April, 1967;
 - (b) Application of Motor Enthusiasts' Club Ltd., for closing of roads at Rathdrum for purposes of Short Circuit Motor Races at Corballis area on 13th May, 1967; and
 - (c) Application of M.G. Car Club (Irish Centre) Ltd., for closing

of portion of Main Road T.61 on Long Hill, Kilmaçanogue, on Saturday, 20th May, 1967, for purpose of holding Motor Car Hill Climb.

5. Road Safety Campaign—May, 1967: Letter from Department of Local Government.
6. To receive Deputation from Ashford Housing Committee re matter of piped water supply for Killoughter/Ballinapark area.
7. Newcastle Mental Hospital—Creation of additional female nursing posts.
8. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:—"That I, or some Member of this Council move for me, that the number of Medical Cards be given in three Urban Towns and number in all Dispensary Districts during financial years ended 31st March, 1966 and 1967."
9. Capital Allocation for House Purchase and Reconstruction Loans and Supplementary Housing Grants in 1967/'68—Letter from Department of Local Government.
10. Application of Mr. John Curran, Rathattin, Hollywood, for consent to redemption of Annuity on his Vested Cottage.
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—Requesting Report from County Secretary about percentage of Rate collected on 1st March, 1967, and the number of Civil Bills served on rate-payers after the 1st October, 1966.
12. Letter addressed to Chairman of Council by Irish Local Government Officials' Union regarding reference to remuneration of Rate Collectors and Superannuation, as referred to at Estimates Meeting of Council.
13. Report of Local Government Auditor on Audit of Accounts of the Council for the year ended 31st March, 1966. (Copy circulated to each Member).
14. Malicious Injury Claims in respect of Forests at Shillelagh.
15. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

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Mark Deering and G. Timmins: "That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to produce turf from the Ballinagee Bog for Baltinglass Hospital."

- (a) It was
Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;
Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Town Planning permission for the erection of a house at Windgates, Bray, to Mr. Thomas Tracey of Newcourt Road, Bray, in accordance with Plans submitted by Mr. Tracey under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge stated that in the case of this application there was already an entrance on to the public road. Councillor E. Byrne stated that the applicant was prepared to make available land to the Council for the purpose of improving the road at this point. In reply to inquiry from Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge the County Secretary stated that the applicant had submitted an alternative entrance, but this had not been regarded by the Council as a new application. A new application in respect of the proposed provision of the house at Windgates, Bray, had been handed in. The County Secretary informed the Council of the reasons for the refusal of permission for the proposal and pointed out that the road in question carried very heavy traffic and that sixty-six 'buses passed this point each day. The road had been improved by the Council in recent years and a number of previous applications for erection of houses alongside the road had been refused by the Council because of the road hazard which would arise from additional accesses on to the road. The applicant in this case had indicated in his original application that he had insufficient accommodation at his present address for storing building materials and had made it clear that in addition to erecting a dwellinghouse he wished to use the site for the purpose of a Builder's Yard. In a further letter from the applicant he stated that he required the site only for a residence, but that he was using the adjoining farmyard for the storing of building materials. The Report of the Chief Planning Assistant recommending that permission be refused, and the Report of the County Engineer, who had recommended that permission be granted for a private residence, were read to the Council. The Resolution was passed unanimously.

- (b) It was
Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;
Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Approval for the erection of four houses at Newtown, Enniskerry, to Mr. Rupert Mitchell, in accordance with Plans submitted by him on 22nd March, 1967. This approval to be granted only on condition that the site be no longer used as a Caravan Park.

Councillor J. Temple in proposing the Resolution stated that the lands were at present used for a Caravan Site and he felt that the provision of four houses instead of the Caravan Site would be a more acceptable development in this area. The County Secretary stated that a previous application for the erection of houses at this site had been refused by the Council and particulars of the grounds for refusal

of permission and the Reports in relation thereto were submitted. The Report of the County Engineer on the present application, in which he recommended a refusal, but indicated that if the Council should decide to pass the Resolution that certain conditions should be imposed, was submitted. **The Resolution was passed unanimously.**

(c) It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

Resolved—That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of a bungalow at Laragh for Mrs. D. Tomkin.

Councillor Miley stated that the proposed bungalow would be within a couple of hundred yards of Laragh and would form part of the village. He stated that it would be built in such a way that it would not be seen from the roadway and that there was no question of the river being polluted. The County Secretary stated that a previous application in this case had been refused and indicated the grounds of refusal. The Report of the County Engineer and Report of the Chief Planning Assistant on the present application were submitted to the Council. **The Resolution was declared passed unanimously.**

(d) It was

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

Resolved—That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to produce turf from the Ballinagee Bog for Baltinglass Hospital.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:-

T. J. DONOVAN, B.E., M.I.C.E.I., County Engineer's Office,
County Surveyor/Engineer. Courthouse,
Ref. TJD/SB. Wicklow.
10th April, 1967.

COUNTY SECRETARY,

Re: Production of Turf from Ballinagee Bog for Baltinglass Hospital.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 5th instant.

In connection with this Notice of Motion, please see my Report dated 20th October, 1966 and mine of 5th April, 1965.

At present, the cost of supplying high quality machine won turf delivered from Bord na Mona Bog at Ballydermott Works is £4 11s. 5d. The cost of the last cutting of the Council's hand won turf from Ballinagee Bog delivered to the hospital was £3 7s. 5d. Apart from the fact of the cost, the quality of the turf is very poor. In fact in order to maintain the required temperature in the hospital during the Winter months it has been found necessary to mix it with suitable Bord na Mona turf and coke.

I understand that the Department's Inspector visited the hospital recently and was very critical of the quality of the turf from Ballinagee Bog, some of which is still being used.

Assuming that the Council burn 430 tons of turf per annum the nett loss to the Council in using the hand won turf cut by Direct Labour from Ballinagee Bog would be £1,628 12s. 6d. I would also point out that there is considerable difficulty owing to the elevation of this bog in cutting and saving the turf. In fact there are 70 tons or so of the turf that was cut in the Summer of 1965 still remaining on the bog which is now of no value.

As you can see from these figures it would be much more economical for the Council, if it is a question of giving employment to men, to buy the turf from Bord na Mona and use the saving effected to employ the men on some more useful work.

In connection with the new Boiler installed in this hospital you will recollect that the Consultant's Report recommended that an automatic oil fire system be installed in the hospital. In my report of 20th July, 1966, I recommended that his report be adopted as I considered that the oil fire system would be more efficient and more economical.

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

The County Manager stated that in view of the terms of the Report of the County Engineer, and the Council's experience in regard to the use of turf from Ballinagee Bog, he felt it necessary to inform the Members that the matter of the continued use of turf from Ballinagee Bog for Baltinglass Hospital might come under special notice of the Local Government Auditor from the point of view of a surcharge. The County Engineer pointed out that there was a considerable difference involved in the cost of producing turf at Ballinagee as compared with the cost of turf from Bord na Mona. A vote having been called for on the proposal it was found that the Members present voted as follows:-

In Favour: Councillors E. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, J. Quigley, J. Temple, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh and J. J. McCrea — **Fourteen.**

Against: Councillor H. B. Hipwell — **One.**

The Resolution was declared passed by fourteen votes in favour to one vote against.

Item No. 2—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;
Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 13th February, 1967.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Draft Development Plan Under Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963—To fix date for Meeting of Council to consider Draft Development Plan.

The Co. Secretary stated that the Development Plan for the County was required to be completed and adopted before 1st Oct., 1967, and, consequently, it would be necessary to have the Draft Plan approved by the Council if possible during the present month. The Draft Plan,

as approved, was required to be available to the public for a period of three months and copies must be supplied to certain Statutory Bodies, and following the three monthly period the Council were required to consider any representations made concerning it. Councillor J. Temple referred to difference in views between the County Manager and the Planning Advisers and Members of the Council. The County Manager pointed out that recommendations would be submitted to the Council, but it was a matter for the Council to determine whether to accept or reject the recommendations contained in the Draft. The Council agreed to hold a Special Meeting on Monday, 24th April, 1967, to consider the Draft Plan. The County Secretary stated that copies of the Statement on the Plan would be circulated to the Members prior to the Meeting.

Item No. 4—Applications for Closing of Roads.

It was
Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;
Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic Main Road No. 6 from Enniskerry N.S. to the junction with County Road No. 7 at Monastery, Enniskerry, on 29th April, 1967, between the hours of 1.30 p.m. and 6.00 p.m., and authorise the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb on the road while so closed to public traffic.
Passed unanimously

It was
Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the following roads near Rathdrum on Saturday, 13th May, 1967, between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m., and from 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., and authorise the holding of Motor Races and Practices therefor on these roads while so closed to public traffic.

Portion of T.7 (Rathdrum/Avoca/Arklow)	0.2 miles
Portion of Road L.32 (Rathdrum/Clash/Aughrim)	0.3 miles
Link Road joining the above Roads from Corballis Crossroads to its intersection with the Main Rathdrum/Ballinacash/Aughrim Road	0.2 miles

Passed unanimously.

It was
Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the road described hereunder on Saturday, 20th May, 1967, from 2.00 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 one mile to a point near Calary Filling Station.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Road Safety Campaign—May, 1967: Letter from Department of Local Government.

The County Secretary submitted letter received from the Department of Local Government regarding the Road Safety Campaign to be held during the period 5th May to 5th June, 1967. At the suggestion of

Councillor Hipwell it was agreed that the particulars of the proposed Campaign, as indicated in the letter, be conveyed to Road Safety Committees in the County.

It was
Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Council's participation in the Summer Road Safety Campaign to be held between 5th May and 5th June, 1967, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure to meet the costs of the Campaign. It is noted that 50 per cent. of the cost will be recouped by the Department of Local Government.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—To Receive Deputation from Ashford Housing Committee Re Matter of Piped Water Supply for Killoughter/Ballinapark Area.

A Deputation consisting of Messrs Noel Carthy, Patrick Healy and Nicholas Fitzpatrick, representing the Ashford Housing Committee, was received by the Council. Members of the Deputation urged that the watermain be extended from Rathnew to Killoughter to supply thirteen cottages at Ballinapark in Killoughter. It was stated that there were eighty-one persons living in these cottages and only one pump on the road, which was a distance of three-quarters of a mile from some of the cottages. If the supply were provided a number of farmers in the area would also take connections from it. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, thanked the Deputation for attending and stated that the matter would be included for the Agenda of the Council at the next Meeting, when a Report from the County Engineer would be available.

Item No. 7—Newcastle Mental Hospital—Creation of Additional Female Nursing Posts.

The County Secretary explained that when the Hospital became fully operational it was proposed to provide three Wards for approximately one hundred female patients and to staff these Wards twenty-five to thirty trained Psychiatric Nurses, together with about six Ward Sisters and Deputy Ward Sisters would be required. Difficulty had been experienced in recruiting female nursing staff and in order to overcome this difficulty it was proposed that a Group Training Scheme be put into operation. Such a Scheme could only be operated with the agreement and co-operation of the Dublin Health Authority and the approval of the Department of Health.

It was
Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;
Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we approve of the creation of ten additional female nursing posts at Newcastle Mental Hospital, with remuneration set out hereunder, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the Act we hereby authorise

the necessary expenditure to give effect to the Resolution:-

GRADES	SALARY SCALE
Trainee Psychiatric Nurses (Female) possessing General Nursing Certificate:	£629 x £22 — £673.
Trainee Psychiatric Nurses (Female) without Nursing Qualifications:	£499 x £5—£504—£534 (on obtaining Preliminary Examination x £10—£544.
Doubly Qualified Staff Nurse (Female) possessing General and Psychiatric Nursing Certificate:	£723 x £22 — £767 x £28 — £907.
Staff Nurse (Female) possessing Psychiatric Certificate only:	£609 x £23 — £701 x £28 — £869.

Passed unanimously

The County Secretary stated that since the Council had already been notified of the maximum Health Grant available for the present year the full cost of this proposal would have to be met by the Council, unless the Department of Health accepted that this was an extension of the existing services, and it was intended to make representations to the Department of Health to this effect.

Item No. 8 — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:—"That I, or some Member of this Council move for me, that the number of Medical Cards be given in three Urban Towns and number in all Dispensary Districts during Financial Years ended 31st March, 1966 and 1967."

The County Secretary stated that particulars of the number of Medical Cards in each Dispensary District were available for submission to the Meeting. The Council decided that particulars of the number of Cards in each Dispensary District, together with the number of persons covered by such Cards, be circulated to the Members of the Council.

Item No. 9—Capital Allocation for House Purchase and Reconstruction Loans and Supplementary Housing Grants in 1967/68—Letter from Department of Local Government.

The County Secretary stated that the Capital Allocation for House Purchase Loans, for Loans for Reconstruction of Houses, and for Supplementary Housing Grants for the current financial year amounted to £75,000. This was provisionally apportioned as to £45,000 for House Purchase and Reconstruction Loans and £30,000 for Supplementary Housing Grants, but the Council might vary the Allocation between these purposes as considered necessary. It was indicated that the Allocation was being further examined and a further notification would be addressed to the Council shortly. In the previous financial year an additional Grant of £25,000 had been given later in the year to make the total Allocation £100,000. The Council noted the terms of the Department's letter. The Council asked that a Scheme for Supplementary Grants for New Houses, revised in accordance with the Housing Act, 1966, be submitted to the next Meeting of the Council for approval.

Item No. 10—Application of Mr. John Curran, Rathattin, Hollywood, for Consent to Redemption of Annuity on his Vested Cottage.

It was
Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;
Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to redemption by John Curran, Rathattin, Hollywood, of the Annuity on his vested Cottage, subject to the payment to the Council of a sum of £224.

Councillor H. B. Hipwell stated that he considered it bad policy to allow the redemption of Annuities on Vested Cottages, which had the effect that the Council had no further control over the occupation of the cottage. He felt he must oppose the application. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that in his view a firm policy in regard to dealing with applications for redemption of Annuities on Vested Cottages should be determined by the Council. It was agreed that the matter be considered at the next Meeting of the Council. The Resolution was declared passed—Councillor Hipwell dissenting.

Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Quigley—Requesting Report from County Secretary about Percentage of Rate Collected on 1st March, 1967, and the number of Civil Bills served on Ratepayers after the 1st October, 1966.

The County Secretary stated that at the 1st March, 1967, 70.44 per cent. of the Warrant had been collected and 110 Civil Bills had been issued in respect of Rates after the 1st October, 1966. Particulars of the Rate Collection as at 31st March, 1967, indicating the percentage of Rates collected in each District, had been circulated to the Members. The percentage collected was 90.89 per cent. as compared with 98.23 per cent. at the 31st March, 1966, being a reduction of 7.34 per cent. The reduction in the percentage collected as compared with the previous year represented a sum of approximately £30,000. The following letter received from Mr. M. J. Murray, Hon. Secretary, Irish Rate Collectors' Association (County Wicklow Branch), was submitted:-

IRISH RATE COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION (County Wicklow Branch)

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,
County Secretary,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

39 Main Street,
Arklow,
Co. Wicklow.
3rd April, 1967.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Wicklow Branch of the Irish Rate Collectors Association to bring to your notice, that owing to the difficulties experienced by them in collecting second moiety rates, due to N.F.A. activities, they failed to qualify for bonuses.

Our committee of the above Branch feel obliged to request the County Manager to receive a deputation to discuss this urgent matter, or alternatively confirm that no Collector will suffer financial loss due to the pressures imposed upon them as a result of the "No Rates Campaign."

Mise, le meas,
MICHAEL J. MURRAY,
Hon. Secretary.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That Rate Collectors be indemnified against any loss in earnings due to the operation of the "No Rates" Campaign, subject to the sanction of the Minister.

Passed unanimously

Disqualification of Councillor.

The County Secretary stated that due to non-payment of Rates Councillor A. H. Hadden had become disqualified from holding the office of Councillor by reason of the provisions of Section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1941. The Council noted that Councillor Hadden was disqualified from office.

Item No. 12—Letter addressed to Chairman of Council by Irish Local Government Officials' Union Regarding Reference to Remuneration of Rate Collectors and Superannuation, as referred to at Estimates Meeting of Council.

The following letter addressed to the Chairman of the County Council by the General Secretary, Irish Local Government Officials' Union, was submitted:-

IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' UNION

Mr. J. J. McCrea,
Chairman,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow.

29, Lower Ormond Quay, Dublin 1.
30th March, 1967.

Dear Mr. McCrea,

My attention has been drawn to a report in the "Wicklow People" of the 4th instant, under the heading of 'Impact of Rates,' which conveys a misleading impression that the sum of £18,000 mentioned was payable in respect of the remuneration of Rate Collectors and providing for their superannuation. The reference relates to a representation made by the National Farmers' Association when they were received by the Wicklow County Council in connection with the estimates for the year 1967/'68.

I am to point out that the sum of £18,000 is a total sum providing for the remuneration and expenses in connection with the entire rates staff, including office staff, office expenses, stationery, etc. In fact the total salaries payable to the fourteen rate collectors, including the 10th Round for the year 1966/'67, will be £13,021, that is an average of £930 per collector. In considering these figures it must be borne in mind that the salary payable to a rate collector is an inclusive one and is expected to cover all expenses incurred by him in connection with transport, postage, legal expenses, etc. It has been reliably estimated that approximately one-third of a rate collector's remuneration is used to cover these expenses. It will be seen, therefore, that the average nett pay for a rate collector in County Wicklow works out at the rather modest figure of £12 per week.

I should be glad if you would kindly arrange to bring this letter to the notice of the members of the Wicklow County Council.

Thanking you.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

H. O'SULLIVAN,
General Secretary.

The Council noted the terms of the letter.

Item No. 13—Report of Local Government Auditor on Audit of Accounts of the Council for the Year Ended 31st March, 1966.

The Council noted the submission of the Report of the Local Government Auditor on the Audit of Accounts of the Council for the year ended 31st March, 1966, a copy of which had been circulated to the Members.

Item No. 14—Malicious Injury Claims in Respect of Forests at Shillelagh.

The County Secretary stated that five Malicious Injury Claims had been received by the Council in respect of fires in Forests in the Shillelagh area. A Claim for £230 related to the burning of five acres at Killinure; a Claim of £47 to one acre at Killinure; of £81 in respect of two acres at Rath; of £47 in respect of one acre at Balisland; and £26 in respect of one acre at Aghowle. The Chief Fire Officer stated that the fires were undoubtedly malicious as in one place fires had been started in four different locations. It was understood that a youth had been charged with the damage and that the case would come to Court in due course. The Members noted the submission of the Claims and deplored the vandalism involved.

Item No. 15—Inquiries Arising from County Manager's Orders.

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

Tenders for Erection of Houses at Parkmore, Baltinglass.

Two Tenders received in response to public advertisement for the erection of houses at Parkmore, Baltinglass, were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council and were as follows:-

Name and Address of Tenderer	Amount of Tender
J. Shortt, Contractor, Baltinglass	£10,939 0 7
C. Byrne and Sons, Contractors, Hacketstown	£11,275 5 0

Tenders for Refuse Collection at Rathnew.

The following two Tenders received in response to public advertisement for the Refuse Collection at Rathnew were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council:-

Name and Address of Tenderer:	Amount of Tender
John Byrne, Merrymount, Rathnew	£1,248 for a Three-Year Period.
George Kelly, 5 St. Dominick's Rd., Wicklow	£1,975 for a Five-Year Period.

Resolutions of Sympathy.

The Council passed Resolutions expressing the sympathy of the Members with the relatives of the late Mr. Peter Kehoe, Lathaleere, Baltinglass, and with Councillor James Whelan on the death of his nephew, and also with the relatives of Mr. Patrick Rogers, former Overseer of the Council, Donard.

Repairs to Cottages.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., handed in two letters received from Council tenants complaining of the condition of their houses and the need for repairs. The County Secretary stated that the matters complained of would be examined.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors Roger Miley, James Gregory and James Everett, T.D.:—Notice of intention to move Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—"That we direct the County Manager to grant Town Planning permission to Mr. Patrick Devitt to build his cottage at Knockfin, Glendalough."

In the names of Councillors James Everett, T.D., James Gregory, Edward Byrne and Roger Miley:—"That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning Approval for erection of dwellinghouse at Brockagh, Glendalough, for Mr. J. Carter."

In the names of Councillors James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Mark Deering and G. Timmins:—Notice of intention to move Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:—"That we direct the County Manager to grant Town Planning Permission to erect a house at Annacarney, Valleymount, to Brian K. O'Hegarty."

In the names of Councillors James J. McCrea, John Quigley and Miss Mary Walsh:—"That we, the undersigned, direct the County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to appoint James Tighe, Ballingate, Carnew, to the vacant cottage at Ballingate (late Dunbar), as recommended by the County Medical Officer."

In the names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill, Roger Miley and John Quigley:—"That we, Members of the County Wicklow Monuments Committee, will move a Motion at the next Statutory Meeting of Wicklow County Council requesting the Law Agent to take immediate action under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to protect the 1798 Dwyer/McAllister Memorial in the Main Street, Baltinglass, from abuses, and to preserve this amenity as an attraction to tourists."

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—"That I, or someone for me, will move a Motion requesting the Council to have the water supply at Stratford extended to supply a number of houses in Manger."

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That I, or someone for me, will propose that in view of the lack of housing accommodation in the Arklow Rural Area that this Council will build a cottage at Curranstown, Arklow, for Thomas Ebbs."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose or considering the Draft County Development Plan under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 24th April, 1967, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.
Councillors John Quigley, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, J. Gregory and H. W. Hopkins.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Planning Assistant and Planning Assistant attended.

Acknowledgment of Resolution of Sympathy.

Councillor J. Whelan thanked the Members of the Council for the Resolution of Sympathy passed at the recent Meeting on the occasion of the death of his nephew.

Draft County Development Plan.

A copy of the Draft County Development Plan has been circulated to the Members of the Council. The Council decided to proceed with an examination of the Plan in detail.

The County Manager stated that the preparation of the Plan was a statutory duty of the Council and under the provisions of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, the Plan had to be approved and in operation before the 1st October, 1967. Before the Plan could be formally adopted it was necessary to publish the details of the Plan and allow a period of three months for members of the public and interested Bodies to examine the Plan and, if necessary, to submit objections to proposals therein. The Council then was obliged to consider any suggestions or objections received before formally adopting the Plan. The County Manager stated that matters proposed to be included in the Plan had been discussed with the Members of the Council at Local Electoral Area Meetings and the purpose of the Plan was to achieve better living conditions, a better social environment for the community, and to assist and encourage economic activities in industry, agriculture and tourism. The Plan also set out the Council's proposals in regard to extension of services, such as water supplies and sewerage systems, and the purpose was to guide future development. It was a feature of the Plan to protect the public interest against developments which might interfere with the interests of the County as a whole. The County Manager pointed

out that special Plans were being prepared for Greystones/Delgany and Rathdrum (which were "Scheduled Towns"), and also for Blessington and for the Rathdown area. In reply to Councillor Temple the County Manager stated the Report of the Consulting Engineer who had been engaged by the Council, conveying proposals for the Regional Water Supply Scheme for the North-East part of the County, had been submitted to the Department some months ago and the proposals were under consideration by the Department. In reply to inquiries from Members in regard to the proposed areas of special amenity, such as the Laragh/Glendalough area and the Dargle Valley, the County Manager indicated that it was proposed in the Plan that sporadic building would not be allowed in these areas.

Following a discussion on the proposed areas of special control (in Page 7 of the Plan) the Council decided to defer the matter of the landscape areas, and control in these areas, for further consideration.

In regard to development control on roads (Page 8) the Council agreed, on the proposal of Councillor Hipwell, seconded by Councillor Temple, that in respect of Arterial Roads, Main Roads, and Main Tourist Roads development would be restricted to maintain traffic capacity and to minimise traffic hazard, and that the Draft Plan be amended accordingly. Arising out of this decision it was agreed that the words "except along the Arterial Road where new access would be required" be omitted from the final paragraph on Page 8. On Page 9 the Council deferred for further consideration the Paragraph No. 3 in relation to Residential Development.

Following a discussion in regard to Paragraph No. 6 on Page 9 (re Petrol Filling Stations and Service Stations), it was proposed by Councillor Temple and seconded by Councillor Hipwell that the paragraph be amended by omitting the prohibitions on the placing of Filling Stations under certain conditions. Councillor H. J. Byrne expressed the view that a conflict of public and private interests arose in this matter and that the proposed restrictions on the siting of Petrol Filling Stations were reasonable.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That the Paragraph No. 6 be approved as submitted.

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

In Favour: Councillors J. Whelan, H. J. Byrne, M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins—Four.

Against: Councillors E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, H. B. Hipwell, H. W. Hopkins, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, R. Miley, James O'Toole, J. Quigley, J. Temple and Miss M. Walsh—Eleven.

The amendment was declared defeated by eleven votes against to four in favour and the Resolution in the name of Councillor Temple was declared passed. It was agreed that the paragraph be re-worded and submitted for approval by the Council.

The paragraph in relation to Advertising (No. 7—on Page 11) was approved by the Council, subject to the section relating to Rural Areas being amended by the insertion of "five miles" in place of "two miles" in the second line of that paragraph.

In Part IV of the Plan (relating to Objectives) it was agreed that a further sentence be inserted under heading No. 3 (Industry) to indicate that it was the intention of the Council to provide sites in other towns for industry, where considered necessary.

The Council deferred the section in relation to Views and Prospects (No. 4) on Pages 15—17, inclusive, for further consideration.

In regard to the section relating to Sites of Scientific Interest (on Page 21) Councillor Miss Walsh drew attention to the woods at Coolattin and it was agreed that the Coollattin Estate be consulted with a view to considering whether these woods be included for consideration for the making of a Conservation Order in respect of them.

The Council adjourned the remaining portions of the County Development Plan to the next Meeting, to be held on Monday, 1st May, 1967.

Housing Site At Avoca.

Councillor Miss Walsh inquired as to the position regarding the site at Avoca which the Council had agreed to acquire for housing purposes and stated that it was understood that this site had been purchased by a local resident at the recent Auction. The County Secretary stated that the Council had been represented at the Auction, but that the Council's intention was to acquire the site at Avoca, but not the Stationmaster's Residence. It appeared, however, that all the property, including the Stationmaster's Residence, was offered for sale as one lot, but was withdrawn at the Auction as the reserve price had not been reached. Subsequent to the Auction the property had been sold by C.I.E. to a private individual. The County Secretary stated that it had been indicated to C.I.E. that it was the Council's intention to acquire the site for housing and that, if necessary, compulsory powers would be used. The County Manager pointed out that the Council had decided to purchase the land, but not the house, and that at present the Council was negotiating with the new owner in regard to the purchase of the land. Councillor Miss Walsh and Councillor Quigley urged that steps be taken to ensure that the site required by the Council for housing was acquired.

Tenders For Milltown Lane Water Supply Extension.

The following Tenders received in response to public advertisement for the Milltown Lane Water Supply Extension were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council:-

Name and Address of Tenderer	Amount of Tender
Messrs. William Carroll and Son (Wexford) Ltd., Taghmon, Co. Wexford.	£4,044 16 8
Kev'n Farrelly, Esq., 531, Howth Road, Dublin, 5.	£4,279 5 0
Irish Excavation Co., Ltd., 3, Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin, 2.	£4,504 5 0
Messrs. McMahon and Regan Ltd., Greenhills Road, Tallaght, Co. Dublin.	£4,568 6 6
William Shortall, Esq., "Springmount House," Kilbricken, Abbeylisc, Co. Laois.	£4,770 8 4
John F. Butler, Esq., 65, Glenomena Park, Stillorgan Road, Dublin.	£5,736 10 0
Messrs. J. V. Duffy Ltd., Civil Engineering Contractors, Shankill, Co. Dublin.	£5,809 0 0
Jeremiah Fitzpatrick, Esq., Percival Street, Kanturk, Co. Cork.	£7,256 10 0
Messrs. James Hogan Ltd., 8, Swan Place, Morehampton Road, Dublin, 4.	£7,619 14 8

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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, 1st May, 1967, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors John Quigley, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, Roger Miley and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Council's Architect, and Chief Assistant County Engineer R. L. Farrell attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notices of intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:-
 - (a) From Councillors James Everett, T.D., James Gregory, Edward Byrne and Roger Miley:—"That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for erection of dwellinghouse at Brockagh, Glendalough, for Mr. J. Carter."
 - (b) From Councillors Roger Miley, James Gregory and James Everett, T.D.:—"That we direct the County Manager to grant Town Planning permission to Mr. Patrick Devitt to build his cottage at Knockfin, Glendalough."
 - (c) From Councillors James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Mark Deering and G. Timmins:—"That we direct the County Manager to grant Town Planning permission to erect a house at Annacorney, Valkeymount, to Brian K. O'Hegarty."
 - (d) From Councillors Miss Mary Walsh, James J. McCrea and James Everett, T.D.:—"That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of a Service and Petrol Filling Station at Killinskeyduff, Arklow, in accordance with Plans submitted."
 - (e) From Councillors James J. McCrea, John Quigley and Miss Mary Walsh:—"That we direct the County Manager, under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to appoint James Tighe, Ballingate, Carnew, to the vacant cottage at Ballingate (late Dunbar), as recommended by the County Medical Officer."
2. County Development Plan — Adjourned from Meeting on 24th April, 1967.
3. Acknowledgments of Resolutions of Sympathy.
4. Housing Act, 1966 — Circular Letter from Minister for Local Government to Members.
5. House Purchase Loans and Supplementary Grants — To authorise borrowing on basis of Capital Allocation for 1967/'68.
6. Supplementary Grants for New Houses — Adoption of Scheme under Housing Act, 1966.
7. Applications for Supplementary Grants for New Houses at (a) Ballinure; (b) Blessington; (c) Kilmurray; and (d) Redcross.
8. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins:—"That a Supplementary Reconstruction Grant be paid to John Kehoe, Ballyknockan."

9. Erection of Three Houses at Ballywaltrim — To authorise borrowing to defray cost of Scheme.
10. Housing Sites at Ashford — Proposed acquisition of site.
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That in view of the lack of housing accommodation in the Arklow Rural Area that this Council will build a cottage at Curranstown, Arklow, for Thomas Ebbs."
12. To consider policy to be adopted in relation to applications for consent to redemption of Annuities on Vested Cottages.
13. Application for consent to transfer of Vested Cottage at Balleshal, Aughrim.
14. Use of Council Cottage at Parkbridge, Clonegal, for purposes other than as a dwellinghouse.
15. Application for Loan towards cost of erecting new dwellinghouse at Blacklion, Gréystones.
16. Application from Bray and District Trades Council for closing of roads at Bray on 10th and 11th May, 1967.
17. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:—"That County Manager circulate reply received from Bord Failte to Resolution proposed by Councillor Hipwell and passed at Meeting in October, 1964, requesting a Grant of £324 3s. 5d. for work carried out at Blessington without Council's authority, and where it was stated that they make a Grant available for this work."
18. Repairs to Cottages carried out in April, 1967, and cottages to be repaired in May, 1967.

Item No. 1—Notice of Intention to Propose Resolutions Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:-

- (a) From Councillors James Everett, T.D., James Gregory, Edward Byrne and Roger Miley:—"That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for Erection of Dwellinghouse at Brockagh, Glendalough, for Mr. J. Carter."

The County Secretary stated that the application of Mr. Carter for permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Brockagh, Glendalough, had been refused by the Council and no further application had been submitted. As there was no application at present under consideration a Resolution, if passed under Section 4, would not be operative. The Council adjourned the matter for a month to allow of a new application being submitted, if desired by the applicant.

- (b) From Councillors Roger Miley, James Gregory and James Everett, T.D.:—"That we direct the County Manager to grant Town Planning permission to Mr. Patrick Devitt to build his cottage at Knockfin, Glendalough."

The County Secretary stated that an application had been submitted by Mr. Devitt for a new site on the opposite side of the road to that originally submitted. The original application had been refused and the Report of the County Engineer on that application was submitted. A letter received from Bord Failte Eireann recommending the refusal of the application for permission by Mr. Devitt and also recommending the refusal of the application of Mr. Carter for a dwellinghouse at Brockagh, Glendalough, was also submitted to the Council. The County Secretary stated that the new application made by Mr. Devitt had been received only on the 28th April and there had been

no opportunity of having this application examined and Reports submitted. The Council decided to defer consideration of the proposal to the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 8th May, 1967.

- (c) From Councillors James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Mark Deering and G. Timmins:—"That we direct the County Manager to grant Town Planning permission to Erect a House at Annacarney, Vallemount, to Brian K. O'Hegarty."

The County Secretary submitted the recommendations of the Co. Engineer and County Medical Officer in regard to the application of Mr. Brian K. O'Hegarty for permission to erect a house at Annacarney, Vallemount, and the Report of the Health Inspector, with the endorsement of the County Medical Officer thereon, was also submitted. The County Secretary pointed out that the grounds for refusal of permission were the unsuitability of the site for a septic tank, because of the nature of the ground, and the proximity of the site to the lake at Blessington, which was used for the purposes of a water supply for the City of Dublin. The County Manager pointed out that this was a public health matter and that the Council should act on the advice given by the County Medical Officer, who was a competent person to advise on such a matter. The lake at Blessington provided a water supply for Dublin City and also for parts of County Kildare and the supply served a very large population, and the City Medical Officer and County Medical Officer considered that no risk should be taken in regard to the possibility of contaminating the lake. The letter received from Dublin Corporation recommending that permission for the erection of a house on this site be refused was also submitted to the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, direct the County Manager to grant Town Planning permission to erect a house at Annacarney, Vallemount, to Brian K. O'Hegarty.

Passed unanimously

- (d) From Councillors Miss Mary Walsh, James J. McCrea and Jas. Everett, T.D.:—"That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the Erection of a Service and Petrol Filling Station at Killinskeyduff, Arklow, in accordance with Plans submitted."

The County Secretary stated that the Notice of Motion signed by Councillors Miss M. Walsh, James J. McCrea and James Everett, T.D., had been handed in by Mr. J. J. Owens, Arklow, who was the applicant for permission, together with a Plan. The recommendation of the County Engineer that permission be refused for the proposal was submitted to the Council. The County Secretary pointed out that the Petrol Filling Station would be on the Arterial Road and that one of the grounds for refusal was that the erection of a Petrol Filling Station at this point would create a traffic hazard. A previous application for a Petrol Filling Station on the other side of the road, some distance from the site, had been refused by the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of a Service Station and Petrol Filling Station at Killinskeyduff, Arklow, in accordance with Plan submitted.

Passed unanimously

- (e) From Councillors James J. McCrea, John Quigley and Miss Mary Walsh:—"That we direct the County Manager, Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to appoint James Tighe, Ballingate, Carnew, to the vacant cottage at Ballingate (late Dunbar), as recommended by the County Medical Officer."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we direct the County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to appoint Jas. Tighe, Ballingate, Carnew, to the vacant cottage at Ballingate (late Dunbar), as recommended by the County Medical Officer.

Passed unanimously

The County Manager stated that he regretted that the Chairman should have found it necessary to propose the Resolution under Section 4 in regard to the appointment of the tenant to this vacant cottage. Mr. Tighe and his wife lived with his father-in-law (Mr. Balfe), who was the owner of a house at Ballingate which had been found to be unfit and had been reported to be dangerous. A Demolition Order had been made in respect of the house, but Mr. Balfe refused to leave.

Declaration of Vacancy.

The Council made the following declaration:-

"We, the Members of the County Council of County Wicklow, hereby declare the office of County Councillor held by Alan H. Hadden to be vacant in consequence of the failure to comply with the requirements of Section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1941, and we direct that this vacancy be made public by a Circular Letter issued to each Member of the Council."

The Council decided that the vacancy on the Council be filled at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 8th May, 1967.

Item No. 2 — County Development Plan — Adjourned from Meeting on 24th April, 1967.

Councillor H. J. Byrne suggested that in view of the seriousness of the matter of the making of a Development Plan this item should be adjourned and considered on another date. He pointed out that the Agenda contained seventeen items and felt that the matter of adopting a Draft Development Plan was too serious to be dealt with summarily. The County Manager suggested that the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area and those for the Wicklow Electoral Area might wish to consider at Local Meetings the section of the Draft Development Plan which dealt with Areas of Special Amenity and the Council agreed that Meetings of the Members of the Council for each of the four Electoral Areas be held to consider the Development Plan

before a Draft Plan was adopted by the Council. It was decided to hold a Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area on Friday, 5th May, 1967, at 4 p.m. at Shillelagh; a Meeting of the Members for the Baltinglass Electoral Area at Baltinglass at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, the 10th May; and a Meeting of the Members for the Bray Electoral Area at the Town Hall, Bray, at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, the 10th May. A date for a Meeting of the Members for the Wicklow Electoral Area would be fixed at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 8th May.

Item No. 3 — Acknowledgments of Resolutions of Sympathy.

A letter received from Mr. J. A. Harbourne, Bridge Hotel, Baltinglass, conveying his thanks to the Members of the Council on behalf of his brother's family and widow, and his own family, for the Council's expression of sympathy on the death of his brother, was noted by the Council. The Council noted also the letter from Mrs. Agnes Conboy, widow of Mr. Michael Conboy, County Accountant, in which she expressed her deep gratitude for the "sympathy of the Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council, whose friendship Michael held with respect and affection."

Item No. 4 — Housing Act, 1966 — Circular Letter from Minister for Local Government to Members

The Council noted the letter of 14th April, 1967, from the Minister for Local Government to each Member of the Council in relation to the Housing Act, 1966. Councillor H. J. Byrne expressed complete agreement that more houses should be provided and urged that the Council make available sites for persons to build on where there was any difficulty in acquiring suitable sites at a reasonable price. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, suggested that the Co. Manager should be authorised to purchase land suitable for housing where a need for provision of sites for persons wishing to build their own houses had been established.

Item No. 5 — House Purchase Loans and Supplementary Grants — To Authorise Borrowing on Basis of Capital Allocation for 1967/68.

The County Secretary stated that the present Allocation to the Council for House Purchase and Reconstruction Loans and for Supplementary Housing Grants amounted in all to £75,000 and he suggested that this sum might be apportioned by allocating £55,000 for House Purchase Loans and £20,000 for Supplementary Grants. The Department of Local Government in their Circular Letter conveying the Capital Allocation had recommended that the Council submit applications for Loans based on the Council's needs for a period of eighteen months.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved — That we hereby approve of the apportionment of the combined Allocation of £75,000 for House Purchase and Reconstruction Loans and for Supplementary Housing Grants as follows:-

House Purchase and Reconstruction Loans:	£50,000
Supplementary Housing Grants:	£25,000

Passed unanimously

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved — That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £75,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a

period of thirty-five years, to defray the cost of making Loans available to approved applicants for house purchase.
Passed unanimously

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved — That we hereby authorise the borrowing of £37,500 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. 6 — Supplementary Grants for New Houses — Adoption of Scheme Under Housing Act, 1966.

The following Scheme for the making of Supplementary Grants for the provision of houses under Section 26 of the Housing Act, 1966, had been circulated to the Members of the Council:-

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Scheme for the making of Supplementary Grants to persons for provision of houses under Section 26 of Housing Act, 1966.

1. Supplementary Grants may be made by the Council, subject to the provisions of this Scheme, to qualified applicants erecting houses in the County Health District for their own occupation where Grants have been made by the Minister for Local Government under Section 16 of the Act of 1948 or Section 2 of the Act of 1962 or Sections 15, 16 or 17 of the Housing Act, 1966.
2. **Amount of Grant:** A Supplementary Grant will not exceed the amount of the Grant made by the Minister.
3. **Residence qualification:** To qualify for a Supplementary Grant, an applicant must be resident in the County of Wicklow and must have resided continuously therein for a period of three years prior to the date of his application.
4. **Income Qualification:**

(a) If the applicant derives his livelihood solely or mainly from the pursuit of agriculture, the rateable valuations of the land and buildings occupied by him must not exceed sixty pounds (£60).
(b) The total, determined by the Council, of the income of the applicant and the income of his spouse must not exceed one thousand and forty-five pounds (£1,045) per annum.

In determining income, the Council may, if satisfied that the applicant or his spouse maintains at his or her own expense a dependant person, make such allowance as they think fit, subject to a maximum allowance of one hundred pounds (£100) in respect of each person so maintained, or four hundred pounds (£400) in the aggregate, whichever is the less.

The determination by the Council of the amount of the Grant or of the income of the applicant or of his spouse shall be final and not appealable.

A Supplementary Grant will be paid only in cases where the Council is satisfied that the circumstances of the applicant do not enable him to provide a house with the aid of a State Grant or Loan.

5. Single persons without dependants are not eligible for Supplementary Grants under this Scheme. Single persons with dependants are eligible provided that the dwelling when completed is used for the accommodation of the applicant and his dependants.

6. Limit of cost price or market value of house.

A Supplementary Grant will not be paid by the Council when the cost price or market value of the house exceeds £4,000.

7. The Council may at their discretion refuse any applicant for a Grant or allow a reduced Grant.
8. A person receiving a Grant under this Scheme in respect of a house shall reside therein and shall not within five years from the date of completion of the house sell or resell the house without the consent of the Council and such consent will not be given until the amount of the Grant paid to him by the Council has been refunded to the Council.
9. The Council will not make any Supplementary Grant to a person who has previously obtained a Supplementary Grant from the Council in respect of the erection of a new dwelling house or the reconstruction, repair or improvement of an existing dwelling.
10. The Council reserves the right to examine each application on its merits and to approve or refuse any application for a Grant as they may decide.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved — That we hereby approve of the Scheme for the making of Supplementary Grants to persons for the provision of houses under Section 26 of the Housing Act, 1966, in accordance with the draft submitted to this Meeting.

Passed unanimously

Item No. 7 — Applications for Supplementary Grants for New Houses at (a) Ballinure; (b) Blessington; (c) Kilmurray; and (d) Redcross.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved — That we approve of the payment of Supplementary Grant of £300 to Mr. Francis Flood, Knockloe, Ballinure, Grangecon, in respect of the erection of a New House at Knockadoo, Ballinure, Grangecon.

Passed unanimously

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved — That we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £300 to Mr. John J. Browne, Baltinglass Road, Blessington, in respect of the erection of a new house at Baltinglass Road, Blessington.

Passed unanimously

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved — That we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £300 to Mr. John J. Donnelly, Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue, in respect of the erection of a new house at Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue.

Passed unanimously

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved — That we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £300 to Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Oghill, Redcross, in respect of the

erection of a new house at Oghill, Redcross.
Passed unanimously

Item No. 8 — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins:—
"That a Supplementary Reconstruction Grant be paid to John Kehoe, Ballyknockan."

The Co. Secretary stated that Mr. John Kehoe, Ballyknockan, Valley-mount, had been paid a Reconstruction Grant of £90 by the Department of Local Government on the 28th October, 1965, and had applied to the Council for a Supplementary Grant. In carrying out the work, however, substandard roofing material, i.e., corrugated asbestos, had been used and the State Grant had been reduced by £10 on this account. The original application form completed by Mr. John Kehoe in respect of the Supplementary Grant on the 6th September, 1963, indicated that reconstruction work had commenced in October, 1962. On the 5th June, 1961, the Council had passed a Resolution determining that Supplementary Grants would not be paid by the Council where corrugated asbestos was used for roofing.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved — That a Supplementary Reconstruction Grant of £90 be paid to John Kehoe, Ballyknockan, Valleymount.

Passed unanimously

Item No. 9 — Erection of Three Houses at Ballywaltrim—To Authorise Borrowing to Defray Cost of Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Resolved — That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £6,563 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of fifty years, to defray the cost of the erection of three houses at Ballywaltrim, Bray.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10 — Housing Sites at Ashford—Proposed Acquisition of Site.

The County Secretary stated that it was understood that Mr. Fitzpatrick of Ballinalea, Ashford, was agreeable to accept an offer of £2,000 for a building site at the rear of the Council houses at Ballinalea, Ashford. The site contained 4.82 acres. The site could accommodate up to forty houses if fully developed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Resolved — That we approve of the purchase of a field containing 4.82 acres at Ballinalea, Ashford, from Mr. Richard Fitzpatrick for the sum of £2,000, subject to the necessary land for the purpose of access to the site being obtained and to the site being approved by the Department of Local Government for the purposes of a Housing Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11 — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That in view of the lack of housing accommodation in the Arklow Rural Area that this Council will build a Cottage at Curranstown, Arklow, for Thomas Ebbs."

The County Secretary stated that the Health Inspector in a Report of 15th March, 1966, had indicated that he had been informed by a relative of Mr. Ebbs that he lived at Curranstown, but that his wife and

one child lived with relatives at Wexford Road, Arklow. If the applicant and his family resided at Curranstown there would be a total of five in the house, which was a County Council cottage. The County Medical Officer had doubts as to the eligibility of Mr. Ebbs for re-housing. It was agreed that a further Report be obtained from the County Medical Officer on Mr. Ebbs' housing circumstances and that inquiries be made as to a site for a house for him.

Item No. 12 — To Consider Policy to be Adopted in relation to Applications for Consent to Redemption of Annuities on Vested Cottages.

The County Secretary stated that for some time the Council had been following a policy of refusing to agree to the redemption of Annuities on Vested Cottages, but at recent Meetings decisions had been taken to agree to Annuities being redeemed in two instances. The Council had asked that this matter be included on the Agenda for a discussion as to the policy which should be followed in future. Councillor Hipwell expressed the opinion that it would be dangerous for the Council to part with their rights in the cottages as cottages could be sold and used as business premises, or for other purposes which might not be in the public interest.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved — That it is the considered policy of this Council that it is undesirable to give consent to the redemption of Annuities on Vested Cottages.

Councillor E. Byrne expressed the view that since the Housing Act, 1966, had authorised the redemption of Annuities by tenants that the Council should not oppose such redemption. Councillor J. Temple suggested that the matter be deferred and that the new Council to be elected in the following month determine the policy in respect of Vested Cottages.

As an amendment —

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory;

Resolved — That each application for redemption of Annuity on a Vested Cottage be dealt with on its merits.

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

In Favour: Councillors J. Whelan, E. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Gregory, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, R. Miley, J. O'Toole, J. Quigley, J. Temple, G. Timmins, and Miss M. Walsh — **Eleven.**

Against: Councillors H. J. Byrne, H. B. Hipwell, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, and J. J. McCrea — **Five.**

The amendment was declared passed by eleven votes in favour to five against and on being put as a substantive motion was declared passed on the same voting.

Item No. 13 — Application for Consent to Transfer of Vested Cottage at Balleshal, Aghrim.

The Council considered letter from Messrs. C. J. Louth and Son, Solicitors, Arklow, on behalf of Mrs. Sarah Newsome, tenant-purchaser of vested cottage at Balleshal, Aghrim, who wished to transfer the cottage to her son (Thomas Newsome), who resided with his family in the cottage with his mother. It was stated that Mr. Newsome wished to provide additional accommodation by the erection of an additional

room and to provide a water supply and build a bathroom and toilet and that his mother wished to transfer her interest in the cottage to him so that he might carry out the work, which would be of benefit to her as well as to the son and his family. If the Council were prepared to consent to the transfer the Deed would provide that Mrs. Sarah Newsome would have the right to reside and to be supported and maintained in the cottage during her lifetime.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved — That we approve of consent being given to the transfer by Mrs. Sarah Newsome of her interest in vested cottage at Balleshal, Aughrim, No. 298/10, to her son (Mr. Thomas Newsome), subject to the condition that the Transfer Deed provide that Mrs. Sarah Newsome will have the right to reside and to be supported and maintained in the cottage during her lifetime.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14 — Use of Council Cottage at Parkbridge, Clonegal, for Purposes other than as a Dwellinghouse.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that Mrs. Kinsella, whose husband (Mr. Aidan Kinsella) was the tenant-purchaser of a vested cottage at Parkbridge, Clonegal, Ferns, had applied for the position of Sub-Postmistress for a Sub-Post Office at Parkbridge. Councillor J. J. McCrea stated that a Sub-Post Office was needed at Parkbridge and urged that the Council suspend the statutory condition which would otherwise prevent the cottage being used for the purposes of a Sub-Post Office.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved — That being satisfied in relation to Vested Cottage No. 56/9 at Parkbridge, Clonegal, Ferns, of which the tenant-purchaser is Aidan Kinsella, that full compliance with the statutory condition requiring that the cottage be used only as a dwellinghouse would be unreasonable and would cause undue hardship, it is hereby resolved, subject to the consent of the Minister, that the operation of such a statutory condition be suspended for the unexpired period for payment of the Annuity, to allow of the house being used for purpose of a Sub-Post Office only.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15 — Application for Loan Towards Cost of Erecting New Dwellinghouse at Blacklion, Greystones.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved — That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,000 to Mr. William J. Sutton, Blacklion, Greystones, in respect of the erection of a dwellinghouse at Blacklion, Greystones, subject to compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16 — Application from Bray and District Trades Council for Closing of Roads at Bray on 10th and 11th May, 1967.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved — That we approve of the closing to public traffic of the following roads at Bray on Wednesday, 10th May, 1967, between the hours of 7.15 p.m. and 8.15 p.m. and authorise the holding of a Relay Race on the roads while so closed to public traffic:-

Quinsboro' Road from Carlisle Grounds to junction with Main Street;

Main Street from junction with Quinsboro' Road to junction with Novara Avenue, and

Adelaide Road from junction with Galtrim Road to junction with Quinsboro' Road.

We hereby approve of the closing to public traffic of portion of Putland Road, Bray, from Meath Road to Sidmonton Road on Thursday, 11th May, 1967, between 7.45 p.m. and 9.15 p.m. and hereby authorise the holding of a Cycle Race on the road while so closed to public traffic.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 17—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett T.D.:-

"That County Manager circulate reply received from Bord Failte to Resolution proposed by Councillor Hipwell and passed at Meeting in October, 1964, requesting a Grant of £324 3s. 5d. for work carried out at Blessington without Council's authority, and where it was stated that they make a Grant available for this work."

In the absence of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., it was decided to defer this matter to a later Meeting.

Item No. 18 — Repairs to Cottages carried out in April, 1967, and Cottages to be repaired in May, 1967.

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired in April and of those to be repaired in May, 1967.

Avoca Housing Site.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Miss Walsh the County Manager stated that the Council had been negotiating with C.I.E. for the acquisition of a site at Avoca and had been informed by C.I.E. that it was proposed to put the site up for auction. The Council was interested only in the land and the Council's Solicitor had been authorised to attend at the Auction and to bid up to a figure of £500 for the land. It was found, however, that the entire property, which included a Stationmaster's House, together with the site, was offered for sale as one lot and in consequence the Council's reserve price was exceeded. The property was not sold at the Auction, but, it appeared, had been sold subsequently. Councillor Miss Walsh felt that the entire property, including the house, should have been purchased by the Council and

that it was now necessary to find an alternative site. Councillor Miss Walsh stated that she understood that there were sites available, one being opposite the present housing site at Kilmagig, and she asked that the matter of these sites be re-examined. The County Manager pointed out that the Council had indicated to C.I.E. that it was the Council's intention to acquire the site at Avoca, if necessary by compulsory purchase. He suggested that failing obtaining a suitable site otherwise that the Council should take steps to acquire the site, formerly the property of C.I.E., by compulsory purchase.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved — That we approve of acquiring site at Avoca, formerly property of C.I.E., by compulsory purchase, in event of failure to acquire by agreement.

Passed unanimously.

Vote of Congratulation.

The Council, on the proposal of Councillor Miss M. Walsh, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, passed a Resolution expressing their congratulations to Mr. Eamonn Moules of Aughrim, who had been appointed to referee the National Football League Final between Galway and New York in New York on May the 14th and 21st. Councillor Miss Walsh suggested that the Council show their appreciation by releasing Mr. Moules from the service of the Council for the fortnight of his absence with pay and the Council supported this proposal.

Notices of Motion.

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

- In the names of Councillors John Temple and Edward Byrne:—"That we ask the District Engineer to consider the possibility of erecting a light on Upper Windgates; there is no lighting at present in the area."
- In the name of Councillor James Miley:—"That I, or some Member for me, will move that a Report come before this Council, urgent under health grounds, of septic tank at O'Neill's house, Eadestown."
- In the name of Councillor H. B. Hipwell:—"That in view of the deplorable condition of Fassaroe Lane that the Council take immediate steps to acquire this lane and have it properly surfaced."
- In the name of Councillor John Quigley:—"Requesting a Report from the County Engineer about what improvements he proposes to carry out on road between Barniskey Crossroads and Poulaphouca, Avoca."
- In the name of Councillor John Quigley:—"That I, or someone for me, will move that Council direct Mr. Joseph H. McCarroll, Solicitor, to transfer Council's interest in old reservoir at Killacoran, Aughrim, to Mr. John O'Brien, Killacoran, so that Killacoran Group Scheme can be put in hand immediately, as recommended by Engineering Department."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 8th May, 1967, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillors John Quigley, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley and J. Gregory.

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

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

AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 27th February, 6th and 13th March (Estimates), 13th March, 3rd and 10th April, 1967.
2. Notice of intention to propose Resolution under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in names of Councillors Roger Miley, James Gregory and James Everett, T.D., as follows:-
That we direct the County Manager to grant Town Planning permission to Mr. Patrick Devitt to build his cottage at Knockfin, Glendalough.
3. To fill vacancy on Wicklow County Council, in accordance with notice.
4. Application for Permit for use of Public Address System.
5. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. Miley as follows:—(1) Requesting Engineer's Report on Bridge over Pass River to Kilmamagh, as local farmers cannot get machinery and trucks over the Bridge; and (2) Footpath from Glenealy to cottages at Pass Road, for schoolchildren going to school.
6. Public Rights-Of-Way at Brittas Bay and Clogga Beach — Letters from Council's Solicitor.
7. Coast Protection Act, 1963 — Protection Works at Ballygannon: Letter from Office of Public Works forwarding Report and Map in relation to Preliminary Examination.
8. Coast Protection Act, 1963 — Scheme for Coast Protection at "The Murrough," Wicklow: Letter from Wicklow Urban District Council.

9. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Everett, T.D., James Gregory and H. W. Hopkins:—"That the County Engineer prepare Plans and Estimate for extension of water from Rathnew to Killoughter for supply for domestic use, as over eighty-one persons are without drinking water or sanitation facilities, including townlands of Ballinapark, Cronakeary, and Coolawinna area"
—Report of County Engineer.
10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—Requesting the Council to allow connections to be made from the watermain at Ballinreddin, Donard.
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—Requesting the Council to have water supply at Stratford extended to supply a number of houses in Manger.
12. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That sewerage facilities be provided for cottages at Kilmagig Road, Avoca."
13. Public lighting at Askinagap — Quotation from E.S.B. for provision of three lights.
14. Public lighting at Lower Windgates, Greystones — Quotation from E.S.B.
15. Newcastle Mental Hospital — To approve of creation of additional post of Clerk/Typist.
16. Visiting Committee for Newcastle Mental Hospital.
17. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill, Roger Miley and John Quigley:—"That we, Members of the County Wicklow Monuments Committee, will move a Motion at the next Statutory Meeting of Wicklow County Council requesting the Law Agent to take immediate action under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to protect the 1798 Dwyer/McAllister Memorial in the Main Street, Baltinglass, from abuses, and to preserve this amenity as an attraction to tourists."
18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Everett, T.D.:—"That County Manager circulate reply received from Bord Fáilte to Resolution proposed by Councillor Hipwell and passed at Meeting in October, 1964, requesting a Grant of £324 3s. 5d. for work carried out at Blessington without Council's authority, and where it was stated that they make a Grant available for this work."
19. To arrange date for Meeting of Committee of Members for Wicklow Electoral Area to consider County Development Plan.
20. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1 — To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meetings held on 27th February, 6th and 13th March (Estimates), 13th March, 3rd and 10th April, 1967.

The County Secretary stated that while the Minutes had been proof-read, copies were not yet available for circulation. The Council adjourned consideration of the Minutes to the next Meeting.

Acknowledgment of Resolution of Sympathy.

The Council noted letter received from Mr. Paul Kehoe, Weaver Square, Baltinglass, expressing his sincere thanks to the Members of the Council and staff on their message of sympathy on the death of his brother, Mr. Peter Kehoe.

