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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, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 4th January, 1965, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, 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. D. Haughton and J. Gregory.

An apology for inability to attend, due to illness, was received from Councillor O'Toole.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer R. L. Farrell, Acting County Architect, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell, P. T. Hickey and J. Power were present.

AGENDA:

1. Applications for Grants in respect of erection of new dwelling-houses at (1) Coolahullen, Aughrim, (2) Manor Kilbride, Blessington, (3) Carrig, Blessington, (4) Ballymahon, Enniskerry.
2. Application for Loan towards cost of Reconstruction of Vested Cottage at Kindlestown Lower, Delgany.
3. Application for consent to sale of Cottage Number 314/4 at Ballywaltrim, Bray.
4. Application for Loan in respect of erection of new house.
5. Application for approval to sub-division of cottage plot at Blessington for purposes of erection of house thereon.
6. Site for Cottage at Redcross.
7. Ashford housing site.
8. Local Government (Planning and Development) Act 1963 — Arrangements for recruitment of Planning Staff.
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. D. Haughton — "That a water supply be provided for Council cottages at Bahana, Rathdrum, occupied by Messrs. Kenny, Lyons, Hudson, Armstrong and Flynn."
10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley requesting Report from County Engineer re proposed taking of water supply from O'd Reservoir at Aughrim.
11. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Miley and M. J. O'Neill:—"That a water supply be provided by the Council in Hollywood."
12. Memorial from residents of Ennis Lane, Redford, Greystones, requesting the provision of piped water supply to their cottages.
13. Scenic View at Blessington—Road 374—Letter from Bord Fáilte Éireann regarding Grant and Report of Deputy County Engineer on works carried out.
- 14.—Cottages repaired during month of December, 1964, and Cottages to be repaired during month of January, 1965.
15. Overdraft on General Account for quarter to 31st December, 1964.

Item No. 1.—Applications for Grants in Respect of Erection of New Dwellinghouses at (1) Coolahullen, Aughrim; (2) Manor Kilbride, Blessington; (3) Carrig, Blessington; and (4) Ballymahon, Enniskerry.

It was
Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:
Resolved—That we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £300 to Wingfield Lawrence, Coolahullen, Aughrim, in respect of the erection of a new house at Coolahullen.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor R. Miley.
Resolved—That we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £300 to Mr. Desmond Cullen, Manor Kilbride, Blessington, in respect of the erection of a new house at Threecastles, Manor Kilbride.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor R. Miley.
Resolved—That we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £300 to Mr. Liam Cummins, Carrig, Blessington, in respect of the erection of a new house at Carrig.

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 £275 to James McMahon, "Glenby," Monastery, Enniskerry, in respect of the erection of a new house at Ballymahon Road, Enniskerry.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2.—Application for Loan Towards Cost of Reconstruction of Vested Cottage at Kindlestown Lower, Delgany.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. John Harmon, 22 Kindlestown Lower, Delgany, had applied for a Loan towards the cost of reconstructing his vested Council cottage, the estimated cost of the work being £673. He had been allocated a State Grant of £140 and appeared to be eligible for a similar Grant from the Council and had applied for a Loan of £500. The maximum Loan which could be given would be £353.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;
Resolved—That we approve of the making of a loan of £353 to Mr. John Harmon, 22, Kindlestown Lower, Delgany, under the Scheme for Loans for Reconstruction, Repair or Improvement Works on Dwellinghouses, repayable over a period of fifteen years and subject to the provision of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3.—Application for Consent to Sale of Cottage No. 314/4 at Ballywaltrim, Bray.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. William Bushe, tenant-purchaser of Cottage No. 314/4 at Ballywaltrim, had applied for the consent of the Council to the sale of his interest in the cottage to Mr. Martin Dagg, 19, Kildare Terrace, Paddington, London, W.2. Mr. Dagg was a native of the Shillelagh district and wished to return to Ireland to take up permanent residence. Mr. Bushe had obtained alter-

native housing accommodation in Bray.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;
Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by Mr. William Bushe of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 314/4 at Ballywaltrim to Mr. Martin Dagg, 19, Kildare Tce., Paddington, London, W.2.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4.—Application for Loan in Respect of Erection of New House.