Item No. 2 — Notice of Intention to Propose Resolution Under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in names of Councillors Roger Miley, James Gregory and James Everett, T.D., as follows:—"That we direct the County Manager to Grant Town Planning Permission to Mr. Patrick Devitt to build his cottage at Knockfin, Glendalough.

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been deferred from the Meeting held on the 1st May to enable the revised proposals submitted to be examined. It was now recommended that permission for the new site of the house for Mr. Patrick Devitt be granted, subject to certain conditions, which were indicated to the Council. Councillor R. Miley stated that the conditions would be acceptable to the applicant and the Council agreed that the Resolution under Section 4 need not be moved.

Item No. 3 — To fill Vacancy on Wicklow County Council, in Accordance with Notice.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved — That we hereby co-opt Mr. Alan H. Hadden to fill the vacancy on Wicklow County Council.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4 — Application for Permit for use of Public Address System.

The following letter from the Irish Evangelistic Band, 39 Belmore Street, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, was submitted:-

Wicklow County Council,
Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow.

6th April, 1967.

Dear Sir,

We were disappointed to note that you could not consider our enquiry for a permit for the use of a public address system last year in your county. This is hard to understand in these days of religious liberty in our land and most of the local authorities have co-operated with us in this matter.

As we are touring the south of Eire it is naturally impossible to give details of locations and times, etc. Sufficient to say however, that during the months of June, July and August we cover the whole. We could only be in any one county or place once during this period. (Services not over 1 hour).

So once again we would ask that you would give this matter your attention. Awaiting the favour of your reply and assuring you of our co-operation with the terms you may offer.

Yours truly,

W. J. Moore.

The County Secretary stated that when a similar application had come before the Council in the previous year it had been agreed that, in accordance with normal practice, the applicant would be asked to supply details of the locations, times and dates at which it was proposed to use the Public Address System. As this information was not supplied permission had not been given. The Council recommended that permission be given for the present year.

Item No. 5—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. Miley as follows:—(1) Requesting Engineer's Report on Bridge over Pass River to Kilnarnagh, as local farmers cannot get machinery and trucks over the Bridge; and (2) Footpath from Glenealy to Cottages at Pass Road, for Schoolchildren going to School.

Councillor Miley stated that there were no sides on the Bridge and nothing to stop animals jumping into the River. As the Bridge was only 9 feet wide it was difficult for lorries to cross it. It was requested that the Bridge be widened and fenced. The County Engineer reported that the Bridge over the Pass River to Kilnarnagh was not the property of the Council and was not maintained by them.

In regard to the improvement of footpaths the County Engineer stated that no provision had been made in the current year's Estimates for improvements to footpaths at Glenealy. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., pointed out that no Local Electoral Area Committee Meetings to consider the Road Works Programme had yet been held and that this could be considered at such Meeting. The County Secretary pointed out that no indication had yet been received from the Department of Local Government as to the allocation of Grants for the present year.

Fassaroe Lane.

Councillor Hipwell and Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge referred to the condition of Fassaroe Lane and urged that this be taken over and maintained as a Public Road. The County Secretary pointed out that estimates of the cost of taking over a number of roads in the County as Public Roads had been submitted to the Council at the Estimates Meeting, but the Council had decided not to provide any moneys to meet the cost of putting the roads in repair. Consequently there was no provision in the Estimates as adopted in respect of this road. Councillor Temple stated that there was no reason why the Council should not decide to allocate moneys within the Road Works Programme to meet the cost of work on the road.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved — That we take over and maintain as a Public Road the road known as Fassaroe Lane.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary to give the usual public notice before the road could be formally taken over by the Council.

Item No. 6 — Public Rights-Of-Way at Brittas Bay and Clogga Beach — Letters from Council's Solicitor.

The County Secretary submitted letters received from the Council's Solicitor indicating that he had received letters from the Attorney-General indicating that the County Council's applications were being treated as being for the fiat of the Attorney-General and that if this was obtained in each case it would be a matter for the Council to take Actions to establish the rights-of-way. The Council's Solicitor stated he was not too clear if the Council intended that the Actions would be taken by the Council and that they would be responsible for the costs of the litigation. He inferred from the Attorney-General's letters that the necessary fiats would be granted and accordingly awaited instructions. Councillor H. J. Byrne inquired as to what costs would be involved in taking the Actions. The County Secretary stated that this might be difficult to determine, but the Council's Solicitor might be able to advise. The County Manager stated that the Council had been of the opinion that the State would take action in this matter, but it seemed that the State would not do so, but were agreeable to the Council taking the necessary action. Councillor Temple pointed out that the Minister had urged the Council to take steps to preserve rights-of-way and he thought that, consequently, the costs involved should be met by the State. The Council decided to defer the matter to a Meeting to be held on Monday, the 15th May, and in the meantime the Council's Solicitor to be asked for an estimate of the costs which would be involved in taking the Actions.

Holding of Special Meeting.

The Council decided to hold a further Meeting on Monday, 15th May, 1967, at which the County Development Plan would be considered.

Item No. 7 — Coast Protection Act, 1963 — Protection Works at Ballygannon: Letter from Office of Public Works forwarding Report and Map in relation to Preliminary Examination.

The Council decided to defer consideration of this matter to the Meeting to be held on the 15th May, 1967, and asked that in the meantime a copy of the letter from the Office of Public Works and the Report be forwarded to each Member.

Item No. 8 — Coast Protection Act, 1963 — Scheme for Coast Protection at "The Murrough," Wicklow: Letter from Wicklow Urban District Council.

The following letter from Wicklow Urban District Council was submitted:-

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall, Wicklow.

3rd May, 1967.

Mr. K. J. Brangan,
County Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow.

re: Coastal Erosion

Dear Mr. Brangan,

At meeting of Wicklow Urban District Council held on the 1st instant the above matter was discussed in view of a letter received from Mr. Curran, Private Secretary to Mr. Gibbons, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary, indicating that Mr. Gibbons would be unable to meet a separate deputation from the Urban Council, but would be prepared to

meet a deputation from the County Council, on which the Urban Council could be represented.

The Council decided to ask the County Council if they would be kind enough to consider appointing a deputation and they asked especially if Mr. J. Everett, T.D., and Mr. William Hopkins could be appointed as County Council representatives and that the deputation from the County Council, accompanied by members of Wicklow Urban, could then meet Mr. Gibbons. I should be much obliged if you would please arrange to have this discussed by the County Council.

The Urban Council decided that, when the deputation meet Mr. Gibbons, they would, among other matters, enquire as to the financing of the Scheme and Preliminary Survey and that the question of the Urban Council's Contribution could then be further discussed.

Yours faithfully,

S. DESMOND,
Acting Town Clerk.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved — That having considered letter of 3rd May, 1967, from Wicklow Urban District Council we hereby appoint the following Members of the Council to act on a Deputation, which will be accompanied by Members of Wicklow Urban District Council, to attend on the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance in relation to the proposed Coast Protection Scheme for "The Murrough," Wicklow:—

Councillors J. Everett, T.D., H. W. Hopkins and J. Temple, and Chairman (or Vice-Chairman in absence of Chairman).

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Everett, T.D., James Gregory and H. W. Hopkins:—"That the County Engineer prepare Plans and Estimate for Extension of Water from Rathnew to Killoughter for Supply for Domestic Use, as over eighty-one persons are without drinking water or sanitation facilities, including townlands of Ballinapark, Cronakeary, and Coolawinna area"—Report of County Engineer.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
10th April, 1967.
County Secretary.

Re: Water Supplies — Extension for Killoughter/Ballinapark Area, near Ashford: Item No. 9.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 5th instant.

To serve this area would necessitate the laying of a 4" main from Rathnew along the Sea Road. This route would supply the maximum number of cottages. The total distance involved would be 5,128 lin. yds. of 4" main including a branch of 800 lin. yds. north of Killoughter, to supply five houses in the townland of Barracoye Little.

The estimate cost of laying this 5,128 lin. yds. of main to serve a total of 26 houses is £10,560. This is approximately £400 per house.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,
County Engineer.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

Resolved — That Plans be prepared for the extension of water supply from Rathnew to Killoughter, including townlands of Ballinapark, Cronakeary, and Coolawinna area.

Passed unanimously

Item No. 10 — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—
Requesting the Council to allow connections to be made from the watermains at Ballinreddin, Donard.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

County Secretary, 8th May, 1967.

Re: Item 10 on Agenda.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 26th ultimo.

The supply to serve this area would have to be taken from the Coolmoney Military Camp Supply. Up to recently there was a doubt whether there would be a supply available from the Camp to serve further civilian requirements. I understand some improvements have been carried out to the Scheme and that it might now be possible to get water from this source to supply the proposed extension. There might be a shortage of water during peak Military demands. This would, however, be got over by erecting a storage tank of say 6,000 gallons capacity.

The number of houses involved is eight. They are fairly widely dispersed throughout the townlands of Knockenarrigan, Colliga, Rustyduff and Ballinreddin.

When investigations are completed it is hoped to have an estimate available in the course of the next couple of weeks.

In the meantime, if the Council decide to go ahead with the Scheme, the Military Authorities should be written to with a view to ascertaining if they are prepared to make a supply of 1,500 gallons per day available to the Council.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,
County Engineer.

Councillor O'Neill stated that he was concerned in his Notice of Motion only with three houses at Ballinreddin, who wished to take connections from the main serving Coolmoney Camp, which ran adjacent to their houses. The County Engineer stated that he would examine the matter of arranging for connections with these houses.

Item No. 11 — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—
Requesting the Council to have Water Supply at Stratford extended to supply a number of houses in Manger.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

County Secretary, 8th May, 1967.

Re: Item 11 on Agenda.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 18th ultimo.

A survey and estimate for the carrying out of this Scheme was prepared in 1962.

The estimated cost of the Scheme involving the laying of 970 lin. yards of 2" diameter main with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " connection to stopcocks outside each house, to serve eight houses is £1,400.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that when this matter came before the Council some years ago the Council tenants were not agreed to make any contribution towards the water supply. Councillor O'Neill stated that the Council tenants in the area were now all agreed on contributing towards the water supply.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved — That the water supply at Stratford be extended to serve houses in Manger.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12 — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That sewerage facilities be provided for cottages at Kilmagig Road, Avoca."

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

County Secretary,

8th May, 1967.

Re: **Item 12 on Agenda.**

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 16th February, 1967.

The existing sewerage scheme consists of a septic tank, the effluent from which is discharged into a stream which flows through the Avoca River. It was originally constructed for six houses and subsequently twelve more were added, with the result that it is now completely overloaded and inadequate. It is not, therefore, possible to connect the further twelve cottages now suggested, which would make thirty in all to the Scheme.

It will be necessary, therefore, to design a new Treatment Works for this area so that the effluent which would discharge into the stream will not be objectionable and create a nuisance. The flow of the stream is being investigated with a view to ascertaining what type of Treatment Works would be necessary to meet Public Health requirements.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

On the proposal of Councillor Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. Quigley, the Council agreed that a new Treatment Works be designed, as recommended by the County Engineer.

Item No. 13 — Public Lighting at Askinagap — Quotation from E.S.B. for Provision of Three Lights.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley;

Resolved — That we approve of the acceptance of the Quotation of the E.S.B. in the sum of £49 10s. for the provision of three public lights at Askinagap and note that the annual charge for operation, maintenance and supply of electricity will be £21 16s.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14 — Public Lighting at Lower Windgates, Greystones — Quotation from E.S.B.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved — That we approve of the acceptance of the Quotation of the E.S.B. in the sum of £31 4s. for the provision of one public light at the Bus Stop at Lower Windgates, Greystones, and note that there will be a further charge of £6 3s. for maintenance and electricity.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15 — Newcastle Mental Hospital — To Approve of Creation of Additional Post of Clerk/Typist.

The County Secretary stated that an additional Clerk/Typist was required for Newcastle Mental Hospital to act as Telephonist and for other duties.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved — That we hereby approve of the creation of an additional post of Clerk/Typist for Newcastle Mental Hospital.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16 — Visiting Committee for Newcastle Mental Hospital.

The Council decided to defer this matter to the Annual Meeting of the Council following the Local Elections.

Item No. 17 — Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill, Roger Miley and John Quigley:—"That we, Members of the County Wicklow Monuments Committee, will move a Motion at the next Statutory Meeting of Wicklow County Council requesting the Law Agent to take immediate action under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to protect the 1798 Dwyer/McAllister Memorial in the Main Street, Baltinglass, from abuses and to preserve this amenity as an attraction to tourists."

Councillor M. J. O'Neill stated that farm machinery was being placed round the Memorial, which prevented people from reading the inscription on the Memorial and also tended to damage it. When the Council had decided to take action some time previously the machinery had been removed, but it had now been put back again. The County Manager stated that the public thoroughfare was being obstructed and the Council's Solicitor had advised that the Council could take proceedings under the Summary Jurisdiction Act in respect of this obstruction. Councillor O'Neill proposed that the Council take proceedings

immediately. Councillor Deering stated that he did not feel that legal proceedings should be taken and Councillor J. Temple stated that he did not feel that he could vote on the matter of which he had not full knowledge. Councillor G. Timmins agreed that the machinery should be removed, but felt that Court Action should not be taken unless essential. He suggested that the person responsible for placing the machinery at the Memorial be asked to give an Undertaking to remove the machinery and not to place it there again and that if the Undertaking were not given the Council could then take action. The Council approved of the suggestion of Councillor Timmins.

Item No. 18 — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Everett, T.D.:—"That County Manager circulate reply received from Bord Failte to Resolution proposed by Councillor Hipwell and passed at Meeting in October, 1964, requesting a grant of £324 3s. 5d. for work carried out at Blessington without Council's authority, and where it was stated that they make a grant available for this work."

The County Secretary stated that there was no record in the Minutes of the Meeting in October, 1964, regarding the work carried out at Blessington without Council authority, but a Report on this matter was included in the Minutes of the January Meeting for 1965. The Council was informed at that Meeting that Bord Failte had indicated that they were prepared to contribute a Grant of £290 towards the carrying out of work to provide a scenic view of the Poulaphouca Lake at Blessington at a total estimated cost of £435. The Scheme had not been approved by the Council or by the County Manager, but works to a total cost of £324 3s. 5d. had been carried out. The original estimate included the provision of seats on land, but since this land was not owned by the Council this work had not been done. The Council had agreed that Bord Failte be asked to recoup the full costs of the Scheme, and if the owner dedicated the land to public use, agreed that the full Scheme be completed. The County Secretary stated that the Grant of £290 was the maximum allocated by Bord Failte towards the Scheme and this Grant had been received. Councillor J. Everett stated that the person responsible for carrying out the work should be surcharged for the balance of the cost as the Scheme had not been sanctioned by the Council.

Item No. 19 — To arrange date for Meeting of Committee of Members for Wicklow Electoral Area to consider County Development Plan.

A Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area to consider the Development Plan was arranged for Friday, 12th May, 1967, at 3 p.m. at the Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow.

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.

Acquisition of Land for Housing at Kilcoole.

The County Secretary stated that, as agreed by the Council, negotiations had been entered into with the Misses Catherine and Esther Toner for the acquisition of the balance of the field at Kilcoole on which the Council was at present erecting houses. Agreement had been reached to acquire the necessary land at a total cost of £2,710.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved — That we approve of the purchase of site containing 5.22 acres and adjoining plot containing 10 square perches and 14 square yards at Kilcoole from the Misses Catherine and Esther Toner, at a total price of £2,710, the sites being required for housing purposes, and hereby authorise the borrowing of £2,710 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of fifty years, to defray the cost of the acquisition of the sites. We hereby authorise expenditure of £2,710 from Revenue in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the acquisition of the sites pending the completion of the arrangements for borrowing, subject to the sanction of the Minister.

Passed unanimously.

New Road, La Touche Estate, Greystones.

Councillor Temple handed in letters received from Messrs. James F. Cawley, 4, Rochestown Avenue, Dun Laoghaire, and James O'Loughlin, 39, Garville Avenue, Rathgar, indicating that they were each prepared to contribute £188 towards the cost of putting the New Road, La Touche Estate, Greystones, into good repair and to have it taken over by the Council. A letter had been received from Mr. D. McClean, "Emoclew," Greystones, enclosing a letter received from Messrs. S. and R. C. Walker and Son, Solicitors for the La Touche Estate, stating that they had been instructed by the owners of the Estate to say that, without any admission of liability, they would be prepared to contribute a sum of £375 towards the costs of putting the road into such a state of repair as would enable the entire road to be taken in charge by the County Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved — That public notice be given of intention to take over the New Road at the La Touche Estate, Greystones, as a Public Road, and that the Council put the road into reasonable repair, excluding the provision of footpaths, as not being required by the residents.

The County Secretary submitted Report of the County Engineer in which he indicated that his estimate for carrying out the work set out in his Report of 7th October, 1966, was £5,500. The total contributions offered amounted to £751. Following discussion on the matter, in which the County Manager pointed out that footpaths would be necessary on the road and that the sum of £751 represented only a small fraction of the costs of the work necessary, as estimated by the County Engineer, the Council agreed to defer the matter to the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 15th May, 1967, and asked that the County Engineer in the meantime submit details of his estimate and in particular indicate the cost of necessary repairs to the section of the road which was in particularly bad condition.

Requests From Dunlavin.

Councillor M. Deering urged that the Council acquire a site at Tournant for the purposes of a Dumping Ground for Dunlavin. He inquired also as to the position regarding the provision of a new Fire Station and the renovation of the Courthouse, and concerning the repairing of fountains and the cleaning of the Fairgreen. The County Secretary stated that Plans for the Fire Station had been prepared and submitted to the Department for approval, but sanction had not yet been received.

Baltinglass Fire Station.

Councillor Timmins asked that the provision of the Fire Station at Baltinglass be expedited.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That this Council will put into effect the conditions of the Resolution passed at a Meeting held on the 12th September, 1966, 'That the Council Plough and Re-seed the land of Mr. Patrick O'Toole, Ballybeg, which the Council has Drained'."

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That I, or someone for me, will move that Rent Collector John Wilkinson, Carnew, be raised to whole-time pensionable status, retrospective to the date of his appointment to No. 10 District."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of the Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 15th May, 1967.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, C. Timmins, James Miley, Mark Deering, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, John Temple and Roger Miley.

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

Councillor A. H. Hadden, who had been co-opted as a Member of the Council to fill a vacancy, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Planning Assistant, and Planning Assistant attended.

AGENDA.

1. Notice of intention in the names of Councillors Mary Ledwidge, John Temple, James O'Toole, Edward Byrne and Hugh B. Hipwell, to move Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, and the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, as follows:—

"We hereby direct the County Manager to grant permission to Miss S. D. Salley for the erection of Eleven Houses, as per Plan submitted."

2. Draft County Development Plan under Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.
3. Rights-of-way at Brittas Bay and Clogga Beach — To consider letters from Council's Solicitor.
4. Coast Protection Act, 1963 — Scheme for protection works at Ballygannon, Kilcoole.
5. New Road at La Touche Estate, Greystones.

Item No. 1—Notice of Intention in the names of Councillors Mary Ledwidge, John Temple, James O'Toole, Edward Byrne and Hugh B. Hipwell, to move Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, and the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, as follows: "We hereby direct the County Manager to grant permission to Miss S. D. Salley for the erection of Eleven Houses, as per Plan submitted."

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole:

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, and the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant permission to Miss S. D. Salley for the erection of Eleven Houses, as per Plan submitted.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer and County Medical Officer had recommended that this application be refused and had pointed out that the same objections applied to this proposal as to the previous proposal by the applicant in respect of this site, which had been refused. The County Secretary read to the Council the grounds for refusal of permission, which embodied the recommendations of the County Engineer, County Medical Officer, and Chief Planning Assistant, in respect of the former application. The County Secretary stated that it appeared that the only difference between the proposal now submitted and that previously submitted was that the present proposal showed portion of the land described as being reserved for non-development. Councillor J. Temple, supporting the proposal that permission be granted, pointed out that houses had already been built on the opposite side of the road and that he could not agree that the erection of houses on this site, having regard to the development which had already occurred, could adversely affect the amenities of the area. Councillor Hadden expressed concern at the number of Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in relation to Planning applications which were being submitted and which conflicted with the advice given by the Council's advisers. In regard to the proposed development in this area he referred to the type of development which had occurred in the Dundrum and Sandymount areas in County Dublin and the effect this development had had on the scenic values of that area. Councillor H. J. Byrne also indicated that he did not favour the proposal and pointed out that the County Medical Officer had advised against proposals of this nature, which involved a number of septic tanks serving individual houses. The County Manager stressed the importance of the preservation of amenities in County Wicklow as regards the tourist industry and pointed out that the scenic attractions of the country and pleasant surroundings were a very important factor in attracting visitors from abroad. In the case of this site at Monastery there was a magnificent background of scenery. He referred to the extension of the Dublin suburbs towards Bray and stressed the importance of ensuring that housing development did not extend into open countryside in Wicklow. He suggested that it would be desirable to consult Bord Fáilte in regard to the proposed use of this site for housing development, having regard to the likely effect on the amenity of the area. The County Manager also pointed out that the County Medical Officer was disturbed by the extension of septic tanks which would arise from this proposal and pointed out that there had also been an application for approval to the building of houses on a site close by. The Council could expect that if there was a substantial increase in the number of houses built in this area the Council would be asked to provide services which normally would be available only in an urban area, such as public lighting and cleansing, as well as main sewerage. The Co. Medical Officer, who attended the Meeting, expressed his concern regarding the use of septic tanks. While agreeing that a septic tank was inevitable for an isolated house in a rural area, it could not be accepted as a satisfactory means of sewage disposal. He explained in detail the difficulties which could arise from the use of septic tanks and the dangers of sub-soil water becoming polluted and contaminating surface wells.

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

In favour—Councillors E. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, J. Quigley, J. Temple, and G. Timmins—Nine.

Against—Councillors H. J. Byrne, M. Deering and A. H. Hadden—Three.

Councillor Miss M. Walsh abstained from voting.

The resolution was declared passed by nine votes in favour to three against, with one abstention.

Item No. 2—Draft County Development Plan under Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

The County Manager stated that, as decided at the previous Meeting of the Council, Meetings of the Members of the Council for each of the four Electoral Areas had been held to discuss the provisions of the Draft Development Plan. There had been a difference of views between the Members and the Council's Officers in regard to the proposed consideration of certain areas for Special Amenity Area Orders and the control of development in such areas. The Council proceeded to examine the suggested amendments to the Plan as originally submitted, which had been drafted following the discussions with the Members at the Local Meetings, and made the following decisions in relation to the Plan.

1. **Areas of Special Control:** The Council agreed that this section remain as part of the Plan, having noted that further studies were being made and that detailed recommendations in regard to the areas, and the extent of the controls, would be submitted before any area could be declared to be one of Special Amenity.
2. **Development in Areas of Special Control—Landscape Areas:** The Council approved of the amended form of this paragraph, subject to a further amendment of the second sentence by the insertion of the word "generally" between "will" and "not be permitted" in line 6 of the paragraph.
3. **Roads:** The Council approved of the re-draft of the paragraph in relation to Roads.
4. **Petrol Filling Stations and Service Stations:** The Council approved of the re-draft of this paragraph, but subject to the amendment of the figure 6 miles to 3 miles in relation to Petrol Filling Stations in Rural Areas.
5. **Advertising:** The Council approved of the re-draft of the section on page 11 of the Plan in relation to Advertising.
6. **Part IV—Objectives:** The Council approved of the second revision of paragraph 3 in relation to Sites for Industry and Housing on page 14 of the Plan.
7. **Views and Prospects:** The Council approved of the inclusion of the amendment inserting Item No. 31 (Views from County Road No. 315, L.19, to Imaal and Lugnaquilla, in the vicinity of Timnabark).

Item No. 3—Rights-of-Way at Brittas Bay and Clogga Beach—To consider Letters from Council's Solicitor.

Letters received from the Council's Solicitor dated 10th May, 1967, were submitted to the Council. The Council's Solicitor stated that it was difficult to give an estimate of the costs in each of these cases.

The cases could be brought in the Circuit Court, but either party had a right of Appeal to the High Court on Circuit. The Council's Solicitor stated that the total costs involved in a Circuit Court Action would be approximately £350 and if there was an Appeal there would be an additional £350. The County Secretary stated that the total costs involved on the basis of this estimate could be up to £1,400.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That having considered letters of 18th April, 1967, from Council's Solicitor in relation to interference with public rights-of-way at Brittas Bay and Clogga Beach, Arklow, we confirm that the necessary legal proceedings be taken by the Council to establish these rights-of-way, and note that the Council will be responsible for the costs of litigation.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Coast Protection Act, 1963—Scheme for Protection Works at Ballygannon, Kilcoole.

Copy of the letter of 27th April, 1967, from the Commissioners of Public Works in regard to the Coast Protection Scheme at Ballygannon, Kilcoole, had been circulated to the Members of the Council. In reply to Councillor Temple the County Secretary stated that the effect of passing a Resolution requesting the Commissioners of Public Works to proceed with the preparation of a Scheme based on the Preliminary Report would commit the Council to meeting half the cost incurred by the Commissioners in the preparation of the Preliminary Report and of the Final Report on the Scheme. He pointed out that the estimated cost of the Scheme was from £50,000 to £65,000 and that if a Scheme were approved by the Council and carried out the Council would be responsible for meeting the cost of future maintenance of the works. The maintenance works would be carried out by the Commissioners of Public Works, but the Council would be required to recoup the cost to the Commissioners. On the suggestion of Councillor Temple, the Council agreed to defer a decision on the matter and directed that the Members of the Deputation from the County Council who were meeting the Parliamentary Secretary in connection with the Coast Protection Scheme at "The Murrough," Wicklow, also discuss with the Parliamentary Secretary the matter of the cost to date of the carrying out of the Preliminary Examination by the Commissioners and the further costs which would arise in preparing a Coast Protection Scheme, and also the amount of the Grant which might be made available by the Minister towards the costs of the Scheme if adopted and the likely costs of maintenance of the Scheme at Ballygannon.

Item No. 5—New Road at La Touche Estate, Greystones.

The Council considered offers made by the La Touche Estate, Mr. James O'Loughlin and Mr. James F. Cawley of contributions towards the cost of repairing the New Road, La Touche Estate, Greystones, if the road were taken over for maintenance by the Council. The County Engineer stated that of his total estimate of £5,500 to put the road in proper order a sum of £4,000 related to the cost of

providing footpaths and kerbing, together with public lighting, and the balance of £1,500 referred to the repairs and surfacing of the road. He pointed out that no provision had been made in the Council's Estimates to allow of expenditure of moneys on this road, which was not a Public Road. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed that a decision in regard to the proposal be deferred to the Meeting to be held on the 12th June, 1967, and in the meantime the County Engineer to examine and report as to whether moneys under any other heading of the Road Works proposals for the Bray Electoral Area could be re-allocated to allow of meeting the Council's share of the sum of £1,500 for repairs and surfacing of the road. It was agreed by the Council that should the Council decide to take over the road and maintain it the contributions offered would have to be paid to the Council before work was commenced and it be clearly indicated that the Council did not accept any responsibility for the provision of footpaths.

Appeal Against Grant of Planning Permission.

Councillor J. Temple referred to an Appeal which had been made to the Minister by The Irish Ramblers' Club against the grant of permission by the Council for the erection of houses by Mr. Rupert Mitchell on a site at Newtown, Enniskerry, and suggested that representatives of the Irish Ramblers' Club and Mr. Rupert Mitchell be asked to meet the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area to discuss the matter of the Appeal with a view to seeing if an agreement could be reached on the matter. He stated that he understood that The Irish Ramblers' Club claimed that a right-of-way through the lands should be preserved. The Council agreed that a Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area be held at the Town Hall, Bray, at 8.00 p.m. on Friday, 19th May, 1967, to meet the representatives of The Irish Ramblers' Club and Mr. Rupert Mitchell, if they were agreeable to attend.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors James Miley, Mark Deering, M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins: Notice of intention to propose Resolution under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—

"That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Planning approval for the erection of a Petrol Filling Station to be built at Hollywood by Mark Deering."

In the names of Councillors James Miley, Mark Deering, M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins: Notice of intention to propose Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—

"We hereby direct the County Manager to grant permission for the erection of house to Sean Murphy, 74, Castle Ave., Clontarf, Dublin 3, at Ballyfolan, Manor Kilbride."

"That we hereby direct the County Manager to grant permission to Mr. Reginald Heatley for the erection of four private dwellinghouses on his lands at Wingfield, Bray, as per attached Plan."

In the name of Councillor R. Miley: "That the Council discuss at the next Meeting the possibility of a Car Park at the Cemetery at Glenealy."

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1. The Commission has received a request from the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia for the purpose of providing technical assistance in the field of education and science.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters, etc., was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th June, 1967, at 2.30 p.m. The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors P. McCarthy, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, J. Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D.; Roger Miley and J. Gregory.

The Council extended a welcome to Councillor P. McCarthy, who had been absent due to illness for a considerable period.

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

AGENDA:

1. Notices of intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—
 - (a) From Councillors James Miley, Mark Deering, M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins:
"That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Planning approval for the erection of a Petrol Filling Station to be built at Hollywood by Mark Deering."
 - (b) From Councillors James Miley, Mark Deering, M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins:
"That we hereby direct the County Manager to grant permission for the erection of a house to Sean Murphy, 74, Castle Ave., Clontarf, Dublin 3, at Ballyfolan, Manor Kilbride."
 - (c) From Councillors H. B. Hipwell, John Temple, Mary Ledwidge and Edward Byrne:
"That we hereby direct the County Manager to grant permission to Mr. Reginald Heatley for the erection of four private dwellinghouses on his lands at Wingfield, Bray, as per attached Plan."
 - (d) From Councillors James Everett, T.D., James Gregory, Edward Byrne and Roger Miley:
"That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for erection of dwellinghouse at Brockagh, Glendalough, for Mr. J. Carter." (Deferred from Meeting held on 1st May, 1967).
2. Circular Letter No. N.3/67 of 26th May, 1967, from Department of Local Government, re procedure for documentation and submission of proposals for Local Authority Housing Schemes. (Copy circulated).
3. Circular Letter No. H.B.F.10/67 of 24th May, 1967, from Department of Local Government, re Grants for Improvement Works on Council Houses. (Copy circulated).
4. Erection of Six Houses at Blessington—To authorise borrowing of £15,000 to defray cost of acquisition of sites and erection of houses.

5. Erection of Five Houses at Parkmore, Baltinglass—To authorise borrowing of £11,600 to defray cost of acquisition of sites and erection of houses.
6. Erection of Three Houses at Ballywaltrim—To authorise borrowing of £6,870 to defray cost of acquisition of sites and erection of houses.
7. Erection of Twelve Houses at Newtownmountkennedy—To authorise borrowing of £21,600 to defray cost of acquisition of sites and erection of houses.
8. To receive Tenders for erection of Two Houses at Laragh, Four Houses at Dunlavin, and Ten Houses at Kilgarron, Enniskerry, including development of sites for housing.
9. Report of County Engineer on condition of cottage at Coolbeg, Glenealy.
10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill: "That the Council consider an application from Michael Moore, Winetavern, for a new house in Stratford-On-Slaney."
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley: "That a Report come before the Council urgent under health grounds of septic tank at O'Neill's house, Eadestown."
12. Applications for Supplementary Grants for New Houses.
13. Applications for Loans for Erection of New Houses.
14. Applications for consent to sales of Vested Cottages.
15. Application for redemption of Annuity on Vested Cottage at Castlesallagh, Talbotstown.
16. Repair and improvement of existing Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes—To authorise borrowing of £13,900 to defray cost of works recommended by County Engineer.
17. Memorandum from residents of Churchlands and Lugduff, Tinahely, requesting installation of Sewerage Scheme for their houses.
18. Extension of water supply to Ballymanus Lane, Glenealy.
19. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill: "That the Council give a water supply to a number of families in the Randalstown, Whitestown, and Ballyhook areas, all adjacent to Stratford."
20. Extension of water supply from Coolboy to Hillbrook.
21. Access roads to Parkmore Housing Scheme.
22. Compulsory Purchase Order for acquisition of lands at Kilmacanogue required for improvement of Main (Arterial) Road between Kileroney and Kilmacanogue.
23. Application for closing of roads at Dunlavin on 18th June, 1967, for Kart Race Meeting.
24. Lifebuoy and Ropes at Greystones stolen at Whit week-end.
25. Application for permission to use loudspeaker at Blessington during week prior to 25th June.
26. Application from Very Rev. Fr. O'Connell, P.P., Roundwood, for plot forming part of Fair Green, Roundwood, to be used for school purposes.
27. Application from Daniel J. Dunne, Esq., Newtownmountkennedy, for plot used as Car Park at Newtownmountkennedy.
28. New Road, La Touche Estate, Greystones—Report on proposal to take over road as Public Road and repair it.
29. Repairs to Cottages carried out in May, 1967, and Cottages to be repaired in June, 1967.

Housing Scheme at Blessington.

Councillor J. Miley complained of the delay in payment of an amount claimed to be due by the Contractors (Messrs. C. Byrne and Sons) in respect of the houses at Blessington. He stated that he understood that Mr. O'Brien, Consultant Architect, had submitted a Certificate for the payment of a sum to the Contractors, but that the amount had not been paid. The County Engineer explained that the claim was part of the final payment on the Contract and included payment for extras due to increased cost of materials and wages, and that the necessary Vouchers to support the claim had not been submitted for examination by him. Following discussion on the matter it was agreed that the County Engineer inspect the houses during the following week and report further at the next meeting of the Council.

Item No. 1—Notices of intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 as follows: (a) From Councillors James Miley, Mark Deering, M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins: "That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Planning approval for the erection of a Petrol Filling Station to be built at Hollywood by Mark Deering." (b) From Councillors James Miley, Mark Deering, M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins: "That we hereby direct the County Manager to grant permission for the erection of a House to Sean Murphy, 74, Castle Ave., Clontarf, Dublin 3, at Ballyfolan, Manor Kilbride." (c) From Councillors H. B. Hipwell, John Temple, Mary Ledwidge and Edward Byrne: "That we hereby direct the County Manager to grant permission to Mr. Reginald Heatley for the erection of four private dwelling-houses on his lands at Wirgfield, Bray, as per attached Plan." (d) From Councillors James Everett, T.D., James Gregory, Ed. Byrne and Roger Miley: "That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for erection of dwellinghouse at Brockagh, Glendalough, for Mr. J. Carier." Deferred from Meeting held on 1st May, 1967).

(a) It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Planning approval for the erection of a Petrol Filling Station to be built at Hollywood by Mark Deering.

The County Secretary stated that the original Plans submitted in respect of the application of Mr. Deering for a Petrol Filling Station at Hollywood showed the site as being on the Main Blessington-Baltinglass Road at Hollywood Cross and permission had been refused on the recommendation of the County Engineer that the location of a Petrol Filling Station at this point would give rise to a road hazard. An Appeal had been made to the Minister and the Council's decision in the matter had been upheld. A further application had been submitted by Mr. Deering for a site at the other side of the road, also at the Cross but with access from the Glendalough/Hollywood road and the County Engineer had recommended that this be refused also from the point of view of the traffic hazard which would be created

by the establishment of a Petrol Filling Station at this point.

Councillor P. McCarthy stated that during his absence from Meetings on account of his illness he had been reading Council Agendas and noted the number of Resolutions that were being moved under Section 4, particularly in relation to Planning matters. He wondered if the Section was being abused and expressed the opinion that if the Council were paying officials, who were qualified to fill their posts, the Council should accept their advice or dispense with their services. Councillor Hadden expressed agreement with Councillor McCarthy.

The Resolution was passed—Councillor A. H. Hadden dissenting.

(b) It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant permission for the erection of a house to Sean Murphy, 74, Castle Ave., Clontarf, Dublin 3, at Ballyfolan, Manor Kilbride.

Councillor J. Miley stated that the Council had already passed a Resolution under Section 4 in regard to this application, but as there had not been an application before the County Manager at the time of passing the Resolution he had been advised that a new application was necessary. The County Secretary stated that the Chief Medical Officer had reported that the septic tank to serve the house was immediately inside the road boundary of the site. In addition the County Engineer and Planning Assistant had recommended refusal of the previous application as the house was situated at the 1,000 ft. level and its siting in this location would seriously injure the amenities of the area. The Council passed the Resolution, subject to the proviso that the septic tank be sited not less than 60 ft. from the road boundary and house, and this was embodied in the Resolution.

(c) Councillor H. B. Hipwell indicated that since the applicant (Mr. Reginald Heatley) had died recently it was not intended to proceed with the moving of the Notice of Motion and that the application was withdrawn.

(d) In regard to the Notice of Motion in relation to the application of Mr. J. Carter for a dwellinghouse at Brockagh, Glendalough, the County Secretary stated that objections to the application had been received from An Bord Failte, The Irish Youth Hostel Association, and The Arts Council, and the letters of objection were read to the Council. The County Engineer had recommended that permission be refused and the Chief Planning Assistant had advised strongly against the erection of a house on the site. The proposed development would be entirely out of character with the area, and as indicated by Bord Failte, would spoil the view of the Cathedral and Round Tower. An inquiry had been addressed to the Department of Lands as to whether the Department would be prepared to provide a site on their lands for Mr. Carter as an alternative to the site on which he proposed to build, and while an acknowledgment was received it had been indicated that a definite reply could not be available in time for the Council Meeting. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., proposing that the Resolution be passed, pointed out that this was a local person who wished to build a house in the area and that he should not be

refused permission to do so. Councillor R. Miley stated there had been an old house on the site many years ago and that in the new Plan the house had been located away from the road and in his opinion the siting of the house at this point would not affect the view. It was

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

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for erection of dwellinghouse at Brockagh, Glendalough, for Mr. J. Carter.

The County Manager pointed out that this was an issue of special significance for the Council and for the country as a whole. Glendalough was one of the most historic sites in the country and there was a special responsibility imposed on anyone who was dealing with Planning policy to ensure that nothing occurred at Glendalough to detract from its historic significance. He asked if the Members of the Council would agree to defer the matter until a reply had been received from the Department of Lands as to whether there would be a suitable alternative site available.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor A. H. Hadden;

Resolved—That we adjourn the Motion in relation to the application of Mr. Carter for Planning permission for one week.

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

In Favour—Councillors J. Whelan, H. J. Byrne, A. H. Hadden, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole and Miss M. Walsh—Eight.

Against—Councillors E. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, P. McCarthy, J. Miley, R. Miley, J. Quigley, J. Temple, G. Timmins and J. J. McCreagh—Eleven.

The amendment to adjourn consideration of the matter was defeated by eleven votes against to eight votes in favour and the Resolution in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor R. Miley, was declared passed on the same voting.

Item No. 2—Circular Letter No. N.3/67 of 26th May, 1967, from Department of Local Government, re Procedure for Documentation and submission of proposals for Local Authority Housing Schemes.

The Council noted the submission of the Circular from the Department of Local Government, copy of which had been sent to each Member.

Item No. 3—Circular Letter No. H.B.F.10/67 of 24th May, 1967, from Department of Local Government, re Grants for Improvement Works on Council Houses.

The Council noted the submission of the Circular from the Department of Local Government on this subject, copy of which had been circulated to the Members.

Item No. 4—Erection of Six Houses at Blessington—To authorise borrowing of £15,000 to defray cost of acquisition of sites and erection of houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £15,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, re-payable over a period of fifty years, to defray the cost of acquisition of sites and erection of six houses at Blessington.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Erection of Five Houses at Parkmore, Baltinglass—To authorise borrowing of £11,600 to defray cost of acquisition of sites and erection of Houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £11,600 from the Commissioners of Public Works, re-payable over a period of fifty years, to defray the cost of acquisition of sites and erection of five houses at Parkmore, Baltinglass.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Erection of Three Houses at Ballywaltrim—To authorise borrowing of £6,870 to defray cost of acquisition of sites and erection of Houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £6,870 from the Commissioners of Public Works, re-payable over a period of fifty years, to defray the cost of the acquisition of sites and erection of three houses at Ballywaltrim, Bray.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Erection of Twelve Houses at Newtownmountkennedy—To authorise borrowing of £21,600 to defray cost of acquisition of sites and erection of Houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £21,600 from the Commissioners of Public Works, re-payable over a period of fifty years, to defray the cost of the acquisition of sites and erection of twelve houses at Newtownmountkennedy.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—To receive Tenders for erection of two houses at Laragh, four houses at Dunlavin, and ten houses at Kilgarron, Enniskerry, including development of sites for housing.

The following Tenders were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council:—

Laragh Housing Scheme—Two Houses:

From Thomas Holt, Roundwood	£9,866 17 0
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Dunlavin Housing Scheme—Four Houses:

From Sean Quinn, Castleruddery, Donard	£10,392 10 0
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Kilgarron (Enniskerry) Housing Scheme—Ten Houses:

From Eager Bros., Trudder, Newtownmountkennedy	£28,235	0 0
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From McMahon & Regan, Ltd., Greenhills Road, Tallaght, Co. Dublin	...	£31,538 16 0
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From Western Enterprises, Ltd., 66, Seaford Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3	...	£33,351 12 0
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The Council decided that the Tenders be referred to the County Engineer for examination and recommendation.

Item No. 9—Report of County Engineer on condition of Cottage at Coolbeg, Glenealy.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported on the condition of the cottage of Mrs. E. Kinsella at Glenealy and had stated that it was in a very bad state of repair. The roof was leaking, walls were damp and required to be plastered internally and externally, new windows and doors were required, and all floors and stairs required to be replaced. The site was situated under the road level and was a very damp one, and the cost of repairing the cottage to put it into a habitable condition was estimated at £500. The County Engineer pointed out that the cottage was a very old one and the accommodation consisted only of a bedroom and kitchen, and two attic rooms with sub-standard ventilation. The cottage was unserviced. The occupant of the cottage had informed him that she had twelve in family, excluding herself and her husband. The County Engineer stated that it would be uneconomical to repair the cottage and he recommended that a new, fully serviced cottage be built. The Chief Medical Officer agreed with the County Engineer's recommendation. In a subsequent Report the County Engineer stated that Mr. Oliver Byrne was prepared to give a site for the new cottage adjoining the present cottage, and this site would be suitable.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer we approve of the preparation of Plans and Specification for the erection of a cottage for Mrs. E. Kinsella on site recommended by County Engineer, subject to the site being approved by the County Medical Officer.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill: "That the Council consider an application from Michael Moore, Winetavern, for a new house in Stratford-On-Slaney."

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had reported on the housing circumstances of Mr. Michael Moore, Winetavern, and stated that he was living in overcrowded conditions and recommended him as suitable for re-housing.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That a house be provided for Mr. Moore at Stratford. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley: "That a report come before the Council urgent under health grounds of Septic Tank at O'Neill's House, Eadestown."

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Medical Officer had reported that the site at Eadestown was unsuitable for septic tank drainage and that the septic tank was not working properly. He recommended that a new septic tank be provided on a site which he understood would be made available on adjoining lands. The County Manager pointed out that the site on which the cottage was built had not been approved by the Council's staff as suitable for provision of a serviced cottage. He and the County Medical Officer had advised strongly against the use of this site for a cottage because of the lack of services on the site, but the Council had decided that a cottage be provided on this site, which had been offered by Mr.

O'Neill, and which was located on his mother's farm. After the plot had been acquired and Plans prepared for building an unserviced cottage the Department of Local Government had urged that the Council provide a serviced cottage, and the Council's staff had endeavoured to provide the services, but the site had since been found to be unsuitable. The County Medical Officer was not consulted in regard to the site and neither he nor his staff had approved of it for the purposes of a septic tank. The Council approved of the recommendation of the County Medical Officer that a new septic tank be provided on the site recommended.

Item No. 12—Applications for Supplementary Grants for New Houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of Supplementary Grants in respect of the erection of New Houses as follows:—

1. To William J. Fanning, Ashtown, Roundwood, in respect of erection of house at Ashtown, Roundwood: £450.
2. To George A. Burns, "Tinnahinch House," Avoca, in respect of house at Knockanree Lower, Avoca: £300.
3. To Mrs. Mary Carroll, "Valve Lodge," Roundwood Waterworks, in respect of house erected at Roundwood: £250.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Applications for Loans for erection of New Houses.

Having considered the details submitted in regard to the applicants:

It was

Proposed by Councillor James Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of Loans for the erection of New Houses to the following applicants:—

1. Christopher Dempsey, Ballyrahan, Tinahely, in respect of erection of New House at Ballyshonog, Tinahely: £1,700.
2. Joseph Hunt, Lott Lane, Kilcoole, in respect of erection of New House at Lott Lane, Kilcoole: £1,000.
3. John Rapple, "Evor Lodge," Howth Road, Howth, Dublin, in respect of New House at Togherbeg, Roundwood: £2,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Applications for Consent to sales of Vested Cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That we approve of the sale by Michael Mullen, tenant-purchaser of Vested Cottage No. 25/10 at Cross, Tinahely, of his interest in the Vested Cottage to Miss Mary Mangan, "St. Anne's," Hacketstown, subject to the payment to the Council of the sum of £50, the Annuity to continue to be payable in respect of the cottage, and the Statutory Conditions to continue to apply.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale

by Mr. Patrick McEntaggart of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 274/4 at 22, Carrig Villas, Killincarrig, to Mr. Noel Dempsey, Sea Road, Kilcoole subject to the payment to the Council of the sum of £261 13s. 4d., the Annuity to continue to be payable in respect of the cottage and the Statutory Conditions to continue to apply.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Application for Redemption of Annuity on Vested Cottage at Castlesallagh, Talbotstown.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Garda Patrick Condren, who was the only child of Patrick Condren (deceased), who had been the tenant-purchaser of Cottage No. 22/2 at Castlesallagh, Colbinstown Upper, for the consent of the Council to redemption of the Annuity on the Cottage. Garda Condren had applied previously for consent to the sale of the cottage to Mrs. Kathleen V. Pepper, "St. Anne's," 48, Foster Ave., Mount Merrion, Dublin, at a sale price of £1,100. Garda Condren was stationed in Dublin and, consequently, wished to dispose of the cottage. As Mrs. Pepper was not a qualified person consent to the sale was refused. Garda Condren had now applied to redeem the Annuity. If the Annuity were redeemed the amount payable to the Council on the basis of the number of years the Annuity on the cottage still had to run would amount to £666 13s. 4d.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we refuse the application of Garda Patrick Condren to redeem the Annuity on Vested Cottage No. 22/2 at Castlesallagh, Colbinstown Upper.

Following representations from Members of the Council that the Garda should be afforded a further opportunity of disposing of the cottage to a qualified person the Council agreed to defer his application for redemption.

Item No. 16—Repair and Improvement of Existing Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes—To authorise borrowing of £13,900 to defray cost of works recommended by County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer, in conjunction with the Estimates for the current year, had submitted a Report on the condition of existing Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes and had given details of the works required at the various Schemes to put them into proper order. The estimated cost of the necessary repairs and replacements was £13,900 and it was proposed that a Loan be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works to defray the cost of the necessary works.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer we approve of the borrowing of a sum of £13,900 from the Commissioners of Public Works, re-payable over a period of twenty-five years, to defray the cost of Repairs and Improvements to Water Supply Schemes and Sewerage Schemes (as set out in the Report of the County Engineer of 10th February, 1967).

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 17—Memorandum from Residents of Churchlands and Lugduff, Tinahely, requesting installation of Sewerage Scheme for their houses.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that this area was under survey at present for the preparation of a Scheme to serve the houses. Councillor Miss Walsh pointed out that as far back as August, 1963, she had proposed a Resolution that the County Engineer submit Plans and an Estimate of Cost of the Scheme at Churchlands, and that this Scheme should have been carried out before now. She stated that there was a need for a Sewerage Scheme to serve the houses in the area and the two Schools. The County Engineer pointed out that a detailed Survey would have to be carried out first and it would then be submitted to the Council for approval before being forwarded to the Department for sanction. It was agreed that the County Engineer prepare a full Report on the matter and the necessary documents, and submit them to the Council at the earliest possible date.

Item No. 18—Extension of Water Supply to Ballymanus Lane, Glenealy.

The County Secretary submitted the Report of the County Engineer on the cost of the extension of the main at Glenealy to Ballymanus and pointed out that having regard to the cost per cottage it would be necessary to make a charge of 6s. per week on cottage tenants as a contribution towards the cost of the Scheme. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked if it would be possible to extend the Scheme to Kilcandra and if this would have the effect of reducing the cost per house in view of the large number to be served. It was agreed that the matter of extending the Scheme to Kilcandra be examined by the County Engineer and a Report submitted.

Item No. 19—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill: "That the Council give a water supply to a number of families in the Randalstown, Whitestown, and Ballyhook areas, all adjacent to Stratford."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that there was a considerable area involved to be served by this proposal. Approximately 2½ miles of 2" diameter would be required to serve the demands of the seventeen houses. A detailed survey would need to be carried out to ascertain if it would be necessary, in view of the length of the distribution main from the source — approximately four-and-a-half miles — to construct a balancing tank near Stratford. An approximate estimate of the cost of the extension to the Scheme to the seventeen houses listed would be £4,500. If it were required to bring the water into each house and provide sinks an additional £30 per house would be required, making the total cost £5,010. On the proposal of Councillor M. J. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, it was agreed that the County Engineer proceed with the preparation of Plans and Specification for the Scheme.

Item No. 20—Extension of Water Supply from Coolboy to Hillbrook.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that there were a number of families residing in this district who were anxious to have a piped water supply and he asked that the County Engineer examine the matter and submit a Report as to the cost of extending the main from the Coolboy Scheme to serve these houses.

Item No. 21—Access Roads to Parkmore Housing Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported in regard to representations received for the surface-dressing of these access roads. He stated that the roads were in a bad condition and urgently in need of surface-dressing and that if they did not receive attention they would break up completely shortly. The cost of repairs and surface-dressing was £145. The County Engineer stated that the roads had never been taken over by the Council, as no moneys had been included in the Road Works Scheme for their maintenance. He considered that in order to safeguard the capital investment in the construction of the roads that immediate repairs be carried out and the cost be charged to Cottage Repairs moneys. It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we approve of repairs to accommodation roads at Parkmore, as recommended by County Engineer, the cost to be defrayed from Cottage Repairs.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 22—Compulsory Purchase Order for Acquisition of Lands at Kilmacanogue required for Improvement of Main (Arterial) Road between Kileroney and Kilmacanogue.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had had negotiations with landowners with a view to acquiring the necessary lands for carrying out the major Road Improvement Scheme between St. Valery's Bridge at Kileroney and Kilmacanogue, but had failed to reach agreement in most of the cases. The County Engineer had recommended that a Compulsory Purchase Order be made in respect of the seven land holdings involved. Councillor H. J. Byrne suggested that the purchase prices offered by the Council in negotiating with the landowners were much too low and that if more reasonable offers had been made it might have been possible to reach agreement. The County Manager pointed out that if the Compulsory Purchase Order were made the amount of compensation would be determined by arbitration and that this would be the fairest way to deal with the matter.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer of 16th March, 1967, we hereby approve of the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order for the acquisition of the lands required for the purposes of the Road Improvement Scheme on the Main (Arterial) Road between Kileroney and Kilmacanogue.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 23—Application for closing of Roads at Dunlavin on 18th June, 1967, for Kart Race Meeting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we approve of closing to public traffic the roads described hereunder around the Fair Green at Dunlavin on Sunday, 18th June, 1967, from 1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m., and authorise the holding of a Kart Race Meeting organised by the Athy Karting Club on the roads while so closed to public traffic:—

Part Main Road 315 between National School and junction with Stephen Street — Length: 200 yards;

Part County Road 336 between Catholic Church and junction with Stephen Street — Length: 100 yards; and

Part County Road 336 between Catholic Church and National School — Length: 120 yards.

The Council's consent to the closing of the roads is subject to the Council being indemnified by the Athy Karting Club against any claim that may arise from the Kart Race and the Club being responsible for any damage that may arise to the Council's roads or property, and accepting responsibility for erecting adequate warning notices.

Passed unanimously.

Loan of £15,000.

In reply to Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Secretary stated that the Council had secured a Loan of £15,000 from the Royal Liver Insurance Society, the major portion of which was required for the purposes of making Supplementary Grants for Private Water Supply and Sewerage Facilities. It had not been possible to obtain a Loan from the Local Loans Fund for this purpose.

The Council adjourned the remaining items on the Agenda to the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 19th June, 1967.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor John Quigley: "That I, or someone for me, will move that Council take over and maintain as County Road the road from Greenane Crossroads to entrance to Church of St. Columba, Greenane."

In the name of Councillor James Whelan: "That I, or someone for me, will move at the next Meeting of the Council that the Council provide £250 towards the cost of reconstructing and tarring Mangans Lane, near Tinahely."

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill: "That I, or some Member for me, will move a Motion requesting the Council, as a matter of urgency, to widen the narrow and dangerous section on the link road between Whitestown Cross and the Randalstown junction."

In the names of Councillors J. Gregory and J. Everett, T.D.: "That we will move at the next Meeting of the Council that Mrs. Brady's entrance to cottage be completed."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held on the 19th June, 1967, at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.
Councillors P. McCarthy, John Quigley, J. Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, J. D. Haughton and J. Gregory.

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

AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 27th February, 6th and 13th March (Estimates), 13 March, 3rd, 10th and 24th April (Special), 1967.
2. Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 30th September, 1967.
3. Road Fund Grants for 1967/'68—Letter from Department of Local Government notifying Grants. (Details circulated to Members).
4. Date of operation of "10th Round" Wage Increase for Roadworkers—Letter from Department of Local Government agreeing that date be 1st May, 1966.
5. Applications for closing of public roads—(a) at Blessington on 8th July, 1967; and (b) at Wicklow on 7th August, 1967.
6. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley requesting Report as to improvements proposed on road between Barniskey Crossroads and Poulaphouca, Avoca.
7. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—"Requesting the Council, as a matter of urgency, to widen the narrow and dangerous section on the link road between Whitestown Cross and the Randalstown junction."
8. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Gregory and J. Everett, T.D.—"That Mrs. Brady's entrance to cottage be completed."
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan—"That the Council provide £250 towards the cost of reconstructing and tarring Mangans Lane, near Tinahely."
10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—"That Council take over and maintain as a County Road the road from Greenane Crossroads to entrance to Church of St. Columba, Greenane."
11. Road Improvements at Annacurra—Report of County Engineer.
12. Acquisition of Land for Road Improvement — Ballyvaltron/Jack White's Cross — Type of Fencing.
13. Representations re condition of unfinished road surface at Grattan Park entrance and Lower Kindlestown.
14. New Road, La Touche Estate, Greystones—Report of Co. Engineer.
15. Capital Allocation for Sanitary Services for 1967/'68.
16. Reduction in Interest Rates on Issues from Local Loans Fund.
17. Site for Dispensary Residence at Rathdrum—Inquiry from Department of Lands as to use of site for Forester's House.
18. Expenditure on Health Services as now estimated for 1967/'68.
19. Application for site on Car Park at Newtownmountkennedy.
20. Application for site on part of Fair Green, Roundwood, for School.
21. Partial County Development Plan for Rights-Of-Way.

22. Applications for use of Public Address Systems:—(a) From Mr. Frank Fallon, Wicklow, re chimes on Ice-Cream Vans; (b) From Blessington Development Association re loudspeaker for week prior to Annual Festival and "tape music" in Town Square; and (c) From Wicklow Committee of St. Vincent de Paul and Cheshire Home, Shillelagh, re loudspeaker for use in July and first week in August.
23. Coast Protection Schemes—Report of Deputation to Parliamentary Secretary.
24. Flood Prevention Scheme at Bray, etc.—Report of Deputation to Minister.
25. Vacancy for Rate Collector in No. 16 District—Letter from County Wicklow Branch of Irish Rate Collectors' Association.
26. Stealing of Lifebuoys at Greystones.
27. Knockananna Tidy Town Committee—Report of County Engineer.
28. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Temple and E. Byrne:—"That we ask the District Engineer to consider the possibility of erecting a light at Upper Windgates. There is no lighting at present in the area."
29. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. Miley:—"That the Council will discuss at the next Meeting the possibility of a Car Park at the Cemetery at Glenealy."
30. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Mary Walsh:—"That this Council will put into effect the conditions of the Resolution passed at a Meeting held on 12th September, 1966 — That the Council plough and re-seed the land of Mr. Patrick O'Toole, Ballybeg, which the Council has Drained."
31. Blessington Housing Scheme — Report of County Engineer on inspection of Scheme.
32. Representations as to need for repairs to cottage at Mill Road, Greystones.
33. Cottages repaired during month of May and to be repaired during June, 1967.
34. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 27th February, 6th and 13th March (Estimates), 13th March, 3rd, 10th and 24th April, 1967.