The Council deferred for further examination the application of Mr. Michael Cullen, "The Lamb," Manor Kilbride, for a loan towards the cost of erection of a new house at Manor Kilbride.

Item No. 5.—Application for Approval to Sub-Division of Cottage Plot at Blessington for Purposes of Erection of House Thereon.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;
Resolved—That subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government we hereby suspend the operation of the Statutory Condition under Section 16 of the Labourers' Act, 1936, in relation to portion of the plot attached to the vested cottage occupied by Mrs. Rita Plant at 2, Parkview, Blessington, so as to allow portion of the plot to be used for the erecting thereon of an additional cottage.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that Mrs. Plant proposed to dispose of portion of the plot to Garda Brown as a site for a house and there was no objection to the use of the plot for this purpose, but it would be necessary that access to the house be from the Blessington/Ballymore Eustace Road and not from the Main Road.

Item No. 6.—Site for Cottage at Redcross.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had agreed to erect a cottage for Mrs. Evelyn Kinsella at Redcross and the owner of a suitable site had been approached with a view to purchasing the site, but had informed the Council that she was not prepared to sell. It would be necessary for the Council either to take steps to acquire the plot compulsorily or else seek an alternative site. Councillor R. Miley stated that he understood that Mrs. Kinsella had some land of her own and might be able to make a site available on that land. The Council decided to adjourn the matter to investigate the possibility of a suitable site being obtained on Mrs. Kinsella's land.

Item No. 7.—Ashford Housing Site.

The County Secretary stated that the Acting County Architect had reported on six sites at Ashford which he considered suitable for housing and the Local Housing Committee had recommended that an offer be made to Mr. James McKee, owner of a site containing 1.303 acres. The County Engineer had, however, reported that this site would be affected by road widening and improvement and would not be suitable, therefore, as a housing site. It was suggested that the site marked 'B' on the Map submitted and which contained 1.630 acres and was situated at the rear of the former Dispensary at Ballinalea might be acquired. It would be possible to erect twelve houses on this site.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

Resolved—That we approve of a suitable offer being made for the acquisition of the site containing 1,630 acres at the rear of the Old Dispensary at Ballinalea, Ashford, for the purpose of erecting twelve houses thereon.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Hadden stated that he felt that where the Council was proposing to acquire land for housing the owner of the land should be approached to ascertain whether he was willing to sell before the matter was brought before the Council. The County Manager explained that the Council was obliged to find sites for housing and was obliged to acquire lands for Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes and that when building sites were being sought it was the procedure to consult the Members of the Council for the area in regard to sites considered suitable by the Council's Engineer or Architect and if the Committee agreed the owner of the land was then approached.

Item No. 8 — Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963—Arrangements for Recruitment of Planning Staff.

The County Secretary stated that the matter of the staff which would be necessary for the purposes of the preparation of the Development Plan and the operation of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, had been considered at the previous Meeting and it was proposed now to recruit the necessary staff and accordingly it would be necessary for the Council to approve of the creation of the posts. The positions to be filled were those of:

1. Planning Officer;
2. Assistant Planning Officer;
3. Draughtsman;
4. Staff Officer;
5. Clerical Officer; and
6. Clerk/Typist.

It was proposed at present that the posts of Planning Officer and Assistant Planning Officer would be temporary. The cost of the staff would be between £6,000 and £7,000 per annum. The County Manager stated that an enquiry had been addressed to the Department of Local Government as to the measure of recoupment which would be available towards the cost involved, but so far no indication had been received as to the extent of the assistance which would be made available by way of State Grant.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we defer inviting applications for these posts until information is available as to the amount of State assistance which will be given towards the cost of preparing the Development Plan.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. D. Haughton: "That a Water Supply be provided for Council Cottages at Bahana, Rathdrum, occupied by Messrs. Kenny, Lyons, Hudson, Armstrong, and Flynn."

The Assistant County Engineer reported that it would cost approximately £1,300 to extend the Glenealy water supply main from

Deputy's Pass to Bahana to supply the four cottages there. In reply to inquiry from Members the Assistant County Engineer stated that it was proposed to provide a 3" main. The County Secretary stated that the cost per cottage would be over £300, which was rather high. The Council agreed to defer the matter to the next Housing Meeting of the Council so that inquiries might be made with a view to seeing if any other houses could be served from the proposed extension.

Item No. 10—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley Requesting Report from County Engineer Re Proposed Taking of Water Supply from Old Reservoir at Aughrim.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported on the proposal that a water supply be provided to cottages at Killacoran from the Old Reservoir. The total length of piping needed to serve all eleven cottages would be approximately 1,370 lineal yards whereas taking the supply from the new water supply the distance would be 1,533 lineal yards, a difference of 163 yards, and a cost of approximately £1,920 against £1,720. The Assistant County Engineer, however, pointed out that in addition to the cost of the pipeline from the Old Reservoir it would be necessary to clean out the Old Reservoir Filter Beds and Spring and fence the whole plot and he felt there would scarcely be any difference in the final cost. Furthermore, there would be the difficulty of caretaking two Water Supplies, which would result in an increased annual charge. He recommended, accordingly, that if a water supply were to be provided to these cottages the new watermain should be extended. Councillor Quigley inquired if three other cottages on the Annacurra Road would be served from this extension and the Assistant County Engineer stated that a further extension would be required to serve these cottages. The Council decided to defer the matter to the next Housing Meeting of the Council for a Report as to the cost of providing a supply to serve the cottages on Annacurra Road also.

Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Miley and M. J. O'Neill:—"That a Water Supply be Provided by the Council in Hollywood."

The County Secretary stated that a Report was not yet available in regard to this matter. Councillor J. Miley stated that Kildare County Council were providing a supply in County Kildare, in the neighbourhood of Hollywood, and asked that the possibility of obtaining a supply of water from the Kildare Scheme be investigated.

Item No. 12—Memorial from Residents of Ennis Lane, Redford, Greystones, Requesting the Provision of Piped Water Supply to Their Cottages.

In regard to a Memorial from residents at Ennis Lane, Redford, handed in by Councillor J. Temple, the following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

County Secretary.

18th December, 1964

Re: Water Supply for Cottages at Ennis Lane.

A Chara,

In reply to your letter of the 16th instant there are Ten County Council Cottages and one private house on this lane requiring a water supply.

The existing supply from Templecarrig which runs near these houses is only 4" dia pipe which would not be adequate in size, but apart from that from measurements taken over the Summer period it has been determined that the Templecarrig Supply is not sufficient

to allow further connections to it and I would, therefore, recommend connecting to the Dublin Corporation main at Redford.

The distance from this main to the cottages in question is 533 lin. yards. A 2" dia main would be sufficient and the cost of supplying and laying this main and taking ten $\frac{1}{2}$ " dia connections off same to stop-cocks is estimated at £490.

It is desirable to bring the supply into each house and supply and fix sinks, wastes etc., and drain to soakpits, and this work is estimated to cost an additional £450.

A complete scheme for these ten cottages is, therefore, estimated to cost £950.

Mise, le meas,

T. DONOVAN,
County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of the extension of watermain and provision of water supply for cottages at Ennis Lane, Redford, subject to the usual contribution being made by the tenants by way of increase in rent, and direct that Plans and Specification be prepared for the work and tenders invited.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Scenic View at Blessington—Road 374—Letter from Bord Failte Eireann Regarding Grant and Report of Deputy County Engineer on Works Carried Out.