Passed unanimously.

The following letter received by the Chairman from Councillor A. H. Hadden was submitted to and noted by the Council:—

To: THE WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL:

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I regret that I am unable to attend this the last Meeting of the present Council as I am laid up with a cold.

I would like to say how much I appreciate the fact that the Council unanimously co-opted me back to my seat when I was disqualified for not having my Rates paid, and to thank the Council and its Officials for the courtesy which I have always received.

Hoping we all return.

Yours sincerely,

ALAN H. HADDEN.

Item No. 2 — Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 30th September, 1967.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank Ltd., for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the Quarter to 30th September, 1967, shall not exceed £350,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Road Fund Grants for 1967/'68—Letter from Department of Local Government Notifying Grants.

The Council considered letter of 1st June, 1967 (Ref.: R. 201/4/15), from Department of Local Government, indicating the allocation of Road Fund Grants to the Council for the year 1967/'68. The Council noted that the Grants for the coming year were as follows:—

County Road Improvement Grant	£21,250
Main Road Improvement Grant:	£45,400
Arterial Road Improvement Grant:	£40,000

and noted further that the Grants allocated showed the following reductions in the amounts allocated for the year 1966/'67:—

County Road Improvement Grant:	£4,190
Main Road Improvement Grant:	£12,570
Arterial Road Improvement Grant:	£38,200
Total Reduction of:	£54,960

Members of the Council having expressed concern at the reduction in the Grants for the current year—

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we protest to the Minister for Local Government against the reduction of £54,960 in Road Grants for the year 1967/'68.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill, asked that a Report be submitted indicating the moneys allocated for Grants over the past five years and the moneys spent and unexpended in each area. The County Manager pointed out that the moneys from the Road Fund were not used entirely for Roads. In regard to the recent reception of the Deputation by the Minister the County Manager stated that the estimated cost of Repairs to Roads and Bridges as a result of the floods which occurred in November, 1965, was £76,000, of which over £40,000 had been spent to date. No Special Grants had been allocated towards the cost of these works and, consequently, the Council had to assign County Road Grants against these costs, with the result that it had not been possible to carry out Grant Works on County Roads. The moneys allocated for County Roads in the year 1967/'68 would also have to be allocated towards the cost of repairs following flood damage.

Item No. 4—Date of Operation of "10th Round" Wage Increase for Roadworkers—Letter from Department of Local Government Agreeing that Date be 1st May, 1966.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley;

Resolved—That we note letter from Department of Local Government dated 13th June, 1967, and approve of the payment of the "10th Round" Wage Increase to Roadworkers with effect from 1st May, 1966, instead of from 1st June, 1966, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of such payment.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Applications for Closing of Public Roads—(a) At Blessington on 8th July, 1967; and (b) At Wicklow on 7th August, 1967.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the road from Red Lane, Blessington, via Blessington Bridge to Woodend, Blessington, on Saturday, 8th July, 1967, between the hours of 12 noon and 3 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.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. D. Haughton;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic portion of Road No. L 29 B across the Bridge known as the "Stone Bridge," over the Leitrim River, in the Urban District of Wicklow, and from the said Bridge to the North end of Leitrim Place, in the said Urban District, on Monday, 7th August, 1967, between the hours of 12 noon and 5.30 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 adequate sign-notices being provided by the Committee in relation to the closing of the road.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Quigley Requesting Report as to Improvements Proposed on Road Between Barniskey Crossroads and Poulaphouca, Avoca.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the road between Barniskey Crossroads and Poulaphouca was a tarred road and it was presumed that Councillor Quigley referred to the road between Poulaphouca and Blindwood (Road No. 170). This road was 2.7 miles in length and a sum of £1,790 had been allocated to reconstruct it in the current year if County Road Grants were available. It seemed that Grants would not, however, be available for County Roads. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 7—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—“Requesting the Council, as a matter of urgency, to widen the narrow and dangerous section on the link road between Whites-town Cross and the Randalstown Junction.”

Councillor O'Neill stated that a short section of this road was very narrow and cars could not pass on it and there had been a number of accidents at this point. He urged that some works be carried out, at least to provide sight distance. It was agreed that the County Engineer examine and report on the matter.

Item No. 8—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors J. Gregory and J. Everett, T.D.:—“That Mrs. Brady's Entrance to Cottage be Completed.”

The County Engineer pointed out that all work which had been indicated in the Agreement completed with Mrs. Brady had been carried out. Mrs. Brady claimed that there had been verbal agreement to do other work, but there was no record of such agreement. The County Secretary gave details of the terms of the original Agreement. Councillor Gregory and Councillor Everett stated that the entrance was not in a satisfactory condition and urged that the County Engineer personally inspect it.

Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Whelan:—“That the Council provide £250 towards the cost of Reconstructing and Tarring Mangan's Lane, near Tinahely.”

Councillor Whelan stated that a local Improvement Scheme had been arranged for repairing and tarring the surface of Mangan's Lane and that the local contribution required was £449. He urged that the Council contribute towards the cost of the local contribution and pointed out that the Lane was used as an approach to the Tinahely Water Supply Reservoir. The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Department of Local Government (Special Employment Schemes Section) regarding the Scheme, in which it was stated that the road served five families to their houses and lands and three other families with lands and unoccupied houses. It was also used by the Council as an approach to the Tinahely Water Supply Reservoir.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley;

Resolved—That we contribute £250 towards cost of tarring Mangan's Lane, Tinahely.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Quigley:—“That Council take over and maintain as a County Road the Road from Greenane Crossroads to Entrance to Church of St. Columba, Greenane.”

In regard to the Notice in the name of Councillor J. Quigley, the following letter from the Agent to the Ballinacor Estate was submitted:—

THE BALLINACOR ESTATE

The Estate Office, Ballinacor,
Greenane, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow.

26th April, 1967.

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,

County Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

The Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you to enquire if the County Council would be

prepared to tarmac the roadway in from the main highway at Greenane to the entrance gates of the above Estate.

My chief reason for making this request is that this is also the approach to St. Columba's Church. Whilst at the moment it is a private road owned by the Estate, it carries more traffic going to the Church on a Sunday morning than we would have personal traffic going over the same area in two to three months. Under the circumstances Col. Lomer feels that it is unrealistic that he should be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of this section of the Avenue. Without fully committing myself on this point at the present moment I think there would be no objection to making this section of the road over to the County Council.

There is a second point arising out of this and that is that traffic coming through to the Church pass through the main gate of the Estate and turn round on the Avenue, and here in actual fact have caused more wear than on the direct approach. We do not wish in any way to be unreasonable on this point and make things difficult for people attending the Church. On the other hand we do feel that the wear and tear of the Avenue is such that we may have to close the gates and forbid the cars to come into that section of the Estate for turning and indeed parking, as a very large number do each Sunday. We would not be prepared to make over this area of the Avenue to the County Council, but if some compromise could be reached whereby you take over the maintenance of this section to where the Avenue divides, this can easily be seen on 25" Ordnance Sheet (No. O.S. XXIX.12), we would only be too pleased to let the present arrangements stand.

If you would be prepared to take any action in connection with either of the above suggestions I would be glad to meet one of your Engineers here to discuss the matter further. I shall be away from the 4th to the 12th of May, but any time after that I shall be pleased to make an appointment with your Representative if you so wish.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

MICHAEL F. TWIST.

The County Engineer stated that the road was about 200 yards long and 8 yards wide and would cost about £120 to reconstruct. It was very much used as an approach to Greenane Catholic Church and the Council some years previously had endeavoured to have it taken over as a Public Road, but the owner at that time was not agreeable. The Agent to the Estate had indicated that if the road were taken over and repaired he would be prepared to make an arrangement with the Church Authorities to reconstruct the portion inside the gateway and allow it to be used as a Car Park. The County Engineer stated that no funds had been provided for taking over of roads in the current year's Estimates, but it would seem that this was a road which was of public utility and favourable consideration could be given to taking it over.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we approve of public notice being given of our intention to take over as a Public Road the roadway from the main highway at Greenane to the entrance gates of the Ballinacor Estate.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Road Improvements at Annacurra — Report of County Engineer.

The Council noted the following Report of the County Engineer:-

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

17th May, 1967.

M. Flannery, Esq.,
County Manager.

Re: Road Improvements at Annacurra.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 8th instant.

A sum of £1,000 is included in the current year's Estimates for the removal of the Corner at Annacurra. There may, I understand, be some difficulty in acquiring the land. Land Acquisition Maps are being prepared with a view to taking the matter up with the landowner concerned.

The widening and piping of the drain in front of the Church at Annacurra, to enable cars to park near the Church, would cost £250 approximately. There are no monies included in the current year's estimates for this work.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

In regard to the improvement of the corner, Members of the Council referred to the difficulty which had been experienced in acquiring the land and stated that it was understood that difficulties of Title arose. The County Manager suggested that if it was not possible to acquire the land by agreement the Council might approve of acquisition by Compulsory Purchase.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—Since the land necessary for Road Improvements at Annacurra Crossroads cannot be acquired by agreement it is hereby decided that it be acquired compulsorily.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12—Acquisition of Land for Road Improvement—Ballyvaltron/ Jack White's Cross—Type of Fencing.

The County Secretary stated that Agreements had been made with landowners for the acquisition of the lands necessary for improvement of the Main Road between Ballyvaltron and Jack White's Cross. All the landowners concerned, except two, were agreeable to the use of "stud-farm" fencing, but two landowners, from whom the greatest lengths of land alongside the road were being acquired, were not prepared to accept "stud-farm" fencing and wished to have concrete post and wire

fencing. The County Secretary stated that "stud-farm" fencing had been used by the Council for several years past on fencing alongside Main Roads and had been favourably commented on by visitors to the County, and it was considered that it was a suitable type of fencing, particularly in County Wicklow, since local materials were used. The Council agreed that it would be desirable to continue to use "stud-farm" fencing, as it appeared that some landowners doubted whether the fencing was as long-lasting as concrete posts, and it be pointed out that the planting of a thorn quick hedge on the inner side of the fence would ensure permanent protection. The County Manager stated that all timber used was treated against rotting.

Item No. 13—Representations Re Condition of Unfinished Road Surface at Grattan Park Entrance and Lower Kindlestown.

Representations received from the Labour Party (Greystones Branch) regarding the condition of the unfinished road surface at Grattan Park entrance and Lower Kindlestown were submitted. Members of the Council inquired why this work had been started and left in an uncompleted and unsatisfactory condition. The County Engineer pointed out that provision had been made in the Road Works Scheme for carrying out the Road Improvement at this section and this would be done as soon as surface-dressing had been finished. It was necessary to concentrate on surface-dressing work during the Summer as it was desirable that this work be done in fine weather. The Council urged that the work at Grattan Park entrance be put in hands at the earliest possible date.

Item No. 14 — New Road, La Touche Estate, Greystones — Report of County Engineer.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:-

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
12th June, 1967.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: New Road, La Touche Estate, Greystones.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 23rd ultimo.

I am awaiting confirmation from the Garda Authorities for permission to put up these traffic control lights. As soon as this permission is forthcoming I will be in a position to advertise for the lights. I see no reason, therefore, why they could not be installed during the current financial year.

Apart from this fact I do not consider that it would be in order for the Council to transfer money from Main Roads to County Roads as it is a condition of the notification of Grants for the current financial year from the Department, that suitable provision be made for the maintenance of Main and County Roads, and that the minimum provision, inclusive of Main Road Upkeep Grants for ordinary works to qualify for the grants is that provided in the 1966/'67 Grants for Main

and County Roads respectively. I consider that the amount provided for the maintenance of County and Main Roads in the current year's estimates is the very minimum allocation which I consider necessary to maintain the roads. You will realise that the Council over the years have Taken Over some roads and have also black topped an increasing number of County Roads without making the appropriate increase in the maintenance money to ensure that they are properly maintained.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer we approve of public notice being given of our intention to take over as a Public Road the road known as New Road, La Touche Estate, Greystones, subject to the making of the following contributions towards the expenditure necessary to be incurred by the Council in relation to the road:-

La Touche Estate, c/o Messrs. S. and R. C. Walker and Son	£375
Solicitors, 86, Merrion Square, Dublin, 2.	
Mr. James F. Cawley, 4, Rochestown Avenue,	£188
Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.	
Mr. James O'Loughlin, 39, Garville Avenue, Rathgar,	£188
Co. Dublin.	

The Council does not accept any responsibility for the provision of footpaths.

The contributions indicated are to be paid to the Council before any work is commenced by the Council.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Capital Allocation For Sanitary Services For 1967/'68.

The Council noted the submission of Circular No. L. 5/67 of the 8th June, 1967, from the Department of Local Government, indicating that the initial allocation in respect of work in progress or completed at 31st March, 1967, amounted to £41,000 and that capital to finance new works would be provided within available resources where the Minister was satisfied that the works were essential for the provision of services for new housing, new industry, or were otherwise urgently needed. It was indicated that the Councils would be notified shortly of the specific Schemes which the Minister was immediately authorising and the possibility of allowing further new Schemes to be started would be kept under review during the year.

Item No. 16—Reduction in Interest Rates on Issues from Local Loans Fund.

The Council noted letter from Department of Local Government indicating that the rate of interest payable in respect of issues from the Local Loans Fund made on or after the 13th June, 1967, had been fixed at 7 per cent. per annum. The County Secretary stated that this represented a reduction of $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent and would have the effect of reducing the re-payment rate on Loans for House Purchase by approximately 13/- per £100 borrowed. The rate of interest payable by the Council on Housing Loans would be reduced by approximately the same amount.

Item No. 17—Site For Dispensary Residence at Rathdrum—Inquiry from Department of Lands as to Use of Site for Forester's House.

The County Secretary stated that an inquiry had been received from the Department of Lands (Forestry Division) as to whether the Council would dispose of the site at the Fair Green, Rathdrum, which had been acquired by the Council some years ago as a site for a Dispensary Residence. The Department of Lands required the site for the purposes of a Forester's Residence. Under the arrangement proposed in the White Paper on the Extension of the Health Services there would in future be a choice of Doctor and, consequently, there would be no further appointments of District Medical Officers, except in a limited number of areas where a choice of Doctor was not available. Councillor Haughton referred to the difficulties which had been experienced by the Council in obtaining a resident Doctor in Rathdrum and he considered that the Council should retain the site as there would be a better opportunity of obtaining a Doctor who would reside in Rathdrum if a Residence were available. He pointed out difficulties which had been experienced by people in seeking a Doctor when there was no Doctor available in the district. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., suggested that representations should be made to the Minister for Health to combine the posts of Medical Officer for St. Colman's Hospital and District Medical Officer, as this, he felt, would possibly induce a Doctor to come to Rathdrum and reside in the district. Councillor R. Miley supported the proposal and the Council agreed that the Council's views on the matter be conveyed to the Minister.

Item No. 18—Expenditure on Health Services As Now Estimated For 1967/'68.

The County Manager stated that an examination of the trend of expenditure in the Health Services in the current year showed that there was likely to be considerable expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates if applications received for revisions of remuneration of staff were granted. Applications had been received from medical staff, Health Inspectors, and other staff for increases in remuneration and for reductions in working hours. It was expected also that there would be an increase of about £7,000 in the cost of treatment of patients in Extern Hospitals; of £2,500 in respect of increased rates of allowance for Disabled Persons; of over £9,000 in respect of increases in remuneration and provision for extra staff, as well as increases under other headings; estimated to amount in all to £23,000. The County Manager pointed out that none of the increases in remuneration of staffs had yet been approved, but he felt it desirable to bring to the notice of the Members the likely effect of meeting the cost of the applications which had been made. Since the Health Services Grant for the present year was a block Grant any increase in expenditure in excess of that provided in the current year's Estimates would have to be met in full by the Council. The Council noted the details submitted as to the trend in expenditure on Health Services.

Item No. 19 — Application For Site on Car Park at Newtownmountkennedy.

The County Secretary submitted an application received from Mr. Daniel Dunne, Newtownmountkennedy, for the sale to him of the site containing the Car Park adjoining his premises at Newtownmountken-

nedy, to enable him to obtain a suitable site for the rebuilding of his premises, which had recently been destroyed by fire. The County Secretary stated that Mr. Dunne had explained that in re-building his premises he proposed to set them back some distance from the road, which would meet the wishes of the Council, but that in order to do so he would require part at least of the Car Park to provide a suitable site. Mr. Dunne had stated that he would be filling in land at the rear of the Car Park and that he expected to be in a position to make available for use as a Public Car Park an equivalent area to what he would require for the site. Councillor H. J. Byrne expressed the view that a Plan should be submitted so that the Council could determine exactly what area was being sought. Councillor Hipwell pointed out that Mr. Dunne wished to have approval in principle to his proposal so that he could authorise his Architect to prepare a Plan for the new building. Councillor Gregory felt that the Council should ensure that a suitable Public Car Park of not less an area than that available at present was provided.

It was
Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

Resolved—That we defer the matter for details of the site required by Mr. Dunne and submission of Plan by his Architect.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 20—Application For Site on Part of Fair Green, Roundwood, For School.

The County Secretary stated that Very Rev. Fr. O'Connell, P.P., Roundwood, had applied for a Lease of a plot forming part of the Fair Green at Roundwood for the purposes of the erection thereon of a prefabricated structure to provide additional school accommodation. The Fair Green was in the ownership of the Council.

It was
Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we approve in principle of granting a Lease of a plot forming part of the Fair Green at Roundwood to Very Rev. Fr. O'Connell, P.P., Roundwood, to be used for the purposes of the erection thereon of a prefabricated structure to provide additional school accommodation, subject to the plot reverting to the Council should it cease to be so used. We approve of the necessary Notices being issued in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, when full details of the site are available.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 21—Partial County Development Plan For Rights-of-Way.

The Draft Partial County Development Plan for Rights-Of-Way, which had been circulated to the Members of the Council, was submitted. The Council decided to defer consideration of the Plan until after the Local Elections.

Item No. 22—Applications For Use of Public Address Systems:— (a) From Mr. Frank Fallon, Wicklow, Re Chimes on Ice Cream Vans; (b) From Blessington Development Association Re Loudspeaker For

Week Prior to Annual Festival and "Tape Music" in Town Square; and (c) From Wicklow Committee of St. Vincent De Paul and Cheshire Home, Shillelagh, Re Loudspeaker For Use in July and First Week in August.

(a) In regard to the application for the use of Chimes on Ice-Cream Vans made by Mr. Frank Fallon, Wicklow, Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that he was aware of objections to these Chimes being used near the Hospital at night and that some restriction should be placed on the use of the Chimes if permission were given. The County Manager stated that a similar application had been refused by Bray Urban District Council. Councillor Hipwell referred to the danger to children who were tempted to run across the road on hearing the Chimes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we refuse the issue of a special Permit under Article 35 of the Road Traffic (Construction, Equipment and Use of Vehicles) Regulations, 1963, in respect of Chimes per loudspeaker on three Ice-Cream Vans of Mr. F. Fallon, Leirim Place, Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

(b) It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of permission being granted for the use of a loudspeaker at Blessington during the week prior to the Annual Festival, which commences on 25th June, 1967, and approve also of 'tape music' being provided in the Town Square.

Passed unanimously.

(c) It was

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

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we approve of the issue of a special Permit under Article 35 of the Road Traffic (Construction, Equipment and Use of Vehicles) Regulations, 1963, to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Wicklow, and Cheshire Home, Shillelagh, in respect of a loudspeaker for advertising Football Match and Dance, during the month of July and the first week of August.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 23 — Coast Protection Schemes — Report of Deputation to Parliamentary Secretary.

The following Report of the Deputation from the County Council, accompanied by Representatives of Wicklow Urban District Council, on their Meeting with the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance in relation to Coast Protection Schemes for Wicklow and Ballygannon, was submitted and noted by the Council:-

COAST PROTECTION SCHEMES—WICKLOW AND BALLYGANNON

The Deputation from Wicklow County Council, accompanied by Representatives from Wicklow Urban District Council, met the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance at Leinster House at 4.15 p.m. on 31st May, 1967. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Councillor H. W.

Hopkins, and Councillor J. Everett, T.D., represented Wicklow County Council, and Councillor T. Delahunt (Chairman) and Councillor J. Kane represented Wicklow Urban District Council. The County Manager and County Secretary attended.

The Deputation was received by Mr. Ml. Gibbons, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance, who was accompanied by Mr. J. Cullinane, Commissioner of Public Works, and three Officers of his Department.

Coast Protection Scheme at Wicklow.

Councillor T. Delahunt, Chairman, Wicklow Urban District Council, stressed the serious problem that existed in Wicklow on account of the severe coast erosion which had been occurring, and which threatened "The Murrough," Wicklow, which was the site of a number of new industries and was being developed further as an Industrial Site by the Urban District Council and the County Council. He stressed the urgency of having a Coast Protection Scheme carried out at the northern end of the promenade in order to check the erosion and protect the very valuable property. Councillor Delahunt urged that the maximum Grant be allocated by the Minister towards the costs of the work as the Urban District Council's resources were limited and a 1d. in the £ produced only about £45. Councillor J. Kane supported Councillor Delahunt in his remarks and handed in photographs showing the damage which had occurred to the Seafront in recent years. Mr. J. Cullinane, Commissioner, pointed out that the maximum Grant which could be given by the Minister under the terms of the Act was 80 per cent., but that so far in no case had a Grant of as much as 80 per cent. been allowed. In reply to inquiry from the members of the Deputation Mr. Cullinane stated that the costs of the Preliminary Examination would be from £200 to £500, a half of which would be met by the State. Owners of land which would benefit from the carrying out of a Coast Protection Scheme would be asked to contribute to the cost and the County Council would also be asked to indicate whether the Scheme would benefit the amenities of the area. It was suggested by Mr. Cullinane that the Council should put to the Minister all relevant points in support of the Council's request for the maximum Grant. In regard to inquiries as to when a Scheme could be commenced, Mr. Cullinane stated that he did not think that it would be possible to have any Scheme commenced in less than eighteen months. Mr. Gibbons, Parliamentary Secretary, stated that in accordance with the provisions of the Act the Minister would indicate when forwarding the Scheme for approval by the Council the amount of the Grant which would be made available.

In regard to the Ballygannon Scheme it was agreed that Coras Iompair Eireann be asked for a contribution towards the costs of the Ballygannon Scheme, which was mainly for the protection of the railway line.

The County Manager emphasised the importance of "The Murrough," Wicklow, due to the industrial property thereon and the employment given by these industries, and pointed out that the owners of the factories could scarcely be asked for contributions towards the costs of the Coast Protection Scheme as the Urban District Council was the ground landlord of "The Murrough" and had made the sites available for the industries to encourage their establishment in Wicklow.

Councillor T. Delahunt and Councillor H. J. Byrne thanked the Parliamentary Secretary and the members of his staff for receiving the Deputation.

Item No. 24—Flood Prevention Scheme at Bray, Etc.—Report of Deputation to Minister.

The Council noted the following Report of the Meeting of the Deputation from Wicklow County Council and Bray Urban District Council to the Minister for Local Government in relation to flood prevention:-

SCHEMES FOR FLOOD PREVENTION—REPORT OF DEPUTATION TO MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The Deputation from Wicklow County Council, accompanied by Representatives of Bray Urban District Council, met the Minister for Local Government, who was accompanied by Deputy P. Brennan, Parliamentary Secretary, at Leinster House on 15th June, 1967, at 4.15 p.m. The County Council was represented by Councillors Mrs. Ledwidge, J. Quigley, J. Temple and J. Whelan, and the Urban District Council by Councillors D. Sayers (Chairman), J. Byrne, C. Doyle, G. Hunt and H. McAuliffe. The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Town Clerk, and Town Engineer, Bray, attended.

Councillor D. Sayers, Chairman, Bray Urban District Council, thanked the Minister for receiving the Deputation and conveyed to the Minister the views of Bray Urban District Council on the importance of carrying out, as soon as possible, the proposed Flood Prevention Scheme for the Dargle River in Bray, which had caused such serious flooding and damage in November, 1965. Councillor McAuliffe supported the representations on behalf of Bray Urban District Council. Mr. Boland, Minister for Local Government, explained that under the Sanitary Services Act, the Minister was empowered to give Grants of from 40 per cent. to 60 per cent. towards the cost of Urban Flood Relief and stated that the representations of Bray Urban District Council and the Wicklow County Council had been sympathetically considered and that he would be prepared to make available a Grant of 50 per cent. of the cost of works carried out in the Urban Area in relation to Flooding. He noted that the cost of the full Scheme was estimated at £116,000, of which works estimated to cost £40,000 were regarded as urgent. In view of the present financial situation it would not be possible to approve at present of the carrying out of the full Scheme, though it was agreed that this should be done eventually. He was prepared to approve of the carrying out of a Scheme to deal with the urgent works and of making a Grant of 50 per cent. of the cost of such works which were carried out within the Urban District. Of the estimated cost of £40,000 for the urgent works it was estimated that £32,000 represented the cost of the works within the Urban District and £8,000 the cost of the works within the County Health District. Consequently a Grant of £16,000 would be made available on this basis. The Minister regretted that there was no provision which would enable him to make any Grant towards the cost of Flood Prevention Works within the County Area, as these Grants were available only within Urban Districts. Following further representations from Members of the Deputation the Minister undertook to investigate the application that the Grant be increased to the maximum of 60 per cent. at least in respect of the first part of the work.

In regard to the Schemes in the County Area Councillors Quigley and Whelan explained to the Minister the Council's concern in regard to flooding which had occurred at Balinglass and at Aughrim, and urged that some assistance be provided towards the cost of carrying out Schemes to prevent flooding in these areas. The Minister indicated that he was not empowered to make any Grants for relief of flooding in Rural Areas. As regards Aughrim he understood that there was a possibility of carrying out a Scheme in connection with the drainage of land, which might also assist in relieving the flooding, and in relation to Balinglass he noted that this was on the list of Schemes for Arterial Drainage to be carried out by the Commissioners of Public Works, though it had a low order of priority and, consequently, was unlikely to be carried out for some years to come.

The County Council Representatives on the Deputation also raised the matter of the making available of Grants from the Road Fund towards the cost of Repairs to Roads and Bridges damaged by flooding in November, 1965, on which over £40,000 had already been expended, and which were estimated to cost in the region of £76,000. The Minister indicated that he had not anticipated this matter being discussed by the Deputation, but agreed that if fully detailed proposals were submitted they would receive consideration.

The Members of the Deputation thanked the Minister for receiving them.

Item No. 25—Vacancy For Rate Collector in No. 16 District—Letter From County Wicklow Branch of Irish Rate Collectors' Association.

The following letter from the Irish Rate Collectors' Association (County Wicklow Branch) in regard to the vacancy for a Rate Collector for No. 16 Collection District was submitted:-

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,

County Secretary,
The Courthouse, Wicklow.

39, Main Street,

Arklow, Co. Wicklow.

15th June, 1967.

Irish Rate Collectors' Association.
(County Wicklow Branch)

Re: Vacancy, Rate Collection No. 16 District.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Wicklow Branch, Irish Rate Collectors' Association, that you be so good as to bring to the County Manager's attention a request that the vacancy in No. 16 District be divided between the bordering Rate Collectors Byrne and Foley and that this matter be brought before the County Council for their approval.

It is felt by the association that the regrouping of Collection Districts No. 2, 16 and 17 would provide both collectors, Sean Foley and Peter O'Byrne with more economic districts to collect and that their earnings would be more equitable than at present.

Mise, le meas,

M. G. MURRAY,

Hon Secretary.

The Council asked that particulars of the proposal put forward by the Rate Collectors' Association be circulated to the Members of the Council and the item included on the Agenda for the next ordinary Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 26—Stealing of Lifebuoys at Greystones.

The County Secretary stated that eight lifebuoys at Greystones had been stolen during the second week-end in June. The lifebuoys, together with the ropes attached, had been taken away. So far it had not been possible to trace the persons responsible. Councillor H. J. Byrne, condemning the vandalism, stated that the Gardai could not be expected to have constant patrols on the beach and seafront and suggested that a group of civilian vigilantes be formed to assist the Gardai in preventing vandalism of this type. The Council noted that the buoys were being replaced.

Item No. 27—Knockananna Tidy Town Committee—Report of County Engineer.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:-

23rd May, 1967.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Knockananna Tidy Town Committee.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 3rd and 11th May, 1967, in regard to above.

1. I am arranging to have the approach roads to the village tidied up and roadside hedges trimmed.
2. There are two public water pumps in the village. The concrete walls enclosing one pump are in good condition. The stone walls enclosing the other pump are in a dilapidated condition.
3. The estimated cost of taking down and rebuilding the stone walls in front of the latter pump, pointing the remainder of the stone-work and repairing concrete pump platform is £20.

I do not consider that the two public water pumps should be removed by the Council.

The only section of the village street, which, in my opinion, needs to be widened is the south side of the street from the vacant houses opposite the Church to Murphy's Bungalow. The work will entail the removal of existing stone walls and earthen fences and the erection of 70 lin. yds. of new stone walls on the street frontage. The work may also entail the removal of a shelter-belt of trees on the lands of Councillor Whelan. Land acquisition will be negligible. The estimate cost of carrying out the work is £250.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

The Council agreed, at the suggestion of Councillor Whelan, that particulars of the County Engineer's Report be conveyed to the Knockananna Tidy Town Committee.

Item No. 28—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors J. Temple and E. Byrne:—"That we ask the District Engineer to consider the possibility of erecting a Light at Upper Windgates. There is no lighting at present in the area."

The Council agreed that the County Engineer report on the proposal that a public light be provided at Upper Windgates.

Item No. 29—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor R. Miley:—"That the Council will discuss at the next Meeting the possibility of a Car Park at the Cemetery at Glenealy."

Councillor R. Miley stated that the Hall Committee at Glenealy would be prepared to contribute towards the cost of improving the road at this point, near the Cemetery, and providing a Car Park which would serve both the Cemetery and the Hall. It was agreed that the County Engineer examine and Report on the proposal.

Item No. 30—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Mary Walsh:—"That this Council will put into effect the Conditions of the Resolution passed at a Meeting held on 12th September, 1966—That the Council Plough and Re-Seed the Land of Mr. Patrick O'Toole, Ballybeg, which the Council has Drained."

Councillor Miss Walsh stated that this matter had been before the Council in September, 1966, and that the Council had passed a Resolution agreeing that the land of Mr. Patrick O'Toole, Ballybeg, be ploughed and re-seeded, but the work had not been carried out. The County Manager pointed out that he had informed the Council at the Meeting in September, 1966, that the Council had made an Agreement with Mr. O'Toole, without admission of liability, that the Council would drain the land, and that it was not possible to carry out this additional work which had not been a part of the Agreement reached.

Item No. 31—Blessington Housing Scheme—Report of County Engineer on Inspection of Scheme.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:-

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

19th June, 1967.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Blessington Housing Scheme.
Item No. 31 on Agenda.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 14th instant.

I did an inspection of these houses on the 16th instant. There are a number of defects in the houses and the development work. I received numerous complaints from the tenants in regard to the internal finish of the houses. It would seem from the specification and drawings which I got in your file that some of the work has not been carried out in accordance with these documents. The footpaths are cracking up and do not seem to be laid to the specified depth. Also they are not laid high enough over the road with the result that the vehicular traffic will pull in on top of them and also there is the danger of water coming over them if and when the road receives successive surface dressings.

I have made a list of the defects noted and will send them on to the Consulting Architect with a view to having him take up the matter with the Contractor. These repairs will probably be covered by retention money.

The principal reason why I am not prepared to assume the Co-ordinating responsibility is that there are no details of the work involved in the various projects or requests to support the work shown on the Price Variation Chart for materials and labour. These items came to £1200 in 1964. These would have to be supported by detailed accounts and vouchers before I would be prepared to justify them.

In the conclusion I would refer you to my letter of the 10th January, 1967, in regard to the supervision and the keeping of accounts and vouchers and immediately in order to meet extra claims under the Price Variation Clause.

The Council noted the terms of the County Engineer's Report.

Item No. 12—Reverend Father to be held for repairs to Cottage at Mill Road, Carrigrohane.

The County Secretary stated that representatives had been received from the Labour Party (Carrigrohane Branch) in regard to repairs to a cottage at Mill Road which had been damaged by fire in June 1967. An application had been made for the purchase of the cottage and permission was being given in regard to repairs to the cottage for which permission applications had been received.

Item No. 13—Cottage Repaired During Month of May and June 1967.

The Council noted the list submitted of repairs carried out during the month of May and of those to be carried out during the month of June 1967.

Item No. 14—Approval of Accounts from County Manager's Office.

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

At the conclusion of the Meeting Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that this meeting was the last of the year and expressed his thanks to the Members of the Council for their co-operation with him during his period of office. He also thanked the County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, and all the Council for their help and co-operation in the discharge of their duties. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, paid a tribute to the Chairman for his efficiency, kindness and patience in dealing with his duties as Chairman during the period of office and also to the Members for their support and co-operation in the discharge of their duties as Members of the Council. He also thanked the County Manager and the County Engineer for their help and co-operation in the discharge of their duties.

Minutes of Meeting.

The following Notice of Motion was moved by Councillor H. J. Byrne and seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill: That it be the business of the Council to accept on my behalf, all the following Motion: That immediate steps be taken to have the Corporation of Wicklow County Council, to hold office until such time as his successor shall have been lawfully appointed and takes up office.

Wicklow County Council

The Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 12th July, 1967.

The following Members attended:—

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

The County Manager and County Secretary attended.

Councillor J. J. McCrea (Outgoing Chairman), presided.

AGENDA:

1. Election of Chairman.
2. Election of Vice-Chairman.
3. Appointment of County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture.
4. Appointment of County Vocational Education Committee.
5. Appointment of two Representatives on Arklow Harbour Authority and of two Representatives on Wicklow Harbour Authority.
6. Appointment of Visiting Committee for Newcastle Mental Hospital.
7. Appointment of seven Representatives, with the Chairman, on Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.
8. Appointment of three Representatives on County Council's General Council.
9. Nomination of a Director for Board of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, Ltd.
10. Appointment of Consultative Health Committee.
11. To constitute the Members of the County Council as Old Age Pensions Committee for County Wicklow.
12. Appointment of Members of nine Old Age Pensions Sub-Committees for County Wicklow.
13. To appoint Members of the Council as Nominated Members to witness the affixing of the Seal of the Council.

Item No. 1—Election of Chairman.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That Councillor J. J. McCrea be elected Chairman of Wicklow County Council, to hold office until such time as his successor shall have been lawfully appointed and takes up office.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That Councillor James Miley be elected Chairman of Wicklow County Council, to hold office until such time as his successor shall have been lawfully appointed and takes up office.

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

For Councillor McCrea—Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, W. Cleary, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., F. Hynes, J. McCrea, J. Temple, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh—ELEVEN.

For Councillor Miley—Councillors T. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan and J. Sweeney—EIGHT.

Councillor S. Costello abstained.

Councillor J. J. McCrea was declared elected as Chairman by eleven votes in his favour to eight votes in favour of Councillor James Miley. Councillor McCrea expressed his thanks to the Members for re-electing him and stated that it was a privilege and honour to hold the position again.

Item No. 2—Election of Vice-Chairman.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That Councillor H. J. Byrne be elected 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 M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That Councillor James Miley be elected Vice-Chairman of Wicklow County Council, to hold office until such time as his successor shall have been lawfully appointed and takes up office.

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

For Councillor H. J. Byrne—Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., F. Hynes, J. McCrea, J. Temple, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh—TEN.

For Councillor James Miley—Councillors T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan and J. Sweeney—EIGHT.

Councillors W. Cleary and S. Costello abstained.

Councillor H. J. Byrne was declared elected as Vice-Chairman. Councillor H. J. Byrne expressed thanks to the Members on his re-election. Councillor James Miley stated that he had contested the positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman as representing the largest Party in the Council. He congratulated Councillor McCrea and Councillor H. J. Byrne on their re-election and paid tribute to their ability in discharging the positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Item No. 3—Appointment of County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture.

Councillor Costello inquired whether there was a minimum number of Councillors to be elected to the Committee and if there was any maximum number of Councillors who might be appointed. The County Secretary stated that under the provisions of the Agriculture (Amendment) Act, 1967, it was provided that every Committee of Agriculture be composed, at the discretion of the Council, either

wholly of persons who were Members of the Council or partly of persons who were and partly of persons who were not Members of the Council. The total number of persons to be appointed was sixteen. The County Secretary drew the attention of the Council to the following provisions prescribed under Rule 5 of the Second Schedule to the Agriculture Act, 1931, and Section 2 (1) (b) and (c) of the Agriculture (Amendment) Act, 1964:—

(a) No member of the Council shall be appointed to be a Member of a Committee of Agriculture unless he either has a practical, commercial, or technical knowledge of land, or has an estate or interest in some agricultural land in the County, or has special local knowledge of agricultural matters.

(b) Every person, other than a Member of the Council, appointed to be a Member of a Committee of Agriculture shall be chosen by the Council for such appointment either by reason of his attainments in the practice of farming or the development of agriculture and rural living in the particular locality in which he resides, or by reason of his attainments in the promotion of agricultural or rural home education and advisory work.

In further reply to inquiries from Members the County Secretary stated that the Committee of Agriculture had been composed of eleven Members of the Council and five Non-Members of the Council, and the names of the persons constituting the Committee as previously appointed were submitted. Councillor Costello stated that the Committee was an extremely important one, as being responsible for agricultural affairs in the County, and he felt that representation should be allowed to as many persons as possible who were sufficiently qualified and who were not Members of the Council. He asked that the Council disregard political affiliation in the election of the Committee of Agriculture and other Committees. The County Secretary informed the Council that letters had been received from the County Wicklow Executive of the National Farmers' Association and also from Macra Na Feirme, putting forward names of persons for consideration for appointment to the Committee of Agriculture. Councillor J. Miley objected to any names being submitted and pointed out that the Members of the Council were elected by the people of the County and that other Bodies had the opportunity of putting forward candidates to contest the Election. He pointed out that there were many farmers on the Council who were fully capable of representing the farming community. He pointed out that moneys to meet the costs of the Committee of Agriculture were provided mainly by the Council from Rates and that in consequence Members of the Council should constitute the majority on the Committee. Councillor E. Byrne pointed out that Councillors from the Urban District of Bray had never sought appointment to the Committee of Agriculture and he felt that Councillors from the Urban Areas of Arklow and Wicklow should follow this example. Councillor Costello proposed that six Members of the Council be appointed to the Committee of Agriculture. The proposal was not seconded.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved—That eleven Members of the Council be elected to the Committee of Agriculture.

As an amendment—

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That nine Councillors be appointed to the Committee of Agriculture.

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

In Favour—Councillors H. J. Byrne and S. Costello—TWO.

Against—Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, W. Cleary, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. McCrea, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh—EIGHTEEN.

The amendment was declared defeated by eighteen votes against to two in favour and the original proposal was put as a substantive motion and declared passed on the same voting.

The following thirteen Councillors were then proposed for appointment to the Committee:—

Councillors J. Bourke, S. Costello, M. Deering, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, J. J. McCrea, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, B. Phelan, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh and J. Whelan.

It was decided that a ballot be taken and Mr. G. Nichols, Staff Officer, with Mr. P. Heraty, Acting County Accountant, were appointed as scrutineers. The following Members were elected:—

Councillors J. Bourke, S. Costello, M. Deering, F. Hynes, J. J. McCrea, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh and J. Whelan.

The following seventeen persons were proposed for the remaining five seats:—

Messrs. M. Brennan, M. Byrne, T. Cooney, F. Gilheany, A. H. Hadden, J. Kavanagh, C. Keegan, A. Lawlor, R. Lennon, D. McEvoy, W. H. Meredith, G. Nolan, T. O'Neill, Miss A. Porter, J. Quigley, J. Tyner and N. Tyndall.

A ballot having been taken the following persons were elected:—

Messrs. M. Brennan, Roundwood; T. Cooney, Glenealy; J. Kavanagh, Kilpipe; A. Lawlor, Kilmacanogue, and D. McEvoy, Valley-mount.

The Committee of Agriculture was, accordingly, comprised as follows:—

Councillors J. Bourke, S. Costello, M. Deering, F. Hynes, J. J. McCrea, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh and J. Whelan.

Messrs. Anthony Lawlor, Kilmacanogue; Malachy Brennan, Roundwood; Thomas Cooney, Kilcandra, Glenealy; Joseph Kavanagh, Kilpipe, Aughrim; and Donal McEvoy, Ballyknocken, Valley-mount.

Item No. 4—Appointment of County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee.

The County Secretary stated that the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee was comprised of fourteen persons appointed by the County Council and two persons each appointed by Arklow and Wicklow Urban District Councils. The Council must appoint not less than five nor more than eight Members of the Council on the Committee. The list of the Outgoing Members of the Committee was submitted. The County Secretary stated that letters had been received from the East Wicklow Branch of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation submitting the name of a person for appointment to the Committee and from the Arklow and District Trades Council, requesting representation on the Committee. The Chairman ruled that the letters not be read to the Council. The Council decided to appoint eight Members on the Committee and the following eighteen Members were proposed:—

Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, W. Cleary, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. McCrea, J. Miley, R. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh and J. Whelan.

A ballot having been taken the following seven Members were elected:—

Councillors E. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., J. J. McCrea, J. Miley, J. Temple and Miss M. Walsh. (There was a tie for the remaining place between Councillors J. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill and J. Whelan). A vote having been called for as to which of these three Members would fill the eighth place on the Committee it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

For Councillor J. Miley—Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, W. Cleary, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., F. Hynes, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Temple and G. Timmins—FIFTEEN.

For Councillor Miss N. O'Neill—Councillor Miss N. O'Neill—ONE.

For Councillor J. Whelan—Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney and Miss M. Walsh—THREE.

Councillor Miley was declared appointed to fill the eighth place on the Committee.

The following ten persons were proposed to fill the six other places on the Committee:—

Very Rev. P. Phelan, P.P.; Rev. D. McDermott, C.C.; Rev. W. Kane, C.C.; Rev. Fr. Connolly, C.C.; Rev. D. Breen, C.C.; Rev. Stanley Pettigrew, Messrs. P. McCarthy, S. Geoghegan, T. C. Herr and G. Flood.

On a ballot being taken the following five persons were elected:—

Rev. D. McDermott, C.C.; Very Rev. P. Phelan, P.P.; Rev. W. Kane, C.C.; Rev. Stanley Pettigrew, and Mr. P. McCarthy.

There was a tie between Fr. Connolly and Mr. S. Geoghegan for the remaining position on the Committee. A vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

For Mr. S. Geoghegan—Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., F. Hynes, J. Temple, G. Timmins, and Miss M. Walsh—TEN.

For Fr. Connolly—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. Sweeney—NINE.

Mr. S. Geoghegan was appointed to fill the remaining position on the Committee.

The Vocational Education Committee was, accordingly, constituted as follows:—

Councillors E. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., J. J. McCrea, J. Miley, ~~XXXXXX~~ J. Temple, and Miss M. Walsh. G. Timmins

Rev. W. Kane, C.C., Annacurra; Rev. D. McDermott, C.C., Ballyglass; Rev. Stanley Pettigrew, Wicklow; Very Rev. P. Phelan, P.P., Aughrim; Messrs. P. McCarthy and S. Geoghegan, Arklow.

Item No. 5—Appointment of two Representatives on Arklow Harbour Authority and of two Representatives on Wicklow Harbour Authority.

For Arklow Harbour Authority Councillor John Sweeney was proposed by Councillor J. Miley and seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge; Councillors Liam Cleary and Miss M. Walsh were proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor E. Byrne; and Councillor T. J. Keenan was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. Miley. A vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follows (each Member voting for two candidates):—

For Councillor William Cleary—Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, W. Cleary, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., F. Hynes, J. McCrea, B. Phelan, J. Temple, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh—THIRTEEN.

For Councillor Miss M. Walsh—Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, W. Cleary, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., F. Hynes, J. McCrea, J. Temple, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh—TWELVE.

For Councillor J. Sweeney—Councillors T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan and J. Sweeney—EIGHT.

For Councillor T. J. Keenan—Councillors T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill and J. Sweeney—SEVEN.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following Councillors to represent Wicklow County Council on Arklow Harbour Authority:—

Councillor William Cleary and Councillor Miss M. Walsh.

Passed.

For Wicklow Harbour Authority Councillor Phelan was proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor R. Miley; Councillor Everett by Councillor Timmins, seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh; Councillor Hynes by Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor E. Byrne; and Councillor R. Miley by Councillor M. J. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill. Councillor J. Bourke, who was proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor Timmins,

withdrew his name. A vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follows (each Member voting for two candidates):—

For Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, W. Cleary, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., F. Hynes, J. McCrea, J. Temple, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh—ELEVEN.

For Councillor F. Hynes—Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., F. Hynes, J. McCrea, J. Temple, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh—ELEVEN.

For Councillor B. Phelan—Councillors W. Cleary, S. Costello, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, and J. Sweeney—TEN.

For Councillor R. Miley—Councillors T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan and J. Sweeney—EIGHT.

On the proposal of Councillor E. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Temple, the Council passed the following Resolution:—

"That we hereby appoint the following Councillors to represent Wicklow County Council on Wicklow Harbour Authority:—

Councillor James Everett, T.D., and Councillor Frank Hynes."

Item No. 6—Appointment of Visiting Committee for Newcastle Mental Hospital.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., proposed that the whole Council should meet as a Visiting Committee to the Hospital. Councillor Timmins, seconding, stated that if this was not in order he would suggest that seven Members form the Committee for the first year and that seven other Members be appointed for each of the two following years. Councillor E. Byrne proposed that membership of the Committee rotate in groups of seven Members for each Meeting. The County Secretary pointed out that the total number of Members of the Committee would be seven, of which not more than one-half might be persons who were not Members of the Council. The Council decided to adopt the suggestion put forward by Councillor E. Byrne, namely, that seven Members of the Council form the Visiting Committee for the first month, to be succeeded by another seven Members in the second month, and the remaining Members of the Council in the third month, and that membership of the Committee then rotate in the same groups for succeeding months. It was agreed that the selection of the Members into the three groups of seven be made by the County Secretary by lot. The subsequent drawing of lots by the County Secretary resulted in the following groupings of the Members:—

1st Group (to act for the first month)—Councillors J. Bourke, J. Everett, T.D., F. Hynes, J. Miley, R. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill and B. Phelan.

2nd Group (to act for the second month)—Councillors E. Byrne, W. Cleary, S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. J. McCrea, M. J. O'Neill and J. Whelan.

3rd Group (to act for the third month)—Councillors H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh.

Item No. 7—Appointment of seven representatives, with the Chairman, on Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.

The County Secretary stated that it was the usual practice to appoint Members of the Council from the area, together with two additional Members, to form the Council's Representatives on the Joint Burial Board.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following Councillors to represent, with the Chairman, Wicklow County Council on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board:—

Councillors J. Bourke, J. Everett, T.D., F. Hynes, R. Miley and B. Phelan.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that it was understood that Councillor J. Everett, T.D., had already been appointed on the Joint Burial Board as a Representative of Wicklow Urban District Council and, consequently, there remained three vacancies on the Joint Burial Board to be filled by the County Council. The Council decided not to fill these vacancies at present.

At this point Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, inquired if the Council intended to adjourn and on it being agreed by the Council to continue to complete the business of the Annual Meeting Councillor J. J. McCrea vacated the chair and Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, took the chair.

Item No. 8—Appointment of three representatives on County Council's General Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;
Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following Councillors to represent the Council on the General Council of County Councils:—

Councillors J. J. McCrea, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and G. Timmins.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Nomination of a Director for Board of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, Ltd.

The Council unanimously nominated Councillor Basil Phelan for the position of Director on the Board of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, Ltd.

Item No. 10—Appointment of Consultative Health Committee.

Councillor E. Byrne pointed out that the Consultative Health Committee had been appointed in 1960 at the Annual Meeting, but had never met. Councillor Temple urged that a Committee be ap-

pointed and definite dates fixed for Meetings. The County Secretary pointed out that the reason why the Consultative Health Committee had not been called to Meetings was that the Council had decided that matters relating to Health Services would be included on the Agenda for the normal Meetings of the Council and dealt with by the full Council. In consequence no items had arisen which were referred to the Consultative Health Committee. The Council decided not to appoint a Consultative Health Committee and to continue the procedure that matters relating to Health Services be included on the Agendas for Council Meetings.

Item No. 11—To Constitute the Members of the County Council as Old Age Pensions Committee for County Wicklow.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That all the Members of the County Council for the time being be appointed to constitute the County Wicklow Old Age Pensions Committee.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12—Appointment of Members of Nine Old Age Pensions Sub-Committees for County Wicklow.

The Council decided to refer the appointment of nine Old Age Pensions Sub-Committees to the Local Electoral Area Committees for selection.

Item No. 13—To appoint Members of the Council as Nominated Members to witness the Affixing of the Seal of the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint each Member of Wicklow County Council to be a nominated Member for the purpose of witnessing the affixing of the Seal of the Council.

Passed unanimously.

Library Advisory Committee and National Monuments Advisory Committee.

The Council decided to adjourn consideration of the appointment of these Committees to the first ordinary Meeting, which it was decided to hold on Monday, 17th July, 1967.
Venue for Meetings.

Councillor Costello pointed out that there were no facilities for the public if they wished to attend at Meetings of the Council in view of the size of the present Council Chamber. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., agreeing, proposed that the Council revert to the former Council Chamber at the Courthouse, Wicklow, for their Meetings, where there was a gallery for the public. Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that when the Council had met at the Courthouse, Wicklow,

though there was ample room for members of the public to attend, no person ever attended. He pointed out that the same thing applied to Bray Urban District Council and that it seemed that the public were not interested in attending at the Meetings. He stated that while the accommodation in the present Council Chamber was limited any persons wishing to attend would be facilitated. Councillor J. Miley opposed the suggestion that Meetings be held at the former Council Chamber at the Courthouse and pointed out that the present Council Chamber was much more comfortable for Members, particularly in the Winter time. The County Manager, replying to a request for his views on the matter, stated that the Council had decided to change the meeting place from the Courthouse to the present Council Chamber as the previous Chamber had been found unsatisfactory in a number of respects. Members considered the location of the Chamber at the top of the Courthouse building as being unsuitable and involving a climb up a number of flights of stairs, the room was difficult to heat satisfactorily, and being located over one of the Courts there had on some occasions been objections from the Judge that Court business was interfered with. He stated also that the representatives of the Press had found difficulties in hearing Members speaking in the other Council Chamber. The Council agreed to continue the Meetings in the Council Chamber at Kilmantin Hill.

On the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Miley, the Council asked that the Secretary convey to Councillor James Whelan, who was ill in hospital, the best wishes of the Members for his speedy recovery.



Wicklow County Council

A meeting of Wicklow County Council was held on Wednesday, 12th July, 1967, at 7.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow. The following Members were present: Councillors William J. Byrne, John J. Byrne, Mary Walsh, Mairé, Edward Byrne, H. J. Byrne, Robert O'Neill, J. Miley, and the County Manager. The Council was opened by the County Manager, who read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were agreed.

1. Appointment of Library Advisory Committee.
2. Appointment of various committees.
3. To consider and give effect to the recommendations of the various committees.
4. Applications for Grants from the Department of the Environment, Rathfriland, Co. Wick.
5. Abolition of the County Council's own library system and the establishment of a new system.
6. Appointment of a new County Council Library Committee.
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though there was ample room for members of the public to attend, no person was attended. He pointed out that the same thing applied to Bray Urban District Council and that it seemed that the public were not interested in attending at the Council. He stated that while the accommodation in the present Council Chamber was limited any persons wishing to attend would be facilitated. Councillor J. Byrne opposed the suggestion that Meetings be held at the former Council Chamber at the Courthouse and pointed out that the present Council Chamber was much more comfortable for Members, particularly in the winter time. The County Manager, replying to a request for his view on the matter, stated that the Council had decided to change the meeting place from the Courthouse to the present Council Chamber as the previous Chamber had been found unsatisfactory in a number of respects. Members considered the location of the Chamber at the top of the Courthouse building as being unsuitable and involving a climb up a number of flights of stairs; the room was difficult to heat satisfactorily, and being located over one of the Courts there had on some occasions been objections from the Judge that Court business was interfered with. He stated also that the representatives of the Press had found difficulties in hearing Members speaking in the other Council Chamber. The Council agreed to continue the Meetings in the Council Chamber at Kilmartin Hill.

On the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh, the Council asked that the Secretary convey to Councillor James Byrne, who was ill at the time, the best wishes of the Council for his speedy recovery.

Wicklow County Council

A meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 17th July, 1967, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, 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, J. Everett, T.D., F. Hynes, Roger Miley and Basil S. C. Phelan.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Mr. J. P. Caffrey, Assistant County Engineer, and Mr. P. J. Bermingham, Architect, attended.

AGENDA:

1. Appointment of Library Advisory Committee.
2. Appointment of National Monuments Advisory Committee.
3. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 1st May, 1967.
4. Applications for Permits for use of Loudspeakers from (1) Festival Committee, Rathangan, Co. Kildare; and (2) Dunlavin Macra Na Feirme.
5. Applications for consent to sale of Vested Cottages at (1) Hollywood Demesne (John Hanley—Deceased); and (2) Knockanree, Avoca (Sarah Holden—Deceased).
6. Applications to redeem Purchase Annuities on Vested Cottages.
7. Payment of '11th Round' increase in remuneration to Health Staff from 1st May, 1966.
8. Application from Irish Heart Foundation for Grant towards aims and work of Foundation.
9. Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1967—Letter from Department of Local Government.
10. Proposed acquisition of Burnaby Park, Greystones — Offer from Trustees of Estate.
11. Partial County Development Plan re Rights-of-way (Copy circulated to Members).
12. Application from Grassland Fertilizers Ltd., for site for Storage and Distribution Depot on Industrial Site at Rathnew.
13. Footpaths at Dunlavin Graveyard—Report of County Engineer on estimated cost of works.
14. Old Union Graveyard, Baltinglass—Estimate of cost of cleaning and fencing.
15. Sheep Dipping Baths—Report of County Engineer on repairs recommended.
16. Loan for purchase of new Fire Engine for Bray and erection of Fire Stations at Baltinglass and Dunlavin.
17. Vacancy for Rate Collector in No. 16 District. (Particulars circulated).
18. Representatives re condition of road at Dunranhill.
19. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Appointment of Library Advisory Committee.

The names of the existing Members of the Committee were submitted to the Council. The County Secretary stated that Wicklow Urban District Council had recommended Councillors P. Doyle, Liam Turner and Mrs. P. McNamara for appointment on the County Library Committee. It was also stated by the County Secretary that the Irish National Teachers' Organisation had submitted the names of three persons for Members of the Committee, and that it was the practice to include on the Committee one Representative of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to constitute the Library Advisory Committee:—

Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;
Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Councillor J. Miley;

Councillor B. Phelan;

Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Very Rev. John Kingston, P.P.;

Rev. W. F. Dunlea, C.C.;

Rev. S. Pettigrew;

Mr. F. Kearney;

Councillor P. Doyle, U.D.C.;

Councillor Mrs. P. McNamara, U.D.C., and

Councillor L. Turner, U.D.C.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Appointment of National Monuments Advisory Committee.

The County Secretary informed the Council of the provisions of Section 22 of the National Monuments Act, 1930, which authorised the establishment of Advisory Committees and indicated the qualifications for appointment on the Committee and the duties of the Committee. In reply to inquiries from Members the County Secretary stated that the Committee had met on only one occasion since 1960.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to constitute the County Wicklow National Monuments Advisory Committee, to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council:—

M. Yann Renard-Goulet;

Comdt. Matthew Kavanagh;

Councillor R. Miley;

Councillor M. J. O'Neill; and

Mr. B. O'Riordan.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meeting held on 1st May, 1967.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 1st May, 1967.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Applications for Permits for Use of Loudspeakers from (1) Festival Committee, Rathangan, Co. Kildare; and (2) Dunlavin Macra Na Feirme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That we approve of Permits being issued for the use of Loudspeakers as follows:—

1. To the Festival Committee, Rathangan, Co. Kildare, during the period 23rd July to 13th August, within County Wicklow, for the purpose of advertising the Festival; and
2. To Dunlavin Macra Na Feirme in the area around Dunlavin on July 24th, 25th and 26th, to advertise a Car Treasure Hunt being held in Dunlavin on July 27th.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Applications for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottages at (1) Hollywood Demesne (John Hanley—Deceased); and (2) Knockanree, Avoca (Sarah Holden—Deceased).

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by the Executor of the Will of the late John Hanley of his interest in the Vested Cottage No. 94/3 at Hollywood Demesne to Mr. William McDonnell, Lemonstown, Hollywood, subject to the payment to the Council of a sum of £313 6s. 8d., the cottage to remain subject to the Statutory Conditions and the Annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to Mr. Michael Holden, 11, Royal Tce., Dun Laoghaire (Executor of the Will of the late Miss Sarah Holden), for the sale of her interest in Vested Cottage No. 92/8 at Knockanree, Avoca, to Mr. Michael O'Neill, Knockanode, Avoca, subject to the payment to the Council of a sum of £300, the Statutory Conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the Annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Application to Redeem Purchase Annuities on Vested Cottages.

Members of the Council expressed the opinion that the Council should not approve of the redemption of Annuities on Vested Cottages as this resulted in the Council's having no control over the occupation of the cottages and they could be sold to persons who would otherwise not have qualified to occupy Council cottages. Councillor Hynes expressed the view that since provision had been made in the Housing Act to enable tenants to redeem the Annuities on their Vested Cottages that the Council should allow tenant-purchasers to redeem the Annuities on their cottages. Having considered the applications made on behalf of Mrs. Charlotte Maguire in respect of Vested Cottage No. 11/8 at Tiglin, Ashford, and Miss Mary Ellen McCabe of Ballinabarney, Rathnew, in respect of Vested Cottage No. 226/11 at Ballynerrin, of

which the late Mr. George James was tenant-purchaser, the Council passed the following Resolutions:—

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we refuse the application on behalf of Mrs. Charlotte Maguire to redeem the outstanding Annuity on Vested Cottage No. 11/8 at T'glin, Ashford.

Passed—Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and W. Cleary dissenting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we refuse the application on behalf of Miss Mary Ellen McCabe of Ballinabarney, Rathnew, for permission to redeem the Annuity on Vested Cottage No. 226/11 at Ballynerrin, of which the late Mr. George James was tenant purchaser.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. Temple stated that he had on previous occasions urged that the Council purchase Vested Cottages when offered for sale where such cottages were in an area where there was a demand for housing. He felt that this would enable the Council to provide additional housing for letting at much lower cost than would arise in respect of new cottages and would assist in meeting housing needs rapidly. It was agreed that the matter be included for discussion at the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 7—Payment of '10th Round' Increase in Remuneration to Health Staff from 1st May, 1966.

The County Secretary stated that sanction had been received from the Minister for Health to the payment of the '10th Round' increase in remuneration to staffs on Health Services from the 1st May, 1966, instead of from the 1st June, 1966, as had previously been approved. The extra cost involved would be in the region of £500.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;
Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the payment of the '10th Round' increase in remuneration to members of the Council's staff for whom the Minister for Health is the appropriate Minister, with effect from 1st May, 1966, instead of from 1st June, 1966, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of such payments.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Application From Irish Heart Foundation For Grant Towards Aims and Work of Foundation.

Having considered letter received from the Irish Heart Foundation requesting financial support—

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary:

Resolved—That having considered application of Irish Heart Foundation we approve, subject to the approval of the Minister, of the pay-

ment of a Grant of £130 to the Association in respect of the current financial year and indicate our intention to provide in the Estimates for the making of a Grant towards the Foundation in the following four years.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1967 — Letter From Department of Local Government.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 12th July, 1967, from Department of Local Government, with which was forwarded a copy of the Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1967, which became law on the 28th June, 1967. The County Secretary explained the basis of the distribution of the Agricultural Grant in the year 1966/67 and the revised basis for its distribution in 1967/68 under the provisions of the new Act. Certain difficulties arose in regard to the de-rating of the first £20 of land valuations on account of the levying of Separate Charges. In the current year there was a Separate Charge leviable on the County-At-Large of 0.46d, in respect of Criminal Injuries and a Separate Charge leviable on the Rathdrum Rural District of 0.79d, in respect of the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board. As the expense of levying and collecting these charges on valuations up to £20 would exceed the sum which would be levied provision had been made in the Act to allow the Council to waive the Separate Charges in respect of Criminal Injuries on holdings consisting of land only with a valuation of £20 or less. As it was necessary for the Council's staff to proceed with the preparation of the Rate Books and Collecting Documents particulars of the changes which the Minister was submitting to the Oireachtas had been supplied by the Department of Local Government in letter of 14th April, 1967, and the assessment of the Rates had been carried out following the instructions given in that letter. It appeared, however, from the provisions of the Act as now received that authority was given to waive only the Separate Charges in respect of Criminal Injuries on valuations of £20 or less, but that this did not extend to the first £20 of land valuations between £20 and £33. The total costs involved in respect of the levying of the Separate Charges on these lower valuations amounted to £120 9s. 5d.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan:

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.

That being satisfied that the levying of Rates in respect of Criminal Injuries on the first £20 of holdings of land only with a total land valuation greater than £20, but not exceeding £33, and of the levying of Rates in respect of the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board on holdings of land only under £20, and on the first £20 of holdings of land only with a total land valuation greater than £20, but not exceeding £33, would exceed the amount leviable we waive the levying and collection of such Rates.

Passed unanimously.

The Council asked that examples of the effect of the revised basis of apportionment of the Agricultural Grant be circulated to the Members and that particulars be also supplied of the number of valuations of land only of £20 or less, the number of such valuations exceeding £20 but not exceeding £33, and the number exceeding £33.

Item No. 10—Proposed Acquisition of Burnaby Park, Greystones—Offer From Trustees of Estate.

The County Secretary referred to negotiations which had been proceeding for some time past following a Resolution of the Council to acquire the area known as 'The Park' at Greystones from the Burnaby Estate, and a recent decision of the Council to effect the acquisition by a Compulsory Purchase Order. A letter of 21st June, 1967, from Messrs. Hayes and Sons, Solicitors, on behalf of Trustees of the Burnaby Estate, indicating that the Trustees were prepared to sell 'The Park' to the Council, excluding the cottage occupied by Miss Annie Fitzpatrick, for the sum of £1,200, was submitted.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That having considered letter of 21st June, 1967, from Messrs. Hayes and Sons, Solicitors, on behalf of the Trustees of the Burnaby Estate, we approve of the acquisition of 'The Park' at Greystones for the sum of £1,200, excluding the cottage now occupied by Miss Annie Fitzpatrick.

Passed Unanimously.

Item No. 11—Partial County Development Plan Re Rights-Of-Way.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;

Resolved—That we approve of the Draft Partial County Development Plan in respect of Rights-Of-Way, as submitted to this Meeting.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12—Application from Grassland Fertilizers Ltd., for Site for Storage and Distribution Depot on Industrial Site at Rathnew.

The County Secretary stated that it appeared from inquiries made from the firm that the site sought was required solely for the purposes of a Store and Distribution Depot and that only four men would be employed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That having considered application of Grassland Fertilizers Ltd., and the information given regarding employment to be provided we consider that the Industrial Site at Rathnew should be reserved for a worthwhile industry and refuse the application for the leasing of approximately two acres for the purpose of erecting a Storage and Distribution Depot.

Passed Unanimously.

Item No. 13—Footpaths at Dunlavin Graveyard—Report of County Engineer on Estimated Cost of Works.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer we approve of the work of shaping and surface-dressing main path at Dunlavin Graveyard at a cost of £95.

Passed Unanimously.

Item No. 14—Old Union Graveyard, Baltinglass—Estimate of Cost of Cleaning and Fencing.

The County Secretary submitted Report of County Engineer of 2nd May, 1967, in regard to the inspection of the Graveyard by the Assistant County Engineer, and further Report of 26th May, 1967, giving an estimate of £382 for the cost of clearing furze and cleaning, filling in dangerous grippes, and fencing with oak stakes and chain-link wire. Of the total estimate of £382, £300 related to the fencing. In the course of the discussion on the matter Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, pointed out that it was the responsibility of the landowner to so fence his land as to prevent his stock trespassing. It was decided to adjourn a decision on the matter and to ascertain whether the landowner would be agreeable to contribute towards the cost of fencing if this were done by the Council.

Item No. 15—Sheep Dipping Baths—Report of County Engineer on Repairs recommended.

The County Secretary submitted Reports of the County Engineer in which he recommended that temporary repairs at a total cost of £553 be carried out to eighteen Sheep Dipping Baths and that work estimated to cost £596 on permanent repairs was considered necessary and might be considered for inclusion in the Estimates for the coming financial year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer we approve as recommended by him, at a cost of £553, and approve of provision of the carrying out of temporary repairs to Sheep Dipping Baths, being made in the Estimates for the coming financial year for expenditure of a further £596 on permanent works of repair. We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the temporary repairs recommended.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. Miley referred to the need for a new Sheep Dipping Bath near Lacken, where agreement had been reached on a site, and urged that this Bath be provided. Councillor Timmins pointed out also the necessity to deal with the matter of the Sheep Dipping Bath at the Glen of Imaal. The Council agreed that Reports in regard to these Baths be available for the next Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 16—Loan for Purchase of New Fire Engine for Bray and Erection of Fire Stations at Baltinglass and Dunlavin.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had approved of the raising of a Loan of £4,700 to meet the cost of the purchase of a new Fire Engine for Bray, but it had not been possible to obtain the necessary accommodation from the Council's Treasurer. Following a recent inquiry to the Royal Liver Friendly Society it had been indicated, on behalf of the Society, that they were agreeable to make a loan of £11,000 available, which would be sufficient to meet the cost of the

new Fire Engine and also the estimated cost of the provision of Fire Stations at Baltinglass and Dunlavin, the Plans for which were awaiting approval by the Department of Local Government. The Council had made provision in the Estimates for the necessary loan charges.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £11,000 from the Royal Liver Friendly Society, repayable over a period of fifteen years, on a half-yearly annuity basis, at 7 3/8ths, for the purpose of defraying the cost of the purchase of new Fire Engine for Bray and of the erection of Fire Stations at Baltinglass and Dunlavin.

Passed Unanimously.

In reply to Councillor Costello, who inquired if the Fire Engine was produced in Ireland, or if any of the Tenders submitted had been in respect of Appliances made in Ireland, the County Secretary stated that the Tender accepted by the Council was that recommended by the Chief Fire Officer and County Engineer as being the most suitable. To the best of his recollection none of the Appliances for which Tenders were submitted was made in Ireland.

Item No. 17—Vacancy for Rate Collector in No. 16 District.

Particulars of the proposal submitted by the Irish Rate Collectors' Association (County Wicklow Branch) for the division of Districts Nos. 2, 16 and 17 so as to form two Districts, to be divided between existing Collectors for Districts Nos. 2 and 17, had been circulated to the Members of the Council. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., contended that the proposal submitted by the County Wicklow Branch of the Irish Rate Collectors' Association was not one which had been agreed generally by Rate Collectors.

The following Motion was put to the Council:-

Resolved—That applications be invited by public advertisement for the post of Rate Collector for No. 16 Collection District.

As an amendment—

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That Rate Collection Districts Nos. 2, 16 and 17 be reconstituted to allow of three Districts, with three Collectors receiving similar remuneration.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors J. Bourke, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering, F. Hynes, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh—SEVEN.

AGAINST: Councillors E. Byrne, W. Cleary, J. Everett, T.D., T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney and J. Temple—TWELVE.

The amendment was declared defeated by twelve votes against to seven votes in favour and the Council agreed that the proposal to advertise the post be declared passed on the same voting.

Item No. 18—Representations Re Condition of Road at Dunranhill.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 25th April, 1967, received from Mr. G. V. Paul Barnett, A.M.Inst.B.E., M.Inst.P.E., "Fintimara," Dunranhill, Newtownmountkennedy, in which he referred to preparatory work being done in the vicinity for tarmacadam surfacing and urged that while the equipment was in the area the road serving his house should be tarred. He contended that the procedure of filling in ruts with gravel was stupid and that the extra cost of tarring the roadway while the Council's equipment was in the area was negligible. Mr. Barnett asked that his letter be put before the Council. The County Secretary also submitted the Report of the County Engineer of the 13th June, 1967, in which he pointed out that the road complained of was a County Road, 2.3 miles long, with a gravel surface, and that its condition was considered satisfactory, considering that there were only six people living on the road and it was very little used by the public. The cost of tarring the road would amount to approximately £1,000 and no moneys were available in the current year's Estimates to have such work carried out. In times of flooding a certain amount of gravel was washed from the hill, causing potholes on the road, and these were filled up frequently, and was the only effective way of keeping the road in a passable state of repair with the funds available. He did not accept the statement that this was a waste of ratepayers' money and pointed out that there was no obligation on the Council to provide tarmacadam surface on the road as it was not as important a one as other roads in the County which had not got tarmacadam surfaces. The Council noted the terms of Mr. Barnett's letter and the County Engineer's Report thereon.

Item No. 19—Inquiries Arising from County Manager's Orders.

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

Entrance to Macreddin Cemetery.

Councillor Miss Walsh referred to the approval given by the Council to repairs to the entrance road to Macreddin Cemetery and inquired why this work had not been carried out. The County Secretary stated that the matter would be examined.

Dangerous Trees at Railway Terrace, Aughrim.

Councillor Miss Walsh also inquired as to what action was being taken regarding the removal of dangerous beech trees at Railway Terrace, Aughrim, which had been discussed at previous Meetings of the Council. The County Secretary stated that this matter would also be examined.

Lighting on Bridge at Arklow.

Councillor J. Sweeney complained of the lack of adequate lighting on the new Bridge at Arklow and urged that proper lighting be provided. The County Secretary explained that if the provision of public lights to the approved standards were to be carried out by the County Council ten lights would have to be provided and the cost of maintenance of these lights was estimated at £200 per annum. The cost of maintenance of the lighting would be the responsibility of the Urban District Council and Arklow Urban District Council considered that such a cost would be too high. The Urban District Council had suggested that only five lights be provided of a type which would involve a maintenance cost of £40. It was agreed that the matter be referred again to Arklow Urban District Council for their views.

Questions by Members of Council.

Councillor S. Costello stated that he noted that questions were asked by Members of the Council which involved the County Manager and County Secretary having to carry out investigations in order to supply replies. He inquired if there was any objection to Members giving prior notice of questions they intended to raise so that answers could be available at the Meeting. The County Secretary stated that there was no objection whatsoever to Members giving advance notice of questions and that if such procedure were followed generally it would be of assistance to the Council's Officers.

Public Lights for Rathnew and Charvie Lane.

Councillor Hynes asked that the matter of the provision of lights at Rathnew and Charvie Lane, which had been sought some while ago, be expedited.

Shortage of Water at Blessington.

Councillor J. Miley stated that there was at present a shortage of water in Blessington and asked that consideration be given to taking in an extra spring which would overcome the present shortage. It was agreed that the matter be examined by the County Engineer.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—Requesting the Council to take steps to eliminate the flooding at the entrance of Daniel Nolan's holding at Baronstown, Grangecon.

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—Requesting the Council to carry out the necessary work to prevent the flooding of T. Allison's house in Stratford, caused by the overflowing of surface water from an open drain.

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—“That the Council extend the watermain from the Milltown South Scheme to Ballymerrigan, Rathnew.”

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—“That the Council sink a well to supply the tenants of eight cottages at Oaklawn View, Newcastle, as a supply of water for domestic use was approved by the Council for these people two years ago.”

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—“That Miss Elizabeth Gill, Merrymeeting, Rathnew, and Miss Catherine Doyle, Ballybeg, Rathnew, be made the vested tenants of their cottages.”

In the name of Councillor James Miley:—“That the Council give particulars of the number of holdings £20 and under, the number of holdings £20 up to £33, and the number £33 and over.”

In the name of Councillor Miss Nancy O'Neill:—“That the District Engineer consider the possibility of providing lights at Redford Cottages and also the provision of a crescent or roundabout at the end of the row of houses for the turning of cars and lorries. At the moment all delivery lorries have to reverse to get out.”

In the name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:—Requesting a Report on the River in Aughrim that had caused a lot of flooding to houses there, or whether the County Council was in a position to do anything to relieve flooding.

Questions by Members of Council

Councillor B. Costello stated that he noted that questions were asked by Members of the Council which involved the County Manager and County Secretary having to carry out investigations in order to supply replies. He inquired if there was any objection to Members giving prior notice of questions they intended to raise so that answers could be available at the Meeting. The County Secretary stated that there was no objection whatsoever to Members giving advance notice of questions and that if such procedure were followed generally it would be of assistance to the Council's Officers.

Public Lights for Rathnew and Charvillat Lane

Councillor Ryan asked that the matter of the provision of lights at Rathnew and Charvillat Lane which had been brought some while ago, be expedited.

Shortage of Water at Blessington

Councillor J. Kelly stated that there was at present a shortage of water in Blessington and asked that considerations be given to taking an alternative route which would overcome the present shortage. It was agreed that the matter be examined by the County Engineer.

Notice of Motion

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

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—Requesting the Council to take steps to eliminate the flooding at the entrance of the County's building at Blessington, Grangegreen.

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—Requesting the Council to carry out the necessary work to prevent the flooding of the house in Stratford, caused by the overflowing of sewage water from an open drain.

In the name of Councillor P. Hynes:—That the Council order the watermain from the Milltown South Scheme to Ballymore, Rathnew.

In the name of Councillor P. Hynes:—That the Council ask a well to supply the tenants of eight cottages at Charlton Park, Newcastle, as a supply of water for domestic use was approved by the Council for these people two years ago.

In the name of Councillor P. Hynes:—That the Council order Miss Elizabeth Gill, Marymanning, Rathnew, and Miss Catherine Doyle, Ballybeg, Rathnew, be made the vested tenants of the cottages.

In the name of Councillor James Kelly:—That the Council give particulars of the number of houses in the area under the number of holdings 229 up to 233, and the number of holdings 233 and over.

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—That the District Engineer consider the possibility of providing lights at Rathnew Cottages and also the provision of a pump or submersible at the end of the row of houses for the purpose of carrying off water. At the moment all sanitary looies are connected to the main.

In the name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:—Requesting a Report on the River in August that had caused a lot of flooding to houses there, so that the County Council was in a position to do anything to relieve flooding.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A special Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of Making the Rate for the year 1967/68 was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 25th July, 1967.

The following Members attended:—

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

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman the Members agreed that Councillor Miss M. Walsh take the chair.

The County Secretary, Mr. N. J. Byrne, County Checker, and Mr. G. Nichols, Staff Officer, attended.

The County Secretary explained the procedure for the passing of the necessary Resolutions and for the signing and sealing of the Rate Books and the sealing of Rate Collectors' Warrants.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we now adopt the Rates for the service of the financial year ending on 31st March, 1968, 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, 1968.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

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, 1968, as follows:—

ARKLOW	...	...	...	£22,810 13 6
BRAY	...	...	...	£87,986 7 9
WICKLOW	...	...	...	£18,596 0 8

Passed unanimously.

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, 14th August, 1967, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

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

AGENDA:

1. Applications for Supplementary Grants for New Houses.
2. Provision of Cottage at Kilmacanogue — Recommendation of Members for BRAY ELECTORAL AREA.
3. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill re provision of lights at Redford Cottages and provision of turning space for vehicles.
4. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That Miss Elizabeth Gill, Merrymeeing, Rathnew, and Miss Catherine Doyle, Ballybeg, Rathnew, be made the vested tenants of their cottages."
5. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That the Council sink a well to supply the tenants of eight cottages at Oaklawn View, Newcastle, with water for domestic use."
6. Applications for consent to redemption of Annuities on Vested Cottages.
7. Proposed purchase by Council of Vested Cottages.
8. Application of Differential Rents to existing Council Houses.
9. Greystones Harbour—Application by Greystones and District Civic Association for contribution to cost of works at Harbour.
10. Fencing of lands at Ardinary and Ballinaskea adjoining Wicklow/Brittas Bay/Arklow Road.
11. Houses at Brittas Bay—Revocation of Grant of Permission for Three Houses.
12. Appointment of Rate Collector—Letter from Irish Local Government Officials' Union re appointment on promotion and requesting reception of Deputation.
13. Secondary Schools Scholarship Scheme—Results of Examination.
14. Repairs to Cottages carried out during July and Cottages to be repaired during August, 1967.

Item No. 1.—Applications for Supplementary Grants for New Houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of Supplementary Grants in respect of erection of New Houses as follows:—

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| 1. Thomas Hayes, 10, Bentley Park, Boghall Road, Bray: | £275. |
| 2. Christopher Brien, Jnr., 15, Bentley Park, Bray: | £275. |
| 3. Paul Harris, 16, Bentley Park, Bray: | £275. |
| 4. Gerald Shortt, 17, Bentley Park, Bray: | £275. |
| 5. Francis Hayes, 18, Bentley Park, Bray: | £275. |
| 6. Dominic O'Rourke, 19, Bentley Park, Bray: | £275. |
| 7. Gerard Sterling, 20, Bentley Park, Bray: | £275. |
| 8. Colbert Martin, 21, Bentley Park, Bray: | £275. |
| 9. Robert M. Hamilton, 22, Bentley Park, Bray: | £275. |
| 10. Patrick Jordan, 23, Bentley Park, Bray: | £275. |
| 11. John Roche, 24, Bentley Park, Bray: | £275. |
| 12. Patrick Cassidy, 25, Bentley Park, Bray: | £275. |
| 13. John Rothwell, "Hillside", Tinahely: | £300. |
| 14. Edward O'Connor, Vallemount: | £300— |
- Subject to satisfactory completion of house at Ballyboys and payment of State Grant allocated.

15. Henry Winterbotham, Killacoran, Aughrim: £195.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we note that Mr. Anthony Devlin, formerly of 34, Wolfe Tone Square, West, Bray, and now resident at 7, Bentley Park, Bray, has not resided in the County for the prescribed period of three years, but having regard to the circumstances of the applicant we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £275 in respect of the erection of the house at 7, Bentley Park, Bray.

Passed unanimously.

In regard to the application for a Supplementary Grant by Mr. John J. Murphy, Holyvalley, Blessington, the County Secretary pointed out that since the house was commenced in 1931 a Grant could be paid only under the provisions of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, and consequently the Grant payable would be £150 only.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we approve of payment of Supplementary Grant as follows:—

To Mr. John J. Murphy, Holyvalley, Blessington—In respect of erection of New House at Holyvalley, commenced in 1961: £300; subject to legal advice as to authority for payment of a Grant equivalent to the State Grant being favourable.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Provision of Cottage at Kilmacanogue—Recommendation of Members for Bray Electoral Area.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of a house at Kilmacanogue for Mr. Ambrose Stephens, 'The Quill', Kilmacanogue, subject to approval of site.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill Re Provision of Lights at Redford Cottages and Provision of Turning Space for Vehicles.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

3rd August, 1967.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Notice of Motion—Provision of Public Lighting and Turning Space at Redford Cottages.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 21st ultimo (K.R./L.O.C).

There are eighteen Council Cottages situated on a cul-de-sac, approximately 230 yards long leading off the Greystones/Bray Road. There is a public light on the junction with the main road. It is recommended that an additional light be provided approximately half way along the cul-de-sac. Arrangements are being made for an estimate for the provision of this light, to be submitted by the E.S.B. in due course.

There is no provision for turning vehicles at the end of this cul-de-sac, although most of the cottages have mechanised transport. It would be desirable that a turning space be provided. This would necessitate acquiring portion of the gardens of the two end houses or, alternatively, extra land from the adjoining landowner. If it is agreed to go ahead with the provision of the turning space, it is recommended that the occupants of Cottages Nos. 9 and 10 be written to, with a view to obtaining the necessary land.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of an additional light on the access road to cottages at Redford and of the provision of a turning space at the end of the road, subject to the necessary lands being obtained from the tenants of cottages Nos. 9 and 10.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes—"That Miss Elizabeth Gill, Merrymeting, Rathnew, and Miss Catherine Doyle, Ballybeg, Rathnew, be made the Vested Tenants of their Cottages."

The County Secretary stated that in both these cases the applicants were single.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

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

Resolved—That Miss Elizabeth Gill, Merrymeting, Rathnew, and Miss Catherine Doyle, Ballybeg, Rathnew, be made the vested tenants of their cottages.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes—"That the Council Sink a Well to supply the Tenants of Eight Cottages at Oaklawn View, Newcastle, with Water for Domestic Use."

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

REPORT

14th August, 1967.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Proposed Water Supply for Eight Cottages at Oaklawn View, Newcastle. Item 5 on Agenda.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 24th ultimo.

These cottages are divided into two groups of four. The furthest cottage of one group is 700 lin. yds. on the Sea Road from the extremity of the water main in Newcastle. The second group of four is at the end of a cul-de-sac approximately 250 lin. yards off the Sea Road and near the first group of cottages.

Due to proximity of these cottages to the Newcastle watermains and to the fact that this water supply has been greatly improved by the recent scheme just completed, I would recommend that a 2" dia. extension be taken from the Newcastle supply to these houses. The

total length of main to supply all eight cottages is approximately 930 linl. yds. which is estimated to cost for laying the main only £960 or £120 per cottage.

The main could be extended in due course another 1,100 linl. yds. to serve a group of seven houses in the townland of Blackditch.

The cost of sinking a well to supply the eight houses in Oaklawn View is estimated to cost £200 but as the houses are so far apart one well to serve the eight cottages, in my opinion, would be unsatisfactory.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

Resolved—That the County Engineer obtain an estimate from the Contractor engaged on the extension of the watermain from Killadreenan to Newcastle for a further extension to Tiglin to serve cottages at Oaklawn View.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Applications for Consent to Redemption of Annuities on Vested Cottages.

The Council discussed the matter of the policy to be followed in relation to applications for redemption of Annuities on Vested Cottages and contrary views were expressed. It was held by some Members that since provision was made in the Housing Act to allow redemption of Annuities on Vested Cottages that consent should be given to such applications. Other Members pointed out that once the Council had consented to the redemption of an Annuity on a cottage the tenant-purchaser was then free to dispose of the cottage to any person, whereas if the Annuity continued to be payable the cottage could be disposed of only to a person qualified to occupy a Council cottage. The County Manager pointed out that another effect of the redemption of an Annuity on a cottage was to create a much wider market in relation to the sale of the cottage. The County Secretary having submitted particulars regarding the application of Mr. Peter Kavanagh, Ballinlea, Ashford (including the amount which would be payable to the Council if the Annuity were redeemed)—

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes:

Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

Resolved—That we approve of the redemption of Annuity on cottage of Peter Kavanagh, Ballinlea, Ashford.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That the application of Mr. Peter Kavanagh to redeem the Annuity on his cottage be refused.

It was pointed out that the proposal of Councillor Miley was a direct negative and, consequently, the proposal in the name of Councillor F. Hynes was put to the Council. A vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR—Councillors J. Bourke, W. Cleary, J. Everett, T.D., F. Hynes, R. Miley, B. Phelan, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh—EIGHT.

AGAINST—Councillors H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. McCrea, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Sweeney and J. Temple—ELEVEN.

The Motion was declared defeated by eleven votes against to eight votes in favour.

Having considered the application of Mr. John Harmon, Kindiestown Lower, Delgany, for the redemption of the Annuity on his cottage at Kindiestown Lower—

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That we refuse application of John Harmon for consent to redemption of Annuity on cottage at Kindiestown Lower, Delgany. Passed unanimously.

Having considered Report of County Engineer and particulars of amount which would be payable to the Council in regard to the application of Mr. James Gregory, Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy, for consent to the redemption of the Annuity on his cottage.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we grant permission to James Gregory for redemption of Annuity on cottage at Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy.

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, J. Everett, T.D., F. Hynes, R. Miley, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh—SEVEN.

AGAINST: Councillors H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. McCrea, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, and J. Temple—TWELVE.

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

Item No. 7—Proposed Purchase by Council of Vested Cottages.

The question as to whether the Council should purchase vested cottages when put up for sale was discussed by the Council. The County Secretary stated that the Council had purchased two cottages in recent years. In the case of one of the cottages the tenant-purchaser, having failed to obtain a qualified person as purchaser, offered the cottage to the Council. In the other case consent to the sale of the cottage had been refused in two instances by reason of the fact that the proposed purchaser was not a qualified person and the Council had decided to make an offer for the purchase of the cottage. The County Engineer had reported that he saw no objection to the Council purchasing cottages back from the tenant-purchasers for housing of qualified persons, provided they were in a reasonable state of repair and that the accommodation was suitable to meet the applicants' needs. He pointed out that some of the older cottages were not serviced and were limited in accommodation. Councillor H. J. Byrne expressed the view that it would be good business for the Council, provided that the cottage was in good condition, to purchase vested cottages. The Council agreed not to determine any policy in the matter, but to consider cases individually.

Item No. 8—Application of Differential Rents to Existing Council Houses.

Councillor J. Temple stated that this matter was a most important one and he felt that a Special Meeting should be arranged at a later date to deal with the matter. He asked if the County Manager would prepare a Scheme or Schemes and circulate proposals to the Members and that a Special Meeting then be held. The County Manager stated that proposals would be circulated to the Members and a Meeting arranged at a later date.

Item No. 9—Greystones Harbour—Application by Greystones and District Civic Association for Contributions to Cost of Works at Harbour.

Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that the Members of the Council for the **BRAY ELECTORAL AREA** had met a Deputation from the Greystones and District Civic Association in regard to the matter of works required at Greystones Harbour. They had been reliably informed that if works were not carried out to protect the Kish Base, which had been placed in the Harbour, this Base would disintegrate and the protection which it had afforded would be lost. Councillor Temple stated that Bord Failte were providing a substantial Grant towards the cost of the proposed Scheme. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill urged that the Council agree to the raising of a Loan of £3,000 as a contribution towards the cost of the work, which was estimated at £14,900 towards which An Bord Failte had offered a Grant of £12,000. She stated that if the Kish Base were stabilised and protected the serious erosion which had previously been taking place in the Harbour would be stopped and additional protection provided for boats, and the resort could be developed. The County Engineer stated that he had examined the proposed Scheme, which had been prepared by a Consulting Engineer, and that it was satisfied

that the Scheme would permanently stabilise the Base and ensure permanent protection for the Harbour and prevent erosion which had been taking place for some years. It would also ensure safe anchorage and protection of boats during the heavy Winter season storms. He considered that it was most urgent that the proposed protection work be carried out before the onset of heavy Winter tides and storms to maintain the improvement which had occurred since the Base was placed in position. Apart from the fact that the work could be done more economically and more efficiently in the low Summer tides, he considered that if the Base were left in its present position during the coming Winter that it would completely disintegrate, foul the Harbour, and create a difficult problem in having it removed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That having considered application of Greystones and District Civic Association and recommendation of Members of Council for **BRAY ELECTORAL AREA** we approve, subject to sanction of the Minister, of the raising of a loan of £3,000 to meet the balance of the cost of the works recommended by the Consulting Engineer to be carried out at Greystones Harbour, and estimated to cost £14,900, towards which a grant of £12,000 will be provided by Bord Failte. We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of loan charges in respect of the Loan.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Fencing of Lands at Ardinary and Ballinaskea Adjoining Wicklow/Brittas Bay/Arklow Road.

The County Secretary stated that it had been found that a plot on the seaward side of the road near the old Coastguards' Station at Ardinary was being fenced off with concrete posts and wire. The erection of the fence would prevent access to the sea at this place and curtail parking on the roadside as part of the fence was being erected on what formed part of the Council's road. A letter had been addressed to the owner of the lands requiring him to remove the fence and he had replied indicating that his Solicitor would reply to the Council.

It had been noted also that a wire fence had been erected at Ballinaskea and the matter had been taken up with the owner, who had explained that the fence was a netting-wire fence, placed around a caravan, to keep the children off the road, and that the fence would be removed within a few days.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That action be taken to have the fence at Ardinary removed.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Houses at Brittas Bay—Revocation of Grant of Permission for Three Houses.

The County Secretary stated that in March, 1963, a Permission had been granted for the use of five sites at Brittas Bay for housing. These sites were on the seaward side of the road, in the vicinity of the junction with the road leading to Jack White's Cross. Houses had been erected on two of these sites, but the County Engineer and Chief Planning Assistant had advised that the Grant of Permission for the remaining three sites be revoked as the erection of the houses on the sites described would involve an extension of ribbon development, would limit access to the sand-hill area, and interfere with the view of the sand-hill area from the Coast Road. They advised that the sites should form part of the public open space, which it was an objective of the Draft Development Plan to provide by purchase or otherwise.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That being satisfied that for the proper planning and development of the Brittas Bay Area, and having regard to the provisions of the Draft Development Plan, we hereby decide that it is expedient that the General Permission granted on 20th March, 1963, to William A. Maguire, B.Arch., M.R.I.A.I., F.R.I.B.A., Architect, 34, Lt. Baggot Street, Dublin, for Mrs. M. Maguire for the use of three sites at Brittas Bay, as described hereunder, be revoked, we hereby revoke such Grant of Permission under the powers conferred by Section 30 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963:—

At Cornagower East—the two southernmost sites of four on the section north of the road junction to Jack White's Cross and the one on the section south of the road junction.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12—Appointment of Rate Collector—Letter from Irish Local Government Officials' Union, Re Appointment on Promotion and Requesting Reception of Deputation.

Councillor J. Miley suggested that it was not now necessary to receive the Deputation if the Council were agreeable to the promotion of an existing Rate Collector and—

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of promotion of existing rate collector to the vacant post for rate collector in collection District No. 16.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That we receive the Deputation from Irish Local Government Officials' Union re the appointment of Rate Collector.

Councillor Miley, having agreed to withdraw his Motion, the proposal of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Costello, was passed unanimously. Members of the Council expressed the view that

the present system of appointing Rate Collectors should be changed and the vacancies filled by competitive examination. It was pointed out by other Members that persons appointed by the Council under the existing system had proved satisfactory in almost all cases.

Item No. 13—Secondary Schools Scholarship Scheme—Results of Examination.

Particulars of the results of the Examination under the Council's Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools were circulated to the Members. The Council noted and approved of the award of Scholarships in accordance with the conditions of the Scheme.

Item No. 14—Repairs to Cottages Carried Out During July and Cottages to be Repaired During August, 1967.

Councillor Miss Walsh expressed dissatisfaction with the position regarding the carrying out of repairs and the vesting of cottages and referred to a particular case of a tenant at Ballinasilloge, Arklow, where repairs were urgently needed. Councillor Keenan said that repairs were being carried out to that cottage at present in regard to the matter of repairs the Co. Manager stated that great difficulty had been found in arranging for repairs at present, and in obtaining Contractors. Councillor Costello suggested that views of Tenants' Associations in relation to the method of arranging for repairs might be sought.

Loan for Erection of Dwellinghouse.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a loan of £2,500 to Mr. Patrick Hugh Mulligan, Newcastle Hospital, in respect of the erection of a dwellinghouse for his occupation at Ballyvolan Upper, Newcastle, subject to compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme.

Passed Unanimously.

Queries from Members.

The County Secretary replied to inquiries received from Councillor Hynes as follows:—

Water Supply for Cottages at Knockrobin, Rathnew: It did not appear that any proposal had been before the Council to provide a water supply to the cottages at Knockrobin.

Watermain to Serve Houses at Ballynerrin, Wicklow: The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had been asked to arrange to have this work carried out by Direct Labour. The County Engineer stated that he hoped to be able to have this work commenced at an early date.

Laying of Watermain from Milltown South to Ballinabarney, Rathnew: The County Secretary stated that it was understood that the Contractor would be in a position to commence work shortly.

Building of Cottages and Bungalow at Rathnew: The County Secretary stated that a Layout Plan in respect of the Scheme for building cottages at Rathnew had been submitted to the Department and approval to the layout was awaited.

Housing Site at Ashford: The County Secretary stated that arrangements were being made for an inspection of the site with the Department's Inspector and it was understood that this would take place shortly.

Toilets at Greystones.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill raised the matter of the unsatisfactory condition of the toilets at Greystones and the number of complaints received regarding them. It was agreed that this matter be examined.

Notices of Motion

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

In the name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:—“(1) That immediate attention be given to the condition of the Public Toilets at Greystones—(At the moment they are creating a health hazard); (2) That the County Engineer be requested to ensure that the walk from the men's bathing place to the first arch on the South Beach be closed to motors—(Cars are parking along the walk and even caravans); and (3) That the County Architect be asked to furnish a Report on the condition of the south gables of the cottages at Bellevue, Delgany, in particular No. 6—tenant: Mr. C. Darcy.”

In the name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan—“(1) That water be supplied to four cottages at Knockrobin; and (2) That a public lavatory be erected at Ashford.”

In the name of Councillor John Sweeney—“we erect a house for Peter Monaghan at Kilcarra, Arklow.”

In the name of Councillor Thomas Keenan—“That Kevin O'Neill, Clonerkin, Clash, be paid County Council portion of Grant due to him for reconstruction of his house.”

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—“(1) That a Survey of Roadsigning be carried out in the Avoca area and that an Engineer's Report thereon be submitted; (2) That the plot of waste ground opposite the Scheme of Council houses at Lower Kilmagig Road, Avoca, which is the property of Wicklow County Council, be developed as a Children's Playground; (3) That public lighting facilities be provided at Coolkenno village; and (4) That water and sewerage facilities be provided at Ballinacash.”

Wicklow County Council

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 21st August, 1967, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors William 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, J. Everett, T.D., F. Hynes, Roger Miley and Basil S. C. Phelan.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notice of intention to propose Resolution under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in names of Councillors Mark Deering, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins and James Miley, as follows:— (Copy circulated to Members).
“By virtue of the power conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant permission under the Town Planning Act to Liam Talbot to build a house at Ballyknockan, according to the Plan submitted.”
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 8th and 15th May, 12th and 19th June, and 12th and 17th July, 1967.
3. Deputation from Housing Committee of Ashford Branch of the Labour Party re re-surfacing of path in front of the Church and also terrace at Nun's Cross, Ashford.
4. Deputation from Irish Local Government Officials' Union re appointment of Rate Collector for No. 16 District.
5. University Scholarships—Letter from Scholarship holder on completion of Course.
6. Use of Loudspeaker on Van—Application of Messrs. Nolan and Son, Bray.
7. Closing of Roads at Rathdrum—Application from Motor Enthusiasts' Club, Ltd.
8. Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads: (a) New Road, La Touche Estate, Greystones; and (b) Road at Greenane to Ballinacor Estate Gate.
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. Miley:—“That the Council discuss the possibility of a Car Park at the Cemetery at Glenealy.”
10. Appointment of Rate Collector for No. 16 District.
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—“That the Council take steps to eliminate the flooding at the entrance of Daniel Nolan's holding at Baronstown, Grangecon.”
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27. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notice of Intention to Propose Resolution Under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in names of Councillors Mark Deering, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins and James Miley, as follows:— "By virtue of the power conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant permission under the Town Planning Act to Liam Talbot, to build a house at Ballyknockan, according to the Plan submitted."

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—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 grant permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Liam Talbot to build a house at Ballyknockan, according to the Plan submitted.

The County Manager pointed out that the Motion, if passed at the Meeting, would not be effective as evidence of public notice having been given by notice in a newspaper or by notice on the site had not been supplied. An application made by Mr. Talbot for permission to

erect a house at Ballyknockan had been refused for reasons which included the fact that access to the site would be at a dangerous corner which would give rise to a traffic hazard. It was considered also that the siting of the house as shown in the Plan submitted would result in the house being somewhat isolated from the village and the type of materials proposed to be used were not suitable. The County Manager stated that a discussion between the Chief Planning Assistant and the Applicant's Engineer might enable the objections to be overcome by the resiting of the house on the site and some change in the materials to be used. The Council agreed to defer the matter to the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 2—Minutes.

The County Secretary stated that copies of the Minutes of the Meetings listed on the Agenda had not yet been circulated to the Members. The Council agreed to defer the adoption of the Minutes to the next Meeting.

Item No. 3—Deputation from Housing Committee of Ashford Branch of the Labour Party re re-surfacing of path in front of the Church and also Terrace at Nun's Cross, Ashford.

The Council received a Deputation from the Ashford Branch of the Labour Party consisting of Very Rev. J. Menton, P.P., and Messrs. L. Lawless and J. Byrne.

Very Rev. Fr. Menton, P.P., stated that the path at Nun's Terrace had not been surfaced for a great many years and that a tarmacadam surface on the path in front of the School and Church was necessary. The need for surfacing of the road serving the terrace at Nun's Cross was also stressed. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that if funds were available for such work in the present year's Estimates the work sought would be done, but if not it would be necessary to make provision in the coming year's Estimates for these works. Very Rev. Fr. Menton thanked the Council for receiving the Deputation.

Item No. 4—Deputation from Irish Local Government Officials' Union re appointment of Rate Collector for No. 16 District.

Mr. H. O'Sullivan, General Secretary, Irish Local Government Officials' Union, attended and addressed the Council. He urged that the Council decide to fill the vacancy for appointment of a Rate Collector in No. 16 District by promotion of another Rate Collector and pointed out that Rate Collectors were paid on a fixed salary and bonus and had not the benefit of an incremental scale. Their only opportunity for promotion was by appointment to a larger Rate Collection District with a higher remuneration. He thanked the Council for allowing him to attend and address the Meeting.

Item No. 5—University Scholarships—Letter from Scholarship Holder on completion of course.

The Council noted letter received from Mr. Peter Sheehan, Corballis, Rathdrum, stating that he had passed his final Examination in Veterinary Medicine and conveying his thanks to the Council for the help given to him in the past five years without which help he would not have been able to remain at the University. The Council expressed

appreciation of Mr. Sheehan's letter and asked that their congratulations be conveyed to him on his success.

The County Secretary stated that application had been received from Mr. Ernest E. Crean, "Cloghlea," Herbert Road, Bray, who had been awarded a Scholarship in the 1965/'66 Scheme and whose Scholarship had been deferred for the season 1966/'67 to enable him to repeat his Pre-Medical Examination, for renewal of his Scholarship for the year 1967/'68. Mr. Crean had passed his Pre-Medical Examination in 1967. The Council approved of the renewal of the Scholarship.

Item No. 6—Use of Loudspeaker on Van—Application of Messrs. Nolan and Son, Bray.

The Council considered the application of Messrs. Nolan and Son, Bray, for permission to use loudspeakers on a van around Bray and the County on a small number of occasions. The County Secretary stated that it was not the practice of the Council to give general permission to a firm for the use of a loudspeaker on a van and that the Council had always required that applications should indicate the dates and times and purpose for which it was proposed to use a loudspeaker. The Council refused the application for a general permission for the use of loudspeakers.

Item No. 7—Closing of Roads at Rathdrum — Application from Motor Enthusiasts' Club.

The Council considered the application of the Motor Enthusiasts' Club Limited for the closing of roads at Rathdrum for the purpose of a Motor Race. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer saw no objection to the proposal subject to the Council being indemnified against all claims and damages arising from the closing of the roads. Public notice had been given and no objection had been received from the Gardaí or Members of the public.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the roads set out hereunder in the Corballis area near Rathdrum from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, 9th September, 1967, and authorise the holding of Motor Races on these roads while so closed to public traffic, subject to the Council being indemnified by the Motor Enthusiasts' Club Ltd., against all claims and damages arising from the closing of the roads:-

Portion of T.7 (Rathdrum/Avoca/Aughrim)—0.2 miles in length;
Portion of L.32 (Rathdrum/Clash/Aughrim)—0.3 miles in length; and
Link Road joining these roads from Corballis Crossroads to its intersection with the Main Rathdrum/Ballinacash/Aughrim Road—0.2 miles in length.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads: (a) New Road, La Touche Estate, Greystones; and (b) Road at Greenane to Ballinacor Estate Gate.

The County Secretary stated that the necessary public notices had

been given in accordance with Section 2 of the Local Government Act, 1953.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That in accordance with the provision of Section 2 of the Local Government Act, 1953, we hereby declare the roads described hereunder to be Public Roads:-

1. Cul-de-sac road in the townland of Rathdown Lower leading from Rathdown Road, Greystones (serving La Touche Estate), to the entrance gates to houses named "Rossgarra" and "Fieldplace," with a branch leading to the entrance gates to houses named "Westbank" and "Gorseland," the length of the road and branch being 140 perches.
2. Road leading from Greenane Crossroads to Ballinacor Estate Gate, in the townland of Ballinacor, for a distance of 39 perches.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge raised the matter of the road at Fassaroe and asked that the Council proceed to take over this road. The Chairman directed that the matter be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting.

Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. Miley:—"That the Council discuss the possibility of a Car Park at the Cemetery at Glenealy."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the Cemetery was situated on a narrow road between Glenealy and Ashford with the result that there was traffic congestion when a funeral took place to the Cemetery. The proposed site on the opposite side of the road was in front of the Dance Hall and this was private property and would, if acquired, serve the Dance Hall more than the Cemetery. He considered, therefore, that the Car Park at this place should be provided by the Dance Hall Committee. The County Secretary stated that he understood there were only a limited number of funerals in each year. Councillor Miley stated that there were many funerals to the Cemetery and that the road had been completely blocked at a funeral on a previous Sunday week. He emphasised the need for a Car Park and stated that the land would be given free and that the Hall Committee were willing to contribute £30 towards the cost of providing the Car Park. The County Manager pointed out that in his view the Car Park would be primarily for the benefit of the Hall. It was agreed that the County Engineer examine the matter further and submit an estimate of the cost of providing a Car Park or widening the road at this place.

Item No. 10—Appointment of Rate Collector for No. 16 District.

The County Secretary stated that particulars had been supplied to the Members of the names of the applicants for the post of Rate Collector. There were two applications received for appointment on promotion, these being from Mr. John Doyle, Ballymoney, Donard, Rate Collector, and from Mr. Donal C. Urell, Rent Collector. Of the 20 other candidates 16 had attended for interview and were certified as possessing the necessary standard of education. Councillor Miss Walsh pointed

out that some of the candidates who did not attend for interview had been examined in connection with a previous application for a Rate Collector's position and had been certified as having the necessary standard of education. Following a discussion in regard to whether the appointment should be made by promotion or whether all applications received be considered—

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we decide to fill the post of Rate Collector for No. 16 District by promotion.

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

In Favour: Councillors H. J. Byrne, William Cleary, J. Everett, T.D., F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, James Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, J. Whelan. — **Fourteen.**

Against: Councillors J. Bourke, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. J. McCrea, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh. — **Six.**

The Motion was declared passed by fourteen votes in favour to six votes against. It was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, Seconded by Councillor J. Temple, that voting for filling of post of Rate Collector for No. 16 District be made by secret ballot. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, pointed out that the Council had never taken such a vote in Committee. The County Secretary stated that there was a doubt as to whether the Council would be in order in voting by way of secret ballot in the case of the appointment. In any financial matter it was necessary that the names of Members of the Council voting in favour or against a proposal be recorded as such information might be required by the Local Government Auditor if the matter of a charge subsequently arose. Following further discussion on the matter, the Chairman, Councillor J. J. McCrea, ruled the Motion out of order. Councillor Costello asked for the grounds on which the Motion was considered to be out of order. The County Manager pointed out that it was not in accordance with established practice to vote on matters by way of a secret ballot.

The County Secretary stated that to comply with the requirements of the Local Government Officers Regulations it was necessary for the Council before deciding which person to appoint on promotion to pass a Resolution determining the manner of selection.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That this Council considers that having regard to the nature of the duties of the office of Rate Collector for District No. 16, the knowledge and experience necessary for the efficient performance of those duties, and the qualifications for the office, the person to be appointed to the office cannot be satisfactorily selected by competitive examination and we decide that the person be selected following an examination of the applications received for the post.

Passed unanimously.

The question as to whether Mr. John Doyle or Mr. D. C. Urell would be selected for appointment on promotion was then put to the Council.

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

For Mr. John Doyle: Councillors William Cleary, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, and J. Whelan—**Eight.**

For Mr. Donal C. Urell: Councillors J. Bourke, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., F. Hynes, J. J. McCrea, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Temple, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh — **Twelve.**

Mr. Donal C. Urell was selected for appointment on promotion by twelve votes in his favour to eight votes in favour of Mr. John Doyle.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That subject to sanction we appoint Mr. Donal Urell to be Rate Collector for No. 16 Collection District.

Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—
“That the Council take steps to eliminate the flooding at the entrance of Daniel Nolan's holding at Baronstown, Grangecon.”

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that water from a Council shore entered Mr. Nolan's field above the gateway to the field and flowed across the gateway towards a river. The shore had been in existence for a number of years and had been repaired within the last four years, but was not by any means a new shore, a point which was contended by Mr. Nolan. The County Engineer considered that the Council had no responsibility in the matter as the water would find its way to the river with no difficulty if Mr. Nolan kept the drains clear in his own field. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—
“That the Council carry out the necessary work to prevent the flooding of T. Allison's House at Stratford caused by the overflowing of surface water from an open drain.”

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that Mr. Allison's house was situated on a road which was not in the Council's charge and that, accordingly, the Council had no responsibility in the matter. The County Engineer informed the Council that water had been going into the drain there for a great many years and that the house had been built in a hollow and, consequently, was liable to flooding. He pointed out that the Council had not done anything to aggravate the position. Councillor O'Neill pointed out that there was a tremendous volume of water coming down the drain. It was agreed that the County Engineer would call to inspect the site with a view to advising Mr. Allison on the matter.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan requesting "Up-to-date Report on the river in Aughrim that has caused a lot of flooding to houses there, or is the County Council in a position to do anything to relieve flooding."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had discussed the matter of flooding at Aughrim with Mr. J. B. Barry, B.E., the Consulting Engineer. The Consultant had informed him that a detailed survey would have to be undertaken before he would be in a position to submit a Preliminary Report on the flooding at Aughrim and the survey would involve taking longitudinal and cross sections of the river channel for 500 yards upstream of the weir and also for about 1,200 yards downstream of the weir. A detailed survey of the weir, head-race and Aughrim bridge, and investigation in the vicinity of the Mills in relation to the headrace, tailrace, assessment of water power available, mill plant installed, etc., would also be needed. Further data on the flooding in regard to levels reached and flood pattern, etc., would have to be obtained. The cost of preparing the Report would be in the region of £1,500. to £1,750. While it would be impossible to assess the cost of a flood alleviation scheme without first carrying out the survey an approximate estimate would be in the region of £30,000. The Co. Engineer considered that no further action should be taken in the matter unless there was a possibility of funds being provided to carry out the scheme. Councillor Keenan stated that in consequence of the flooding a quantity of gravel and branches of trees, etc., had collected in the river and that this tended to cause flooding of houses adjoining the river and he urged that something be done regarding the removal of the gravel and trees. The Council asked that the County Engineer make a further inspection of the area and submit a Report to the Council.

Item No. 14—Wicklow Harbour—Application of Harbour Commissioners for Guarantee by Council of Repayment of Loan of £7,800 for Reconstruction of Part of South Quay Wall.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners for a guarantee by the Council of the repayment of a loan of £7,800 proposed to be raised by the Harbour Commissioners to meet the cost of reconstructing part of the South Quay wall. The annual repayments of principal and interest would be in the region of £600 per annum and it was not anticipated that there would be any difficulty in meeting these payments out of the revenue of the port.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 of the Harbours Act, 1947, we the Wicklow County Council hereby resolve to assist the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners by guaranteeing the repayment of a loan of £7,800 intended to be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland out of the Local Loans Fund for the purpose of carrying out improvement works at Wicklow Harbour in the County of Wicklow and also by guaranteeing the payment of the interest which shall be payable on the said principal sum of £7,800 at such rate or rates as shall be payable thereon in accordance with the directions of the Minister for Finance made pursuant to Section 12 of the Local Loans Fund Act, 1935, and any interest that may become

payable in respect of the said principal sum and interest pursuant to Section 15 of the Local Loans Fund Act, 1935, and we hereby resolve to enter into and execute any Deed required to give effect to the said guarantee.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Coast Protection Scheme at Wicklow — Letter from Wicklow U.D.C.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Town Clerk, Wicklow Urban District Council, confirming that the Urban District Council would make a contribution towards the costs of the County Council as Promoting Authority in the preparation of the Coast Protection Scheme for Wicklow. The contribution payable would be one fifth of the costs subject to a maximum of £50. The County Secretary stated that it was understood that the cost of preparing the Scheme would be in the region of £500, of which the Council, as Promoting Authority, would be primarily liable for £250.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor R. Milley:

Resolved—That having considered letter of 11th November, 1966 (Ref.: F.133/95/1) from the Commissioners of Public Works, and the documents enclosed therewith, in relation to the preliminary examination of the Scheme for Coast Protection Works at "The Murrough," Wicklow, we hereby declare, in pursuance of Paragraph 'B' of Sub-Section 1 of Section 5 of the Coast Protection Act, 1963, that the Commissioners should be asked to prepare and execute a Coast Protection Scheme.

We hereby further declare that Wicklow Co. Council will make, in relation to the Coast Protection Scheme, any contribution which may become proper to be made by them under Section 16 of the Coast Protection Act, 1963, and any payment which may become proper to be made by them consequent upon a Notice served under Sub-Section 2 or Sub-Section 3 of Section 26 of the Coast Protection Act, 1963.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16—Coast Protection Scheme at Ballygannon, Kilcoole — Letter from Coras Iompair Éireann.

The County Secretary stated that Coras Iompair Éireann had been asked for an indication as to the contribution that would be made by the Company to the costs of the Coast Protection Scheme at Ballygannon and for an indication as to whether the Board would meet the future cost of maintenance if the Scheme were carried out. A reply had been received from Coras Iompair Éireann stating that until their Civil Engineer received more technical details of the Scheme the Board was not in a position to reply. It was stated that the contribution to the Scheme which the Board might make would be related to the capitalised value of the savings in maintenance which would result to the Board from the Scheme, and that, as respects future maintenance after the completion of the Scheme the Board would continue to maintain the coast defences which were necessary to protect the railway line at Ballygannon for as long as the railway

line remained. The Office of Public Works had been asked to supply Coras Iompair Éireann with the necessary technical details. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 17—Local Improvements Scheme — Letter from Department of Local Government Re New Scheme of Grants to Replace Minor Employment, Bog Development and Rural Improvements Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Department of Local Government, Special Employments Scheme Section, stating that the Government had decided to introduce a new scheme of grants entitled the "Local Improvements Scheme" to replace the Minor Employment, Bog Development and Rural Improvements Schemes previously administered by the Special Employments Schemes Office. It was proposed that the Schemes be operated by the County Council's and that the new Scheme would come into operation as from 1st April, 1968. The Council would be free to operate the Scheme or not, but since substantial State Grants would be available to meet the nett expenses falling on the Council it was expected the Council would be anxious to operate it. The Scheme would involve execution of works for the repair or improvement of roads other than public roads used jointly by two or more landowners for the purpose of access to agricultural land or turbary or in appropriate cases of non-public roads serving beaches, and the like, over which in effect there was public right-of-way and for the repair or improvement of minor drains serving the agricultural lands or turbary of two or more landholders. All works and State Grants therefor would be conditional on a joint cash contribution payable in advance by the benefiting landholders calculated on a sliding scale relating to their average valuation of lands only. The annual allocation to the Council would depend on the total amount voted by the Dail for the service in a particular year and assuming that the Dail made approximately the same provision for 1968/69 as for the year 1967/68 the Council could expect a total allocation in the region of £3,500. The Special Employments Scheme Section of the Department would deal with any schemes for which Grants had been approved in the present year and would forward to each County Council particulars of any outstanding applications not dealt with by this Section and priority should be given to these applications under the new Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That having considered letter of 14th August, 1967, ref.: S.W.23/1/1, from the Department of Local Government, Special Employment Schemes Section, we approve of the operation of a Local Improvements Scheme for the execution of works as indicated in the letter.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 18—Disabled Persons' Allowances and Infectious Diseases (Maintenance) Allowances—Notification of Increases in Rates of Payments.