The County Secretary stated that Bord Failte Eireann 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 Poulaphuca Lake at Blessington, at a total estimated cost of £435. This Scheme had not been approved by the Council or by the County Manager, but work to a total cost of £324 3s. 5d. had been carried out. The Deputy County Engineer had reported that the work carried out consisted of lowering the existing sod fence to approximately 3 ft. over road level and erecting "stud-farm" fencing consisting of uprights at 10 foot centres and two lines of horizontal timber and also the construction of two stiles from the road over the fence and to the adjoining land. The original estimate included the provision of seats on the land, but the land was not owned by the Council and it seemed that the Council could not provide such seats on private property unless these lands were dedicated to public use. It was understood that the owner of the land intended to make the land available to the general public. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., pointed out that the Council had given no authority for this work and added that the work had been carried out for a private individual. Councillor Miley stated that the Scheme had been brought before the Local Roads Meeting in the West and stated that the landowner concerned was prepared to allow the public to use the land. The County Manager confirmed that the Council had not approved of the work, nor had he approved of it, and that it had been carried out on private property. The Council was not entitled to carry out work on private land. He felt that it would be necessary to have a dedication of the land for public use to justify Scheme. If, however, Bord Failte recouped the full amount expended the work could be completed. The Council agreed that Bord Failte be asked to recoup the full cost of the Scheme; if the owner dedicated the land to public use, it was agreed that the full Scheme be completed.

Item No. 14—Cottages Repaired During Month of December, 1964, and Cottages to be Repaired During Month of January, 1965.

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired during December, 1964, and of those to be repaired during January, 1965.

Item No. 15—Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 31st December, 1964.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had authorised an overdraft not exceeding £150,000 in respect of the Quarter to 31st December, 1964, but it was found during the month of December that it was necessary to exceed this amount as certain Grants had not been received at the time expected.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum not exceeding £200,000 by temporary overdraft on the Revenue Account to defray the cost of the operation of the Council's Services for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1964; this Resolution to be a substitution for Resolution passed at Meeting of the Council in September, 1964.

Passed unanimously.

Employment on Road Works, Etc.

Councillor Haughton referred to the laying-off of a number of Council Roadworkers following Christmas and asked if anything could be done to provide them with employment. He stated that many men who had been in the service of the Council for a great many years were left off work each year following Christmas and did not obtain employment again for some two or three months. He suggested that provision should be made in future in the Estimates to ensure that these men worked in constant employment. The County Manager stated that the Council had not been reducing the number of workers employed, but that he would look into the cases mentioned by Councillor Haughton. Wage increases had been allowed since the last Estimates and no provision had been made to meet the cost and in consequence there was some reduction in employment in the present year. Councillor Timmins and Councillor O'Neill suggested that the water supply extension at Sroughmore might be put in hands, which would provide some employment for men in that area. The County Manager stated that there was at present insufficient Road Works in some areas to keep men employed, but the matter of proceeding with some minor water supplies and providing employment in that way would be examined, though he pointed out that there was a difficulty in that the Council had not Engineers for planning these extensions and supervising them.

Complaint Re District Justice.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., inquired if any reply had been received from District Justice Langan-O'Keeffe to the Council's request that he withdraw the remarks he had made concerning the people of Rathnew and apologise to them. The County Secretary stated that following the last Meeting of the Council a letter had been addressed to the District Justice, but to date no reply had been received. The Council agreed that the matter be brought to the notice of the Minister for Justice and that the Deputies for County Wicklow also be informed.

Erection of Cottages at Bawnogue, Baltinglass.

Councillors Timmins and O'Neill asked that the matter of proceed-

ing with the two houses at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Council and pointed out that it had been agreed that these cottages be proceeded with as soon as possible.

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 we or someone for us will propose at the next Meeting of the Council that water and sewerage be provided for the four Council houses at Weaver Square, Baltinglass.”