The County Secretary stated that rates of payment of Disabled Persons' Maintenance Allowances and Infectious Diseases Maintenance

Allowances had been increased by 5/- per week with effect from 1st August, 1967. The extra cost arising in respect of Disabled Persons Maintenance Allowances in the present year would be approximately £2,700 and in a full year £4,030. The cost of increases in Infectious Diseases Maintenance Allowances would be about £70 in the present year and £95 in the following year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That we note the increases in the rates of payment in respect of Disabled Persons' (Maintenance) Allowances and Infectious Diseases (Maintenance) Allowances and hereby authorise expenditure of £2,700 in respect of Disabled Persons Allowances and of £70 in respect of Infectious Diseases (Maintenance) Allowances in excess of the amounts provided in the current years Estimates to the extent required to cover the cost of the increase in rates of allowances.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 19—Home Assistance—Proposed Revision of Assistance Payments.

The County Secretary stated that it was proposed to revise rate of Home Assistance consequent on the increase in Social Welfare Allowances by 5/- per week. The cost of the increases in the present year would amount to £676 and in a full year to £1,014.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure of £676 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates for Home Assistance to meet the cost of the payment of increases in Allowances to recipients of Home Assistance.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 20—Road to Macreddin Cemetery.

The County Secretary stated that provision had been made in the Estimates of a sum of £225 for repairs to the entrance road to Macreddin Cemetery. The County Engineer had reported that there were only a few grave spaces available in the Burial Ground and that the cost of providing a roadway and parking space would not seem justified unless additional ground was available. Councillor Keenan disagreed with the Report and stated that there are a number of grave spaces still available and several funerals each year and that the improvements were necessary. The Council agreed that the monies provided for the purpose of the entrance road and parking space be expended.

Item No. 21—Wall at Greenane Cemetery—Report of County Engineer.
The County Engineer reported that the wall at Greenane Cemetery

was in very bad condition and that it would cost £130 to rebuild the worst part of the wall.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan:

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer we approve of the carrying out of repairs to portion of the wall at Greenane Cemetery at an estimated cost of £130.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 22—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That the Council Extend the Watermain from the Milltown South Scheme to Ballymerrigan, Rathnew."

The County Engineer reported that a connection could be taken from the Milltown/Ballinabarney Scheme at the Crossroads at Rathnew Brickworks to serve the first four cottages at Ballymerrigan and this would involve an extension of 540 yards. If a further four cottages were to be served this would involve a further 883 yards of main. The cost of the extension to serve the first four cottages, including the installation of sink, would be £744 and to serve the total of eight cottages would be £1,708. If the Contractor agreed to lay the extension at rates submitted in his main Contract it could be done as an extension of the Contract.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

Resolved—That the watermain be extended from the Milltown South Scheme to Ballymerrigan, Rathnew, to serve 4 houses on the Rathnew/Glenealy Road, and that the Contractor appointed for the Milltown South Scheme be asked to submit an estimate of the cost of carrying out such extension as an addition to the Contract.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Hynes, speaking on the matter, referred to a charge of 6/- per week being made per cottage for water supply. The County Manager stated that in no case was there a charge of anything approaching 6/- per week in respect of supply of water to cottages unless a special extension had been laid in order to provide the supply. Councillor J. Temple pointed out that Water Supply Schemes for the Greystones area and for Redford should obtain priority.

Item No. 23—Shillelagh Sewerage—Reports of County Medical Officer and County Engineer.

The Reports of the County Engineer of 26th July, 1967, and of the County Medical Officer of 1st August, 1967, were submitted to the

Council. The Council noted that the County Engineer considered it essential that a proper sewerage disposal system should be available for Shillelagh and that he recommended that if the Council agreed the services of a Consulting Engineer be engaged to design a Scheme. He estimated the cost of a suitable Scheme as being in the region of £10,000 to £12,000 and pointed out that a detailed survey would have to be carried out before a realistic estimate of the cost could be given. The County Engineer also recommended that a dumping ground be provided in the village. The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had suggested that it might be preferable to provide at a later stage a separate Scheme to serve Quarry Street where the houses were owned by the Coollattin Estate and which was situated between 1/3rd and 1/4 of a mile from Shillelagh proper.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That having considered Reports of County Engineer and County Medical Officer we approve of the engagement of a Consulting Engineer for the purpose of preparing a Sewerage Scheme for Shillelagh.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 24—Courthouse, Bray—Application for Repairs and Painting.

The Co. Sec. stated that an application had been received from the District Court Clerk, Bray, for the making available of two unoccupied rooms on the east side of the Courthouse for occupation and that the cost of carrying out the necessary works was estimated at £124. Details of the County Engineer's estimate were submitted. The County Secretary stated that the amount provided in the Estimates for Courthouses Repairs was £600 and that this amount had already been expended. Councillor Temple referred to the Council's Resolution that the cost of maintenance of Courthouses should be one for the Department of Justice and the County Councils should not have to meet such costs. He felt that a new Courthouse should be provided in Bray rather than expending any further monies on the present Courthouse. The Chairman pointed out that as the law stood the Council was responsible for repairs. Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge stated that the Council's Resolution had been passed by the General Council of County Councils and would be discussed with the Minister. The Council decided to defer consideration of the proposed works at Bray Courthouse.

Item No. 25—Branch Librarians—Proposed Revision of Remuneration.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of Branch Librarians employed at Arklow, Wick'ow and Greystones, at a rate of 4/8 per hour for 16 opening hours with effect from 1st June, 1966, subject to the sanction of the Minister and hereby authorise expenditure of £114 8s. 0d. in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Esti-

mates to meet the cost of the increase in remuneration.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 26—Letter from Macra Na Feirme Re Letter Submitted to Council at Annual Meeting.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from Macra Na Feirme in relation to the letter which had been submitted to the Council at the Annual Meeting protesting against the manner in which their letter was dealt with. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that letters had appeared in the local and daily papers on the subject and he pointed out that there was a Resolution on the Council's Books that letters from any Organisation would not be read at Meetings. He pointed out that the Council was not being in any way disrespectful to Macra Na Feirme in not reading their letter and that the Council had followed the same practice with other Organisations. It was the Council's view that any matters should be submitted to the Council through the local representatives. Councillor Timmins suggested that a reply should be sent to Macra Na Feirme indicating the reasons for the Council's deciding not to have their letter read.

Bentley Park Housing Scheme.

Councillor Temple asked that a letter be addressed to the Contractor for the Bentley Park Housing Scheme drawing attention to the matter of providing public lighting. He also asked that particulars of the Grants and Loans made available to persons who purchased houses at Bentley Park be submitted to the next Housing Meeting of the Council. Councillor Temple also asked that a copy of the Circular prepared by the County Manager in relation to the proposed Scheme at Kilgarron be sent to him.

Development Plan.

Councillor J. Miley asked that some public notice be given of the display of the Plan for Blessington at Blessington and Councillor R. Miley asked if particulars of the Plans for G'endalough could be made available for examination by residents in the area.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill:—"That cottages occupied by Peter Coleman, Kyie, Kitegan, and T. Connell, Glen Imaal, be vested in them."

In name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That the Council provide a light in front of Glenealy Cemetery."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That the Council supply mains water for the people of Knockrobin, Wicklow, for domestic use."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That the Council supply mains water for the people of Bahana, Rathdrum, for domestic use."

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That footpaths in Avoca from Lowrey's Garage to the Cemetery be surfaced with tarmacadam."

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That footpaths in the Castlemacadam Cemetery be surfaced with tarmacadam."

In the names of Councillors James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Mark Deering and G. Timmins:—"That a proper water supply be provided at Ballyknockan."

In the names of Councillors S. Costello and John Temple:—"That we request the County Surveyor to draw up a scheme for the provision of a water supply for Upper Windgates"

In the names of Councillors John Temple and S. Costello:—"That we request the Council to acquire land for the provision of a Cemetery for the Queen of Peace Parish, Bray."



WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilman-
tin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 4th September, 1967, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, 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, J. Everett, T.D., F. Hynes, Roger Miley and Basil S. C. Phelan.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, R. L. Farrell, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey and S. F. Coffey attended.

AGENDA:

1. (a) Notice of intention in names of Councillors John Temple, H. J. Byrne, Mary Ledwidge and Seamus Costello to move Resolution under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—

"That Town Planning and Building Permission be granted to Mr. Peter Crinnion, 10, Wolfe Tone Square, North, Bray, as per attached Plans, under Section 4, City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, and Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963." (Copy circulated to Members).
- (b) Notice of intention in names of Councillors Mark Deering, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins and James Miley to move Resolution under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—

"By virtue of the power conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant permission under the Town Planning Act to Liam Talbot to build a house at Ballyknockan, according to the Plan submitted." (Deferred from meeting held on 21st August, 1967).
2. County Development Plan—Report of objections received.
3. Bentley Park Housing Scheme—Report on Loans and Supplementary Grants provided by Council.
4. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill:—"That cottages occupied by Peter Coleman, Kyle, Kiltegan, and T. Connell, Glen Imaal, be vested in them."
5. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Sweeney:—"That we erect a house for Peter Monaghan at Kilcarra, Arklow."
6. Applications for Loans for Erection of Dwellinghouses.
7. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:—"That the County Architect be asked to furnish a Report on the condition of the south gables of the cottages at Bellevue, Delgany, in particular No. 6—tenant: Mr. C. Darcy."

8. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That the plot of waste ground opposite the Scheme of Council houses at Lower Kilmagig Road, Avoca, which is the property of Wicklow County Council, be developed as a children's playground."
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:—"That Kevin O'Neill, Clonerkin, Clash, be paid the County Council portion of Grant due to him for reconstruction of his house."
10. Cottages repaired in August, 1967, and to be repaired in September, 1967.
11. To arrange date for Meeting of Members of Council for Bray Electoral Area.

Item No. 1—Notice of Intention in names of Councillors John Temple, H. J. Byrne, Mary Ledwidge and Seamus Costello to move Resolution under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—"That Town Planning and Building permission be granted to Mr. Peter Crinnon, 10 Wolfe Tone Square, North, Bray, as per attached plans, under Section 4, City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, and Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That Town Planning and Building Permission be granted to Mr. Peter Crinnon, No. 10, Wolfe Tone Square, North, Bray, as per attached Plans under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, and Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

The County Secretary submitted details of the application and the Reports of the County Engineer and Chief Planning Assistant recommending that it be refused and the grounds of refusal in the case of the previous application. In reply to Councillor Temple, who disagreed with the advice of the Council's Officers, the County Manager pointed out that there was a distinction between the type of development appropriate in urban areas where full services were available and development in rural areas. Where houses were erected strung out along roads in the rural area demands developed for provision of services such as sewerage, public lighting and domestic scavenging which would be very costly to provide. The County Manager referred also to the scenic value of the area and the effect that continued development along this road would have on such values. The Resolution was passed unanimously.

- 1 (b) Notice of intention in names of Councillors Mark Deering, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins and James Miley to move Resolution under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows: "By virtue of the Power conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant permission, under the Town Planning Act to Liam Talbot to build a house at Ballyknockan, according to the Plan submitted."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—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 grant permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Liam Talbot to build a house at Ballyknockan, according to the Plan submitted.

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Planning Assistant had met the Engineer for the applicant with a view to seeing if agreement could be reached regarding the proposal. The revised plan submitted showed the access to the site from a minor road and not from the point originally proposed in the previous application on the public road near a junction. The road from which access was now being obtained was an unsurfaced one. The Report of the County Engineer and Chief Assistant on the proposal was submitted. The County Manager stated that no address of the applicant had been supplied and the Council had no information regarding him. The previous application for permission for the erection of the house on this site had been refused. The Resolution was passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—County Development Plan — Report of Objections received.

The County Secretary stated that 37 Objections to the County Development Plan had been received. The Council agreed that the Objections received be considered by the Members of the Council for the Electoral Areas concerned and that a special Meeting of the Council be held on the 25th September, 1967, to consider the adoption of the Development Plan. Meetings of the Members were arranged in respect of the Baltinglass Area, Bray Area and Wicklow Area. No Objections had been received relating to the Arklow Electoral Area.

Item No. 3—Bentley Park Housing Scheme—Report on Loans and Supplementary Grants provided by Council.

The County Secretary submitted details of the Loans and Grants paid and to be paid in respect of the houses at Bentley Park. A loan of £2,170 had been advanced in respect of each of the houses and Supplementary Grants of £275 had been paid in respect of 19 houses and approved, subject to payment of the State Grant, in respect of the remaining six houses. The total amount of Loans and Grants was £54,250 and the total amount of Grants which would be payable on the Scheme was £6,875. The Council noted the details submitted.

Item No. 4—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill:—"That Cottages occupied by Peter Coleman, Kyle, Kiltegan, and T. Connell, Glen Imaal, be vested in them."

The County Secretary stated that there did not appear to be a tenant named Peter Coleman at Kyle but there was a Thomas Coleman at Kill. There was no cottage at Glen Imaal tenanted by a T. Connell but a Mr. T. O'Connell was the tenant-purchaser of a cottage at Rustyduff. Councillor Timmins and Councillor O'Neill confirmed that

the correct names were Thomas Coleman, Kill, Kiltegan, and T. O'Connell, Rustyduff.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That the cottages occupied by Thomas Coleman, Kill, Kiltegan, and T. O'Connell, Rustyduff, be vested in them.

Passed unanimously.

In regard to the vesting of cottages Members inquired as to the progress being made in the mapping of plots for vesting, and

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we employ an Engineer to complete mapping of cottages for vesting.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Sweeney:—"That we erect a house for Peter Monaghan at Kilcarra, Arklow."

The County Secretary stated that the matter of providing a house for Mr. Peter Monaghan had come before the Council on a previous occasion and it had been agreed that a site, to be submitted by Mr. Monaghan, would be inspected and reported on. During the previous week Mr. Monaghan had forwarded a sketch of sites which had been offered to him by Mr. Michael Bracken and Mr. John Deathe and these had been referred to the County Engineer for examination. The County Medical Officer had reported that Mr. Monaghan was living in overcrowded conditions and recommended him for rehousing. The Council noted that the matter was being dealt with.

Item No. 6—Applications for Loans for erection of Dwellinghouses.

The Council considered in Committee applications for Loans for the erection of dwellinghouses:—

Application of Mr. A. E. Noonan in respect of erection of house at Blackditch, Newcastle.

The County Secretary stated that the applicant owned a house at 48, South Park, Foxrock, in respect of which a Loan had been obtained from the Irish Permanent Building Society and the applicant had been asked if he could arrange to have this Loan transferred to meet the cost of erecting the house at Blackditch. Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that the applicant had been informed by the Insurance Company that the Loan could not be transferred. He proposed, seconded by Councillor Deering, that the Loan be made available to Mr. Noonan.

Thomas Joseph Kavanagh, Ballinalea, Ashford.

The County Secretary stated that the applicant was single and it would be necessary to obtain confirmation that he was getting

married. As the outgoings on the loan would represent a high portion of the income of the applicant it was felt that particulars of the outgoings should be brought to the notice of the applicant. It was agreed that, subject to receipt of confirmation of his getting married, that the Loan be made available to Mr. Kavanagh.

Thomas Oliver Doyle, Company Director.

The County Secretary stated that in this case the income of the applicant exceeded £1,200 and, consequently, the Council could not advance a Loan to him. Mr. Doyle, in addition to his salary, also occupied lands valued at £21 10s. and the income from lands on the proportion of £50 Valuation being equivalent to £1,200 income resulted in the total income exceeding £1,200. Councillors O'Neill and Timmins stated that the lands were let for a figure of less than £200 and that the applicant should be regarded as eligible. It was proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Timmins, that Loan be made available subject to confirmation from the Department of Local Government as to eligibility.

Mr. R. Doyle—Erection of House at Blacklion, Greystones.

The County Secretary stated that a Mr. Richard Doyle was applying for a Loan in respect of erection of house at Blacklion on portion of a vested cottage plot which the Council had agreed could be sub-divided. On the proposal of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, it was agreed that a Loan be made available to Mr. Doyle in respect of the erection of the house.

Item No. 7—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:—"That the County Architect be asked to furnish a report on the condition of the South Gables of the Cottages at Bellevue, Delgany, in particular No. 6—Tenant: Mr. C. Darcy."

The County Secretary stated that cottage no. 6 at Bellevue, Delgany, was a vested cottage of which the tenant-purchaser was Mr. C. Darcy and, consequently, the Council was not responsible for the carrying out of any works on the cottage. Of the seven cottages at Bellevue five of them were vested in the tenants. The Council's Architect had inspected the condition of the gables and reported that the cottages were erected about thirty years ago and that the form of construction of the walls was in mass concrete. This form of construction was prone to shrinkage cracking and while the structural stability of the walls had not been seriously affected the cracks were allowing damp penetration to the inner wall surfaces. The houses particularly affected appeared to be No. 5 and No. 6. The Council's Architect was unable to inspect the other houses as the occupants were out. The Council noted the terms of the Report and that the cottage referred to was a vested cottage.

Item No. 8—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That the plot of waste ground opposite the scheme of Council Houses at Lower Kilmagig Road, Avoca, which is the property of Wicklow County Council, be developed as a Children's playground."

The County Secretary stated that a report on the matter was not available and the Council agreed to defer the Notice of Motion pending submission of a report.

Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:—
 “That Kevin O'Neill, Clonerkin, Clash, be paid the County Council portion of Grant due to him for reconstruction of his house.”

The County Secretary stated that a Supplementary Grant of £21 had been approved in 1957 in respect of reconstruction of house of Mr. Kevin O'Neill, Clonerkin, Clash. Payment had not been made at the time but this could now be arranged. The Council noted that payment of the Grant was now being made.

Item No. 10—Cottages repaired in August, 1967, and to be repaired in September, 1967.

The Council noted the list of Cottages repaired in August and proposed to be repaired in September, 1967.

Item No. 11—To arrange date for Meeting of Members of Council for Bray Electoral Area.

The Council fixed Wednesday, the 13th September, 1967, at 8 p.m. as the date for the Meeting of Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area.

Toilets for Bray Dispensary.

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge raised the matter of the provision of toilets for Bray Dispensary and urged that these be provided as soon as possible. The County Manager explained that the Department of Health had indicated that no Grant would be made available towards the cost of this work.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That we request the Minister to make available a grant towards the cost of providing toilets at the Dispensary at Bray.

Passed unanimously.

Deputation representing persons at Bahana, Rathdrum.

The County Secretary stated an application had been received on behalf of persons living at Bahana, Rathdrum, for the reception of a Deputation when the matter of the water supply for the area was being discussed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of the reception of a Deputation representing persons at Bahana, Rathdrum, at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 11th September, 1967.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed Purchase of Cottage at Glen of Imaal.

Councillor G. Timmins stated that a representative of the late

Mr. Condren, who had been tenant-purchaser of a cottage at the Glen of Imaal, had been unable to obtain a qualified person to purchase the cottage and asked if the Council would consider purchasing the cottage for re-letting. He stated that there was a need for a cottage in the area. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer would be asked for a report on the condition of the cottage and the accommodation available and for an estimate of the value of the cottage. The Council agreed that this information be obtained and the matter be considered at their next Housing meeting.

Contracts for Housing Schemes.

Councillor J. Miley inquired regarding the commencement of work on the erection of houses at Blessington and at Dunlavin and suggested that if Contractors were finding it difficult to obtain Insurance Bonds that the Council should dispense with this requirement. It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor M. Deering, that we dispense with the requirements for Bonds in respect of Housing Schemes. The County Manager agreed that dispensing with the requirement for Bonds would be considered.

Public Lighting.

Councillor Keenan asked that an extra public light be provided at Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim, and that two or three lights be provided on the road from the Sports Ground at Carnew to Cousins Park, Carnew. He asked also that two lights be provided at Kilmagig, Avoca. It was agreed that reports be obtained in regard to these proposals.

Proposed Provision of Cottage.

Councillor O'Neill, supported by Councillor Timmins, proposed that the Council provide a cottage for Mr. James Kennedy of Knocknamuck, Grangecon. He stated that Mr. Kennedy had been unsuccessful in his application for the cottage recently advertised and that the Council had previously agreed to provide a cottage for him.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors James Everett, T.D., and F. Hynes:—
 “We move that Council take over road leading to National School at Newtownmountkenedy, Co. Wicklow.”

In the name of Councillor S. Costello:—“That the Council instal a pedestrian crossing at Dublin Road, Bray, at or near the entrance to Solus factory.”

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—“That Martin Byrne, Ballyrahan, Tinahely, be granted permission to sell his vested cottage to Miss Sweetman.”

In the name of Councillor S. Costello:—“That the Resolution refusing to read correspondence from Organisations be rescinded.”

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th September, 1967, 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, Henry J. Byrne, Seamus 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, Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, presided.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notice of Intention to propose Resolution under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in names of Councillors Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Seamus Costello and John Temple as follows:- (Copy circulated to Members)—"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 grant permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Miss Margaret Ryan of 3, Dunville Avenue, Rathmines, to erect a bungalow at Glencormac South, according to the Plans submitted."
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 8th and 15th May, and 12th June, 1967.
3. Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 31st December, 1967.
4. University Scholarship Scheme 1967—Results of Examination.
5. Improvements at Ashford—Report of County Engineer regarding footpaths near Church and road at Nun's Cross.
6. Road at Newtownmountkennedy—Notices of Motion in the names of (1) Councillor John Bourke, (2) Councillors James Everett, T.D. and F. Hynes, re taking over of road as public road and easing corner.
7. Roadway and Bridge at Newcastle—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor John Bourke and Memorial from Residents re carrying out of repairs to roadway and bridge at Newcastle stated to be in a dangerous condition.
8. Footpaths at Avoca—Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That footpaths in Avoca from Lowrey's Garage to the Cemetery be surfaced with tarmacadam."
9. Fassaroe Lane—Report as requested by the Council.
10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That a survey of road signing be carried out in the Avoca area and that an Engineer's Report thereon be submitted."
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:—"That the Council instal a Pedestrian Crossing at Dublin Road, Bray, at or near the entrance to Solus factory."
12. Superannuation Allowance for Chief Agricultural Officer.
13. Newcastle Mental Hospital — Proposed appointment of Assistant Clerk.
14. Creation of additional office of Clerk/Typist.
15. Water Softening Plant for Baltinglass Hospital.
16. Coast Erosion—Bray Promenade.

17. Review of Regional Water Supply Schemes—Letter from Department of Local Government regarding capital resources for Water Supply Schemes and requesting review of Schemes with a view to reducing capital demands in years immediately ahead. (Copy circulated to Members).
18. Water Supply at Knockrobin—Notices of Motion in names of (1) Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan, (2) Councillor F. Hynes:—"That water be supplied to Knockrobin, Rathnew."
19. Water Supply for Bahana, Glenealy—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes.
20. Water Supply at Ballyknockan — Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Mark Deering and G. Timmins.
21. Water Supply for Upper Windgates—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello.
22. Water and Sewerage facilities at Ballinacash—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh.
23. Entrance to South Beach, Greystones—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill.
24. Public Toilets at Greystones—Notice of Motion in name of Miss N. O'Neill.
25. Public Lavatory at Ashford—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan.
26. Castlemacadam Cemetery—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That footpaths in Castlemacadam Cemetery be surfaced with tarmacadam."
27. Cemetery for the Queen of Peace Parish, Bray—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Temple and S. Costello.
28. Public Lighting at Glenealy—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That Council provide a light in front of the Glenealy Cemetery."
29. Public lighting at Coolkenno—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That public lighting facilities be provided at Coolkenno."
30. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke:—"That the mains sewerage and water supply be connected to Council houses (4) in the Main Street in Newtownmountkennedy."
31. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke:—"That the wall be repaired at Cosgrove's Council cottage, Blackditch, Newcastle."
32. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That Martin Byrne, Ballyrahan, Tinahely, be granted permission to sell his vested cottage to Miss Sweetman."
33. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Bourke:—"That the Councillors who offered insults to N.F.A. and Macra Na Feirme make a public apology."
34. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke:—"That the Council rescind the present system forbidding letters to be read from Organisations such as N.F.A. and Macra." Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:—"That the Resolution refusing to read correspondence from Organisations be rescinded."
35. Abstract of Accounts for year to 31st March, 1967. (Statement of Expenditure, Loan Indebtedness, etc., circulated to Members).
36. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notice of intention to propose resolution under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in names of Councillors Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Seamus Costello and John Temple, as follows:—"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 grant permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Miss Margaret Ryan of 3, Dunville Avenue, Rathmines, to erect a Bungalow at Glencormac South, according to the Plans submitted."

The County Secretary stated that permission for this development was refused on the 23rd August, 1967. No further application had been received from Miss Ryan and no application for planning permission for this development was under consideration at the date of the Meeting. The Members agreed to defer the matter for one month pending the submission of a new application.

Item No. 2 — Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on the 8th and 15th May, 1967, and 12th and 19th June, 1967.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 31st December, 1967.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

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 31st December, 1967, shall not exceed £350,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4 — University Scholarship Scheme 1967—Results of Examination.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we note the Results of University Scholarship Scheme and hereby approve of award of University Scholarships as follows:—

	Amount of Scholarship
1. John Joseph Ivory, "Kenton," Meath Road, Bray	£175
2. Johanna Mary Heffernan, Magherymore, Wicklow	£300
3. Thomas A. McDonnell, Coolinarrig, Baltinglass	£300
4. Michael M. Farrington, Kilmullen, Moneystown, Bray	£75 (Bursary)
5. Fergus B. Finlay, 5, Novara Terrace, Bray	£50 (Bursary)

Passed Unanimously.

Item No. 5—Improvements at Ashford—Report of County Engineer Regarding Footpaths near Church and Road at Nun's Cross.

The County Secretary stated that a Report had been received from the County Engineer in which he agreed that the surface dressing of the footpaths in the vicinity of the Church at Ashford is a necessary

work and the estimated cost of carrying out the work was £500. There was, however, no money available in the current year's Estimates for carrying out this work. The County Secretary also stated that the County Engineer considered that the road which serves the twelve Council houses at Nun's Cross requires re-shaping, gravelling and surface dressing at an estimated cost of £150 but no funds are available from the current Road Works Scheme for carrying out this work. It was considered by the County Engineer that funds for the carrying out of both these schemes could be included in the Estimates for the forthcoming financial year 1968/'69.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we note Report of County Engineer regarding improvements sought at Ashford and agree that provision be made in the Estimates for the year 1968/'69 for the carrying out of these works.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6 — Road at Newtownmountkennedy — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor John Bourke:—"That the Council take off an extremely dangerous bend leading to the Boys' and Girls' School and Temporary Church at Newtownmountkennedy, also take over the School Road," and Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Everett, T.D., and F. Hynes:—"We move that Council take over road leading to National School at Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that the road referred to was included in the list which was submitted at the Estimates Meeting for taking over but the Council did not find it possible to provide the necessary monies for that purpose. The County Engineer reported that the road was 120 yards long and he estimated the cost of laying surface dressing at £80. The County Engineer recommended that the corner adjoining the school be improved at an estimated cost of £60.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Bourke;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That having considered recommendation of County Engineer we approve of the carrying out of the work of easing the corner adjoining the School at Newtownmountkennedy at an estimated cost of £60.

It was decided to refer the matter of taking over the road to the next Meeting of the Members of the local Electoral Area Committee.

Item No. 7—Roadway and Bridge at Newcastle—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor John Bourke:—"That the Council carry out the necessary repairs to the Roadway and Bridge at Newcastle, as it is in an extremely dangerous condition," and memorial from residents re carrying out of repairs to Roadway and Bridge at Newcastle stated to be in a dangerous condition.

The County Secretary stated that the road concerned was not a public road and was not in the charge of the County Council. In the circumstances the Council could not undertake any work on the road or bridge since it was private property. It was agreed that the matter be referred to the next meeting of the Members of the local Electoral Area Committee.

Item No. 8—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That footpaths in Avoca from Lowrey's Garage to the Cemetery be surfaced with Tarmacadam."

The County Secretary submitted a Report from the County Engineer in which it was stated that the footpath from Avoca to Castlemacadam Cemetery was about three-quarters of a mile long and in a bad state of repair. A sum of £600 was allowed in the current year's Estimates for footpaths at Avoca. If any money was available after essential work on other footpaths had been carried out then improvements would be carried out on the footpath to Castlemacadam Cemetery. The County Engineer's Report was approved.

Item No. 9—Fassaroe Lane—Report as requested by the Council.

The County Secretary submitted a Report from the County Engineer which stated that a sum of £450 was included in the Road Works Scheme for the taking over of this portion of road known as Berryfield Lane leading from Fassaroe Cross to Berryfield but the provision of this sum was not approved by the Council at the Estimates Meeting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;

Resolved—That we approve of provision being made in the Estimates for the year 1968/'69 of a sum of £450 to meet the cost of necessary repairs to Berryfield Lane leading from Fassaroe Cross to Berryfield and agree that public notice be given for the taking over as a public road of Berryfield Lane prior to the end of the present financial year.

Passed Unanimously.

Item No. 10—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That a survey of road signing be carried out in the Avoca Area and that an Engineer's Report thereon be submitted."

The County Secretary submitted a Report from the County Engineer in which he stated that only one sign is required in the Avoca district, that is near Kilmacoo Crossroads on the road from Avoca to Redcross. He considered that there is an excess of road advertising signs in Avoca which are making the area unsightly and confusing to tourists. In a recent survey taken it was shown that there are 41 such advertising signs in or near Avoca and the County Engineer considered that it would be desirable to have such advertising material concentrated in a few points in the valley. He suggested that this matter and the general signing of the Avoca area be taken up with the Eastern Regional Tourist Board and Bord Fáilte. Councillor Miss Walsh and Councillor T. Keenan agreed that a sign should be provided immediately at Kilmacoo Crossroads and that the matter of road advertising signs in the Avoca area be taken up with the appropriate tourist organisations. The Members agreed with the recommendations contained in the Report of the County Engineer.

Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:—"That the Council instal a Pedestrian Crossing at Dublin Road, Bray, at or near the entrance to Solus Factory."

Councillor S. Costello referred to the necessity for the provision of a pedestrian crossing near the Solus Teoranta factory at Old Connaught Avenue, Bray. Councillor J. Temple joined with Councillor Costello in recommending the provision of the pedestrian crossing at that point and he also considered that the matter of traffic at this

point should be discussed with the Garda Authorities and with the Bray Urban District Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That a pedestrian crossing be provided at or near Solus Factory at Bray at Old Conna Avenue—10 or 15 yards north of corner.

It was agreed to obtain the views of Bray Urban District Council and the Garda Authorities on the matter.

Item No. 12—Superannuation Allowance for Chief Agricultural Officer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure of a sum of £4,331 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of payment of Lump Sum and Superannuation Allowance to Mr. J. Scott, former Chief Agricultural Officer.

Passed Unanimously.

Item No. 13—Newcastle Mental Hospital—Proposed Appointment of Assistant Clerk.

The County Secretary stated that it was considered necessary to substitute the office of Assistant Clerk for that of Clerical Officer at Newcastle Mental Hospital. He pointed out that it was usual to have an Officer of this grade in Mental Hospitals and it would be necessary to obtain the approval of the Council for the creation of this new post in substitution for that of Clerical Officer so as to submit to the Department of Health for normal sanction.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the creation of a post of Assistant Clerk for Newcastle Mental Hospital in lieu of the post of Clerical Officer.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Creation of Additional Office of Clerk/Typist.

The County Secretary informed the Members that due to the increased volume of work in the Rates Office of the Council it was considered necessary that a permanent Clerk/Typist be provided for that Office.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the creation of an additional post of Clerk/Typist for the Rates Office.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Water Softening Plant for Baltinglass Hospital.

The County Secretary submitted a Report from the County Engineer concerning the necessity for the provision of a Water Softening Plant at Baltinglass District Hospital. It was stated by the County Engineer that the hardness of the water in use in the Hospital at Baltinglass was creating considerable trouble in the depositing and furring up of the equipment and the burning out of electrical elements in sterilisers, washing machines, and other equipment. The generally

hard water from Baltinglass supply created difficulty over many years and he recommended that an automatically controlled softener be installed at an estimated cost of £900.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer we approve of the provision of a Water Softening Plant for Baltinglass Hospital and hereby authorise expenditure of £900 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of the provision of this Plant.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16—Coast Erosion—Bray Promenade.

The County Secretary stated that the Town Engineer, Bray, had submitted a Report and Plans for necessary Coast Protection Works at Bray Promenade. These Plans were at present being examined by the County Engineer but the examination was not yet complete. It was decided to adjourn this matter until the County Engineer's report was available.

Item No. 17—Review of Regional Water Supply Schemes—Letter from Department of Local Government Regarding Capital Resources for Water Supply Schemes and Requesting Review of Schemes with a View to Reducing Capital Demands in Years Immediately Ahead.

The County Secretary referred to Circular dated 24th August, 1967, from the Department of Local Government, which had been circulated to each Local Authority and to each Member of the County Council, and in which the Minister requested a comprehensive review of proposed Regional Water Supply Schemes on hands and suggested that they be placed in various categories. The County Secretary stated that Regional Supply Schemes at present under consideration were North-East Wicklow Water Supply, Tinahely/Carnew Water Supply, an Extension from Garryduff to serve Avoca, Ballinacash, Rathdrum, and an Extension to serve Brittas Bay. There was also a Carlow Regional Water Supply Scheme which could serve part of West Wicklow and a Sewerage Scheme for the Bray area was also under consideration. The County Manager pointed out that in addition to the Schemes already mentioned there were Schemes in progress at Blessington and Laragh, the cost being approximately £120,000. The North-East Regional Scheme would cost approximately £150,000. The Avoca/Rathdrum Scheme would be about the same estimated cost and the complete Tinahely/Carnew Scheme would cost approximately £250,000.

The County Secretary submitted a Report from the County Engineer in which he recommended that the North-East Regional Water Supply Scheme should get top priority as it is in this particular area that the greatest demand at present exists and where the likelihood of development is much greater than in the rest of the County. He also stated in his Report that the Tinahely/Carnew Regional Water Scheme should be given a high priority since the existing Carnew Water Supply Scheme is in urgent need of replacement. It was further stated by the County Engineer that he was at present preparing a list of extensions to existing Schemes. Some of these Schemes have already been passed

by the County Council and others for which estimates have been requested.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan;

Resolved—That Tinahely/Carnew Scheme be placed second priority on list of Regional Schemes.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Miss Walsh stated that the water in Tinahely was unfit for human consumption and the County Engineer in reply stated that there had been difficulty in obtaining access to the Reservoir at Tinahely. It was further decided by the Council that apart from the Regional Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes for North-East Wicklow and the Regional Water Supply Scheme for South-East Wicklow covering the areas of Tinahely and Carnew the remaining Schemes would be considered in the following order:—

Regional Supply in Mid-Wicklow from source at Garryduff which would supply Avoca, Ballinacash and augment existing supply to the town of Rathdrum;

Joint Scheme with County Carlow which would make supplies available in South-West Wicklow;

Extensions to and augmenting of existing East Wicklow (Cronroe) Regional Scheme which would enable the supply to be extended to the Brittas Bay area.

Councillor R. Miley inquired regarding the possibility of obtaining water for certain houses near Slaughter Hill, Newtownmountkennedy. He stated that people had provided new bathrooms and toilets but water was not yet available. The County Secretary stated that it would depend on the North-East Scheme. Dublin Corporation had indicated that it was not prepared to make further supplies available for this area. The County Engineer was requested to submit a report for the next Meeting. Councillor H. J. Byrne also referred to the inadequate supply of water to thirty houses at Avondale Park, Bray, and he asked that the County Engineer would submit a report.

Item No. 18—Water Supply at Knockrobin—Notices of Motion in names of (1) Councillor S. C. Phelan, (2) Councillor F. Hynes:—"That Water be supplied to Knockrobin, Rathnew."

The County Secretary submitted a Report received from the County Engineer concerning a water supply for cottages at Knockrobin, Rathnew. It was indicated that the most economical way of supplying a water supply to the four cottages at Knockrobin would be from the 4" watermain in Rathnew. This line would also serve the four cottages at Merrymeeting which at present are served by a fountain. The Co. Secretary stated that the estimated cost of laying a 2" main a distance of 1,200 lin. yards to serve these eight cottages would be £970 and the estimated cost of providing a sink and soakaway to the cottages would be an additional £288, making a total of £1,258, or approximately £157 per house.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer we approve of documents being prepared for submission to the Department of Local Government for approval for the laying of a new watermain from Rathnew to serve Merrymeeting and Knockrobin.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 19—Water Supply for Bahana, Glenealy—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That the Council Provide a Mains Water Supply for Bahana, Rathdrum, for Domestic Use."

A Deputation was received by the Council of residents from the Bahana/Glenealy area. Mr. W. Armstrong spoke on behalf of the residents and stated that the only water supply available to the residents in Bahana was from a nearby river. He stated that it had been suggested that a tap be placed at Deputy's Pass but all residents agreed that this would be too long a distance to have to carry water and he felt that it was essential that a piped water supply be provided for the people in the Bahana area.

The County Secretary informed the Members that this matter was before the Council in January last and it was agreed that Plans should be prepared for the laying of a main to serve the area. The County Engineer had since submitted Drawings together with a Bill of Quantities which set out the estimated cost of providing a water supply in Bahana area at £2,259.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of submission of plans for extension of watermain at Glenealy to Bahana and authorise the necessary borrowing.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 20—Water Supply at Ballyknockan—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Mark Deering and G. Timmins:—"That we the Members of this Council move that a proper Water Supply be provided at Ballyknockan."

The County Secretary stated that representations had been received from local residents at Ballyknockan requesting that a proper water supply for the area should be provided by the Council. A Report from the County Engineer was submitted to the Members in which he indicated that he understood the organisation of a Group Water Supply between residents and the Department had fallen through. He confirmed that the existing Scheme is unsatisfactory due to a break in the 4" main and to the fact that the distribution mains which are in galvanised iron are heavily corroded and leaking. The County Engineer proposed to have further investigations carried out so as to ascertain whether it would be more satisfactory and more economical to improve the existing Scheme or to obtain a new source and design a new Scheme. The Report of the County Engineer was noted.

Item No. 21—Water Supply for Upper Windgates—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:—"That we the Members of Wicklow County Council request the County Surveyor to draw up a Scheme for the provision of a Water Supply for Upper Windgates."

The Council received a Deputation of residents from the Upper Windgates area of Greystones. Mr. Mason, who spoke for the Deputation, informed the Council that there was a constant overflow from the Templecarrig source and that this could be harnessed to provide a supply for Windgates Upper. The County Engineer, in the course of a Report, indicated that a Scheme to serve this area had been under investigation for some time. Recent gaugings taken on the Templecarrig supply seemed to indicate that there is an adequate supply at this source but, whilst there appeared to be sufficient water there this year, it could not be considered a dry year. He considered that this source of supply could be used to extend the water to serve Windgates and surrounding houses. The number of such houses to be served is estimated to be 22. This would not, however, include for extending the

main down the road to the Cliff Hotel where there are 18 additional houses, inclusive to the hotel. The County Engineer pointed out that a suitable Scheme to serve the area would consist of the erection of a pump and pumphouse at the end of the 4" main opposite Belvedere gates and pumping through to a 2" diameter main of 1,500 lin. yards to a 6,000 gallon storage tank back to the top of Windgates hill, together with the laying of a 2" delivery main from this tank along the public road down to the entrance road to Cliff Hotel. He pointed out that an approximate estimate for this Scheme was £3,000 but a detailed survey would have to be carried out and Plans prepared before a final estimate could be given.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Resolved—That plans be prepared for the provision of a water supply to houses at Windgates from Templecarrig water supply.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager pointed out that the proposed Scheme was merely intended to meet the needs of existing householders in the area and it would not cater for any new development.

Item No. 22—Water and Sewerage Facilities at Ballinaclesh—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That Water and Sewerage Facilities be provided at Ballinaclesh."

The County Secretary submitted a Report from the County Engineer in which it was stated that the water supply Scheme from the village of Ballinaclesh is included in the Garryduff Regional Scheme. The matter of a Sewerage Scheme could not be implemented until the Water Supply Scheme would be operating. The County Engineer's Report was noted.

Item No. 23—Entrance to South Beach, Greystones—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:—"That the County Engineer be requested to ensure that the walk from the men's bathing place to the first arch on the South Beach be closed to motors."

The County Secretary submitted Report from the County Engineer in which he stated that the posts on the north end of the walk from the Men's Bathing Place to the first arch on the south beach, Greystones, were replaced before the end of July. The south end is at present open to traffic. The County Engineer indicated that he understood a right-of-way to the beach under the arch must be maintained and, in the circumstances, arrangements have been made for posts to be erected on the south end of the walk while at the same time leaving the right-of-way to the beach free. The Report of the County Engineer was noted.

Item No. 24—Public Toilets at Greystones—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:—"That immediate attention be given to the condition of the Public Toilets at Greystones."

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill referred to complaints made regarding the condition of the public toilets at Greystones. She particularly referred to complaints made regarding men's toilets at the bathing place, Greystones, and she suggested that if the toilets were not going to be kept in a proper manner it would be much better to close them and keep them closed. Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge stated that she had also received complaints regarding the state of the toilets.

The County Manager stated that if toilets were to be maintained to the standards required by casual visitors the Council would be required to incur very heavy expenditure on them. A wholetime Caretaker

would have to be employed on shift work basis as this was the only way to keep toilets in a proper and clean manner. It was agreed to obtain a report on the cost of employment of wholetime male and female attendants for the Greystones toilets and to submit the report to the local Electoral Committee for consideration.

Item No. 25—Public Lavatory at Ashford—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:—"That a Public Lavatory be Erected at Ashford."

Councillor Phelan stated that it was essential for many reasons that a public toilet be provided in the village of Ashford. He stated that there was a great volume of traffic and tourists into Ashford and through Ashford and a public convenience was a necessity. The Co. Secretary submitted a Report from the Council's Health Inspector in which he stated that he considered there were adequate facilities provided by private concerns for their patrons or customers in the village of Ashford and when some of those conveniences were completed he saw no necessity for recommending the provision of a public convenience. The County Medical Officer agreed that the village of Ashford is well catered for and in his opinion there could be no urgent need for the provision of a public convenience in Ashford. The County Manager pointed out that it would cost a considerable amount of money to provide a public convenience there; the County Medical Officer did not recommend it and the Council could hardly obtain a Loan for its provision. He pointed out also that if the Council started by putting a public convenience in Ashford then the Council would be asked to provide one in every village in the County and this would not be possible.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That a public convenience be provided at Ashford.

A Vote being taken the Resolution was carried by twelve votes in favour to five votes against.

The voting was as follows:—

For: Councillors Bourke, Cleary, Costello, Hynes, Keenan, Ledwidge, James Miley, Roger Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss Nancy O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Whelan. — Twelve.

Against: Councillors H. J. Byrne, Deering, Temple, Timmins, Miss Mary Walsh. — Five.

Scheme for Coast Protection Work at The Murrough, Wicklow, Under The Coast Protection Act, 1963.

The County Secretary referred to the Declaration made by the Council by Resolution passed at Meeting held on the 21st August, 1967, in relation to the Scheme for Coast Protection Works at the Murrough, Wicklow, under the Coast Protection Act, 1963, and pointed out that it was necessary that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Declaration.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Declaration made by the Council by Resolution passed at Meeting held on 21st August, 1967, in relation to the Scheme for Coast Protection Works at "The Murrough," Wicklow, under the Coast Protection Act, 1963.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 35—Abstract of Accounts For Year To 31st March, 1967.

The Council noted the submission of the Abstract of Accounts of the Council for the year to 31st March, 1967, and the details in regard thereto as circulated to the Members.

Congratulations.

Councillor G. Timmins proposed that congratulations be extended to the Wicklow County Board G.A.A. on the success of its Hurling Team in winning the All-Ireland Junior Hurling Final.

The Members unanimously agreed to this proposal.

Councillor S. Costello and Councillor J. Bourke requested the Chairman to deal with Items Nos. 33 and 34 relating to Motions submitted in connection with N.F.A. and Macra Na Feirme, but the Chairman indicated that he had adjourned the Meeting and these items would be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Council.

Notices of Motion.

In the name of Councillor Mark Deering:—"That a water supply be provided for Cross Keys, Dunlavin."

In the name of Councillor James Whelan:—"That a Report be given on the progress made in the provision of Public Lighting at Askinagap."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That the Council collect the refuse for the people of Ballygannon, Rathdrum."

In the names of Councillors G. Timmins and Mark Deering:—"That a report be submitted in connection with the possibility of providing water for Council houses at Colbinstown."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That the Council make available a part of the field they are going to acquire at Ashford for private houses."

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—"That I or someone for me will move a Motion requesting the Council to have removed a bank of clay accumulated against the roadside wall of the property of Mrs. Briscoe, Kiltegan."

In the name of Councillor G. Timmins:—"That I or someone for me will propose at the next meeting of the County Council that a Council house be built for William Humphries, Whitestown, Stratford-on-Slaney."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of making a Development Plan for the County Health District of Wicklow and the Scheduled Towns of Greystones/Delgany and Rathdrum as required by the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 25th September, 1967, 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, Henry 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, Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, presided.

The County Manager, Acting County Secretary, Chief Planning Assistant and Planning Assistant attended.

The Development Plans.

The County Manager informed the Members that a Development Plan for the County Health District of Wicklow and the Scheduled Towns of Greystones/Delgany and Rathdrum had been prepared and circulated to the Members and made available to the public as required by the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963. He stated that the making of the Development Plan was a statutory duty of the Council and under the provisions of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, the Development Plan had to be made by the 1st October, 1967. Studies and proposals with a view to assisting future development had also been prepared for Bray Environs, Rathdown No. 2 District and the town of Blessington. The making of the Plans had been advertised and copies supplied to the prescribed Authorities. Copies of the Draft County Plans had been made available for inspection at the Council's Offices during a period of not less than three months and copies of the Draft County Plans had also been supplied to the various Public Libraries in the County for inspection by members of the public. Any objections or representations received in regard to the Draft Development Plan had been circulated to the Members of the Council and had been discussed with the Members at local Electoral Area Meetings.

The County Manager stated that the Development Plan consisted of a formal Statement with a Map setting out the Council's policy for the promotion and control of building and other development in the County Health District and in the Scheduled Towns of Rathdrum and Greystones/Delgany. The main purpose of the Plan was to eliminate disorder and waste in development and to protect the public interest against thoughtless and damaging development. The plan was intended to help directly and indirectly in economic and social progress. The Plan in particular was required to indicate objectives for development and renewal of obsolete areas, for preserving, improving and extending amenities, and for the provision of new water supplies and sewerage services and the extension of existing such supplies and services. It had been recommended to the Council that the Development Plan should contain a clear statement of policy on development along roads so as conserve their capacity for traffic and avoid the

creation of hazards. Heavy investment was being made in road improvements and it was necessary that this investment be not negated by allowing new openings to be made off them to serve development which could be located elsewhere. In County Wicklow particularly the importance of tourism to the economy of the County required that particular care be taken that unsuitable or unsightly development did not detract from the natural beauty of the County.

In reply to Councillor Timmins the County Manager indicated that the Development Plan must be reviewed not later than 1st October, 1972. It could be reviewed and varied at any time prior to that date. Notice of any variation in the Plan would have to be published as required by the Act.

Councillor R. Miley stated that he was not satisfied regarding the proposal that the Laragh/Glendalough Area should be considered as one for special control by means of a Special Amenity Area Order. He stated that there was local objection to such a proposal. He submitted that if a Special Amenity Area Order were made no building might be permitted within the Area which was a very extensive one according to the Map attached to the Plan. Councillor J. Temple expressed his disagreement with the proposal that the Dargle Valley, Glencree, Glencullen, Powerscourt and the Enniskerry areas should be considered for control by a Special Amenity Area Order. He considered that in any area of Special Amenity applications for permission for development should be reserved to the Members of the Council, and that the Members of the Council should be entitled to deal with each application for planning permission on its merits.

The County Manager pointed out that control over development was essential if the scenic values of areas such as Laragh/Glendalough, the Dargle Valley, Powerscourt and Enniskerry were to be retained. The coastal area of the County had also need for special control such as had been effected in the Brittas Bay area for a number of years. In regard to Brittas Bay the County Manager stated that it was proposed to make a special study of that area. Objections had been submitted on behalf of Brittas Estates Ltd. on legal grounds and it was claimed that the Council had not complied with certain statutory requirements. It was considered, however, that all statutory obligations had been complied with by the County Council.

The County Manager referred to the Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area which had been held at Blessington on 14th September, 1967, at which the Members of the Council had met persons in Blessington who raised objections to the provisions of the Plan and Town Detail Map No. 4 in relation to Blessington. The County Manager pointed out that there was no obligation on the Council to make any detail Plan for Blessington as it was not a Scheduled Town under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, and in view of the many objections which had been made to the proposals in relation to Blessington he recommended that this section of the Draft Development Plan be omitted completely from the Draft County Plan.

Councillor Hynes referred to the provision of Filling Stations along Main Roads and to the requirement that there be a minimum road frontage of 150 feet. In reply it was pointed out by the County Manager that in rural areas it would be reasonable to require that the frontage of any Filling Station must be at least 150 feet. This was felt to be necessary in the endeavour to ensure that a road hazard

would not result. Planning applications for Petrol Filling and other Service Stations should be viewed primarily with reference to their effect on traffic safety and amenity.

Mr. O'Donnell, Chief Planning Assistant, informed the Members that they were being asked to approve of a Development Plan which it was felt would serve the best interests of the County. He mentioned the extent of the study and research which had been necessary on the part of the Planning Staff to produce the Development Plan which had been circulated to the Members. In the County there was a number of areas which because of their special landscape and other attractions should be considered for Special Amenity Area Orders. He pointed out that the making of the Development Plan now before the Council did not mean that concurrently a Special Amenity Area Order came into operation. These areas would be the subject of special study and pending the making of Orders it was imperative that there should be a watchful interest over such areas so that development would not occur which would radically alter their character and possibly damage or erode the features which at present made them so attractive especially to visitors to the County. Councillor J. Whelan agreed that there should be a Development Plan. Councillor J. Temple and Councillor R. Miley again reaffirmed their opinion that the Council should reserve the right to deal with all applications for Planning permission on their merits and especially within areas which were to be considered for a Special Amenity Area Order.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That any approval of the Development Plan now submitted would be subject to the reservation that the Members of the Council reserve to themselves the right to permit development if they so think fit in areas described in the Plans as areas for special control and of high amenity.

The Resolution was passed with Councillor Costello dissenting.

Following a lengthy discussion it was concluded by the Members that it would not be possible for them, within the time available, to take final decisions in relation to the making of the Development Plan and it was agreed that an extension of time for the making of the Development Plan be sought from the Minister for Local Government.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That we hereby apply to the Minister for Local Government to allow a further period of three months from the 1st October, 1967, for the making of a Development Plan for the County of Wicklow and for the Scheduled Towns within the County as required by the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager pointed out to the Members that it would be necessary to comply with statutory requirements to give public notice that an application to the Minister was being made for an extension of three months from the 1st October, 1967, for the making of Development Plans for the County of Wicklow and for the Scheduled Towns therein.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor John Sweeney:—"That I, or someone for me, will move at the next Meeting that the paths in the Cemetery at Arklow be tarmacadamed or dressed in order to leave them dry, and also that a water tap be provided inside for the use of people requiring water for flowers, etc."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"I move that the Council provide accommodation for a dispensary, Eye Specialist, Mental Treatment, Accommodation can be found underneath the County Council Offices at Kilmantin Hill.

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, 2nd October, 1967, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

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

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Council's Architect, and Assistant County Engineer, J. P. Caffrey, attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notice of intention in names of Councillors Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Seamus Costello and John Temple to move Resolution under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—"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 grant permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Miss Margaret Ryan, of 3, Dunville Avenue, Rathmines, to erect a bungalow at Glencormac South according to the Plans submitted." (Copy already circulated).
2. Newcastle Hospital — To approve of acceptance of Tender of Messrs. Geraghty Ltd., for Repairs to roof of Nurses' Home.
3. Erection of two Houses at Laragh — To authorise borrowing to defray cost of Scheme.
4. Site for Housing at Avoca — Report of County Engineer.
5. Application for consent to sale of Vested Cottage No. 28/9 at Coolfancy, Tinahely.
6. Proposed sale of Vested Cottage at Shroughmore, Avoca.
7. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins:—"That I, or someone for me, will propose at the next Meeting of the County Council that a Council house be built for William Humphries, Stratford-on-Slaney."
8. Provision of Council Cottage on site at Kilcarra, Arklow.
9. Supervision of Housing construction.
10. Housing Scheme at Kilcoole — Provision of Houses by the National Building Agency.
11. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That the plot of waste ground opposite the Scheme of Council houses at Lower Kilmagig Road, Avoca, which is the property of the Council, be developed as a children's playground."
12. Applications for Loans for erection of New Houses.
13. Letter from Rathnew Housing Committee requesting the County Council to receive a deputation re Housing.
14. Cottages repaired in September, 1967, and to be repaired in October, 1967.

Item No. 1 — Notice of intention in names of Councillors Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Seamus Costello and John Temple to move Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—“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 grant permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Miss Margaret Ryan, of 3, Dunville Avenue, Rathmines, to erect a Bungalow at Glencormac South according to the Plans submitted.

At the suggestion of Councillors Mrs. Ledwidge and J. Temple, who indicated that the applicant, Miss Margaret Ryan, was endeavouring to acquire an extra area of land which would probably overcome the objections to the proposal, the Council agreed to defer the Notice of Motion to the next Housing Meeting.

Item No. 2 — Newcastle Hospital — To approve of acceptance of Tender of Messrs. Geraghty, Ltd. for Repairs to Roof of Nurses' Home.

The County Manager stated that this matter had been adjourned from the previous Meeting of the Council as the Members felt that further information was required before a decision could be taken on accepting the second lowest Tender submitted. The lowest Tender for the work was that of Messrs. McMahon and Regan Ltd., in the sum of £8,145 4s. The next lowest was that of James Geraghty Ltd., Celbridge, Co. Kildare, in the sum of £9,917. McMahon and Regan Ltd. had not submitted a Bond and the Architect had accordingly recommended the acceptance of the next lowest Tender. The Nurses' Home at Newcastle had been erected in 1955 by the former Board and the cost had been met by a Grant from the Hospitals' Trust Fund. The cost of the building was £72,730 but this did not include mechanical services such as heating, electricity, etc., and Architect's fees and the total cost probably would have been about £140,000. The repairs now required were essential and regarded as urgent. In reply to the Chairman, who expressed surprise that the Council should have to spend nearly £10,000 in repairs to a building only twelve years old, the Co. Manager explained that the parapet wall at the edge of the flat roof had been giving trouble and pointed out that this was a very exposed position. Following discussion on the matter the Council accepted the suggestion of Councillor J. Miley that a special Meeting be held at Newcastle Hospital to inspect the building and reach a decision on the matter. The Council deferred the determination of a date for the Meeting to the Meeting to be held on 9th October.

Item No. 3 — Erection of Two Houses at Laragh — To Authorise Borrowing to Defray Cost of Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that sanction to the acceptance of the Tender of Mr. John O'Toole, Kiltimon, Newcastle, in the sum of £4,356 for the erection of two new houses at Laragh had been received and it was necessary to submit an application for sanction to the Loan to defray the cost of the work.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Everett:

Resolved—That subject to the sanction of the Minister we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £4,400 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 50 years to defray the cost of the erection of two houses at Laragh.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4 — Site for Housing at Avoca — Report of County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that a Valuation of the site at Avoca, which the Council wished to acquire for housing purposes, had been obtained and the Report of the County Engineer of 7th September, 1967, in regard to the Valuation was submitted. In his Report the County Engineer drew attention to certain defects in the site which would require expenditure by the Council in development and indicated that he regarded it as suitable for building only by reason of there being no suitable sites available in the immediate vicinity of the village and that it would be desirable that this site be developed for housing in order to create a compact, desirable village unit at Avoca. He agreed that the Council would be within their rights in accepting the Valuation.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That having considered Valuation received from Messrs. Lisney and Son and Report of County Engineer we hereby approve of an offer of £1,200 being made to the owner for the purchase of the site at Avoca forming part of the former Railway Station and required for housing. Failing agreement site to be acquired compulsorily.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5 — Application for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottage No. 28/9 at Coolfancy, Tinahely.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by Mrs. Mary Stack, daughter of the late Michael Tobin, tenant-purchaser of vested cottage no. 28/9 at Coolfancy, Tinahely, of her interest in the cottage to Mr. Brendan Barnes, Tinahely, subject to the payment to the Council of a sum of £183 6s. 8d., the annuity to continue to be payable and the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage.

Item No. 6 — Proposed Sale of Vested Cottage at Shroughmore, Avoca.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Owen Kinsella, tenant-purchaser of cottage at Shroughmore, Avoca, had offered the cottage for purchase by the Council. He stated that he had been unable to obtain offers from qualified persons for purchase of the cottage. The cottage had been inspected by the County Engineer and particulars of the

valuation, including the proportion attributable to improvements carried out by the tenant, were submitted. There was a need in the Avoca area for housing.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor T. Keenan;

Resolved—That we approve of the purchase by the Council of the interest of Mr. Owen Kinsella in vested cottage no. 404/8 at Shroughmore, Avoca, for the sum of £583 6s. 8d.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7 — Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins:—"That I, or someone for me, will propose at the next Meeting of the County Council that a Council House be built for Wm. Humphries, Stratford-on-Slaney."

At the request of Councillor Timmins it was agreed to defer this Notice of Motion to the Meeting of the Council to be held in November.

Item No. 8 — Provision of Council Cottage on Site at Kilcarra, Arklow.

The County Secretary reported that the County Medical Officer had agreed that Mr. Peter Monaghan was in need of housing and the site proposed on lands of Mr. Death at Kilcarra appeared to be suitable.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—Subject to approval of Department of Local Government to the site proposed, we approve of the erection of a house for Mr. Peter Monaghan, Kilcarra, Arklow, on site to be acquired from Mr. Death at Kilcarra.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9 — Supervision of Housing Construction.

The County Engineer informed the Council that in view of the large number of houses at present in course of erection on sites throughout the County he considered it desirable that they be adequately supervised to ensure the houses were built to specification. He agreed with the recommendation of the Council's Architect that a Clerk of Works be employed in order to ensure satisfactory supervision. The County Manager pointed out that if the Council wished to obtain first class work in the construction of cottages the Council would have to adopt a procedure of creating a panel of Contractors who would have a permanent staff of tradesmen and supervisors but if this were done it would probably result in a substantial increase in the cost of houses as such Contractors would probably be based in Dublin city and travelling expenses would have to be paid and probably rates of wages would be higher. He considered that the standard of workmanship as obtained generally in the County was up to the standard obtained elsewhere.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of the employment of a Clerk of Works to supervise housing schemes in the County.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10 — Housing Scheme at Kilcoole — Provision of Houses by the National Building Agency.

The County Manager stated that a number of the members of the staff of Newcastle Hospital wished to build their own houses and had expressed interest in having houses built on the Council site at Kilcoole. The National Building Agency had been approached in the matter and the Agency had agreed to build houses on the site. In addition to erecting houses for members of the Hospital staff the National Building Agency would also be prepared to build houses for other interested people. The site recently acquired by the Council at Kilcoole could accommodate up to forty houses. In reply to inquiry from Councillor Costello the County Manager stated that the site could be divided, portion being retained for Council housing and the other part allocated for private building. He suggested that this matter could be considered further by the local Committee. The Council approved of the Scheme in principle and agreed that negotiations with the National Building Agency be pursued and that sites be allocated to members of the staff of Newcastle Hospital and also to other persons. The Council agreed that the matter also be discussed further with the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area.

Item No. 11 — Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That the plot of waste ground opposite the Scheme of Council Houses at Lower Kilmagig Road, Avoca, which is the property of the Council, be developed as a Children's Playground."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the plot was originally intended for a playground as it was not suitable for building. It was agreed that it could be developed as a children's playground but no funds had been included in the Estimates for this work. Councillor Miss Walsh stated that if it were possible to use the site for the purposes of erecting additional houses that she would be prepared to forego the development of it for a playground. The Council agreed that the matter of utilising this site for housing be re-examined by the County Engineer.

Item No. 12 — Applications for Loans for Erection of New Houses.

On the proposal of Councillor Phelan, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, the Council approved of the making of a Loan of £2,000 to Mr. Mark Noel Kavanagh, Ashford, in respect of the erection of a dwellinghouse at Ashford.

In regard to the application of Mr. Thomas Oliver Doyle, Baltinglass East, for a Loan in respect of the erection of a dwellinghouse at Baltinglass, the County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Department of Local Government indicating that the evaluation of the applicant's income for Loan purposes was purely a matter for the Council but stating that they agreed that the Council's method of evaluation in this instance was reasonable, viz. £20 income being equivalent to each £1 of valuation. On this basis the total income of the applicant would exceed the limit of £1,200 and Mr. Doyle was ineligible for a Loan. Members of the Council expressed disagreement with the calculation of the income from land and stated that the land was in fact let at a much lower figure. It was agreed that particulars of the actual income from the land be submitted and that the matter be taken up again with the Department.

Item No. 13 — Letter from Rathnew Housing Committee requesting the County Council to receive a Deputation re Housing.

Councillor F. Hynes referred to the application for the reception of a Deputation and stated that members of the Deputation were present at the Meeting that day and he asked if the Council would agree to receive the Deputation. Councillor Hynes introduced the members of the Deputation as Mr. Thomas Jameson, Mrs. Ellen Franey and Mrs. Collard. The members of the Deputation emphasised the need for additional houses in Rathnew and pointed out that it was seventeen years since a house had been built at Merrymeeting, Rathnew. Particulars were given also of overcrowded conditions in houses and it was stated that five or six houses in Rathnew were empty with the tenants living in England. The Council's Architect informed the Council that a Scheme of eight houses on a site at the back of the existing houses in Rathnew had been prepared and the acquisition of the site had been approved and the documents for the purpose of inviting Tenders would be ready in the coming month. He expressed the view that the demand for houses in Rathnew would justify the acquisition of an additional site. In regard to the houses stated to be unoccupied in Rathnew the County Manager stated that these would be vested cottages and the Council could not recover possession of such cottages unless they had been vacant and unoccupied for a period of eighteen months. Councillor Costello stated that the Council should urge the Minister to give local authorities the necessary powers to deal with premises left vacant for fifty weeks out of fifty two and that the Council should have the power to acquire such houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Miss Walsh:

Resolved—That the Minister be requested to authorise local authorities to requisition vacant houses for the purpose of providing accommodation for persons seeking Council houses.

Councillor J. Miley stated that there was no need for such a Resolution and that the Housing Act gave the necessary powers to the Council to recover possession of cottages which were not being used as the normal place of residence of the tenant. Councillor Temple pointed out that the Minister would probably regard the Resolution as unconstitutional because of interference with the rights of private property. The Resolution was declared passed with Councillors J. Miley, W. Cleary and B. Phelan dissenting. The Council agreed that the Resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government and also to the General Council of County Councils. The Council agreed that the erection of the eight houses in Rathnew be proceeded with as soon as possible.

Housing Scheme at Baltinglass.

Councillor G. Timmins stated that the five houses at present being built at Baltinglass would not be adequate to meet the housing demand in the area. As the site was capable of taking a further four houses he proposed that the Council agree to the erection of a further four houses and negotiate with the present Contractor for the building of the extra four houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of erection of a further four houses at Baltinglass.

Passed unanimously.

Housing Scheme at Blessington.

In reply to Councillor Miley the County Manager explained the difficulty in regard to the completion of the acquisition of one site at Blessington and the steps being taken to resolve this matter which it was hoped could be settled very soon.

Housing at Ashford.

Councillor Hynes requested a report for the next Meeting on the delay in acquiring a field at Ashford for the erection of Council houses. Councillor Hynes also asked that a report be submitted regarding applications for cottages submitted by persons at Glenealy.

House at Arklow.

Councillor Cleary asked for a report on the position regarding the provision of a cottage for Mr. John Dillon, Monument Lane, Arklow.

House at Grangecon.

Councillor O'Neill inquired as to the position in regard to providing a house for Mr. Kennedy at Knocknamuck, Grangecon.

Grattan Park Housing Scheme.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill raised the matter of the lack of boundary fences between the front gardens at Grattan Park Housing Scheme. While agreeing with the Council's Architect's ideas in not having dividing walls between front plots she asked if it would be possible to have the boundaries of the plots defined in a simple manner. It was agreed that arrangements be made to mark out the boundaries of the front gardens.

Cottage Repairs.

The Council noted the list of cottage repairs carried out during the month of September and of those to be repaired during the month of October. Councillor Whelan complained that when the cottages were being repaired in the Southern Engineering Area it appeared the full amount of repairs needed were not being carried out and this gave rise to many complaints. He asked that this matter be looked into. The representations by Members of the Council regarding repairs to particular cottages were noted by the County Secretary.

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 lay a footpath from St. Patrick's and St. Brigid's Terrace on the Arklow road to join up with the existing footpath at James Franey's, Ballybeg, Rathnew."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That the County Medical Officer and County Engineer submit to the Council the number of cottages requiring repairs in Ballygannon and Rathdrum area and the estimated amount of money required to carry out these repairs."

In the name of Councillor John Sweeney:—"That the road from Rusty-gath to Kilcarra be surfaced and rendered useable by motor traffic."

In the name of Councillor John Sweeney:—"That the graveyard at Kilcarra be cleaned up."

In the name of Councillor John Sweeney:—"That the footpath at Wexford Road, Arklow, be extended to the Urban boundary."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That an Engineer's report be furnished at the next Meeting of the Council re the bridge on the road from Greenane to Ballinaclash."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"Requesting an Engineer's report on flooding at Ballinaclash Village."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That the road which links Carrignamuck/Barnameela be surfaced and put in repair."



WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th October, 1967, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors William 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, J. Everett, T.D., F. Hynes, Roger Miley and Basil S. C. Phelan.

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, as follows:—
 - (1) In the names of Councillors James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Mark Deering and G. Timmins:—
"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 grant Outline Permission in accordance with the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Brian Byrne of Ballyknockan for the use of site at Ballinastocken on which to build two houses in accordance with Site Plan submitted."
 - (2) In the names of Councillors John Burke, Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley, James Everett and F. Hynes:—
"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 grant permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. B. Shannon, Kellystown, Ashford, to erect a bungalow and septic tank."
 - (3) In the names of Councillors Frank Hynes, John Bourke, Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley, James Everett:—
"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 grant permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Messrs. Fitzpatrick Bros., Abbey St., Wicklow, to erect a Petrol Filling station at Tighe's Avenue, Ashford, according to the Plans submitted."
2. Castlemacadam Cemetery—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh: "That footpaths in Castlemacadam Cemetery be surfaced with tarmacadam."
3. Cemetery for the Queen of Peace Parish, Bray—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Temple and S. Costello.
4. Public Lighting at Glenealy—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes: "That Council provide a light in front of the Glenealy Cemetery"
5. Public Lighting at Coolkenno—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh: "That public lighting facilities be provided at Coolkenno."

6. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke: "That the mains sewerage and water supply be connected to Council houses (4) in the Main Street of Newtownmountkennedy."
7. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke: "That the wall be repaired at Cosgrave's Council cottage, Blackditch, Newcastle."
8. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh: "That Martin Byrne, Ballyrahan, Tinahely, be granted permission to sell his vested cottage to Miss Sweetman."
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke: "That the Councillors who offered insults to N.F.A. and Macra Na Feirme make a public apology."
10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke: "That the Council rescind the present system forbidding letters to be read from Organisations such as N.F.A. and Macra." Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Castello: "That the Resolution refusing to read correspondence from Organisations be rescinded."
11. Post Primary Scholarship Scheme, 1967—Amended list of Scholarship Awards.
12. University Scholarship Scheme, 1967—Amendments in Awards of Scholarships.
13. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 17th July, 25th July, 14th August and 21st August, 1967.
14. Acquisition of Lands for Main (Arterial) Road Improvement at Kilmacanogue—Recommendation of County Engineer for Compulsory Acquisition of Lands.
15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill, "Requesting the Council to have removed a bank of clay accumulated against the roadside wall, property of Mrs. Briscoe, Kiltegan."
16. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Miley as follows:—
 - (1) At Wicklow County Council Meeting held on 21st August, 1967, the following Resolution was proposed by James Miley and seconded by Mr. Jos. O'Neill:
"That the vacancy for No. 16 Rate Collection District be filled by promotion of a Rate Collector."
This Resolution was carried by 14 votes for to six votes against. The minute of this meeting of the Council referring to this Resolution is not in accordance with Resolution proposed by me, seconded by Councillor O'Neill and adopted by the Co. Council.
 - (2) The decision of the Wicklow County Council at meeting held on 21st August, 1967, to appoint D. C. Urell, Rent Collector, as a Rate Collector for district no. 16 not in accordance with resolution already adopted by Co. Council re filling of vacancy by promotion of a rate collector and furthermore such decision is not in accordance with article 26 of the Local Government (Officers Regulations) and in particular paragraph (G) of this article.
17. Creation of additional posts of Public Health Nurses (District) Proposed appointment of additional Public Health Nurses consequent on termination of activities by District Nursing Associations.
18. Newcastle Mental Hospital—To fix date for meeting of Council at Newcastle Mental Hospital.

19. Application for purchase by Council of vested cottage at Castle-sallagh, Talbotstown Upr. (Tenant purchaser—Patrick Condren (deceased)).
20. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes: "That the Council make available a part of the field they are going to acquire at Ashford for private houses."
21. Proposed provision of 5 additional houses at Kilcoole and acceptance of price for building.
22. Reports re proposed provision of houses for Mr. J. Dillon at Monument Lane, Arklow, and Mr. James Kennedy of Knocknamuck, Grangecon.
23. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. Deering: "That a water supply be provided for Crosskeys, Dunlavin."
24. Notice of Motion in names of Councillor G. Timmins and Mark Deering: "That report be submitted in connection with the possibility of providing water for Council houses at Colbinstown."
25. Domestic scavenging service at Kilcoole.
26. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes: "That the Council collect the refuse for the people at Ballygannon, Rathdrum."
27. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Whelan: "That a report be given on the progress made in the provision of public lighting at Askinagap."
28. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor John Sweeney: "That the paths in the Cemetery at Arklow be tarmacadamed or dressed in order to leave them dry and also that a water tap be provided inside for the use of people requiring water for flowers, etc."
29. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Order of Business.

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Costello, proposed that Items 9 and 10 on the Agenda dealing with the N.F.A. and Macra Na Feirme be taken first. Councillor Costello referred to a Deputation being present and asked that a member of the Deputation be allowed to address the Council. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, pointed out that there was a decision of the Council to the effect that Deputations were not received unless an application for the reception of the Deputation had been considered and approved by the Council at a previous Meeting. Following a discussion on the matter the Chairman ruled that the order of items on the Agenda be followed.

Item No. 1—Notices of intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—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 grant Outline Permission in accordance

with the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Brian Byrne of Ballyknockan for the use of site at Ballinastockan on which to build two houses in accordance with Site Plan submitted.

The County Secretary stated that the previous application made by Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., Blessington, on behalf of Mr. Brian Byrne, had been refused on the recommendation of the County Engineer and Chief Planning Assistant. The County Engineer and Chief Planning Assistant reported that the same objections applied to the present application. The following Report of the Chief Planning Assistant was submitted:—

Re B. Byrne, Erection of 2 Houses at Ballynastockan.

A Chara,

This is an application for outline permission to erect 2 houses on 2 small fields at Ballynastockan adjoining the scenic drive which encircles the Blessington Lake. The fields are on the "landward" or uphill side of the road at an elevation of about 820' on the side of Moanbane mountain (2,316'), at the upper limit of the field system. The Blessington lake area is one of very high amenity value and is listed in the draft Development Plan as Class B landscape area. In view of the importance of the scenic resources of the lake area for tourist development in West Wicklow it is important that new development should be carefully sited and should if possible enhance the attractiveness of the area. New development at the eastern side of the lake should be loosely grouped around Lackan and Ballyknockan. It would be most unfortunate to have dwellings in a ribbon along the scenic drive. This is the case in the present application. There is a small group of rural cottages to the north of the site, but the effect of the proposed development would be injurious to amenity because of the prominence of the sites and because the fields on which the dwellings would be erected are part of the system of small fields covering the lower mountain slopes which is a vital element of the general scene. The houses would be prominent against a skyline when viewed from the south. It is in order to restrict such development that it is stated in the draft Development Plan that development which is obtrusive because of its isolation or lacking in natural screening or prominent against a skyline would not be permitted. The proposed houses are poorly related to any existing facility.

I recommend that permission be refused.

Reason 1—The proposed development would seriously injure amenity in an area of high amenity classified "B" in the draft Development Plan because the development is obtrusive in the general scene and is prominent against a skyline and because the site for the two houses consists of 2 fields which are part of the scenic backdrop of Moanbane mountain.

Reason 2—The proposed development is contrary to the proper planning and development of the area which requires the conservation of the scenic resources and the careful location of new development.

Reason 3—The proposed development is poorly related to existing

settlements and the form of development proposed is unsatisfactory in its relation to the scenic road.

The survey report prepared for the West Wicklow Development Association was particularly concerned about the type of development which is proposed in the present application:—

"Development must be controlled and directed along a predetermined course and into the proper locations. Building should not be allowed to assume a dispersed character. Dispersion is a threat to the beauty of the landscape and it renders the provision of services more difficult. Development should be encouraged to concentrate in certain centres. There the various services and facilities for tourists could best be provided. Blessington, Baltinglass, Dunlavin and Ballymore-Eustace would each have to be considered, while nuclei for smaller scale development exists in such places as Ballyknockan, Valleymount, Hollywood and Donard. Special studies should be undertaken to determine where development should take place and to decide the type and density of building to be permitted.

There is in particular an urgent need for measures to preserve those natural assets of the area which could easily be marred by ill-conceived or selfish interests. Fortunately there are now provisions under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to safeguard the amenities of the countryside, and furthermore the Wicklow County Council are aware of the special merits of parts of West Wicklow as districts of outstanding scenic quality.

There is no serious risk of an immediate transformation of West Wicklow as a result of the growth of suburban Dublin. However, a quickening of the present tendency for commuters to settle in the area, especially around Blessington, is almost inevitable, with the attendant risk of rash of tasteless bungalows near the roadsides. Haphazard residential growths and unplanned recreational facilities must be restrained, and unless a firm comprehensive policy is applied, even sporadic and small scale developments could make conspicuous inroads on the beauty and magnificence of the scenery. This is particularly the case because of the wide, open vistas which are characteristic of the mountain landscape of Wicklow; in such a milieu minor features can have a disproportionate impact.

JOHN O'DONNELL,

Chief Planning Assistant.

In reply to Councillor Costello, who asked for information as to who would occupy the proposed houses if erected, the County Manager stated that the Council had no information on this matter. Councillor Costello stated that he felt that the Council should have such information as he wished to know whether this was a speculative venture or whether the houses were required for persons in the district.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That we adjourn consideration of Notice of Motion under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act in relation to outline permission for houses at Ballynastockan.

A vote having been called for on the amendment, it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

In Favour—Councillors J. Bourke, H. J. Byrne, S. Costella, Miss M. Walsh—FOUR.

Against—Councillors M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. McCrea, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, G. Timmins and J. Whelan—FIFTEEN.

The amendment was declared defeated by fifteen votes against to four in favour and the original motion as a substantive motion was declared passed on the same voting.

(2)

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—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 grant outline permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. B. Shannon, Kellystown, Ashford, to erect a bungalow and septic tank.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer and County Medical Officer recommended refusal of the application on the grounds that the increase in use of the entrance on to the Main (Arterial) Road at this point would give rise to a traffic hazard and that the area of the site was insufficient for the provision of satisfactory sewerage facilities by means of a septic tank. The Reports of the County Engineer and County Medical Officer were submitted to the Council. The Resolution was declared passed unanimously.

(3)

The County Secretary informed the Council that an application of Messrs. Fitzpatrick Brothers, Abbey St., Wicklow, to erect a Petrol Filling Station at Tighe's Avenue, Ashford, had been refused. No further application had been submitted and, consequently, a Resolution if passed under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to require the County Manager to grant permission could not be operated. The Council decided to adjourn the matter.

Item No. 2—Castlemacadam Cemetery—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh: "That Footpaths in Castlemacadam Cemetery be surfaced with Tarmacadam."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the total area of footpaths and parking space at Castlemacadam Cemetery was approximately 1,000 sq. yards and that the estimated cost of providing a tarmacadam surface was £200. The County Secretary pointed out that if the Council were to provide tarmacadam paths in a rural Cemetery it was inevitable that similar paths would be required in all rural Cemeteries and the cost involved would be substantial.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins.

Resolved—That provision be made in the Estimates to be submitted for the year 1968-69 for tarmacadam surfacing on footpaths and parking space at Castlemacadam Cemetery.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Cemetery for the Queen of Peace Parish, Bray—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Temple and S. Costello.

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Medical Officer had agreed that a Cemetery would be needed to serve the Queen of Peace Parish in Bray in some years to come. The provision of a Cemetery at this place, however, would appear to be one for Bray Urban District Council in the first instance. On the suggestion of Councillor Temple it was agreed that the matter be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area and that representatives of the Urban District Council be asked to meet the Members of the County Council for the area to discuss the matter.

Item No. 4—Public Lighting at Glenealy—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes—"That Council provide a Light in front of the Glenealy Cemetery."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported on the examination of the site and had indicated that there was a severe bend on the Glenealy-Ashford road just beyond the Cemetery and that it was felt that a light at the Cemetery would put this bend in relative darkness, thereby causing a traffic hazard. It was suggested that in the circumstances a lamp be placed on the existing pole at the corner thus lighting up the sharp bend and throwing a certain amount of light in the vicinity of the cemetery. The E.S.B. had submitted an estimate in the sum of £30 with an annual charge of £6 3s. 0d. for providing the light at this point.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That we provide public light at Glenealy at cost of £30 plus annual charge of £6 3s. 0d.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Public Lighting at Coolkenno—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh—"That public lighting facilities be provided at Coolkenno."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that there was no existing E.S.B. pole on which a light could be provided but he recommended that one light be provided on the grass verge as close as practicable to the existing telegraph pole and that an estimate be obtained from the E.S.B. for the provision of the light.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That we approve of an estimate being obtained from the E.S.B. for the provision of one public light at Coolkenno at the site recommended by the County Engineer.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke—“That the mains sewerage and water supply be connected to Council houses (4) in the Main Street in Newtownmountkennedy.”

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that an estimate of the cost of providing water supply and sewerage services to these cottages had been submitted in September, 1966, and that a revised estimate for laying on water and sewerage and converting a back stores for toilets and providing draining-boards and sinks was £600 or £150 per cottage. The County Manager stated that it was the practice that a contribution be required from tenants where additional services were provided and the amount proposed to be sought in this case was 3s. 6d. per week.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Bourke;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of water and sewerage services and converting a back stores for toilets and the provision of draining board and sink for two cottages in Main Street, Newtownmountkennedy, at an estimated cost of £600, subject to the appropriate contribution being made by the tenants.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke—“That the wall be repaired at Cosgrove's Council Cottage, Blackditch, Newcastle.”

The County Secretary stated that this cottage was vested in Mr. Cosgrove and apart from the effect of the Vesting Order the tenant was responsible for the repair and maintenance of fences. The wall could not be classified as a retaining wall. The Council noted that there would be no authority to expand monies on the repair of the wall at this place.

Item No. 8—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh—“That Martin Byrne, Ballyrahan, Tinahely, be granted permission to sell his vested cottage to Miss Sweetman.”

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had advised that Miss Sweetman had a house in Dublin and consequently, was not in need of housing and that furthermore she was not a qualified person to occupy a vested cottage. In addition the tenant-purchaser had not indicated to the satisfaction of the Council that he had secured suitable alternative accommodation. Councillor Miss Walsh inquired if the Council could purchase the cottage. The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary first for the Council to be satisfied that there was a need for housing in the area.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That the Council take steps for purchasing the cottage of Martin Byrne at Ballyraheen, Tinahely.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the matter of the housing need in the area would be re-examined.

Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke—“That the Councillors who offered insults to N.F.A. and Macra Na Feirme make a public apology.”

Item No. 10—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke—“That the Council rescind the present system forbidding letters to be read from Organisations such as N.F.A. and Macra.”

Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello—“That the Resolution refusing to read correspondence from Organisations be rescinded.”

The Council decided to deal with Item Nos. 9 and 10 together. It was proposed by Councillor J. Bourke “That the Councillors who offered insults to the N.F.A. and Macra Na Feirme make a public apology.” As there was no seconder to the motion the Chairman ruled that the Council pass on to Item No. 10.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Bourke;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That the Council rescind the present system forbidding letters to be read from Organisations N.F.A. and Macra.

As an amendment—

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That the Resolution refusing to read correspondence from all Organisations be rescinded.

Councillor Bourke in proposing the Resolution, referred to what had occurred at the Annual Meeting of the Council when a decision had been taken not to read letters received from the N.F.A. and from Macra Na Feirme and felt that letters from National Bodies who represented so many ratepayers in the County should have been read to the Council. He pointed out that the letters had merely made suggestions as to persons who might be nominated for the Committee of Agriculture and that there should not have been any objection to these letters being read. Councillor H. J. Byrne pointed out that the Council had also refused to have a letter from the Irish National Teachers' Organisation read at that Meeting. Councillor Temple pointed out that correspondence from different bodies was read at every Meeting and the only exception to this practice was in the case of letters submitted at the Annual Meeting recommending persons for appointment to Committees. Councillor Costello in moving his amendment, expressed the view that every Organisation should have the right to communicate with the Council directly. The amendment in the name of Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor M. Deering, was then put to the Meeting and a vote having been called for it was found the Members present voted as follows:—

In Favour—Councillor J. Bourke, W. Cleary, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Everett, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. McCrea, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh, J. Whelan—Nineteen.

Against—Councillor H. J. Byrne—One.

The amendment was declared carried by nineteen votes in favour to one against and on being put as a substantive motion was declared passed on the same voting.

Item No. 11—Post Primary Scholarship Scheme, 1967—Amended List of Scholarship Awards.

A list of the revised awards under the Secondary School Scholarship, 1967, had been circulated to the Members of the Council. The County Secretary explained that while Scholarships in the sums of £100 each had been awarded to James J. Keogh, Cornaan, Rathangan, and Seamus M. Byrne, Rathdangan, these pupils would be attending a Vocational School in the current school year and the amount payable accordingly for that year would be £40. The pupils were unable to obtain a place at a residential college as boarders in the present year but would be going to boarding school in the subsequent years. The Council, however, could not under the terms of the Scheme allocate the savings of £60 each in the present year for further Scholarships. On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, the Council agreed that the Minister be requested to approve of the Council's utilising the savings of £120 in the present year to make additional monies available to those who had been awarded Bursaries only.

Item No. 12—University Scholarship Scheme, 1967—Amendments in Awards of Scholarships.

Particulars of the amended awards of University Scholarships for the year 1967/'68 had been circulated to the Members.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we approve of the revised awards of University Scholarships under the Council's University Scholarship Scheme for 1967 as submitted to this Meeting and note that Miss Johanna M. Heffernan, Maherymore, Wicklow, has indicated that she is not accepting the award of the Scholarship. Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that in the case of the Scholarship awarded to Mr. Michael M. Farrington this Scholarship winner was under the minimum age for entry to the University and it had been requested that he be allowed to defer his Scholarship for one year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That we approve of the deferring for one year of the Scholarship awarded to Mr. Michael M. Farrington, Kilmullen, Moneystown, Bray, who is under the prescribed age for entrance to the University.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meetings held on 17th July, 25th July, 14th August, and 21st August, 1967.

The County Secretary informed the Council that Item No. 16 on the Agenda which was described as a Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor James Miley should be dealt with in connection with the proposal to confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of 21st August, 1967, as it represented an objection to the Minutes of that Meeting

as being a true record of the proceedings. Councillor J. Miley stated that he was of opinion that the Minutes of the Meeting of the 21st August, 1967, were not correct and he objected to the wording of the Resolution in the Minutes which he stated did not accord with those used by him when proposing the Resolution. Councillor Miley contended that his proposal was for the promotion of a Rate Collector and not a Rent Collector and argued that a Rate Collector should have been promoted to the post and not a Rent Collector. Councillor Temple inquired why Councillor Miley had not objected at the time when the matter was under discussion, and referred to Article 26 of the Local Government (Officers) Regulations and pointed out that it was clear from the Minutes that the Council had followed the proper procedure. At the request of Councillor J. Miley the County Secretary submitted the original Resolutions as signed by the Chairman and these were read to the Council. In reply to the statement by Councillor Miley that if Mr. D. C. Urell were appointed as Rate Collector he would also continue to hold the post of Rent Collector, the County Secretary pointed out that an officer appointed to a major office thereupon resigned any major office he already held.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That we confirm and sign Minutes of the Meetings held on the 17th July, 25th July, 14th August, and 21st August, 1967.

As a number of Members of the Council indicated that they wished to dissent from the proposal a vote was called and it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

In Favour—Councillors J. Bourke, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., F. Hynes, J. McCrea, 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, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan—Ten.

The Chairman having given his casting vote in favour of the adoption of the Minutes, the Resolution was declared passed on the Chairman's casting vote.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That Council's Opinion be obtained on procedure followed at appointment of Rate Collector at meeting on 21st August, 1967.

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

In Favour—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.

Against—Councillors J. Bourke, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., F. Hynes, J. McCrea, J. Temple, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh—TEN.

The Chairman having given his casting vote against the proposal the proposal was declared defeated by eleven votes against to ten in favour.

Item No. 14—Acquisition of Lands for Main (Arterial Road Improvement at Kilmacanogue—Recommendation of County Engineer for Compulsory Acquisition of Lands.

The County Secretary stated that in 1964 agreement had been reached with Mr. Andrew Martin, Kilcroney Lodge, for the acquisition of a small portion of lands required for the improvement of the Main (Arterial) Road between Kilmacanogue and Lower Dargle Bridge but the formal Contract for sale had not been completed. Recently Mr. Martin had indicated that on the advice of his Consulting Engineer he hoped to prove that the road could be constructed without interfering with his property and that he was not agreeable to dispose of the land to the Council. The County Engineer had reported that discussions had taken place with Mr. Martin and his representatives but that it had not been possible to reach agreement and Mr. Martin's proposals in regard to alterations to the road were not acceptable. The County Engineer recommended that the land required from Mr. Martin for the purposes of the Road Improvement Scheme be acquired compulsorily. Agreement had also been reached with the Representative Church Body in regard to the acquisition of lands adjoining Kilbride Church and required for the Main (Arterial) Road Improvement Scheme but in this case also the formal Transfer had not been completed and it is considered desirable that these lands also be included in the Compulsory Purchase Order.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer of 26th September, 1967, we hereby approve of the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order for the acquisition of the lands referred to in his Report and required for the purpose of the Road Improvement Scheme on the Main (Arterial) Road between Kilmacanogue and Lower Dargle Bridge.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 18—Newcastle Mental Hospital—To fix date for Meeting of Council at Newcastle Mental Hospital.

The Council decided to hold a Special Meeting at Newcastle Hospital on Thursday, 12th October, 1967, at 2.30 p.m. to consider the proposed repairs to the Nurses Home. The Council decided to adjourn the remaining items on the Agenda to the Meeting of the Council to be held at Newcastle.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor John Bourke:—

- (a) "That Grange Road, Newcastle, be surfaced with Tarmacadam."
- (b) "That dangerous bends on the Newbawn Road be eased to facilitate School Bus."
- (c) "That road to Kilmurray Graveyard be repaired and surfaced with tarmacadam and Car Park be provided."

- (d) "That footpaths in Newtownmountkennedy be surfaced with tarmacadam."
- (e) "That water be brought to seventeen Council houses in the Killiskey Area."
- (f) "That the flooding of Council houses at Kilmartin be attended to."
- (g) "That repairs be carried out to Doyle's and Tierney's Council houses at Killiskey."
- (h) "That the corner at the end of Kilmullen Road be eased."
- (i) "That sign be provided at School corner in Newtownmountkennedy and a public light be provided."
- (j) "That a pedestrian crossing be provided at 'Cullen's Corner,' Newtownmountkennedy."
- (k) "That Speed Limit Sign at Newtownmountkennedy be moved further back from built up area."
- (l) "That road at Glendarragh be surfaced with tarmacadam."
- (m) "That repairs be carried out to Synontt's Cottage, No. 16 at Newtownmountkennedy."
- (n) "That Leabeg Lane be taken over by Council and surfaced with tarmacadam."

In the name of Councillors J. Temple and E. E. Byrne:—

- (a) "That two lights be supplied at Bellevue Road, Delgany."
- (b) "That a sewerage scheme be proposed for Bellevue Cottages, Delgany."
- (c) "That arrangements be made with the tenants of No. 1 Old Cottages and No. 2, 3, 4, New Cottages for a water supply to their cottages."
- (d) "That the hedges on the road be cut."
- (e) "That a new dump be provided in Kilcoole."
- (f) "That an estimate be prepared for a sewerage on the Sea Road, Kilcoole, to enable same to be included in next year's Estimates."
- (g) "That in view of the Tidy Towns Report, that roads, paths and banks or road margins be cleaned and tidied up and that sign post at the end of the village be shifted to a more suitable site."

In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, J. Whelan, R. Miley, and Thomas Keenan:— "That the Engineer give us a report on the Avoca Water Supply and what is the delay."

In the name of Councillor H. J. Byrne: "That the Council make a contribution to the National Association for Cerebral Palsey in respect of work carried out to the boundary wall at Mar'no Clinic, Bray."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes: "That the Council furnish their system of calculating the amount of weekly charge to Council tenants for water and sewerage."

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill: "Requesting the County Manager to make provision in the Estimates for the coming year a sufficient amount of money for the surface dressing of Ballymaconey and Slieveragh Lanes already reconstructed under the Rural Improvement Scheme."

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at Newcastle Hospital at 2.30 p.m. on 12th October, 1967, to consider proposed Repairs to the Nurses' Home and the remaining Items on the Agenda for the Meeting held on 9th October, 1967.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors W. Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, J. Whelan, M. Deering, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, J. Temple, J. Bourke, J. Everett, T.D., F. Hynes, R. Miley and Basil S. C. Phelan.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor S. Costello.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Clerk, Newcastle Mental Hospital, and Dr. T. Egan, R.M.S., Newcastle Mental Hospital, attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notice of Intention to move the following Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, adjourned from Meeting of Council held on 2nd October, 1967: "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 grant permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Miss Margaret Ryan of 3, Dunville Avenue, Rathmines, to erect a bungalow at Glencormac South according to the Plans submitted."
2. Greystones Harbour—Report of County Engineer of 9th October, 1967, re additional works required urgently at Greystones Harbour.
3. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill, "Requesting the Council to have removed a bank of clay accumulated against the roadside wall, the property of Mrs. Briscoe, Kiltegan."
4. Creation of additional posts of Public Health Nurses (District)—Proposed appointment of additional Public Health Nurses consequent on termination of activities by District Nursing Associations.
5. Application for purchase by Council of vested cottage at Castle-sallagh, Talbotstown Upper (Tenant Purchaser—Patrick Condren (deceased)).
6. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes—"That the Council make available a part of the field they are going to acquire at Ashford for private houses."
7. Proposed provision of 5 additional houses at Kilcoole and acceptance of price for building."
8. Reports re proposed provision of houses for Mr. J. Dillon at Monument Lane, Arklow, and Mr. James Kennedy, of Knocknamuck, Grangecon.
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. Deering—"That a water supply be provided for Crosskeys, Dunlavin."

10. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins and Mark Deering: "That report be submitted in connection with the possibility of providing water for Council houses at Colbinstown."
11. Domestic scavenging service at Kilcoole."
12. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes—"That the Council collect the refuse for the people at Ballygannon, Rathdrum."
13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Whelan: "That a Report be given on the progress made in the provision of public lighting at Askinagap."
14. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor John Sweeney: "That the paths in the Cemetery at Arklow be tarmacaded or dressed in order to leave them dry and also that a water tap be provided inside for the use of people requiring water for flowers, etc."
15. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

At the commencement of the Meeting Councillor Temple stated that he understood the Meeting on that date was to deal only with the matter of the Repairs to the Nurses' Home at Newcastle Hospital and that in any event it would not be possible for the Council to deal with the other items on the Agenda. The Council decided to hold a further Meeting of the Council on Monday, 23rd October, 1967, at the Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, and deferred the other items on the Agenda for consideration at that Meeting.

Newcastle Hospital—Repairs to Nurses' Home.

The County Manager informed the Council that there was considerable damp in parts of the Nurses' Home due to the penetration of water along the parapet of the flat roof. This dampness had appeared some years after the building had been erected and the former Newcastle Hospital Board had endeavoured to deal with the matter but the actions taken had not been successful. The dampness had increased recently and this may have been contributed to by the closing off of the central heating during the period when the Hospital was not in use. The matter had been examined by Mr. Vincent Kelly, who was Consulting Architect to the Council for Hospital works, and he had prepared a Scheme which had been advertised for tender and the acceptance of the Tender of Messrs. James Geraghty, Ltd., Celbridge, in the sum of £9,917 was now recommended. Mr. Inglis of Mr. Kelly's office, who attended the Meeting, gave particulars of the defects found and the work proposed. The leakage of water was due to penetration through the coping on the roof of the building. He explained that other methods of dealing with this penetration of damp had been considered but was of opinion that these would only effect improvements for a period of four or five years and in consequence he recommended the proposals for which tenders had been received. In reply to Councillor J. Temple, Mr. Inglis stated that the defects were not due to bad workmanship but had arisen from the design used and that the very exposed position of the building had a bearing on the matter. The County Manager stated that approximately £6,500 represented the cost of the roof repairs with about a further £2,500 for painting and the balance in respect of repairs to the tank on the roof, etc. It was proposed that the cost of the work be financed from the monies to be paid to the Council by the Dublin Health Authority as the compensation in respect of

the Council's share of the assets of the former Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

In reply to inquiries from Members of the Council as to when the remaining patients in the Dublin Health Authority Hospitals could be transferred to Newcastle, the County Manager stated that proposals had been submitted to the Department of Health for the erection of extensions which would provide a further 128 beds. It had originally been hoped that about 250 patients could be accommodated in the buildings at Newcastle when they were taken over by the Council but these were later found to be unsuitable following detailed examination by the Resident Medical Superintendent and the Council's Architect. At the time the Council decided to take over the buildings as a Mental Hospital the Council had received expert advice that the buildings were suitable for use as a Mental Hospital but it had subsequently been found that the design of part of the buildings rendered them unsuitable for this purpose. Dr. T. Egan, R.M.S., informed the Council of the services being provided in the Hospital by intensive treatment with day patients and out-patient clinics and gave figures for the number of medical consultations each month and the number of visits to homes made by members of the Nursing Staff. In regard to the costs of the treatment of patients the County Manager pointed out that the cost of Mental Health Services had shown a reduction in the present financial year as compared with the previous year due to the considerable reduction in the total number of patients being treated in the Dublin Health Authority Hospital.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That having considered Report of Mr. V. Kelly, Architect, we approve of his recommendation for the acceptance of the Tender of James Geraghty, Ltd., in the sum of £9,917 for roof repairs and decoration to the Nurses' Home at Newcastle Hospital, and note that the cost of the work will be met from the capital monies due to the Council by the Dublin Health Authority.

Passed unanimously.

The Members of the Council carried out an inspection of the roof and noted the effects of the penetration of damp.

Notice of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill: "Requesting that all future Deputations agreed on to be received by this Council consist of not more than four members of such Deputations.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The adjourned Meeting of Wicklow County Council was resumed at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 23rd October, 1967, 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, H. J. Byrne, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John Bourke, J. Everett, T.D., F. Hynes, Roger Miley, and Basil C. Phelan.

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

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

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15. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notice of Intention to Move the following Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Adjourned from Meeting of Council held on 2nd October, 1967:—"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 Grant Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Miss Margaret Ryan, of 3, Dunville Avenue, Rathmines, to Erect a Bungalow at Glencormac South according to the Plans Submitted.

The County Secretary stated that an application for Outline Permission for the erection of a bungalow at Glencormac South was received from Miss Margaret Ryan, 3, Dunville Avenue, Rathmines, on the 3rd November, 1966. Outline Permission was refused on the 20th December, 1966, for the reasons that (1) The site, which was less than half an acre, was too small for septic tank drainage and no public sewerage system was available, and (2) there was no confirmation that a water supply would be available. An application by Miss Ryan was submitted on the 23th July, 1967, and Permission was refused on the 23rd August, 1967. Evidence had been supplied as to a water supply being available, but the site proposed was the same as in the previous application and was considered too small for septic tank drainage. A further application from Miss Ryan was submitted on the 18th September, 1967, and the County Medical Officer had recommended refusal on the same grounds as on the previous occasion. The site proposed was the same as had been proposed in the previous application.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—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 grant permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Miss Margaret Ryan, of 3, Dunville, Avenue, Rathmines, to erect a bungalow at Glencormac South, according to the Plans submitted.

Passed unanimously.

Planning Application of Mr. Derek Burton for Approval to Erection of Service Station at Monastery, Enniskerry.

Councillor J. Temple stated that Outline Permission for the use of a site at Monastery, Enniskerry, for the erection of a Petrol Filling and Service Station by Mr. Derek Burton had been granted by the Council by Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act. Mr. Burton had submitted Plans for the buildings to be erected and had had a discussion with the Chief Planning Assistant regarding the details of the Plans and had informed the Chief Planning Assistant that he was prepared to accept his recommendations in relation to alterations in the Plans submitted.

Councillor Temple stated that the application for approval to the Plans had been refused and in the grounds for refusal reference was made again to the matter of traffic hazard and effect on amenities. Councillor Temple argued that these matters could not be considered again in an application for approval when the Council had already directed that permission be granted for the use of the site for a Petrol Filling and Service Station. The County Manager pointed out that the Petrol Filling and Service Station were sited at a road junction and, in his view, the erection of the buildings on this site would cause a traffic hazard. Although the Council had granted Outline Permission for the use of the site for the purpose of a Petrol Filling and Service Station, he felt that he could not accept responsibility for approving of buildings on the site which might be found to constitute a traffic hazard when erected.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That approval be given for erection of Service Station for Mr. Derek Burton at Monastery, Enniskerry.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager stated that effect would be given to the terms of the Council's Resolution.

Item No. 2—Greystones Harbour—Report of County Engineer of 9th October, 1967, re Additional Works Required Urgently at Greystones Harbour.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

9th October, 1967.

Re: GREYSTONES HARBOUR.

A Chara,

The work is now nearing completion. It has been found from a detailed examination of the Old Kish Base that the roof has collapsed in places and holes have appeared. There is the danger that bathers or children would fall through these holes in the roof and get trapped underneath.

It is recommended, therefore, in order to avoid this danger the voids be filled up with core filler material. The net cost of this extra work to the Council is estimated at £400 to £500. It is essential that

the work be carried out immediately as it would not be possible to get the material out to the Kish Base once the top armour coat has been put on the connecting causeway.

I would be obliged if you would kindly put this matter before the Council Meeting to-day, if possible, so that a decision could be reached immediately.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,
County Engineer.

The County Engineer stated that the total cost of the extra works would be from £2,000 to £2,500, of which Bórd Fáilte would be contributing 80 per cent. The proportion to be met by the Council would be £400 to £500. Councillor J. Temple expressed concern that the work being carried out at the Kish Base might lead to the silting up of the harbour. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill pointed out that what was being sought was to remove a possible source of danger to bathers or children and that this work was not going to effect the harbour.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer of 9th October, 1967, we approve of the borrowing from the Council's Treasurers of a further sum of £500 to meet the balance of the cost of the Council's contribution towards the works at Greystones Harbour for the purpose of protecting and stabilising the former Kish Light-house Base.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—
"Requesting the Council to Have Removed a Bank of Clay Accumulated Against the Roadside Wall, the Property of Mrs. Briscoe, Kiltegan."

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer for the area was arranging to have the clay removed and the roadside verge levelled before the end of the present month.

Item No. 4—Creation of Additional Posts of Public Health Nurses (District)—Proposed Appointment of Additional Public Health Nurses Consequent on Termination of Activities by District Nursing Associations.

The County Secretary stated that the Powerscourt, Kilbride and Boghill District Nursing Association had ceased activities on the 30th September, 1967, and that it was understood that the Wicklow District Nursing Association would also be ceasing its activities within the next month. It was necessary to arrange for the appointment of two Public Health Nurses (District) for these areas.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we approve of the creation of two additional posts of Public Health Nurses (District).

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Application for Purchase by Council of Vested Cottage at Castlesallagh, Talbotstown Upr. (Tenant Purchaser—Patrick Condren (deceased)).

The County Secretary stated that Garda Condren, who was the legal personal representative of the deceased tenant, had proposed to sell the vested cottage, but the proposed purchaser was not accepted as a qualified person. It had been proposed by Councillor Timmins at a previous Meeting that the Council purchase the house from Garda Condren, but there did not appear to be any demand for housing in the district which would justify the Council's purchasing the cottage.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That the Council purchase cottage at Castlesallagh from Garda Condren.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager pointed out that before the Council could use capital monies for the purchase of the cottage, it would be necessary to have evidence that there was a housing demand in the area. Councillor G. Timmins and Councillor M. J. O'Neill stated that there was an eligible applicant in need of a house in the district and that evidence to this effect would be submitted.

Item No. 6—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor F. Hynes:—
"That the Council Make Available a Part of the Field They are Going to Acquire at Ashford for Private Houses."

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That we approve of part of the site to be acquired by the Council at Ashford being used for private houses and ask that a layout Plan be prepared for the site to make provision for such houses.

Passed unanimously.

In reply to Councillor Hynes and Councillor Phelan as to when the acquisition of the site would be completed, the County Secretary stated that trial borings were being arranged for the siting of a septic tank and as soon as this was done the acquisition of the site could be completed.

Item No. 7—Proposed Provision of 5 Additional Houses at Kilcoole and Acceptance of Price for Building.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Architect had reported that the Contractor for the present Scheme of 10 houses at Kilcoole, which Scheme was now almost complete, was agreeable to erect a further 5 houses and complete the necessary site works for the same unit price, i.e., £1,946 per house, as he had submitted in his original Tender for the erection of 10 houses. The gross cost of erecting the five houses and completing the Scheme would amount to £9,730. There was sufficient housing demand in the Kilcoole area to justify the erection of a further five houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we approve of the erection of an additional five houses at the Council's Housing Site, Kilcoole, and approve of the

recommendation of the Council's Architect for the acceptance of the Tender of Mr. William Eager, Contractor, for the erection of the further five houses for the same unit price as applied in his original Tender, i.e., £1,946 per house.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That subject to the sanction of the Minister, we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £9,730 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 50 years to defray the cost of erection of these five houses at Kilcoole.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Reports Re Proposed Provision of Houses for Mr. J. Dillon at Monument Lane, Arklow, and Mr. James Kennedy of Knocknamuck, Grangecon.

The County Secretary stated that the site proposed for the house for Mr. John Dillon at Monument Lane, Arklow, was less than a half-acre in size and the County Medical Officer considered that the site was not adequate for septic tank drainage. The applicant was unable to obtain any additional land to extend the site to the required area. The matter had been submitted to the Department of Local Government and the Department had referred to there being five Council cottages adjoining the site which were not serviced with sewerage and which had a water supply provided only by a well and pump. The Dept. asked if the Council would consider providing water supply and sewerage services for these five houses and in addition for the new site. Four of the five cottages were vested in the tenants. Councillor Sweeney stated that a group scheme had been prepared to serve these five houses with water from the Arklow Urban supply. The Council agreed that the County Engineer prepare a report and estimate of cost of providing sewerage facilities for the five existing houses and the new site, and report also in regard to the group scheme to provide a piped water supply to the houses.

In regard to the matter of the proposed provision of a house for Mr. James Kennedy, Knocknamuck, Grangecon, the County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer in reporting on Mr. Kennedy's present housing accommodation had recommended the making of a Repair Order in respect of the house. The County Engineer estimated that the cost of repairs would amount to £269, and if a bathroom and toilet facilities were also provided these would cost a further £240. In a further Report it had been indicated that toilet facilities could be provided in the house for £120 in addition to the cost of repairs of £269. The owner of the house had been informed of the estimated cost of repairs and the Grants which would be available towards such cost, but no reply had yet been received. The Council asked that the matter of the repairs to the house and, in particular, whether such repairs could be carried out while the tenant remained in occupation, and whether the owner of the house was prepared to have such repairs carried out be reviewed by the County Engineer and County Medical Officer.

Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor M. Deering—"That a Water Supply Be Provided for Crosskeys, Dunlavin."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that it was not possible to serve this area by extending the Dunlavin Scheme and that it would be necessary to locate a suitable source which had not yet been discovered. Councillor Deering stated that he understood that an extension of only 500 yards would have been required. The Council noted that the matter was being examined by the County Engineer. Councillor M. J. O'Neill asked that the matter of providing a water supply for houses at The Rocks, Grangecon, which was in the vicinity, be also examined.

Item No. 10—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors G. Timmins and Mark Deering—"That Report Be Submitted in Connection With the Possibility of Providing Water for Council Houses at Colbinstown."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that it was not possible to serve these cottages from the existing supply. It would be necessary to sink a well if no local suitable source could be got. Investigations were proceeding but had not yet been completed. The Council noted that the matter was being examined.

Item No. 11—Domestic Scavenging Service at Kilcoole.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Michael Gammell, Dumping Ground Caretaker, Upper Green, Kilcoole, who was in receipt of a payment of £109 per annum for collecting refuse from fifty-two houses, had agreed to accept an offer of £245 per annum for collecting refuse in the existing fifty-two houses, together with sixty-three other houses at Lett Lane, Sea Road, New Road and Newtown Road. The additional cost would, therefore, amount to £136 per annum. The Co. Engineer had recommended that this sum be offered to Mr. Gammell for providing the service for this total of 115 houses in the area.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of Tender of Mr. Michael Gammell, Kilcoole, in the sum of £136 per annum for the provision of a Domestic Scavenging Service for a further 63 houses at Kilcoole.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. Temple suggested that the local Development Association be consulted regarding the arrangements for the scavenging service and stated also that litter baskets which had been provided in Kilcoole were not being cleared.

Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor F. Hynes—"That the Council Collect the Refuse for the People at Ballygannon, Rathdrum."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the matter of providing a refuse collection for cottages at Ballygannon, Rathdrum, had been before the Council on previous occasions but had not been approved. The cost of providing a refuse service on one day a week for this area would amount to £140 per year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That domestic scavenging service be extended to serve Ballygannon, Rathdrum.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor James Whelan:—
“That a Report be Given on the Progress Made in the Provision of Public Lighting at Askinagap.”

The County Secretary stated that the E.S.B. had been asked on the 19th May to arrange for the provision of three public lights on existing poles at Askinagap for the sum of £49 10s. 0d., plus an annual charge of £21 16s. 0d. for operation, maintenance and supply of electricity. It had been ascertained from the E.S.B. that the work would be carried out during the following week.

Item No. 14—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor John Sweeney:—
“That the Paths in the Cemetery at Arklow be Tarmacadam or Dressed in Order to Leave them Dry and also That a Water Tap be Provided for the Use of People Requiring Water for Flowers, Etc.”

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:

9th October, 1967.

Re: FOOTPATHS AT ARKLOW CEMETERY

ITEM 28 ON AGENDA.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 29th September, 1967.

There are two main entrances to Arklow Cemetery each approximately 1,500 sq. yards, and it is estimated that to surface and tarmacadam them would be £600.

In addition, the other footpaths in the cemetery are approximately 1,100 sq. yards, and it is estimated to cost £2,200 for surfacing them in tarmacadam.

The footpaths in the new portion of the Cemetery have been made by excavating down to the marl level and the result is that the water percolating through the soil in places comes out on to the footpath, as it cannot penetrate below the marl level. Filling them with gravel over a period might help to keep them dry.

The estimated cost of providing a water tap inside the Cemetery for the use of people requiring water for flowers, etc., is £20-0-0.

Mise, le meas.

T. J. O'DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

The County Secretary pointed out that the Council at a previous Meeting had considered an application for providing tarmacadam paths at Castlemacadam Cemetery, and that it seemed that if tarmacadam surfaces were to be provided in any one Cemetery the Council might expect that similar standards would be sought for other rural Cemeteries. In the case of the Castlemacadam Cemetery, the Council had decided to refer the matter for consideration at the Estimates Meeting. The Council agreed that provision be made in the Estimates for submission to the Council for the year 1968-69 for the work of surfacing the entrances and paths at Arklow Cemetery.

APPLICATION FOR RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION.

The County Secretary stated that a request had been received from the Hon. Secretary, Car Park Association, Avoca, for the reception of a Deputation from the Avoca Car Park Project Committee if possible at the next Council Meeting. On the proposal of Councillor Miss M. Walsh, the Council agreed to receive the Deputation at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 6th November, 1967.

APPLICATION FOR LOAN FOR ERECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSE

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,000 to Mr. John H. Johnston, “Ringside,” Killincarrig, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Blacklion, Greystones, subject to compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

PLACING OF BEET ON ROADSIDE OUTSIDE FARM GATES.

Councillor Miss Walsh stated that farmers in the South-Eastern Engineering District were being prevented from leaving their beet crop on the side of the public road for collection and that she wished to make the strongest possible protest in the matter. She stated that farmers objected to the high-handed attitude of the Engineer in directing them to remove beet which had been placed on the side of the road for collection. Councillor Deering stated that the Council had not raised any objections to this procedure before and that in his view it was not being abused. The County Engineer stated that the District Engineer had reported to him that some farmers were causing an obstruction on the road by placing beet on the roadside, and that this was left out at night without lights and could give rise to a serious accident. The Council were under an obligation to ensure that the public road was not obstructed. The County Engineer stated that he had written to the farmers concerned and requested them to have the beet removed at their earliest convenience and that he did not think that anyone could take exception to such a request. The County Engineer suggested that farmers should write to the Council and notify them when beet was being placed out for collection and that every effort would be made to facilitate them. He pointed out also that lay-bys where beet was placed were left very muddy after the beet had been removed, and the Council usually endeavoured to keep these lay-bys as clean as possible for use for storage of chippings.

The Council recommended that farmers be facilitated in the matter of the collection of beet as far as possible.

HOLLYWOOD WATER SUPPLY.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor J. Miley, the County Secretary stated that gauges had been taken on the proposed source for the water supply and the result had been reasonably favourable for a supply for the small area. The scheme and estimate were being prepared.

Councillor Keenan asked that a report be submitted regarding the provision of public lights at Avoca, Aughrim and Carnew, and stated that the lights concerned were badly needed. He mentioned also that an extra light was needed at the new houses at Coolattin Row, Carnew. Councillor R. Miley stated that an additional light was needed at the new houses at Laragh and asked that this matter be attended to as soon as possible. The Council Manager stated that the County Engineer would be asked to review the matter.

ARKLOW BRIDGE.

In reply to Councillor W. Cleary, who stated that Arklow Bridge was still without lights, the County Secretary stated that the Urban Council's proposal for the erection of three lights had been referred to the Department of Local Government.

MANOR KILBRIDE CEMETERY.

Councillor J. Miley asked that a report in regard to a proposed extension of the cemetery at Manor Kilbride be submitted to the next Meeting.