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—“That I or someone for me will move a Motion asking the Council to have the village of Stratford cleaned up at least monthly. Also that a sign to Baltinglass be erected on the main crossing in the village.”

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 the necessary steps to have the recurring flooding at the entrance to the new National School at Donard eliminated.”

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley:—(1) “That I or someone for me will move that the County Council direct the County Engineer to make provision in forthcoming Estimates for removal of ditch opposite housing site and bring wall opposite Parochial House, Aughrim, into line with wall at village, thereby preventing flooding opposite entrance to Parochial House and the recurrence of further serious accidents there; (2) That County Engineer make provision for improvement of entrance to Preban Cemetery, Ballinglen.”

In the name of Councillor J. Everett T.D.:—“That a Report be submitted at next Meeting on Peter Murphy's, Ballydewling, Glenealy, complaint as to the increased charges for water from 17/- per Quarter to £3, and if any other source of supply by connections is off his supply, and have pipes and connections tested for leaks.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th January, 1965, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., P. McCarthy, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, 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, J. Gregory and H. W. Hopkins.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers R. L. Farrell and P. McGuinness, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell, P. T. Hickey and J. Power were present.

In the absence of the Chairman, due to illness, Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, took the chair. Councillor Byrne expressed regret that the Chairman was still ill and confined to bed and on behalf of the Members expressed best wishes to him for a speedy recovery and hoped that he would soon be back among them.

AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 2nd, 9th and 16th November, 1964.
2. To fix date for Estimates Meeting of Council for year 1965/66.
3. Main Road Improvement Grant, 1964/65—Proposed transfer of Scheme from Kilcavan Gap to Tinahely/Togher Road.
4. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:—“That Council direct County Engineer to make provision in forthcoming Estimates for a Public Car Park in vicinity of Catholic Church, Aughrim.”
5. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—“That the Council expedite the work in excavating the brook crossing under the roadway at Randalstown and Ballinatone, Stratford-on-Slaney.”
6. Coast Erosion at Arklow and removal of beach material — Report of County Engineer.
7. Remuneration of Rate Collectors.
8. Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme—Awards of Arbitrator re (1) salary scales for County Engineers and Chief Assistant County Engineers; and (2) Storekeepers.
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor E. Byrne:—“That in view of the refusal of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to provide a public telephone kiosk at Killincarrig, that we, the Wicklow County Council, ask the Department to reconsider their decision in view of the urgency and demand for such service.”
10. Proposed additional public light at Davidstown, Donard—Revised quotation from E.S.B.
11. Application from Ashford Development Association for provision of Sewerage Scheme for Ashford district.
12. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—“That this Council complete the acquisition of the site from Michael Sherlock, Kilbride, Wicklow, immediately, in order to expedite the erection of a cottage for Richard Greene, Kilbride, Wicklow.”
13. Letter from Bray Urban District Council asking that Council examine proposal to acquire “Sunbeam House,” Bray, for use as a District Court House and Report of Acting County Architect.

14. Proposed conversion of former Offices at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, to accommodation for Nursing Staff—Report of Acting County Architect and revised Estimate of Cost.
15. Revised scale of fees for Midwives—Letter from Department of Health.
16. Report of the Commission on Itinerancy—Letter from Department of Social Welfare. (Copy attached).
17. "BUY IRISH" Campaign—Letter from Department of Local Government.
18. Minutes of Annual Meeting of County Councils' General Council.
19. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1.—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on the 2nd, 9th and 16th November, 1964.

Passed unanimously.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor P. McCarthy the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the wife of the late James O'Dea.

Item No. 2.—To Fix Date For Estimates Meeting of Council for Year 1965/66.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That the Estimates Meeting of the Council for the year 1965/66 be held on Monday, 22nd February, 1965.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Hipwell asked if it would be possible to have before the Estimates Meeting a reply from the Department in regard to the findings of the Commission which was examining the question of health charges as he felt that there was likely to be a substantial increase in the costs of the Health Services during the coming year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That we ask the Minister to expedite the Report of the Select Committee on Health Services.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3.—Main Road Improvement Grant, 1964/65—Proposed Transfer of Scheme from Kilcavan Gap to Tinahely/Togher Road.