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 Everett, T.D.:—
 "That the Council build a cottage for Mr. Joseph Beale, Ballyhenry,
 Ashford, on his mother's plot."

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That an Engineer's report be submitted at next Housing Meeting with regard to the proposal to build a house for Brian O'Keeffe, Coolboy."

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That I or someone for me will move that a satisfactory water supply be provided immediately for Tinahely."

In the name of Councillor Miss Nancy O'Neill:—"That I or some Member of the Council for me will move a motion that the water supply scheme for Lott Lane, Kilcoole, be provided forthwith."

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Society of Civil Engineers, held in New York City, N. Y., on Monday, January 14, 1913, at 10:00 A. M.

Donnell, William - 5000
 Mary Walsh, James - 5000
 Q. Thomas, John - 5000
 wife, John - 5000
 F. Hyatt, John - 5000

Thomas J. Rogers - 5000
 Mary Deane, John - 5000
 J. Rogers - 5000
 John Rogers - 5000
 John Rogers - 5000

In the absence of the United States, the British and French governments have been forced to take a more active role in the region. The British have been particularly active, and have been instrumental in the formation of the British Commonwealth of Nations. The French have also been active, and have been instrumental in the formation of the French Republic. The British and French governments have been instrumental in the formation of the British Commonwealth of Nations and the French Republic. The British and French governments have been instrumental in the formation of the British Commonwealth of Nations and the French Republic.

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PUBLIC LIGHTING.

Councillor Keenan asked that a report be submitted regarding the provision of public lighting at Avoca, Aughrim and Ballymore, and asked that the same concerned were fully needed. He mentioned that the last public light was erected at the new houses at Aughrim in 1964. Councillor H. Miley stated that an additional light was erected at the new houses at Lough and asked that this matter be attended to as soon as possible. The County Manager stated that the County Engineer would be asked to review the matter.

WICKLOW BRIDGE.

In reply to Councillor W. Cleary, who stated that Wicklow Bridge was still without light, the County Secretary stated that the Urban Council's proposal for the erection of three lights had been referred to the Department of Local Government.

MANOR KILMURRY CEMETERY.

Councillor J. Miley asked that a report be referred to a proposed extension of the cemetery at Manor Kilmurry be submitted to the next meeting.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

The following Notices of Motion were presented, and read, by the Chairman:

In the name of Councillors P. Byrne and James P. O'Neill:—
That the Council add a statue for Mr. Joseph P. O'Neill, who died on his father's day.

In the name of Councillors Miss Mary Walsh and James P. O'Neill:—
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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 6th November, 1967, 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, Edward Byrne, H. J. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John Bourke, James Everett, F. Hynes, Roger Miley and Basil S. C. Phelan.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, Deputy County Engineer, Council's Architect and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey and N. D. Farrell, 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 Frank Hynes, John Bourke, Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley, and James Everett, as follows:—"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 grant permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Messrs. Fitzpatrick Bros., Abbey Street, Wicklow, to erect a Petrol Filling Station at Tighe's Avenue, Ashford, according to the Plans submitted."
2. County Development Plan — Letter from Department of Local Government re application for extension of time for making Plan.
3. Compulsory Purchase Order for acquisition of lands for Housing near Bray.
4. Proposed provision of serviced sites at Grattan Park, Greystones—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and Report of Council's Architect on proposed development of sites at Grattan Park, Greystones, and erection of additional 10 houses.
5. Erection of 4 houses at Dunlavin — To authorise borrowing to defray cost of Scheme.
6. Proposed provision of 5 additional houses at Blessington — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:—"That the Council ask the Builder to build 5 more houses at the same rate at Blessington because the demand is urgent."
7. Housing Sites at Tinahely — Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan, T. J. Keenan and J. Sweeney.
8. Proposed provision of house for William Humphries, Whitestown, Stratford-on-Slaney — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins.
9. Proposed provision of house for Joseph Beale, Ballyhenry, Ashford — Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Everett, T.D.
10. Proposed provision of house for Brian O'Keeffe, Coolboy—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh.
11. Proposed Sales of Vested Cottages at (a) Templemichael, Arklow, (b) Coolruss, Tinahely.
12. Applications for Supplementary Grants for new houses.

13. Application for Loan towards cost of erection of dwellinghouse.
14. Notices of Motion in names of Councillors J. Temple and E. E. Byrne as follows:-
 - (a) "That two lights be supplied at Bellevue, Delgany."
 - (b) "That a Sewerage Scheme be prepared for Bellevue Cottages, Delgany."
 - (c) "That arrangements be made with the tenants of No. 1, Old Cottages, and Nos. 2, 3 and 4, New Cottages, for a water supply to these cottages."
 - (d) "That the hedges on the road be cut."
15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That the Council furnish their system of calculating the amount of weekly charge to Council tenants for water and sewerage."
16. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That the County Medical Officer and County Engineer submit to this Council the number of Cottages requiring repairs in Ballygannon and Rathdrum area and the estimated amount of money required to carry out these repairs."
17. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke as follows:-
 - (a) "That repairs be carried out to Doyle's and Tierney's Council houses at Killiskey."
 - (b) "That repairs be carried out to Synnott's cottage, No. 16, at Newtownmountkennedy."
18. Cottages repaired during month of October, 1967, and to be repaired during the month of November, 1967.

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 Frank Hynes, John Bourke, Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley and James Everett, as follows:—"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 grant permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Messrs. Fitzpatrick Bros., Abbey Street, Wicklow, to erect a Petrol Filling Station at Tighe's Avenue, Ashford, according to the Plans submitted."

At the request of Councillor Hynes the Council agreed to defer consideration of the Motion to the Council Meeting in December.

Appeal of Irish Ramblers' Club against grant of permission for Housing Development at Monastery by Miss Sally.

The County Secretary inquired if the Members of the Council wished to have any further observations conveyed to the Department of Local Government in regard to the grounds of appeal made by the Irish Ramblers' Club. In passing the Resolution it had been stated that by reason of housing development which had already occurred at Ballyman Road, Enniskerry, it was considered that the proposed new housing development would not adversely effect the amenities of the district. Councillor J. Temple contended that the Appeal submitted by the Irish Ramblers' Club should not be considered as it was not made to the Minister within the prescribed period of three weeks. He inquired as to the date of the Council's Resolution and the date of

the County Manager's Order and stated that the Order should have been made immediately following the Council Meeting whereas it had not been made until a fortnight later. He put forward the view that the period for submission of an Appeal to the Minister was three weeks from the date of the Council's passing the Resolution directing the County Manager to grant permission. The Council agreed that the Minister for Local Government be asked for a ruling on the point raised by Councillor Temple as to whether the Appeal was valid for consideration.

Item No. 2 — County Development Plan — Letter from Department of Local Government re application for extension of time for making Plan.

The County Secretary submitted letters of 4th October and 27th October, 1967, from the Department of Local Government in regard to the Council's application for an extension in the statutory period for the making of the Development Plan. In the letter of 4th October, 1967, attention was directed to the policy of the Minister on the general question of the granting of extensions to the effect that he was opposed to the granting of an extension and that without prejudice to the Council's application it was expected that all necessary steps would be taken by the Council to advance the preparation of the Plan while the application was being considered. Inquiry was made also as to whether the Council wished to submit any further considerations to support the application. In the letter of 27th October, 1967, it was stated that the latest date for statutory objections to the application was the 10th November, 1967, when the Minister would proceed to make his decision. The County Secretary stated that the Council had applied for an extension of three months to the 31st December on the grounds that the Members of the Council considered that it was not possible for them within the time available to reach a final decision on the Plan. The County Manager stated that there would appear to be no doubt but that the Minister would grant the extension sought but that the Council would have to make the Plan before the end of December. The Council agreed to hold Meetings of the Members of the Council for the Baltinglass, Bray and Wicklow Electoral Areas to give further consideration to the Draft Plan submitted with a view to the Council being in a position to make the Plan at the Council Meeting in December.

Item No. 3 — Compulsory Purchase Order for Acquisition of Lands for Housing near Bray.

The Council agreed to defer this item to the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 13th November for the completion of the necessary maps and Schedule.

Item No. 4—Proposed Provision of Serviced Sites at Grattan Park, Greystones — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and Report of Council's Architect on Proposed Development of Sites at Grattan Park, Greystones, and Erection of Additional 10 Houses.

The County Secretary submitted the Reports of the Council's Architect of 26th and 27th September, 1967, together with the Layout Plan prepared for the development of the remaining part of the Council's site at Grattan Park, Kindlestown. The Council's Architect recommended that the remaining part of the site be developed with an

extension of the road, water supply and sewerage services, at an estimated cost of £9,250 and the Layout Plan submitted provided for sites for 20 Council houses and for 9 private housing sites. The Architect recommended that a Scheme for a further 10 houses might be proceeded with. The Council's Architect also submitted suggestions for the acquisition of additional lands for housing in the Greystones area. The Council approved of the proposals generally and deferred the matters for further examination by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area.

Item No. 5 — Erection of 4 Houses at Dunlavin — To Authorise Borrowing to Defray Cost of Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £9,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 50 years to defray the cost of erection of 4 houses at Dunlavin.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6 — Proposed Provision of 5 Additional Houses at Blessington — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:—"That the Council ask the Builder to build 5 more Houses at the same rate at Blessington because the demand is urgent."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we approve of Mr. J. Lynch, Contractor for the erection of 6 houses at Blessington, being asked if he would be prepared to build a further 5 houses on the site at the same rate as in his present Contract.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7 — Housing Sites at Tinahely — Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan, T. J. Keenan and J. Sweeney.

The County Secretary stated that a number of sites for housing at Tinahely had been examined and considered by the Members of the Council for the area but these sites had not been accepted. Two further sites had been suggested, one being a derelict site owned by Mr. Taylor and the other a site owned by Mr. James Pierce. The Architect reported that the derelict site was suitable for the erection of 2 houses and had recommended that it be acquired. In regard to the site owned by Mr. Pierce the Architect reported that while there was a fall of approximately 1 in 8 away from the road on the site he was satisfied that a satisfactory layout could be prepared for the site without excessive cut and fill. The existing town dump was located opposite the site but he understood that this would soon be filled up and abandoned. Before a final decision could be made, however, on acquiring the site it would be necessary to carry out a contoured survey for the purpose of checking the levels to the existing sewer. If the site were found suitable it would be adequate for 16 houses. The County Manager pointed out that it would be necessary to acquire an alternative site for a dump as otherwise it might be expected that dumping would be continued on the present dump. He asked if the Members of the Council could assist in suggesting a suitable site for a new dumping ground.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we approve of the acquisition of derelict site at Tinahely for the purposes of housing as recommended by Council's Architect and approve also of acquisition of site from Mr. James Pierce.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8 — Proposed Provision of House for William Humphries, Whitestown, Stratford-on-Slaney — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins.

The County Secretary stated that although an Application Form had been sent to Mr. Humphries no application nor any indication of a proposed site had been received from him as yet. The Council agreed to defer the matter.

Item No. 9 — Proposed Provision of House for Joseph Beale, Ballyhenry, Ashford — Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and James Everett, T.D.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Beale, who was living in overcrowded conditions, had been recommended for re-housing and he had been asked to indicate if he could obtain a suitable site in Ashford but had not been able to do so. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that a site could be made available on his mother's plot and it was agreed that this proposal be investigated.

Item No. 10 — Proposed Provision of House for Brian O'Keeffe, Cooiboy — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. O'Keeffe had been recommended by the County Medical Officer for re-housing as his present accommodation was unfit in its present condition. A site had been offered by Mr. Matthew Duffy and the County Engineer had indicated that the site was suitable. It appeared, however, from a Report submitted by the Assistant County Engineer that Mr. O'Keeffe's present accommodation, while unfit, was suitable for repair as the house was structurally sound but windows and ceilings were defective and there was rising damp in external walls and the roof needed minor repairs. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, stated that in his view if there was rising damp in the walls it would not be possible to overcome this defect. On the proposal of Councillor Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan, the Council approved of a house being provided for Mr. O'Keeffe on the site submitted.

Item No. 11 — Proposed Sales of Vested Cottages at (a) Templemichael, Arklow, (b) Coolruss, Tinahely.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we approve of the sale by Mr. Matthew Lawlor, tenant-purchaser of Cottage No. 221/8 at Templemichael, Arklow, to Mr. William H. Sharpe, Glenteige, Arklow, subject to a payment to the Council of £266 13s. 4d., the annuity to continue to be payable on the cottage and the statutory conditions to continue to apply.

Passed unanimously.

It was
Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;
Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That we approve of the sale by Mr. Patrick Byrne, tenant-purchaser of Cottage No. 263/10 at Coolruss, Tinahely, to Mr. John Breslin, Cummer, Gorey, 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 still to apply.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. James Williamson, tenant-purchaser of Cottage No. 170/9 at Ardoyne, Tullow, for the transfer of the cottage to his brother-in-law, Mr. James Timmons. Mr. Williamson had not resided in the cottage for some years and was living with his family in London and would not be returning to the cottage and the cottage was occupied by Mr. Timmons, who is married.

It was
Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;
Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan:

Resolved—That we approve of the transfer by Mr. James Williamson, tenant-purchaser of Cottage No. 170/9 at Ardoyne, Tullow, to his brother-in-law, Mr. James Timmons, the annuity to continue to be payable on the cottage and the statutory conditions to continue to apply.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12 — Applications for Supplementary Grants for New Houses.

It was
Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £300 to Mr. Patrick Hamilton, Sandybanks, Brittas, in respect of the erection of a new house at Monaspick.

Passed unanimously.

It was
Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £275 to Mr. Patrick J. Fitzpatrick, 15, La Touche Place, Greystones, in respect of the erection of a new house at La Touche Place, Greystones.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13 — Application for Loan towards Cost of Erection of Dwellinghouse.

It was
Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £1,000 to Mrs. Eileen McDonnell, Glencormac, Bray, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Glencormac subject to compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Notices of Motion in names of Councillors J. Temple and E. E. Byrne as follows:—(a) "That two lights be supplied at Bellevue, Delgany." (b) "That a Sewerage Scheme be prepared for

Bellevue Cottages, Delgany." (c) "That arrangements be made with the tenants of No. 1, Old Cottages, and Nos. 2, 3 and 4, New Cottages, for a Water Supply to these Cottages." (d) "That the hedges on the road be cut."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer recommended that an extra public light be put on a pole in Mr. Darcy's front garden and that this would be sufficient to light the stretch of road in front of the cottages. There was a light on a pole nearer to Delgany, which had been damaged, and when that light was renewed he felt that one extra light would be sufficient. In regard to the hedges on the road the County Engineer reported that some of these, particularly near Delgany, were in need of cutting and that the owner of the property had been notified some while ago and requested to have them cut but so far this had not been done. Councillor Temple asked that an estimate and report be prepared for submission to the Estimates Meeting of the Council for the provision of a Sewerage Scheme to serve these cottages. He stated that the tenant in No. 1, Old Cottages, and Nos. 2, 3 and 4 of the New Cottages were prepared to make the usual contribution if a water supply was provided for the cottages.

Item No. 15 — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That the Council furnish their system of calculating the amount of weekly charge to Council Tenants for Water and Sewerage."

The County Secretary stated that the charge to be made to tenants in respect of extensions of watermain and provision of water supply or sewerage was related to the cost of the work. A State subsidy of 50 per cent. towards the cost of the extension of a main was deducted and the balance of the cost was borne as to 50 per cent. by the Council and 50 per cent. by the tenants by way of a weekly contribution. For a number of years past the Council had agreed on a figure of 1/9d. per week as a reasonable charge for the provision of a water supply or a sewerage system to a cottage. Councillor Hynes pointed out that tenants in Rathnew were paying 3/6d. per week for water and sewerage and that this rate of charge continued indefinitely. He felt that the charge should be payable only during the period of the Loan in respect of the Scheme. He referred also to the charge of 6/- per week proposed in respect of the Scheme for supply at Ballymanus, Glenealy, which he felt was excessive. The County Manager pointed out that in the case of the Scheme at Ballymanus there was a very lengthy extension of the main and only four houses to be served and the cost worked out at almost £400 per house. The charge for water supply or sewerage was a continuous one since the Council was responsible for maintenance and repairs of the extension and of the fittings in the houses. Councillor Timmins suggested that the charge for the water and sewerage should be payable only for the number of years for which the Loan was borrowed and that, subsequently, a water rate only would be payable. It was agreed that the matter be further examined.

Item No. 16 — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That the County Medical Officer and County Engineer submit to this Council the number of cottages requiring repairs in Ballygannon and Rathdrum area and the estimated amount of money required to carry out these repairs."

The County Secretary submitted Report of the Assistant County Engineer indicating that five cottages in Rathdrum had been repaired during the past few months and of these three had been mapped for vesting. Of the 49 cottages in Ballygannon 24 were still awaiting vest-

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ing and of the remaining cottages in the area there were 16 on the Fairgreen of which 8 were vested and 6 other cottages of which 4 were vested. The cottages of Messrs. John Kinsella, Ballygannon, John Byrne, St. Colman's Lane, and Richard Byrne, Lower Street, had been listed for repair. There were no other outstanding cottages for which a vesting order had been applied. It was the practice of the Council to give priority to repairs to cottages for which tenants had applied for purchase unless major repairs were necessary, the omission of which would cause serious deterioration. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 17 — Notices of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke as follows:—(a) "That repairs be carried out to Doyle's and Tierney's Council houses at Killiskey"; (b) "That repairs be carried out to Synnott's Cottage, No. 16, at Newtownmountkennedy."

The County Secretary stated that estimates had been submitted and repairs approved for the cottages referred to in the Notices of Motion.

Item No. 18 — Cottages repaired during month of October, 1967, and to be repaired during the month of November, 1967.

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired during the month of October and of those to be repaired during the month of November.

Domestic Refuse Collection—Greystones Area.

Two Tenders received in response to public advertisement for the Domestic Refuse Collection in the Greystones area were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council. The Tenders were as follows:—

	For 1 Year	For 3 Years	For 5 Years
Mr. Edward Sutton, Windgates, Bray.	£1,450	£4,350	£7,250
Mr. G. Fisher, 11, Oldcourt Park, Bray.	£2,000	£6,000	£10,000

The Council recommended, subject to the agreement of the County Engineer, the acceptance of the Tender of Mr. Edward Sutton, who was the existing Contractor, and was the lower of the two Tenders submitted.

Bray Dispensary.

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge asked that a notice be placed outside Bray Dispensary at week-ends indicating the name of the Doctor on duty.

Water Supply Scheme For Windgates.

In reply to Councillor Costello the Deputy County Engineer stated that it was hoped to be in a position to proceed with this Scheme in about two months. He pointed out that over a period of a few weeks recently there had been a fall from 10,000 to 7,000 gallons per day in this supply and further examination was necessary.

Provision of House for Mr. Dillon, Monument Lane.

Councillor Sweeney stated that two tenants were prepared to give a site for a septic tank for a sewerage to serve the houses at Monument Lane. The Council agreed that a report in regard to the proposed provision of the services be available for the next Meeting.

Roadworkers.

Councillor Whelan stated that five or six Roadworkers in the Southern Engineering District had been left off work and inquired as to the reason. The Deputy County Engineer stated that there was a seasonal fall off in employment at this time of the year. Councillor Wheilan, supported by Councillor Miss Walsh, urged that the men be re-employed.

Unoccupied Cottages.

Councillor Everett stated that there were two cottages, one at Two Mile Water and the other at Ballinabarney, which had been unoccupied for a considerable time and urged that effective action be taken to recover possession of these cottages.

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, Roger Miley, 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 Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Eithne Jane Kerr Bovell for the development of land, namely erection of a dwellinghouse at Laragh East."

In the 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 Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. C. Merrigan to erect a dwellinghouse at Killifine, Annamoe."

In the 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 hereby direct the County Manager to grant permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to allow Mr. William Heatley of Bollarney, Wicklow, to erect six dwellinghouses on his lands at Bollarney North in accordance with the layout plans submitted."

In the name of Councillor G. Timmins:—"That I or someone for me will propose that a Report be submitted in connection with improving the water supply at Knockenarrigan, Donard."

In the names of Councillors John Sweeney, Thomas J. Keenan, and William Cleary:—"That we or some Members for us will move that this Council grant permission to Arklow Youth Club and lease part of the Council property at Hudson Square."

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—"That I or some Member for me will move a Motion requesting the Council to take over Church Street in Stratford-on-Slaney and maintain it as a public road."

In the name of Councillor James Miley:—"That I or some Member for me will move at the next Council Meeting that a footpath be extended from Tutty's Corner at Dunlavin to the National School."

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—

- (a) "That I or someone will propose that a Supplementary Grant for water and sewerage be paid forthwith to Michael Mullen, Whiterock, Tinahealy";
- (b) "That I or someone will move that a Supplementary Grant for the erection of a new house be paid to Joseph Tomkins, Cronelea, Shillelagh";
- (c) "That I or someone for me will move that the Deeds of Killacoran Reservoir be transferred immediately to the Killacoran Group Scheme";
- (d) "That monies due over 25 years in respect of site for cottage be paid with interest to Thomas Furlong, Tomacork, Carnew";
- (e) "That the dangerous bend at Mr. Neville Hopkins', The Mill, Strathakelly, be removed."

In the name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:—"That I or some Member for me propose that some of the large trees on Church Road, Greystones, be removed—they are completely covering the E.S.B. lamps."



WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held on Monday, 6th November, 1967, at 8.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Education Hall, Wicklow. The Mayor, Mr. J. J. Timmins, presided.

The following Members were present:

Councillor J. J. Timmins, Mayor.

Councillors William O'Connell, John J. O'Connell, Mary Walsh, James J. O'Connell, John J. O'Connell, G. Timmins, H. J. O'Connell, and J. J. O'Connell.

The Clerk, Mr. J. J. O'Connell, was also present.

1. A motion was carried by a majority of 10 to 0 that the Council should resolve to support the proposal of the Wicklow County Council for the construction of a new bridge over the River Liffey at the junction of the River Liffey and the River Dodder.

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In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh,—

"That I or someone will propose that a Supplementary Grant for water and sewerage be paid forthwith to Michael Mullin, Whitecross, Enniscorthy."

"That I or someone will move that a Supplementary Grant for the erection of a new house be paid to Joseph Tomlin, Carleton, Slieveagh."

"That I or someone for me will move that the Deeds of Killydoran Reservoir be transferred immediately to the Killydoran Ground Scheme."

"That minutes due over 20 years in respect of rate for cottages be paid with interest to Thomas Furlong, Tinseltown, Carnlow."

"That the catkins found at Mr. Neville Hopkins, The Mill, Strathgilly, be removed."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. O'Neill,— "That I or some Member for me propose that some of the large trees on Church Road, Greystones, be removed—they are completely covering the P.S.B. house."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 13th November, 1967, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors William 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 and Roger Miley.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—
In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley, 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 Outline Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 to Eithne Jane Kerr Bovell for the development of land, namely erection of a dwellinghouse at Laragh East."
- In the 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 Outline Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. C. Merrigan to erect a dwellinghouse at Killifine, Annamoe."
- In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley, J. Bourke, F. Hynes and Jas. 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 Mr. William Heatley of Bollarney, Wicklow, to erect six dwellinghouses on his lands at Bollarney North in accordance with the layout plans submitted."
2. To receive Deputation from the Avoca Car Park Project Committee.
3. Scholarship Schemes — Letter from Department of Education regarding discontinuance of operation of Schemes for award of Scholarships to Post-Primary Schools and additional provision for University Scholarships.
4. University Scholarship — Letter from Scholarship Holder on completion of Course.
5. Wicklow Harbour Loan Guarantee — Confirmation of Resolution passed at Meeting of Council on 21st August, 1967.
6. Application from Leinster Motor Club Ltd. for closing of roads from Aughavannagh via Rosnahan Bridge, Sheeanamore, Moneymeen Cross, Aughavannagh, Drumgoff Bridge, Laragh, Sally Gap, Glencree to Curtlestown, on 2nd December, 1967, for purposes of Leinster Motor Club Rally.
7. Weekly working hours of Roadworkers and related categories — Recommendation of Labour Court.

8. Travelling Allowance for Road Overseers — Recommendation of Labour Court.
9. To approve of appointment of additional Health Inspector.
10. Dangerous Trees at Station Road, Aughrim — Quotations for removal of Trees.
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That the Council lay a footpath from St. Patrick's and St. Brigid's Terrace on the Arklow Road to join up with the existing footpath at James Freaney's, Ballybeg, Rathnew."
12. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—
 - (a) "That an Engineer's report be furnished at the next Meeting of the Council re the bridge on the road from Greenane to Ballinaclash."
 - (b) "Request for Engineer's report on flooding at Ballinaclash Village."
 - (c) "That the road which links Carrignamuck/Barnameela be surfaced and put in repair."
13. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor John Sweeney:—
 - (a) "That the road from Rustygath to Kilcarra be surfaced and rendered usable for motor traffic."
 - (b) "That the graveyard at Kilcarra be cleaned up."
 - (c) "That the footpath at Wexford Road, Arklow, be extended to the Urban boundary."
14. Notices of Motion in the name of Councillor John Bourke:—
 - (a) "That Grange Road, Newcastle, be surfaced with tarmacadam."
 - (b) "That dangerous bends on the Newbawn Road be eased to facilitate School Bus."
 - (c) "That road to Kilmurray Graveyard be repaired and surfaced with tarmacadam and Car Park be provided."
 - (d) "That footpaths in Newtownmountkennedy be surfaced with tarmacadam."
 - (e) "The water be brought to seventeen Council houses in the Killiskey Area."
 - (f) "That the flooding of Council houses at Kilmartin be attended to."
 - (g) "That the corner at the end of Kilmullen Road be eased."
 - (h) "That sign be provided at School Corner in Newtownmountkennedy and a public light be provided."
 - (i) "That a pedestrian crossing be provided at 'Cullen's Corner,' Newtownmountkennedy."
 - (j) "That speed limit sign at Newtownmountkennedy be moved further back from built up area."
 - (k) "That the road at Glendarragh be surfaced with tarmacadam."
 - (l) "That Leabeg Lane be taken over by Council and surfaced with tarmacadam."
15. Notices of Motion in the names of Councillors James Whelan, Thomas J. Keenan and John Sweeney:—
 - (a) "That the road between Moyne and Ballymaghroe be regraded and tarred."

- (b) "That a report be submitted as to when it will be possible to extend the watermain at Aughrim towards the County Council cottages on the Annacurra Road."
- (c) "That the County Council take steps to have Coolahullen Lane taken over by the County Council and maintained and also the road in the Avoca area leading from the Spink to Castlehoward; this would be a great help to the local people and tourists."
16. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors Roger Miley and James Whelan:—"That the Council erect double signs at the Railway Turn at Rathdrum where there was a very bad accident some time ago."
17. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—"Requesting the County Manager to make provision in the Estimates for the coming year a sufficient amount of money for the surface dressing of Ballymaconey and Slieveveagh Lanes already reconstructed under the Rural Improvement Scheme."
18. Notices of Motion in the names of Councillors John Temple and E. E. Byrne:—
 - (a) "That a new dump be provided in Kilcoole."
 - (b) "That an estimate be prepared for a sewerage on the Sea Road, Kilcoole, to enable same to be included in next year's Estimates."
 - (c) "That in view of the Tidy Towns' Report that roads, paths and banks, or road margins be cleaned and tidied up and sign posts at the end of the village be shifted to a more suitable site."
19. Road at Killegar, Enniskerry — Letter from Mr. James Davis, "Seaview House," Killegar.
20. Compulsory Acquisition of Lands near Bray for housing purposes.
21. Loans for reconstruction of houses—To consider further borrowing.
22. Public Lighting — Rathnew Village — Recommendation of County Engineer.
23. Public Lighting—Blessington—Recommendation of Co Engineer.
24. Hollywood Water Supply—Report of County Engineer.
25. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Sweeney, James Whelan, Roger Miley and Thomas Keenan:—"That the Engineer give us a report on the Avoca water supply and what is the delay."
26. Remuneration of Assistance Officers—Recommendation of Labour Court.
27. Revision of remuneration of Staff — Applications received for revisions of remuneration.
28. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor H. J. Byrne:—"That the County Council make a contribution to the National Association for Cerebral Palsy in respect of work carried out to boundary wall at Marino Clinic, Bray."
29. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That the Council provide accommodation for a Dispensary, Eye Specialist, and Mental Treatment; accommodations can be found underneath the County Council Offices, Kilmartin Hill."
30. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—"That all future Deputations agreed on to be received by this Council consist of not more than four members of such Deputations."
31. Letter from "Trees for Ireland" re planting of trees on roadsides, etc.
32. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1 — Notices of intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:— In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley, F. Hynes and James Everett:—"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 grant Outline Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Eithne Jane Kerr Bovell for the development of land, namely erection of a Dwellinghouse at Laragh East." In the 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 Outline Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. C. Merrigan to erect a Dwellinghouse at Killifine, Annamoe." In the 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 Mr. William Heatley of Bollarney, Wicklow, to erect six Dwellinghouses on his lands at Bollarney North in accordance with the Layout Plans submitted."

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:—

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 Outline Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Eithne Jane Kerr Bovell for the development of land, namely erection of a dwellinghouse at Laragh East.

Councillor R. Miley in proposing the Resolution stated that this was an application for Outline Permission to build a house on about 20 acres of land and he did not agree that the proposal would injure amenity in the area or see any reason why permission should not be granted. Councillor J. Temple, while stating that he would support the proposal, expressed the view that in regard to proposals under Section 4 of the 1955 Act to direct the County Manager to grant permission for a structure photographs showing the site should be made available so that all Members of the Council would be fully informed. He considered that the Council should be very careful in availing of the powers under Section 4. In reply to inquiry from Councillor S. Costello the County Secretary stated that it had been indicated on behalf of the applicant that she and her husband wished to take up permanent residence in Ireland and that it was their intention to develop the land for agriculture or forestry purposes if this was conceivable. Councillor Costello indicated that he would oppose the application as it appeared to be speculative building and there was no guarantee that the applicant would reside in the house. The County Secretary submitted the recommendation of the County Engineer and Chief Planning Assistant, who recommended that the application be refused on the grounds that the proposed development would seriously injure amenity in an area of outstanding natural beauty indicated in the Draft Development Plan for consideration for Special Amenity

Area Order because of the location of the site adjoining a main tourist road on the main approach to Glendalough and because residential development would be out of keeping with the existing character of the area. The County Manager stated that Glendalough and the surrounding area was one of the most valuable assets in the County and that great care should be taken to ensure that no harm was caused to it. He suggested that Members should see the site and that there should not be any hasty decision on the matter. He felt that if building of this type continued the character of the area could be altered. The Resolution was declared passed, Councillor S. Costello dissenting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:—

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 Outline Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. C. Merrigan to erect a dwellinghouse at Killifine, Annamoe.

The County Secretary stated that the site for this house immediately adjoined the site of the house for Lady Eithne Jane Kerr Bovell on the main Annamoe/Laragh road near Laragh. The County Engineer and Chief Planning Assistant had recommended that permission be refused for the reason that the development would seriously injure amenity in an area of outstanding natural beauty indicated in the Draft Development Plan for consideration for a Special Amenity Area Order because of the location of the site in relation to the main tourist approach to Glendalough and the Avonmore River and because residential development would be out of keeping with existing character of the area. The Chief Planning Assistant in his Report stated that the proposed building was not related to any existing group of buildings and would be in the view of Tour Buses. If the existing hedgerow were removed in the development of the site the proposed bungalow would intrude on a view which would be opened up over the Avonmore River. Residential development would be out of keeping in the views from the forest area at Ballard/Poulnamurrish where the possibility of camping provision being made was being examined by the Department of Lands. The proposed development would form with that proposed on nearby lands and the building erected further west an unfortunate ribbon of development on the approach to Laragh at a point where the first view of Glendalough was to be seen. Councillor R. Miley stated that the owner of the lands was making available a site for a dwellinghouse for his son and he saw no reason why in such circumstances permission should not be given.

The Resolution was passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:—

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 permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to allow Mr. William Heatley of Bollarney, Wicklow, to erect six dwellinghouses on his lands at Bol-

larney North in accordance with the layout plans submitted.

The County Secretary stated that a previous application submitted for the development of a site for six houses at Bollarney North had been refused for the following reasons:-

1. It would not be in accordance with the proper planning and development of the area to permit development on a site so far removed from the facilities of Wicklow town while sites better related to the town remain undeveloped.
2. Because of the location of the site the provision of services including public lighting and refuse collection would be unduly expensive.
3. The development constituted ribbon development and would tend to reduce the traffic capacity of the Main Road T.7.
4. Development of the density proposed was inappropriate to a rural area.
5. The proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard because the site was near an acute bend on a heavily trafficked route.
6. The proposed development would be prejudicial to public health because it entailed sinking six wells and installing six septic tanks in an area of 3.17 acres.

The proposed development now before the Council was similar to that previously submitted but Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., on behalf of the applicant, submitted that it was hardly fair that Mr. Heatley should be prevented from developing his own lands because other lands remained undeveloped. It was not possible to connect to any existing public sewerage scheme but water supply could be provided by the County Council extending a pipeline from Merrymount (Railway Bridge) a distance of about 200 yards. It was contended that services would not be unduly expensive to the Local Authority and that refuse would be taken care of by Mr. Heatley or the occupiers. The question of public lighting had not arisen at this stage and the necessary lights on the site would be provided by the applicant. It was contended also that the layout could not be regarded as ribbon building as one entrance only was being provided for the group of six houses and the layout was designed to allow the Local Authority to widen the Main Road in future if necessary. Adequate site distances were provided for on the plan. It was pointed out also that the density of building was equivalent to a half acre per plot. It was contended that the site was not near the acute bend in the road and that the point of traffic hazard was exaggerated. It was also stated that septic tanks would be constructed in accordance with Departmental Regulations. It was finally stated that there was a demand for this type of development in the rural areas of the County and that residential communities were an economical asset to the County's progress. The County Manager pointed out that erecting six houses on this site would create a very grave traffic hazard on a difficult section of the Main Road. No public services were available and it was noted that the applicant suggested that the Local Authority should provide the water supply to serve this development. The County Engineer stated he could not recommend any type of house being built on this road as such building was bound to create a traffic hazard and there were no public services at the site.

Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed that the proposal be adjourned and that the applicant be asked for information as to the type of houses to be built on the site and that his attention be drawn to the fact that the Council did not intend to provide a water supply to serve the site nor to provide public lighting or domestic scavenging service in this area.

Item No. 2—Deputation from the Avoca Car Park Project Committee.

The Council received a Deputation from the Avoca Car Park Project Committee who were represented by Very Rev. M. Crowe, P.P., Avoca, and Mr. J. K. Meehan, Architect, Arklow. Very Rev. M. Crowe, P.P., thanked the Members for receiving the Deputation and stated that the purpose of the Deputation was to request the Council to widen portion of the roadway opposite Avoca Church. Part of the field on which the widening operation would be carried out had been given to him for use as a Car Park and if about 70 yards of the road were widened a Car Park would be provided by local effort and also a scenic view opened up. It was requested also that a boundary wall might be included in the Road Improvement Scheme. Mr. Meehan stated that there was a lack of parking facilities at this place and that a Car Park would enhance the area and open up a splendid view. The Co. Engineer stated that the matter of the roadwidening was under consideration but a report was not yet available. The Chairman, Councillor J. J. McCrea, stated that the Deputation could be assured that the project would receive every consideration from the Council and that a report from the County Engineer would be considered at their next Meeting.

Item No. 3 — Scholarship Schemes — Letter from Department of Education regarding Discontinuance of Operation of Schemes for Award of Scholarships to Post-Primary Schools and Additional Provision for University Scholarships.

The following letter from the Department of Education was submitted:-

Department of Education,
Primary Branch,
Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1.
24, Deireadh Fomhair, 1967.

An Runai,
Comhairle Chontae Chill Manntain.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Education to refer to questions which arise out of the decision to discontinue the operation of schemes for the award of scholarships to post-primary schools.

In accordance with that decision no Scholarship Examination will be held next year and, therefore, the formulation of Scholarship Schemes for 1968 does not arise.

The question of financial provision does, however, arise. In connection with the preparation of the Council's Estimates for 1968/69 it will be necessary to provide for all scholarships awarded in 1967 and in previous years, the period of tenure of which will not have expired.

Furthermore as it is the intention to devote in the future to university scholarships all monies heretofore devoted to both post-primary scholarships and to university scholarships, the financial provision to be made in the Council's Estimates for 1968/69 should be on the basis

that would have obtained if the terms of the Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) (Amendment Act), 1961 had continued to apply in full.

The necessary legislation to give effect to the decision to discontinue schemes of post-primary scholarships and to provide for the future position in the matter of awards to students to enable them to undertake courses of higher education will be introduced as soon as possible.

Mise, le meas,
Bonsíodhachain.

Councillor Costello urged that the Council should be allowed to continue to make available a certain number of Scholarships to encourage brighter students to continue their education after obtaining their Intermediate Certificate. He stated that even though the Secondary Education was now provided without charge due to financial circumstances parents in many cases had to take their children from school after they had obtained their Intermediate Certificate so that they could take up employment and contribute to the expenses of the household. The County Manager pointed out that what was proposed would appear to be rather a matter of a maintenance allowance than a Scholarship. The Council asked that the point made by Councillor Costello be brought to the notice of the Department of Education with a view to an arrangement being made to enable the Council to assist students in the circumstances referred to.

Item No. 4 — University Scholarship — Letter from Scholarship Holder on Completion of Course.

The Council noted the following letter received from Mr. Matthew J. Crotty, B.Sc., and asked that the congratulations of the Members on his success be conveyed to him.

St. Manntan Road,
Wicklow.
18th October, 1967.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

Four years ago I received a scholarship to U.C.D. from your Council. I am happy to inform you that I have now secured a 2/1 Hons. B.Sc. degree as a result of that scholarship, and on the results of my degree examination I have been awarded a Grant from the Department of Education which enables me to pursue a further course of studies leading to an M.Sc. or Ph.D. degree.

I would like you to convey to your Council my sincere appreciation of their action in awarding me the original scholarship which led to my primary degree.

Yours faithfully,

Matthew J. Crotty.

Item No. 5 — Wicklow Harbour Loan Guarantee — Confirmation of Resolution passed at Meeting of Council on 21st August, 1967.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;
Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That in accordance with Section 7 of the Harbours Act, 1947 we hereby confirm the Resolution passed by Wicklow County Council

at the Meeting held on the 21st August, 1967, to assist the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners by guaranteeing the repayment of a Loan of £7,800 intended to be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland and also by guaranteeing the repayment of Interest on such Loan, which is required for the purpose of reconstructing part of the South Quay Wall at Wicklow Harbour.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6 — Application from Leinster Motor Club Ltd. for Closing of Roads for purposes of Leinster Motor Club Rally.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the roads described hereunder on Saturday, 2nd December, 1967, between the hours of 1 a.m. to 7 a.m. and authorise the holding of the Leinster Motor Club Rally over these roads while so closed to public traffic:-

1. From Aughavannagh via County Road 129 (Part) South East to Rosahane Bridge and thence via Road 138 on South side of Coolgarrow Mountain then bearing North East through Sheeanamore to junction with Road No. 129 at Moneymeen Cross.
2. From Moneymeen Cross via Road No. 129 across the Northern side of Ballinagappoge Mountain finishing at Aughavannagh.
3. From Aughavannagh via Road No. 128 to Drumgoff Bridge and by Road 83 along the Military Road to junction with Road No. T.61 South of Laragh.
4. From Laragh via Roads Nos. 57 and 58 North across the Military Road through Sally Gap Cross and thence along L.94 through Glencree and via County Road No. 11 finishing at Curtlestown on the Glencree to Enniskerry Road.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7 — Weekly Working Hours of Roadworkers and Related Categories — Recommendation of Labour Court.

Recommendation No. 2208 of the Labour Court in regard to the weekly working hours of Roadworkers and Related Categories was submitted to the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That having noted Recommendation of Labour Court No. 2208 dated 19th October, 1967, we approve of the daily working hours of Roadworkers and related categories being reduced to 9 with effect from the beginning of the Spring period of 1968, i.e. 16th February, 1968, and that the question of working hours be discussed again in September, 1968, subject to confirmation by the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union and the Federation of Rural Workers of acceptance of the Recommendation of the Labour Court.

The Council decided to adjourn consideration of the proposal pending receipt of confirmation of the acceptance of the Recommendation of the Labour Court by the Employees' Unions.

In reply to Councillor Keenan, who asked if there was any recommendation that Roadworkers be paid weekly instead of fortnightly, the County Manager stated that the introduction of weekly payments would involve a considerable amount of additional work both in the preparation of Pay Sheets and in the issue of payments, arranging deductions for Insurance, Superannuation and P.A.Y.E., and recording

of expenditure. Additional costs would undoubtedly be involved. The matter had been considered previously by the Council who had decided not to proceed with weekly payments in view of the extra costs. Councillor J. Miley expressed the view that workers were satisfied with the present arrangement and the Chairman stated that his only criticism was that not enough workers were employed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Resolved—That a report and estimate of costs for introducing system of weekly payments to road workers be submitted at Estimates Meeting.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8 — Travelling Allowance for Road Overseers — Recommendation of Labour Court.

Recommendation No. 2102 of the Labour Court in regard to the Travelling Allowance for Road Overseers was submitted to the Council. The County Secretary stated the cost involved in applying the Travelling Allowance of £1 per week with effect from 1st January, 1966, would amount to £1,877.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That we note Recommendation No. 2102 of the Labour Court and approve of the payment of a special Travelling Allowance of £1 per week distinct from remuneration to Overseers concerned with effect from 1st January, 1966, and hereby authorise expenditure of £1,877 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of payment of this Allowance.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9 — To Approve of Appointment of Additional Health Inspector.

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had drawn attention to the need for recruitment of an additional Health Inspector consequent on the increase in work particularly in relation to the number of inspections of cooked meat and made up meat products in the County. The salary scale for Health Inspector commenced at £747 and increased by annual increments to £1,267. In addition travelling expenses were payable and these could be estimated at £250 per annum.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the creation of an additional office of Health Inspector.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10 — Dangerous Trees at Station Road, Aughrim — Quotations for Removal of Trees.

The County Secretary stated that although quotations had been invited from three firms for the removal of six trees at Station Road, Aughrim, which were considered dangerous, only one quotation had been received and this was in the sum of £165. Following discussion on the matter it was agreed that tenders for the removal of the trees be invited by public advertisement in the local paper.

**Item No. 11 — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—
"That the Council Lay a Footpath from St. Patrick's and St.**

Brigid's Terrace on the Arklow Road to join up with the existing Footpath at James Freaney's, Ballybeg, Rathnew."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that it was agreed that footpaths were necessary from a safety point of view at this place but as the road was due for realignment he considered that footpaths should not be provided until the realignment works were in progress or at least definitely settled. Councillor Hynes urged that the work be carried out as soon as possible as this was a very dangerous section of roadway and a footpath was urgently needed.

Item No. 12 — Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—(a) "That an Engineer's Report be furnished at the next Meeting of the Council re the Bridge on the Road from Greenane to Ballinaclash."

The Council noted the Report of the County Engineer in which he indicated that the three culverts under the road making the bridge were cleaned some time ago both upstream and downstream and that the fourth culvert took a supply of water to supply a field downstream. The culverts had been satisfactory as far as the Council were concerned and it would appear that a complete Drainage Scheme would have to be done with the possible construction of a new bridge to replace these culverts to relieve the flooding on the adjacent land. The County Engineer considered that this was not a function of the County Council.

(b) "Request for Engineer's Report on Flooding at Ballinaclash Village":—

The County Engineer reported that the flooding seemed to be caused by the fact that the bed of the river was too narrow and shallow to take flood water with the result that there was some flooding of land and houses upstream of the bridge. It was estimated that the cost of widening and deepening the river apart from any compensation there would have to be paid to landowners would be £500. There was no silting at the bridge and the bridge was wide enough to take any flood water. He considered that this was not a function of the Council. The Council noted the terms of the County Engineer's Report.

(c) "That the Road which links Carrignamuck/Barnameela be surfaced and put in repair":—

The County Engineer had reported that the road in question was approximately 1 mile in length and was a gravel road on which there were only two houses. There was only a moderate amount of traffic on the road mostly local farm traffic. The road was over a bog, its surface very rough and uneven and drainage unsatisfactory. It was very steep for about half its length and was costly to maintain. He estimated that it would cost £1,500 to repair, drain and surface dress the road. In the event of County Road Grants being made available it might be possible to surface the road. The Council agreed that provision be made in the Roads Estimates for the coming financial year for the repairs, draining and surface dressing of the road.

**Item No. 13 — Notices of Motion in name of Councillor John Sweeney:—
(a) "That the Road from Rustygath to Kilcarra be surfaced and rendered usable for motor traffic."**

The County Engineer reported that the estimated cost of putting the road in a state of repair for taking over was £1,800 and that this had been included in the Road Works Scheme for roads to be taken over but the Council did not provide any monies for the work. The Council agreed that this matter be included for submission at the Roads Estimates Meeting for the coming financial year.

(b) "That the Graveyard at Kilcarra be cleaned up."

The County Engineer reported that the graveyard was about 200 yards from the road and the approach was through a stubble field. He was sure that coffins would have to be carried across the ground as he could not imagine ordinary wheeled vehicles being able to make their way across the field in any but the driest conditions. The fences of the graveyard were satisfactory except perhaps in one place but it was completely overgrown with briars, weeds, etc., and would cost about £50 to clear up. The Health Inspector had reported that the burial ground had been neglected for the last couple of years and had become much overgrown and he recommended that the cleaning of the ground be carried out in future by direct labour and arrangements made for the Register Book to be kept by some local person. The Council agreed that the burial ground be cleaned up and in future maintained by direct labour.

(c) "That the Footpath at Wexford Road, Arklow, be extended to the Urban Boundary."

The County Engineer reported that the estimated cost of reconstructing the footpath to include for a kerb and gravel surface would be about £1,100 and there was no money in the current year's Estimates to do the work. The Council agreed that provision might be made in next year's Estimates for submission to the Council in respect of this work.

Item No. 14 — Notices of Motion in the name of Councillor John Bourke:—(a) "That Grange Road, Newcastle, be surfaced with Tarmacadam."

The County Engineer reported that the road had not been taken over by the Council and its maintenance and surfacing were not the responsibility of the Council. Councillor Bourke claimed that money had been provided for the repair of this road some time previously and that the road was known as Five Mile Point. The County Engineer agreed that there had been a misunderstanding regarding the road referred to and that a report would be submitted in relation to the Five Mile Point Road.

(b) "That Dangerous Bends on the Newbawn Road be eased to facilitate School Bus."

The Council noted the County Engineer's Report that while there were a number of bad bends on the route including a right angle one at the bottom of Castle Howard Hill no monies were available to have these bends removed in the present year.

(c) "That Road to Kilmurray Graveyard be repaired and surfaced with Tarmacadam and Car Park be provided."

The County Engineer reported that the road in question was a gravel road in good condition. It was very little used with the result that the grass was growing between the tracks. There were no funds available to have the road surfaced. He doubted if there was a need for a car park but should it be decided to provide one land would have to be acquired. The County Secretary stated that it appeared that there were only a few burials each year in this graveyard. Councillor Bourke stated that cars would become bogged down if something were not done and that land for a car park could be made available.

(d) "That Footpaths in Newtownmountkennedy be surfaced with Tarmacadam."

The County Engineer reported that the majority of footpaths in the village were of either tarmacadam or paving slabs and generally speaking were in good condition and he inquired as to what section in particular was referred to in the Notice of Motion. If extra footpaths

were required provision could be made in the coming year's Estimates for the work. Councillor Bourke indicated that the footpaths referred to were at Church Road and on the Main Road from the premises of Mr. Dunne to Springmount. The County Engineer stated that he would have these sections examined and a report submitted.

(e) "That water be brought to seventeen Council houses in the Killiskey Area."

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

(f) "That the Flooding of Council houses at Kilmartin be attended to."

The County Engineer reported that there was a little water ponding on the hard shoulder in front of the cottages but he was not aware of any flooding and that a few potholes there would be repaired in the course of normal maintenance. Councillor Bourke having stated the plots at Kilmartin were being flooded the County Engineer agreed to look into this matter.

(g) "That the Corner at the end of Kilmullen Road be eased."

The County Engineer stated that there was a junction at this point of two minor roads and site distance was restricted in both directions. There was a clay and stone bank on one side and on the other a stone wall boundary of Woodstock Estate. He agreed that improvement at the junction was desirable but that a satisfactory job would cost in the region of £500 besides which it might not be possible to acquire the land. No funds were available for carrying out the work in the current year. The Council agreed that the matter be considered at the Estimates Meeting for the coming financial year, and Councillor Bourke indicated that there would be no difficulty regarding acquiring any necessary land.

(h) "That sign be provided at School Corner in Newtownmountkennedy and a Public Light be provided."

The County Engineer reported that visibility at the corner had now been improved by removal of clay from the bank. The road from the school was a private road and the Council had no responsibility for erecting signs on private roads. As there was very little vehicular traffic on the road he did not consider a "Stop" sign necessary. A public light was quite close to the bend and he did not see the necessity for another. The Council noted the terms of the County Engineer's Report.

(i) "That a Pedestrian Crossing be provided at 'Cullen's Corner,' Newtownmountkennedy."

The County Engineer stated that the bus stopped at Cullen's Corner and as a result quite a number of people crossed the road at this point. It was agreed that the matter be taken up with the Garda Authorities.

(j) "That Speed Limit Sign at Newtownmountkennedy be moved further back from Built Up Area."

The County Engineer stated that the Special Limit Sign could not be removed without permission of the Garda Authorities. The Council noted that a review of the Speed Limit area was being held shortly and that the matter would be considered at the next meeting of the Technical Committee.

(k) "That Road at Glendarragh be surfaced with Tarmacadam."

The County Engineer stated that this was a gravel road in reasonably good condition measuring .7 miles and formed part of County Road No. 41. He recommended that surface dressing be carried out when funds were available and suggested that provision might be made

in the coming year's Estimates for this work. The Council agreed with the County Engineer's recommendation.

- (1) "That Leabeg Lane be taken over by Council and surfaced with Tarmacadam."

The Council noted that a report on this matter was not yet available.

- Item No. 15 — Notices of Motion in the names of Councillors James Whelan, Thomas J. Keenan and John Sweeney:—(a) "That the Road between Moyne and Ballymaghroe be Regraded and Tarred."

The County Engineer reported that this road was recently regraded by the Council with a hired grader but that no money was available in the present year for tarring the road. In the event of County Road Grants becoming available it might be possible to have the road tarred. The Council agreed that provision for tarring the road be included in next year's Roads Estimates.

- (b) "That a Report be submitted as to when it will be possible to extend the Watermain at Aughrim towards the County Council Cottages on the Annacurra Road."

As a report on this matter was not available the Council deferred the item to the next Meeting.

- (c) "That the County Council take steps to have Coolahullen Lane taken over by the County Council and maintained and also the road in the Avoca area leading from the Spink to Castlehoward: This would be a great help to the local people and tourists."

The County Engineer reported that Coolahullen Lane from Coate's Bridge to the top of the road was not a public road and, consequently, the Council could not carry out repairs to it. The Council agreed that this matter be considered in conjunction with the Roads Estimates Meeting for the coming financial year. In regard to the road from the Spink to Castlehoward, the Council noted the Report of the County Engineer of 19th October, 1967, in which he estimates the cost of putting the road in order for taking over at £1,800 and the annual cost of maintenance at £80. While the road could be regarded as one of public utility there were no funds available in the current year's Estimates for carrying out the necessary improvement works for taking over the road. The Council agreed that this matter be included in the Roads Estimates for the coming financial year.

- Item No. 16 — Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors Roger Miley and James Whelan:—"That the Council erect double signs at the Railway Turn at Rathdrum where there was a very bad accident some time ago."

The Council noted the Report of the County Engineer that there were already warning signs on each side of the Railway turn at Rathdrum and that it was intended to paint the wall facing the road with vertical luminous black and yellow stripes.

- Item No. 17 — Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—"Requesting the County Manager to make provision in the Estimates for the coming year a sufficient amount of money for the surface dressing of Ballymaconey and Slieveveagh Lanes already reconstructed under the Rural Improvement Scheme."

The Council noted the Reports submitted regarding Ballymaconey Lane and Slieveveagh Lane and agreed that provision be made in the Estimates for the coming year to meet the cost of the taking over and surface dressing of these lanes.

- Item No. 18 — Notices of Motion in the names of Councillors John Temple and E. E. Byrne:—(a) "That a new dump be provided in Kilcoole."

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been considered but that the terms proposed by the landowner in respect of a new dumping site were not regarded as acceptable. The matter had been discussed with the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area who agreed that the terms proposed in respect of this site were unacceptable. The County Secretary added that arrangements had now been made with the present Contractor to extend the domestic scavenging service and to use the dump on his lands.

- (b) "That an Estimate be prepared for a Sewerage on the Sea Road, Kilcoole, to enable same to be included in next year's Estimates."

The County Secretary stated that a Scheme for a new sewerage service for Kilcoole generally to include Sea Road was in course of preparation by the County Engineer and that details would be submitted to the Council prior to next year's Estimates Meeting.

- (c) "That in view of the Tidy Towns' Report that Roads, Paths and Banks, or Road Margins be cleaned and tidied up and sign posts at the end of the Village be shifted to a more suitable site."

The County Secretary stated that the Council had not been supplied with a copy of the Report of the Adjudicator in the Tidy Towns' Competition in relation to Kilcoole. The County Manager pointed out that the Council could not be expected to keep road margins cleaned and tidied and that the Council had to concentrate on works of maintaining and improving roads and would not have the funds available to devote to the type of work suggested. He felt that work of this character could best be done by local voluntary effort.

- Item No. 19 — Road at Killegar, Enniskerry — Letter from Mr. James Davis, "Seaview House," Killegar.

The Council considered a letter of 5th October, 1967, from Mr. James Davis, "Seaview House," Killegar, in which he complained of the condition of the road leading to his property and stated that part of the road had been widened and levelled for the purpose of tarring but that nothing further had been done. He expressed the view that this was a great waste of time and a waste of Ratepayers' money. He asked that the matter receive immediate attention. The County Engineer reported that no funds were available in the present year for the improvement of the road but suggested that provision might be made for this work in the Road Estimates for 1968/69. The Council agreed with the recommendation of the County Engineer.

- Item No. 20 — Compulsory Acquisition of lands near Bray for Housing Purposes.

The Council agreed to defer this matter to the next Meeting of the Council and agreed that the matter of acquiring lands in the neighbourhood of Bray for housing purposes be considered by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their next local Committee Meeting.

- Item No. 21 — Loans for Reconstruction of Houses — To consider further borrowing.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the borrowing of a sum of £2,000

from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of fifteen years for the purpose of making Loans available to persons reconstructing their houses.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 22 — Public Lighting — Rathnew Village — Recommendation of County Engineer.

It was
Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;
Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;
Resolved — Having considered Report of County Engineer we approve of the provision of 1 light at Charvey Lane, Rathnew, 2 lights at Merrymeeting, Rathnew, and 1 at Furry Brow, Rathnew, at a total estimated cost of £158.
Passed unanimously.

Councillor F. Hynes stated that it would be sufficient if the present lamp at Furry Brow be changed to the opposite side of the road and the Council agreed that this be done in lieu of providing an additional light at this place.

Item No. 23—Public Lighting—Blessing on—Recommendation of Co. Engineer.

It was
Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;
Resolved—That we approve of Quotation being obtained from the E.S.B. for the provision of an additional public light on the Blessington/Burgage Road at Troopersfield as recommended by the County Engineer.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 24—Hollywood Water Supply—Report of County Engineer.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:-

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

23rd October, 1967.

County Secretary.

Re:- Hollywood Water Supply.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 16th instant.

Gaugings were taken on springs above Hollywood along the Wicklow Gap Road. The lowest reading obtained was 8,000 g.p.d. but this was not a very dry Summer and it is possible these springs might go lower. However, convenient to these springs is a stream with a minimum gauging of 57,000 g.p.d. under last Summer's conditions and this stream could very easily be utilised to augment the springs in very dry conditions.

Chlorination at least would then be necessary.

Any scheme for Hollywood should, in my opinion, include for extensions later to Hollywood Cross Roads and also to seven cottages north of Hollywood in Hollywood Lower.

A scheme designed on these lines would be required to supply:-

Hollywood Village:

- 8 Houses,
- 2 Public Houses,
- 1 Farm
- 1 School

Estimated demand 3,500 g.p.d.

**Hollywood Cross Road (Knockroe) :
2 County Council Cottages.**

Hollywood Lower:

7 County Council Cottages Estimated demand 2,000 g.p.d.

The estimate cost of such a scheme would be in the region of £2,000.

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T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we approve of a Scheme being prepared, as recommended by the County Engineer, for a new Water Supply for Hollywood to include for extension to Hollywood Crossroads and to seven cottages North of Hollywood in Hollywood Lower and of Tenders being invited for carrying out this Scheme as soon as Plans are ready.
Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. Miley asked if Lemonstown Cross could also be included in the Scheme and Councillor M. J. O'Neill stated that the School and Parochial House should be included.

Item No. 25—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors John Sweeney, James Whelan, Roger Miley and Thomas Keenan:- "That the Engineer give us a Report of the Avoca Water Supply and what is the delay."

The County Secretary stated that the Reports of the Consultant were at present being examined by the County Engineer and the Council deferred the matter for a further report from the County Engineer.

Item No. 26—Remuneration of Assistance Officers—Recommendation of Labour Court.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;
Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Resolved—That having considered Recommendation of the Labour Court we approve of the application of the revised Salary Scale for Assistance Officers, as recommended, with effect from 1st January, 1967, and hereby authorise the expenditure of £382 10s. 0d. in excess of the amount provided in the current financial year to defray the cost of these Salary Scales.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 27 — Revision of Remuneration of Staff — Applications Received for Revisions of Remuneration.

The County Manager informed the Council that applications had been received for revision of remuneration for almost all members of the staff. These applications were being examined but he wished to bring to the notice of the Members the effect in the coming year's Estimates of granting the applications as submitted. On the basis of the applications received it would seem that the total cost of granting the rates of remuneration sought would amount to over £50,000 in one year. The Council noted the County Manager's Report regarding the claims for increases in remuneration submitted.

The Council deferred the remaining Items on the Agenda.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor John Bourke:-

- (a) "That repairs be carried out to Barndarrig Dispensary and Doctor's Dwellinghouse"
- (b) "That a telephone kiosk be provided at Kilpedder."
- (c) "That an additional twelve houses be provided at Newtown-mcuntkennedy."
- (d) "That Fitzpatrick's field in Ashford be retained for Council Cottages."

In the name of Councillor S. Costello:-

- (a) "That the potholes on Main Street, Bray, beside the bus stop be filled in."
- (b) "That the Council take immediate steps to carry out the following works for Mr. Edward Murray, Coolakay, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow:-

1. Prevent flood water entering lane to his house.
2. Prevent flood water entering garden at front of house.
3. Carry out repairs to broken drain at entrance to one of his fields."

In the names of Councillors James Whelan, James Miley, J. J. McCrea, G. Timmins, M. J. O'Neill, Mary Walsh, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, Mark Deering, and William Cleary:- "That we or someone for us will propose at the next meeting of the Co. Council "That in view of the efforts being made in South and West Wicklow to attract tourists that this Council carry out a survey in these areas of all crossroads and junctions with the view to having them all properly and fully signposted."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That the Council pay Mr. Gordon Fewing, Merrymeeting, Rathnew, a Supplementary Grant for Sewer and Toilet."

In the name of Councillor James Miley:-

- (a) "That I or someone for me will move that this Council provide two lights at Dunlavin, one light at National School, one light at approach Naas and Bessington Road."
- (b) "That this Council bring into effect a speed limit approaching the town at National School."
- (c) "That this Council give report on Dump at Dunlavin, the developing Committee request the urgent need for dump be provided."

In the names of Councillor John Sweeney and T. J. Keenan:- "That we or someone for us will move at the next Housing Meeting that the Secretary furnish a report on the application of Edward Werder, Coolboy, Arklow, for a house on existing County Council house plot."

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:-

- (a) That I or someone for me will move "that the turn at Keating's, Knocknaboley be taken off."
- (b) "That the old Graveyard at Kiliquigan be cleaned up to make access to graves possible."
- (c) "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."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday, 13th November, 1967.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 4th December, 1967, at 2.30 p.m.:

The following Members attended:-

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

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman due to illness on the proposal of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Timmins Councillor E. Byrne was appointed to take 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, N. D. Farrell and K. C. O'Donnell 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 Frank Hynes, John Bourke, Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley, and James Everett, as follows:—"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 grant permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Messrs. Fitzpatrick Bros., Abbey Street, Wicklow, to erect a Petrol Filling Station at Tighe's Avenue, Ashford, according to the Plans submitted."
2. County Development Plan—To consider making of Plan.
3. Housing Scheme at Grattan Park, Greystones—Proposed development of sites and erection of additional houses, and acquisition of lands for future development.
4. Acquisition of lands for housing near Bray.
5. Housing at Newtownmountkennedy — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke:—"That an additional twelve houses be provided at Newtownmountkennedy."
6. Housing site at Ashford — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke:—"That Fitzpatrick's field at Ashford be retained for Council cottages."
7. Prototype House at Rathnew — Recommendation of County Engineer on Tenders received.
8. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney and T. J. Keenan:—"That the Secretary furnish a report on the application of Edward Werder, Coolboy, Arklow, for a house on existing County Council house plot."
9. Applications for Supplementary Grants for new houses.
10. Supplementary Grants: Notices of Motion
 - (a) in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That the Council pay Mr. Gordon Fewing, Merrymount, Rathnew, a Supplementary Grant for sewer and toilet."
 - (b) in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That a Supplementary Grant for water and sewerage be paid forthwith to Michael Mullen, Whiterock, Tinahely."

- (c) in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That a Supplementary Grant for the erection of a new house be paid to Joseph Tomkins, Cronelea, Shillelagh."
11. Application for Loan for reconstruction of house.
 12. Application for sub-division of cottage plot.
 13. Application for consent to sale of vested cottages.
 14. Cottage Purchase Scheme — To make Scheme for 15 houses (copy circulated).
 15. Scheme of Priorities for letting of Council houses (copy circulated).
 16. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That monies due over 25 years in respect of site for cottage be paid with interest to Thomas Furlong, Tomacork, Carnew."
 17. Revision of rates of wages, etc., of Craftsmen and Labourers in Building Industry.
 18. Domestic Scavenging Service for Dargle Valley Area.
 19. Fire Stations at Baltinglass and Dunlavin — Recommendation of County Engineer on Tenders received.
 20. Cottages repaired in November, 1967, and to be repaired in December, 1967.

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It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—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 grant permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Messrs. Fitzpatrick Bros., Abbey Street, Wicklow, to erect a Petrol Filling Station at Tighe's Avenue, Ashford, according to the Plans submitted.

In proposing the Motion Councillor Hynes contended that there was ample sight distance at either side of the proposed site for the garage. He referred to permission having been granted by the Minister on Appeal for a dwellinghouse on this section of the road with access at a point where a continuous white line was laid in the road and that it, consequently, did not appear that any traffic hazard would be caused by the siting of the garage at this point. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that the application be refused on the following grounds:—

1. The proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard arising from the inadequate sight distance for southbound traffic on the arterial road and because of the location of the proposed station at the junction of the arterial road and county road no. 97, and because the development requires new access to the arterial road.

2. The proposed development would lower the traffic capacity of the arterial road and would be contrary to the policy of the Draft Development Plan on the arterial road and filling stations.
3. The proposed development would seriously injure amenity in a rural area by the removal of existing hedgerows and trees on the frontage and by the removal of hedgerows and trees on the roadside to the south east of the proposed development which would be required to ensure adequate sight distances.
4. The proposed development would seriously injure amenity in a rural area by contribution to ribbon development between Ashford and Rathnew along the arterial road, an important tourist route.

In reply to Councillor Costello the County Secretary stated that there were two filling stations at Ashford and two filling stations at Rathnew, all being within two miles of the site. A vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

In Favour: Councillors E. Byrne, W. Cleary, M. Deering, F. Hynes, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, J. Temple, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh and J. Whelan. — Eleven.

Against: Councillors J. Bourke, S. Costello, T. J. Keenan, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill and J. Sweeney. — Six.

The Resolution was declared passed by eleven votes in favour to six votes against.

Proposed Development at Bollarney.

The County Secretary referred to the proposed development of six houses at Bollarney near Wicklow which had been considered by the Council at their previous Meeting and stated that a letter had been addressed to the applicant as instructed by the Council but no reply had yet been received. The Council asked that a reminder be sent to the applicant and the matter be brought to the notice of the Council at the January Meeting.

Item No. 2 — County Development Plan — To Consider Making of Plan.

Councillor J. Temple stated that he understood that the Council had agreed that a special Meeting be held for the purpose of dealing with the County Development Plan and expressed the view that it would not be possible to deal with this matter as one item at an ordinary Meeting. The County Secretary stated that the Council had not made any definite decision on this point. Councillor S. Costello suggested that particulars of amendments proposed to the Draft Plan, as agreed by the Members of the Council for each of the Electoral Areas, be circulated to all the Members of the Council and the Council agreed that a special Meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 18th December, 1967, to consider the making of the Plan.

Item No. 3—Housing Scheme at Grattan Park, Greystones—Proposed Development of Sites and Erection of Additional Houses, and Acquisition of Lands for Future Development.

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been before the Council at the previous month's Meeting and had been referred for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area. The Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area had approved of the recommendations of the Council's Architect in regard to the development of the site and erection of additional houses and in relation to the acquisition of lands for future development.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That having considered Reports of Council's Architect of 26th and 27th September, 1967, we approve of proceeding with the Scheme for completing the development of the site at Grattan Park, Kindlestown, for housing by extension of services for the remainder of the site at an estimated cost of £9,250, and for the erection of a further ten houses Nos. 21 to 30 inclusive at a cost of £20,000. It is noted that the Scheme provides for sites for 20 Council houses and for nine private houses.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved — That having considered Report of Council's Architect we approve of negotiations being entered into for the acquisition of site containing 3.15 acres from Miss Ann Quinn and site containing approximately 6 acres from the Rothwell family for the purpose of provision of further housing in the Greystones area.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4 — Acquisition of Lands for Housing near Bray.

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been further considered by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area who asked that the matter be adjourned pending their receiving and considering a report on further sites in the area adjacent to Bray which might be suitable for acquisition for housing. The Council agreed to adjourn the matter.

Item No. 5 — Housing at Newtownmountkennedy — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke:—"That an additional twelve Houses be provided at Newtownmountkennedy."

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Architect had reported on the matter of sites for future housing needs at Newtownmountkennedy and recommended the acquisition of a site at Newtownmountkennedy lying to the West of the Main Street and immediately at the rear of the houses on the Southern end of the Main Street and lying between the Main Road and the road leading to Roundwood. The site contained 7 acres approximately and could accommodate about 56 houses. The Council's Architect suggested that part of the land could be reserved for private housing and part for Council housing and also that a portion of the site might be reserved for a community building such as a Parish Hall, Library, etc. It was recommended that the sole road approach to the houses would be from the minor roads with separate pedestrian internal footpath circulation and a public open space within the scheme which would link up with the existing village street. He was of opinion that the development would greatly increase the total amenities of the village as the site was immediately adjacent to existing Church, school, shops, etc., and the development would create a compact core to the village which would be very attractive. Electricity, public water supply and sewerage exist adjacent to the site but the capacity of the sewerage disposal works to deal with the increased load would have to be investigated. The Council agreed that negotiations be entered into with the owners of the land with a view to their acquisition for housing purposes.

Item No. 6 — Housing Site at Ashford — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Bourke:—"That Fitzpatrick's Field at Ashford be retained for Council Cottages."

The County Secretary stated that trial holes had been dug on the field proposed to be purchased from Mr. Fitzpatrick at Ashford and the County Medical Officer had reported that water had been found at a depth of 4 feet and that the site was not suitable for sewerage by means of a septic tank. In reply to inquiries from the Council as to whether the site could be satisfactorily drained the County Engineer suggested that a sewerage scheme might be prepared which would serve that site and the district nearby and the Council agreed that this matter be examined and a report submitted as soon as possible in regard to the provision of a sewerage scheme.

Item No. 7 — Prototype House at Rathnew — Recommendation of County Engineer on Tenders received.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer for the acceptance of the Tender of Mr. John O'Toole, Kiltimon, Newcastle, in the sum of £2,027 and hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £2,100 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 50 years to defray the cost of the erection of the cottage.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8 — Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney and T. J. Keenan:—"That the Secretary furnish a Report on the application of Edward Werder, Coolboy, Arklow, for a house on existing County Council House Plot."

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Werder's application for a house had been examined by the County Medical Officer, who had recommended him for re-housing. Mr. Werder, who is married and has four children, was a sub-tenant in a Council house, the total number in the house being nine. The proposed site was on a plot attached to the house of his mother-in-law, which plot contains $\frac{1}{2}$ of an acre in all. The erection of an additional house on the plot would result in the area attaching to each house being less than the minimum of a $\frac{1}{2}$ an acre which the County Medical Officer considered essential where sewerage was being provided by way of septic tank. The Council's Architect pointed out that the site was about half a mile from the outskirts of Arklow town and that it would be desirable that the applicant be housed in a fully serviced group scheme in Arklow rather than on an isolated rural site. Members of the Council pointed out the demand which existed for houses in Arklow and asked that the approval of the Department of Local Government be sought to the use of the site proposed.

Item No. 9—Applications for Supplementary Grants for New Houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh:

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £450 to Mr. Terence Mahon, Monamuck, Vallemount, in respect of the erection of a new house at Monamuck.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10 — Supplementary Grants: Notices of Motion (a) in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That the Council pay Mr. Gordon Fewing, Merrymeeting, Rathnew, a Supplementary Grant for Sewer and Toilet."

The County Secretary stated that the Council had installed water and sewerage facilities to Mr. Fewing's holding in 1964 and was paid the appropriate contribution. Mr. Fewing installed an inside toilet in the house in 1965 and received a State Grant of £25. As the Council had provided water and sewerage facilities to the premises it was felt that a Supplementary Grant should not be payable in addition. Councillor Hynes pointed out that the sewerage facilities installed by the Council had been provided in an outhouse and that he had to make a separate connection to the sewer and provide a separate indoor toilet and that a Supplementary Grant applied to this work.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes:

Seconded by Councillor J. Bourke:

Resolved—That the Council pay Mr. Gordon Fewing, Merrymeeting, Rathnew, a Supplementary Grant for sewer and toilet.

Passed unanimously.

(b) In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That a Supplementary Grant for Water and Sewerage be paid forthwith to Michael Mullen, Whiterock, Tinahely."

The County Secretary stated that the Council had approved of a proposal to instal water and sewerage facilities for Mr. Michael Mullen on the 30th June, 1965. The septic tank had been re-sited by the applicant as due to rock it was not possible to site the septic tank as agreed by the Council. The Council had not been notified of the alterations and the septic tank was sited 38 feet from the well. The County Medical Officer considered this arrangement most unsatisfactory as there was a danger of pollution. In view of the circumstances Mr. Mullen had been informed that a Supplementary Grant of £75 could not be paid to him. Councillor Miss Walsh pointed out that the Department had paid the full Supplementary Grant and had obviously been satisfied with the manner in which the work was carried out and that, consequently, a Supplementary Grant should be paid.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh:

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That a Supplementary Grant for water and sewerage be paid forthwith to Michael Mullen, Whiterock, Tinahely.

Passed unanimously.

(c) In name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That a Supplementary Grant for the Erection of a New House be paid to Joseph Tomkins, Cronelea, Shillelagh."

The County Secretary stated that an application for a Supplementary Grant of £300 in respect of the erection of a new house by Mr. Tomkins had been refused since the valuation of the property rated to Mr. Tomkins at the date of his original application exceeded the limit of £60 specified in the Housing Act. Mr. Tomkins contended that he had sold a considerable part of his land in August, 1965, and was not in beneficial occupation of lands containing 10 acres 3 roods 16 perches from that date. The County Secretary stated that the Council would have no authority to pay a Supplementary Grant where the

valuation of the houses and lands exceeded £60. It was noted also that Mr. Tomkins had sold his house with part of the lands and that, consequently, he should have been in a position to replace the house without requiring a Supplementary Grant from the Council. At the request of Councillor Miss Walsh the Council agreed to defer the matter.

Item No. 11 — Application for Loan for Reconstruction of House.

The County Secretary stated that the applicant, who was tenant-purchaser of a Council cottage, had built on extensions to the cottage at a total cost of £720 8s. 0d. and would be eligible for a Reconstruction Loan of £250 from the Council. The Council at the last Meeting had applied for sanction to the raising of a further Loan for the purpose of making Loans to persons reconstructing their houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley:

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £250 to Mr. Joseph Murphy, Tinode, Manor Kilbride, in respect of improvement works carried out on his cottage, subject to compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme, and to the necessary funds being available to the Council for the purposes of the making of the Loan.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12—Application for Sub-Division of Cottage Plot.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Joseph Doyle, tenant-purchaser of No. 32, O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy, wished to transfer portion of the cottage plot to his son, Mr. Seamus Doyle, as a site for a house. Planning permission had been granted by the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes:

Seconded by Councillor J. Bourke:

Resolved—That we approve of the sub-division of a vested cottage plot at 32, O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy, and the transfer of portion of the plot by the tenant-purchaser Mr. Joseph Doyle to his son Mr. Seamus Doyle as a site for the erection of a house thereon and approve of the redemption of the annuity on the portion of the plot being transferred to Mr. Seamus Doyle.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13 — Application for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottages.

In regard to the application of Mr. Christopher Masterson, Tober, Dunlavin, for consent to the sale of his vested cottage, the Council noted that the purchaser was single and was not able to produce confirmation of his getting married. The Council decided to defer consideration of the application.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple:

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of the sale by Mr. Patrick McEntaggart, tenant-purchaser of 22, Carrig Villas, Killincarrig, of his interest in vested cottage No. 274/4 to Mr. Noel Darcy, 2, Mill Road, Killincarrig, subject to the payment to the Council of the sum of £311 13s. 4d., the statutory conditions to still apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed unanimously.

In regard to the application of Mr. John Hayes, Ballynulta, Shillelagh, to sell his interest in his vested cottage to a Mrs. Mason, 10,

Abbey Park, Abbey Road, Monkstown, Co. Dublin, the Council noted that Mrs. Mason, who was a widow, was part owner of a house in Dublin and could not be regarded as an eligible person. The Council recommended that an offer be made for the acquisition of the cottage by the Council.

In regard to the application of Mr. Christopher Byrne to sell his interest in his vested cottage at Ballygannon, Rathdrum, the Council noted that the proposed purchaser would not be retiring from his position with British Railways until a further two years had elapsed and, consequently, could not be regarded as eligible. The Council recommended that an offer be made for the acquisition of the cottage by the Council.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had agreed at a previous Meeting that subject to a suitable tenant being available for the house that the Council would make an offer for the purchase of the cottage at Castlesallagh, Talbotstown Upper from Garda Peter Condren, who is Legal Personal Representative of the deceased tenant-purchaser. An application for the tenancy of the house had been received and the applicant was regarded as suitable by the County Medical Officer for re-housing.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved—Having noted that a suitable tenant is available and in need of re-housing we approve of the purchase by the Council of cottage No. 22/2 at Castlesallagh, Talbotstown Upper, from Garda Peter Condren, the Legal Personal Representative of the deceased tenant-purchaser, for the sum of £426 13s. 4d.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14 — Cottage Purchase Scheme — To make Scheme for 15 Houses (Copy Circulated).

The County Secretary stated that the Council was required to prepare before the 31st December, 1967, a Cottage Purchase Scheme in respect of cottages provided prior to 1st January, 1966, and which had not yet been included in any Scheme. The Scheme submitted would be the last Scheme prepared under the provisions of the Labourers' Act, 1936 and any future Purchase Schemes would be in accordance with the provisions of the Housing Act, 1966. The annuities as set out in the Scheme were based on 50 per cent. of the economic rent in respect of the houses at Laragh and Carnew and those at Eadestown and Johnstown, which were all fully serviced houses, and this was in accordance with the terms of the previous Scheme approved by the Council in respect of serviced houses. The annuity in the case of the other cottages in the Scheme was on the basis of 50 per cent. of the existing rent and these were not fully serviced houses. The annuity in respect of the serviced houses amounted to £1 4s. 6d. per week. Councillor J. Miley contended that all the houses should have the annuities calculated on the basis of 50 per cent. of the existing rent and that on the terms of the Scheme as submitted some tenants would have to pay 6/- or 7/- more than their present rent if they wished to purchase their houses. The County Manager pointed out that the tenants availing of the Purchase Scheme on the basis of the annuity of £1 4s. 6d. per week would be obtaining a very valuable asset at a most reasonable price. The Council decided to adjourn consideration of the Scheme to the Meeting to be held on the 11th December, 1967, and asked that in the meantime particulars of the terms of the previous Cottage Purchase Schemes be circulated to the Members.

Item No. 15 — Scheme of Priorities for Letting of Council Houses (Copy Circulated).

The County Secretary stated that under the provisions of the Housing Act, 1966, the Council was required before the 31st December, 1967, to prepare a Scheme of Priorities for the letting of Council houses. The Scheme, which had been circulated, was based on the recommendations of the County Medical Officer. The County Secretary pointed out that it would be necessary to preface the List of Priorities by inserting the following provision in compliance with the Housing Act, 1966:-

"In making the first or any subsequent letting of a dwelling on a tenancy for a month or less period than a month the Council shall have regard to the character, industry, occupation, family circumstances and existing housing conditions of the applicants. Subject to this requirement priority shall be given to applicants in the manner set out hereunder:-"

The County Secretary also suggested that there might be inserted as the seventh priority the following:-

"Families who lack adequate and suitable accommodation and who are unable to provide such accommodation from their own resources." It was suggested that the seventh priority in the draft circulated to the Members might be included as eighth priority in the Scheme. In reply to inquiries from Members of the Council, the County Manager stated that the Department's Circular in regard to the making of a Scheme had been received only during the previous week. In reply to inquiry from Councillor Costello in regard to a "Points System" the County Manager stated that the use of such a system had been considered by the County Medical Officer, who was of opinion that such a system would not operate satisfactorily, and difficulties had been experienced in the operation of that type of scheme in England.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That we hereby make in accordance with the provisions of Section 60 of the Housing Act, 1966, a Scheme determining the priorities to be accorded to categories of persons specified in the Scheme in the letting of dwellings provided by the Council and of which the Council is the owner in accordance with the draft submitted to this Meeting and subject to the addition of the following provision at the commencement of the Scheme:-

"In making the first of any subsequent letting of a dwelling on a tenancy for a month or less period than a month the Council shall have regard to the character, industry, occupation, family circumstances and existing housing conditions of the applicants. Subject to this requirement priority shall be given to applicants in the manner set out hereunder:-"

Passed unanimously.

The Council indicated that while approving of the Scheme it was their wish that proposals for a revised Scheme based on a "Points System" and incorporating provision for an award of points for length of time on a waiting list be submitted to the Council on or before February, 1968.

Item No. 16—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—
 "That monies due over 25 years in respect of site for cottage be paid with interest to Thomas Furlong, Tomacork, Carnew."

The County Secretary stated this site had been acquired by the Council in 1952 but at that time the owner of the site was not in a position to submit Title and, consequently, it had not been possible to make payment for the site. The Council's Solicitor had indicated that satisfactory Title had not yet been submitted to enable him to certify for payment. Councillor Miss Walsh stated that Mr. Thomas Furlong was now the registered owner and that the delay in paying for the site was unreasonable. The County Secretary stated that if Mr. Furlong would submit the necessary details required by the Council's Solicitor payment of the purchase money could be made.

Item No. 17 — Revision of Rates of Wages, etc., of Craftsmen and Labourers in Building Industry.

The County Secretary stated that a recommendation of the Construction Industry Joint Industrial Council for a revision of rates of wages of Building Craftsmen and Building Labourers and for the revision of conditions of employment for these workers had been received and that an increase in wages of 3d. per hour took effect from 7th November, 1967. It was the practice of the Council to pay Craftsmen and Building Labourers employed by the Council at the same rates as those agreed between the Federation of Builders, Contractors and Allied Employers and the Employees' Unions.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That we approve of the revision of Rates of Wages of Building Craftsmen and Building Labourers and of the revision of the Conditions of Employment for these workers in accordance with the terms of the Recommendation of the Construction Industry Joint Industrial Council with effect from 7th November, 1967.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary pointed out that the Agreement provided for Christmas Eve being a paid holiday for Building Workers in the present year. Members of the Staff of the Council had a holiday on Christmas Eve but Roadworkers were required to report for duty but were usually allowed off at midday. The Council agreed that Roadworkers employed by the Council also receive a holiday in respect of Christmas Eve as from Christmas Eve, 1967.

Item No. 18—Domestic Scavenging Service for Dargle Valley Area.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer for the acceptance of the Quotation of Mr. Edward Sutton, Windgates, Bray, in the sum of £80 per annum for the provision of a Domestic Scavenging Service in the Dargle Valley Area between Killcorney and the boundary of Bray Urban District.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 19—Fire Stations at Baltinglass and Dunlavin—Recommendation of County Engineer on Tenders Received.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer for the acceptance of the Tender of £7,956 from Messrs C. Byrne and Son, Hacketstown, for the erection of Fire Stations at Baltinglass and Dunlavin.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 20—Cottages Repaired in November, 1967, and to be Repaired in December, 1967.

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired during the month of November, 1967, and of those to be repaired in December, 1967. Councillor F. Hynes referred to the need for repairs to houses at Ballygannon which he had reported at a previous Meeting and asked that these repairs be expedited. Councillor Miss Walsh also drew attention to repairs to cottages in the Arklow Electoral Area and asked that these be included.

Water Supply at Coolmoney.

Councillor J. Miley referred to the erection of two new houses at Coolmoney and asked that arrangements be made immediately for the provision of the water supply to the houses. Councillor Timmins referred to the Notice of Motion he had handed in on the matter and asked that this be included on the Agenda for the Meeting on the 11th December.

Letting of House at Kilcoole.

Councillor Costello referred to the letting of the tenth house at Kilcoole which had been deferred pending a report from the County Engineer on the fitness of the applicant's house and asked that this matter be brought to the notice of the Members of the Council for the Area for consideration before a decision was taken.

Water Supplies for Killiskey, Bahana and Killoughter.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Hynes the County Secretary stated that plans for the Scheme for the water supply at Bahana had been submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval but that the Schemes for Killiskey and Killoughter were not yet available.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Hynes as to what arrangements had been made for providing work for unemployed at Rathnew, Newtownmountkenedy and Rathdrum, the County Engineer stated that arrangements had been made for work on a footpath at Rathnew and road work at Aughrim and Rathdrum by way of general maintenance and that he would endeavour to arrange for some work in Newtownmountkenedy also. In reply to inquiry from Councillor J. Miley regarding the amount provided in the Estimates for Winter Relief Work the County Engineer stated that a sum of £5,000 had been allocated equally between the four Electoral Areas but £620 of the amount allowed for the Bray Electoral Area had been allocated to works carried out at the La Touche Estate, Greystones. Councillor Temple proposed that a further sum of £500 be provided for the Bray Area and urged that local men be given employment in the town of Bray. On the suggestion of Councillor Timmins it was agreed that a similar amount be provided for each of the Electoral Areas and

It was

Proposed by Councillor Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor Temple:

Resolved—That a further £1,400 be provided for extra Christmas work on roads and footpaths to be apportioned equally between the four areas.

Passed unanimously.

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 lay a main sewer and lay a watermain to the Council cottages at Monaline, Newtownmountkennedy."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That the Council acquire land in Newtownmountkennedy and Rathnew for the purpose of providing a playing field for the children of both villages."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That the Council build six cottages in or near Rathdrum."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"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."

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:—"That a report be furnished at our next Meeting regarding the responsibility, or otherwise, of Wicklow County Council regarding Kilbride Old Cemetery."

In the names of Councillors John Sweeney and Thomas Keenan:—"That we or someone for us will move at the next Meeting that John Murphy, Ballykilageer, be appointed Caretaker of Ballycoogue Cemetery and that he keep the Register of Interments therein."

In the name of Councillor G. Timmins:—"That I or someone for me will propose at the next Housing Meeting that the Council build a house for William Moore, Manger, Stratford-on-Slaney."

In the name of Councillor J. Miley:—"That I or some Member of this Council move for me that John Murphy, Hollyvally, Blessington, be paid Supplementary Grant for new house."

In the name of Councillor John Bourke:—"That the Council carry out repairs to Coffey's Cottage No. 30 and Holt's Cottage at Killadreenan, Newtown."

In the name of Councillor Thomas Keenan:—(a) "That I or some Member for me will move that the 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."

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—"That I or some Member for me will move a Motion at the next Statutory Meeting of the Council as follows that is to say:—"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."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantlin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th December, 1967, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

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

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge and seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill that Councillor J. Miley take the chair.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 4th September, 11th September and 25th September, 1967.
2. Overdraft on General Account for quarter to 31st March, 1968.
3. To fill vacancy on County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee arising from resignation of Rev. W. Kane, C.C., Annacurra.
4. Revision of remuneration of Lorry Drivers and Machinery Attendants.
5. Road Improvement and Car Park at Avoca.
6. Use of premises at Castle Street, Bray, for Old Persons Club—Letter from Department of Health.
7. Creation of additional post of Public Health Nurse for Arklow District.
8. Cottage Purchase Scheme—To make Scheme for 15 houses.
9. Coast Erosion—Bray Promenade—Report of County Engineer.
10. Malicious Injury Claims—Report on awards and claims pending.
11. Letter from "Trees for Ireland" re planting of roadside trees.
12. Sites for halting-places for Itinerants — Letter from Wicklow Itinerant Settlement Committee.
13. Proposed Water Supply for Ballybawn Cottages, Kilmacanogue—Report of County Engineer.
14. Signposting of Roads—Notice of Motion in names of Members of Council for Arklow and Baltinglass Electoral Areas as follows:—"That we or someone for us will propose at the next meeting of the County Council that in view of the efforts being made in South and West Wicklow to attract tourists that this Council carry out a survey in these areas of all crossroads and junctions with a view to having them all properly and fully signposted."
15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins:—"That a report be submitted in connection with improving the water supply at Knockenarrigan, Donard."
16. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:—
(a) "That the potholes on Main Street, Bray, beside the bus stop be filled in."
(b) "That the Council take immediate steps to carry out the following works for Mr. Edward Murray, Coolakay, Enniskerry:—
(1) prevent flood water entering lane to his house.
(2) prevent flood water entering garden at front of house.
(3) carry out repairs to broken drain at entrance to one of his fields."

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17. 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) "That the Council take over Church Street in Stratford-on-Slaney and maintain it as a public road."
18. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:-
(a) "That the dangerous bend at Mr. Neville Hopkins', The Mill, Stratnakelly, be removed."
(b) "That the turn at Keating's, Knocknaboley, be taken off."
(c) "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."
(d) "That the old graveyard at Kilquiggan be cleaned up to make access to graves possible."
(e) "That a satisfactory water supply be provided immediately for Tinahely."
19. 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 provide two lights at Dunlavin, one light at National School and one light at approach Naas and Blessington Road."
(d) "That the Council give report on Dump at Dunlavin — the Development Committee request the urgent need for dump be provided."
20. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:-
(a) "That the water supply scheme for Lott Lane, Kilcoole, be provided immediately."
(b) "That some of the large trees on Church Road, Greystones, be removed."
21. 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."
22. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor S. Costello, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members of the Council with Councillor J. Temple on the death of his son, Mr. Seamus Temple, who had been Caretaker of the Vocational School, Bray, and who had died suddenly. The County Manager asked that he and the members of the Council's Staff be associated with the Council's expression of sympathy.

Message from Chairman.

The County Secretary stated that a message had been received from Councillor J. J. McCreagh, Chairman, who was unable to attend the Meeting due to illness and asking that his best wishes for Christmas be extended to the Members of the Council and the Staff. The County Secretary stated that Councillor H. J. Byrne also was unable to attend due to illness and conveyed apologies also on behalf of Councillor Miss M. Walsh for inability to attend. On the proposal of Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge the Council asked that their best wishes be conveyed to Councillor J. Everett for a speedy recovery and that best wishes be also conveyed to all other absent Members. The Council welcomed Councillor Khehar back following his accident.

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Item No. 1—To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 4th September, 11th September and 25th September, 1967.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 4th September, 11th September and 25th September, 1967, and 2nd October, 1967.

Passed unanimously.

Letter From National Farmers' Association, Wicklow County Executive.

The following letter from the National Farmers' Association, Wicklow County Executive, was submitted to the Council:-

NATIONAL FARMERS' ASSOCIATION

WICKLOW COUNTY EXECUTIVE

The County Manager,

Wicklow County Council.

9th December, 1967.

Dear Sir,

Many of the rural organisations, including N.F.A., Macra na Feirme, I.C.A., Macra na Tuaithe, are most anxious that everything possible be done to ward off any possibility of an outbreak of the cattle plague and, if one should occur, that it be closely confined.

Accordingly, you are being asked to consider arranging for the supply and use of disinfected straw mats on the roads leading into all towns and villages and to encourage the owners of business premises to act in a similar fashion.

You can be assured of the active co-operation of the farming community.

I am,

Yours truly,

James J. Nolan,

Hon Sec.

The Council asked that inquiries be made as a matter of urgency from the Department of Agriculture as to whether the precautions suggested by the N.F.A. should be put into operation by the Council. Members of the Council having expressed concern as to whether adequate precautions were being taken at ports in the County it was agreed that inquiries be made from the Department of Agriculture as to the extent of the precautions being taken.

Provision of House for Mr. Kennedy, Carrignamuck, Grangecon.

Arising from the Minutes

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That the Council provide a house for Mr. Kennedy of Knocknamuck, Grangecon.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor O'Neill stated that Mr. Kennedy occupied his present house only by virtue of his employment and if he lost his employment he and his family would have no place to live.

Letting of House at Kilcoole.

Arising out of the Minutes Councillor J. Bourke inquired when the tenancy of the tenth house in the new Housing Scheme at Kilcoole would be allocated. The Council agreed that this matter be referred

to the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area and that the matter would be dealt with at a Meeting of the Members to be held following the Council Meeting on Monday, the 18th December.

Pedestrian Crossing at Bray.

In reply to Councillor Costello the County Engineer stated that the matter of providing an additional Pedestrian Crossing near the Solus Factory at Bray had been discussed with the Gardai who did not favour the provision of another crossing. The Members of the Council expressed the view that the matter should be pressed as a matter of urgency.

Revocation of Planning Permission.

Councillor B. Phelan referred to the revocation by the Council of Planning Permission which had been granted to the Maguire family of Brittas Bay for three houses on the seaward side of the road and stated that the Maguire family had appealed to the Minister who had indicated that the Council's decision was invalid. He claimed that the Council Members had been used as an instrument of injustice and objected to such procedure. Councillor Costello pointed out that the Council's function was to represent the community at large and he considered the Council had acted in the best interests of the community and of the County. The County Manager pointed out that the Council having considered this matter had decided that it would be in the best interests of the community to withdraw Planning Permission for these houses as it was felt that it would be in the public interest to leave this area open. Legal advice had been obtained and the Council had been advised that the revocation of permission was valid. The Minister, however, had decided that the decision was not valid and this was a case of legal Advisers differing. No Court had taken a decision on the matter. The County Manager pointed out that the Council was obliged to take decisions and that the possibility of any decision being questioned in a Court of Law always existed. The Council could not evade their obligation of taking decisions. It was agreed that the letter from the Department of Local Government on the matter be submitted to the Council at their next Meeting.

Water Supply at Windgates.

Arising out of the Minutes Councillor Costello inquired when the plans would be ready for the proposed water supply for Windgates, Greystones. The County Engineer stated that the plans for this Scheme would soon be ready and would be submitted to the Department for sanction. He pointed out that there was at present a shortage of staff and he could not give a definite date for the carrying out of the Scheme. The County Manager explained that it was very difficult to obtain qualified staff outside Dublin City at present and that it had not been possible so far to fill the vacancies on the Planning Staff. There were also vacancies in the Engineering Staff. The County Engineer stated that the working conditions of the Engineering Staff were unsatisfactory and that members of the staff had complained of the unsatisfactory conditions. The Chairman stated that the County Engineer should submit a Report in regard to the matter.

Item No. 2—Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 31st March, 1968.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;
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 31st March, 1968, shall not exceed £350,000.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—To Fill Vacancy on County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee Arising from Resignation of Rev. W. Kane, C.C., Annacurra.

The County Secretary stated that it had been indicated by the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee that Rev. W. Kane, formerly C.C. at Annacurra, had resigned from membership of the Committee and the Council was requested to arrange for the appointment of a successor to Father Kane.

It was

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

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr. T. C. Herr, Aughrim, to be a member of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. W. Kane, C.C., Annacurra.

As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the successor to Rev. W. Kane, C.C., as Curate at Annacurra to be a member of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. W. Kane, C.C., Annacurra.

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

In Favour: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, W. Cleary, S. Costello, M. Deering and G. Timmins. — **SIX.**

Against: Councillors T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, Miss M. Walsh. — **EIGHT.**

The amendment was declared defeated by eight votes against to six votes in favour and the Resolution for the appointment of Mr. T. C. Herr was declared passed on the same voting.

Item No. 4—Revision of Remuneration of Lorry Drivers and Machinery Attendants.

The County Secretary stated that following discussions with the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union agreement had been reached for the application of a revised rate of wages of £12 6s. 0d. per week with effect from 1st April, 1967, and for the application of revised conditions of employment subject to the approval of the Council. The previous rate of remuneration was £10 9s. 3d.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we approve of payment of the revised rate of wages of £12 6s. 0d. per week to Lorry Drivers and Machinery Attendants and of the revised conditions of employment as agreed between the County Engineer and the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union 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 rate of wages from 1st April, 1967.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Road Improvement and Car Park at Avoca.

The County Secretary referred to the reception by the Council of a Deputation at the November Meeting in regard to a project for providing a Car Park at Avoca and stated that the plans in respect of the Car Park had been submitted and approval to them had been recommended by the County Engineer. The Deputation had asked that the Council might assist in the project by carrying out the Road Improvement Scheme at this place which involved the removal of a wall. The County Engineer stated that the report on the matter was not available but he hoped to have a report for submission to the next Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 6—Use of Premises at Castle Street, Bray, for Old Persons Club—Letter from Department of Health.

The following letter from the Department of Health was submitted:—

Department of Health,
Custom House,
Dublin 1.

23 Samhain, 1967.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Health to refer to your letter of 5th October concerning the use of premises at Castle Street, Bray, as an Old Persons Club and to let you know that he is in full agreement with the proposed service for the aged set out in your letter of 28th April, 1967. He feels further that your Council is to be commended for the initiative which it has shown in respect of this proposal and he is most anxious that it should continue to examine to what extent its present services for the aged can be improved having regard to the recommendations contained in this Department's Circular 48/65 and to such other lines of development as your Council may consider desirable.

With regard to the payment of Health Services Grant I am to explain that this may only be allowed in respect of approved health services. Your Council will, no doubt, appreciate that in the circumstances it is not possible for the Minister to commit public monies under his control to meeting the cost involved in the present proposal as, on the information furnished, it does not involve an approved health service and there is no statutory authority enabling it to be dealt with as such.

Mise le meas,

J. DARBY.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That having considered letter of 23rd November, 1967, from Department of Health we approve of the expenditure of approximately £300 on repairs and improvements to the premises at Castle Street, Bray, to make these premises suitable for use as an Old Persons' Club and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of these works. Passed unanimously.

The County Manager pointed out that the Minister had not been prepared to accept the Council's interpretation of the Health Act in regard to the provision of this service for old people and, consequently, no Grant towards the cost was being made available.

Item No. 7—Creation of Additional Post of Public Health Nurse for Arklow District.

The County Secretary stated that the Arklow Nursing Association had indicated that their services would be terminated as from the 1st January, 1968, and in consequence it would be necessary for the Council to appoint a Public Health Nurse for the District.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved—That having noted the decision of the Arklow District Nursing Association to terminate their activities with effect from 1st January, 1968, we hereby approve of the creation of an additional post of Public Health Nurse.

Passed unanimously.

In reply to Councillor Cleary the County Manager stated that the present Nurse, Nurse Walker, would be continued in the Arklow district.

Item No. 8—Cottage Purchase Scheme—To Make Scheme for 15 Houses.

The County Secretary stated that particulars of the previous Cottage Purchase Schemes made by the Council had been circulated to the Members.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Scheme for the purchase of cottages under Section 94 of the Housing Act, 1966, entitled "The County Wicklow No. 7 Cottage Purchase Scheme" being in relation to 15 cottages provided by the Council before the 1st January, 1966.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Coast Erosion—Bray Promenade—Report of Co. Engineer.

The County Secretary having submitted the Report of the County Engineer on the proposed Scheme for prevention of Coast Erosion at Bray Promenade the Council decided to defer the matter to the next Meeting and asked that in the meantime copies of the Reports of the County Engineer and of the Town Engineer, Bray, in regard to the Scheme be sent to each Member of the Council and that the Scheme be considered by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area.

Item No. 10—Malicious Injury Claims—Report on Awards and Claims Pending.

The County Secretary submitted particulars of Malicious Injury Claims which had been made against the Council. To date 16 Decrees had been received amounting to £1,254 7s. 0d. and Awards totalling £1,429 2s. 0d. had been made by the Court but Decrees had not yet been received. A further ten claims which had been before the Court but adjourned were in respect of a total of £3,467 0s. 11d. and in addition claims amounting to £10,576 5s. 2d. had been made but were not yet listed for hearing. If all claims made were proceeded with and Decrees given in full in respect of the claims the total amount involved would be £16,726 15s. 1d. The Council noted the details of claims submitted. Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge stated that she had been a member of a Deputation from the General Council of County Councils which met the Minister for Justice and put forward the views of the Council in regard to Malicious Injury Claims. A new Bill was being prepared and it was hoped to have it circulated in March, 1968.

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Item No. 11—Letter from "Trees for Ireland" re Planting of Roadside Trees.

The following letter from "Trees for Ireland" was submitted:-

The Chairman,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow.

Trees for Ireland,
30 Westmoreland Street,
Dublin 2.

24th October, 1967.

'PLANT A TREE IN IRELAND'

A Chara,

For many years there has not been much planting of trees in Ireland outside the State Forests which are nearly all situated in the mountain regions of our country. This means that many of our lowlands, the plains and valleys where most of the people live, are either bare of trees or else stocked with the aged remnants of old woods planted in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Nobody wants a treeless countryside—it is bare and windswept and as uncomfortable as a room without furniture. "Trees for Ireland" realises that there is, in general, an enormous fund of goodwill for trees and that many people are prepared to help if they only knew how. For this reason we have started this scheme 'To Plant a Tree in Ireland' and already we have received encouraging support in cash for our 1966/67 project which is to plant a grove as a memorial to a famous man.

We think that this idea would work well on a county basis. Everywhere there is strong county loyalty and those who remain as well as those who have left would like to make their county beautiful. What is needed first of all is the goodwill and co-operation of the County Council—they can provide the places to plant a few trees and can help with the planting and maintenance. Trees might go along roadsides, in parks, in clumps on vacant spaces left after road straightening and widening schemes or in new housing estates. The cost of providing a few trees is not great but it is easy to understand that with all the calls on their finances the Councils are forced to give this kind of expenditure a low priority so that it probably never gets done at all.

Would you be kind enough to put this scheme before your County Council in order to get their support for planting a few trees each year provided by this Association? We think that this project should work in well with the plans for amenity at present being prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act (Planning and Development) 1963 and help to create public interest in this aspect of the Council's responsibilities.

Yours sincerely,

Miss S. Cahill,

Hon. Secretary.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of co-operating with "Trees for Ireland" by the planting of trees on roadsides, in parks or other suitable places.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. Miley, Chairman, suggested that some trees should be planted on the Baltinglass side of Blessington. Councillor R. Miley drew attention to dangerous trees overhanging the roads at certain places and suggested that they be cut down and replaced. The County Secretary stated that in addition to planting trees on roadsides the Council has also provided trees for planting by local Development Associations.

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Item No. 12 — Sites for Halting Places for Itinerants — Letter from Wicklow Itinerant Settlement Committee.

The following letter from Mrs. T. E. Quin, B.A., The Rectory, Redcross, was submitted:-

The Rectory,
Redcross,
11th November, 1967. Co. Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I have been asked, as Secretary of the newly-formed Wicklow Itinerant Settlement Committee, to write to you. We came into being about 5 or 6 weeks ago. In that time we have had 2 Committee Meetings, and have done all we could to find out about the Itinerants in the Wicklow-Arklow area. We have also been able to help some and have had personal contact with a certain number.

We are looking for somewhere which could be used as a suitable halt where they could stay temporarily on their journeys between Wexford and Dublin. This would take them off the roads within a 10 mile radius area of the halt and thus facilitate them and, also, help to prevent them continuing to be a nuisance.

I shall be most grateful if you would give this matter your sympathetic attention and let me know if there is any suitable place known to you in the area which could be used as a halt.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. T. E. Quin, B.A.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had considered the matter of providing sites for halting places for Itinerants in 1965 and the matter had been examined by Members of the Council for each of the four Electoral Areas but Members had not been able to recommend suitable sites. Councillor Costello suggested that similar Meeting of Members of the Council be arranged and that prior to such Meetings the Members be supplied with copies of the Report of the Commission on Itinerants and that other Councils and Associations who had experience of operating camps or halting places for Itinerants be asked for their advice. The Council adopted the suggestion of Councillor Costello.

Item No. 13 — Proposed Water Supply for Ballybawn Cottages, Kilmacanogue — Report of County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported regarding the suggested source for a local water supply for Ballybawn, Kilmacanogue, and stated that gaugings had been taken on the flow during the Summer and that these showed that the supply would not be adequate. The only alternative was to supply the cottages from the Enniskerry Scheme and the estimated cost of the extension of the supply from Tinnakilly Bridge was £4,600.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer of 23rd October, 1967, we approve of the preparation of Plans and Specification for the laying of the watermain from Tinnakilly Bridge, near Enniskerry, to Ballybawn to provide a water supply for Council cottages at Ballybawn.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14 — Signposting of Roads — Notice of Motion in names of Members of Council for Arklow and Baltinglass Electoral Areas as follows:—"That we or someone for us will propose at the next Meeting of the County Council that in view of the efforts being made in South and West Wicklow to attract Tourists that this Council carry out a survey in these areas of all Crossroads and Junctions with a view to having them all properly and fully signposted."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that a number of main road junctions were inadequately signposted and that a number of County road junctions were either un-signposted or inadequately signposted. Priority was being given to properly signposting main road junctions. The County Engineer considered that only the more important County road crossroads and junctions be signposted. Councillor Whelan referred to the importance of the Tourist Industry in the County and the necessity for having roads perfectly signposted and suggested that a survey be carried out with a view to having all roads properly signposted. Councillor R. Miley deplored the action of persons who misled people by turning signposts in the wrong direction and he asked if the County Engineer could ensure that the signs were so erected that they could not be twisted. The County Engineer agreed that it was desirable to have all roads properly signposted as soon as possible. It was agreed also that the matter of the supply of direction signs be taken up with Bord Failte.

Item No. 15—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins:—"That a Report be submitted in connection with improving the Water Supply at Knockenarrigan, Donard."

The Reports of the Acting County Engineer of the 11th September, 1967, and 9th November, 1967, were submitted to the Council. Councillor G. Timmins pointed out that a water supply was needed for the two new houses at present in course of erection at Coolmoney and that there was a group of about twenty people who wished to arrange a Group Water Supply Scheme in the area.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That having considered Report of the Acting County Engineer we approve of proceeding with the replacement of the old 1½" watermain serving Knockenarrigan and Seskin with a 2" P.V.C. main at an estimated cost of £2,000 and of the extension of the watermain from Knockenarrigan to serve two new houses under construction at an estimated cost of £620.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—We hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £2,620 repayable over a period of 25 years from the Commissioners of Public Works subject to the sanction of the Minister to defray the cost of these works.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16—Notices of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:—(a) "That the Potholes on Main Street, Bray, beside the Bus Stop be filled in." (b) "That the Council take immediate steps to carry out the following works for Mr. Edward Murray, Coolakay, Enniskerry:—(1) Prevent flood water entering lane to his House; (2) Prevent flood water entering garden at front of house; (3) Carry out repairs to broken drain at entrance to one of his fields."

The County Engineer stated that instructions had been given for the potholes on Main Street, Bray, beside the bus stop to be filled in. In regard to the works sought at the premises of Mr. Edward Murray, Coolakay, Enniskerry, the following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
11th December, 1967.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Works sought at premises of Mr. Edward Murray,
Coolakay, Enniskerry.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 15th ultimo.

The complaint has been investigated. The problem is that surface water flows down the driveway to his house under certain conditions, but it is a problem that has always been there as the house is a considerable distance under the road. Over the years certain drainage improvements were carried out to reduce the quantity of water flowing in the direction of Mr. Murray's gate.

There has always been a discharge of surface water off the public road on to the lands of Mr. Murray through piped drains and one such drain discharges near his entrance and flows down the field. As it approaches the driveway, it has been piped under it and into an adjacent stream by Murray's. Some of the road drains would appear to have been interfered with and cause the diversion of the surface water down the Murray driveway. Council employees have been instructed to watch these drains and keep them open. However, I am satisfied that nothing the Council has done has worsened the existing conditions.

In connection with the broken drain at the entrance to one of Mr. Murray's fields repairs will be carried out to make it easier for vehicles to enter.

Mise, le meas.

T. J. DONOVAN.

County Engineer.

The County Engineer pointed out that he was not aware that the Council had put down the drain but would have this matter looked into. He pointed out that the Council had not done anything to worsen the position at Mr. Murray's premises.

Item No. 17—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—"That the Council take over Church Street in Stratford-on-Slaney and maintain it as a public road."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that there were two sections involved in the road, one known as Church Street leading to St. John's Church of Ireland Church and the other known as Chapel Street leading to the Village Hall and the Post Office. The total length was 420 yards and the average width 11'. The cost of putting these sections in a state of repair for taking over would be £60 and there would be an annual maintenance cost of £22. Between the two sections there were eight houses with three other users together with the Village Hall and Post Office, each of which generated a considerable amount of traffic. On the proposal of Councillor M. J. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, the Council approved of the necessary public notice being given for the taking over of the sections of road known as Church Street for maintenance as a public road.

Water Supply Extension to Ten Houses at Ennis Lane.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had submitted a Report in regard to the proposed provision of water supply to ten houses at Ennis Lane and the Report recommended the replacing of the existing main from Templecarrig Water Supply with a 2" diameter P.V.C. main at an estimated cost of £1,082. The cost included for the making of connections to each house and the provision of sinks and soakways. The County Engineer recommended that the work be carried out by direct labour. On the proposal of Councillor E. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, the Council approved of providing the water supply for these houses.

Proposal to Extend Water Supply to Ballinapark and Killougher Areas in Ashford.

The Council approved of the submission to the Department of Local Government of the Plans prepared by the County Engineer for the provision of a water supply extension to serve Ballinapark and Killougher Areas of Ashford at an estimated cost of £4,276 2s. 0d. The Council noted that there were twenty-two houses which would be served of which fourteen were Council cottages.

Public Lighting.

The Council approved of the provision of an additional public light at Redford Cottages, Greystones, at an estimated cost of £90. The Council also approved of the provision of an additional light near Rathdown House, Blacklion, on the Bray/Greystones Road at an estimated cost of £32. The Council also agreed that the E.S.B. be asked to transfer a light from the western side of the Greystones/Windgates Road near Mr. Treacy's house to a position on the eastern side of the road as the light in its present position was overshadowed by trees. The Council also approved of the provision of an additional public light at Lott Lane, Kilcoole, at an estimated cost of £32.

The Council approved of the provision of two public lights at Kilmagig, Avoca, one being at the Scheme of 10 houses on the Avoca/Arklow Road, and one at the Scheme of 18 houses on the branch road. The Council also approved of an extra light being provided between the 6 older houses and the 6 new houses at Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim.

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

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Cleary the County Secretary stated that the report had not yet been received in regard to the site for a septic tank to serve the group of houses at Monument Lane, Arklow, and including the site for house for Mr. Dillon. It was hoped to have the report available for the next Meeting of the Council.

Toilets at Bray Dispensary.

In reply to Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge the County Manager stated that it had been indicated by the Department of Health that a Grant could not be made available towards the cost of providing the new toilets at the Clinic at Bray. The Council agreed that the cost of provision of the toilets be financed from Rates and that the matter be put in hands as soon as possible.

The Council decided to defer the remaining Items on the Agenda to the January Meeting of the Council.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor Miss Nancy O'Neill:—"That I or someone for me will move at the next Meeting that the Register of Voters be compiled according to roads, avenues, terraces, etc., instead of the present system of compiling them alphabetically."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council to consider the making of the County Development Plan under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on the 18th December, 1967. The following Members attended:-

Councillors W. Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, 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, Roger Miley, and Basil S. C. Phelan.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended. **Resolution of Sympathy on Death of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.**

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, expressed his regret at having to move a Resolution of sympathy to the widow and relatives of the late Councillor J. Everett, T.D., who had died during the previous night. He referred to Deputy Everett being the "Father of the Dail" and of the County Council and paid tribute to the public service he had given over such a long period. Councillor E. Byrne, in seconding the Resolution, spoke of his lengthy association with Councillor Everett and of his achievements during his fifty years of public life. All the Members present spoke to the Resolution and paid tribute to the memory of the late Councillor. The County Manager asked that he and the members of the Staff might be associated with the Council's Resolution of sympathy. He spoke of Councillor Everett's long, distinguished and fruitful career in public life during which for an unbroken period of 45 years he represented County Wicklow in Dail Eireann and for almost 50 years had been a Member of Wicklow County Council and Wicklow Urban Council. He had achieved the distinction of being a member of the Government on two occasions. The County Manager referred to the special qualities possessed by the late Deputy and said that he felt that the best tribute that could be paid to his memory was to say that he had been very closely associated with the many achievements in the past 50 years which had resulted in better conditions for so many of his fellow men. The Council passed the Resolution of sympathy, the Members standing in silence.

Councillor J. Temple expressed appreciation to the Members of the Council for their kind message of sympathy on the recent death of his son.

County Development Plan.

The County Manager referred to the decision of the High Court in regard to an Action taken against Bray Urban District Council in relation to the Development Plan made by the Bray Urban District Council and stated that it would appear from the decision that if the Council made any material change in the Draft Development Plan as published it would be necessary for the Council to give public notice of the proposed amendments and allow a period of at least three months for the receipt of objections and consider any objections received. It would be necessary accordingly to apply to the Minister for Local Government for a further extension of time for the making of the Development Plan.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we request the Minister for Local Government to allow a period of fifteen months, i.e. from 1st October, 1967, to 31st December, 1968, for the making of a Development Plan under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

Passed unanimously.

The Council then adjourned as a mark of sympathy to the memory of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.

Notices of Motion.

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

1. (a) "That Ashford be provided with a main sewerage."
- (b) "That the Council proceed with the building of Council houses in Fitzpatrick's field."
2. "Kilpedder—That the fountain at McDwyer's Car Park be moved."
3. "That a telephone Kiosk be provided at Newcastle."
4. "Five-Mile Point Road—That the Council repair and surface Five-Mile Point Road, Newcastle."
5. "That the flooding of William Maguire's cottage, Main Street, Newtown be attended to."
6. "That the Council employ a Temporary Engineer for the Wicklow area."
7. "That the Council carry out repairs to Mrs. Mary Doyle's Council cottage, Nun's Cross, Ashford."
8. "That Miss Ann Devitt receive the 5/-d. increase in Home Assistance."