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been before the Council at the previous Meeting and had been deferred with a view to ascertaining whether a Scheme in respect of Kilcavan Gap would be sanctioned by the Department. The County Engineer in his Report had indicated that for the reasons he had given previously he was of opinion that the Scheme would not be sanctioned by the Department. In reply to inquiries from Members the County Engineer stated that the moneys for these Schemes were derived from State Grants and

consequently had to be expended on roads carrying the most traffic. It was his view that the best value for the money would be obtained from the Scheme on the Tinahely/Togher Road, which carried twice the extent of traffic as that on the Kilcavan Gap Road. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., referred to the procedure under which the Programme for Road Works was determined each year and stated that he felt that there was a principle involved in the matter and that it was contrary to such principle to transfer moneys from one particular Overseer's Area to another after the Scheme had been agreed upon. He expressed the view that the County Engineer should also bear in mind the employment content.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor A. H. Hadden;

Resolved—That we approve of the transfer of a sum of £3,000 from Scheme No. SM2 (Kilcavan Gap) to Scheme No. SM1 (Tinahely/Togher Road) under the Road Works Scheme for 1964/65.

Following further discussion regarding the matter of the proposed transfer and the time available to complete the Scheme:

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley;

Resolved—That until Scheme for Kilcavan Gap is forwarded to the Department and the Department's views obtained no action be taken in regard to the proposed transfer.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., J. Gregory, H. B. Hipwell, H. W. Hopkins, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, P. McCarthy, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, J. Quigley, J. Temple, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh—FOURTEEN.

AGAINST: Councillors E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., A. H. Hadden and J. D. Haughton—SIX.

The amendment was declared passed by fourteen votes in favour to six against and when put as a substantive Motion was declared passed on the same voting.

**Item No. 4.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:—
"That Council Direct County Engineer to Make Provision in Forthcoming Estimates for a Public Car Park in Vicinity of Catholic Church, Aughrim."**

The County Secretary stated that it had not been the practice of the Council to provide Public Car Parks at Churches. Councillor Quigley stated that the Car Park would not be only for the Church and mentioned that other places were in need of parking space, including the Cattle Market. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., inquired as to the present position regarding the proposed improvement at Tinnakilly Bridge, which would have a bearing on the matter. He suggested that the proposal be left over until the matter of the Improvement Scheme for the Bridge had been determined. The Council agreed to this suggestion.

**Item No. 5.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—
"That the Council Expedite the Work in Excavating the Brook Crossing Under the Roadway at Randalstown and Ballinatone, Stratford-on-Slaney."**

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor O'Neill the County Secretary stated that the District Officer of the Department of Agriculture, Land Project Office, had indicated that the preparation of this Scheme had been completed at the District Office level and had been submitted to the Regional Directorate of the Land Project for sanction. Until sanction was obtained he was not in a position to proceed with the issue of Contract Form of Agreements for signature by the landowners concerned, or with the issue of approval for the carrying out of the Scheme. He explained that he could not make a formal request yet to the Council to carry out the work on the culvert and that the Council should not carry out such work until the formal request had been received from him. The County Secretary stated that if such a request were received the Council would be entitled to carry out the Scheme and the cost would be defrayed by way of Grant. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 6—Coast Erosion at Arklow and Removal of Beach Material Report of County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that he had examined the shore-line with Mr. Caffrey, Assistant County Engineer, and that it appeared that the coastal erosion had been arrested to some extent by the erection of a Jetty by Roadstone Ltd. He considered that the removal of the sand or beach material from the Foreshore should be prohibited in this particular area, where there had been evidence of coastal erosion.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That having considered recommendation of County Engineer we request the Minister for Transport and Power to make an Order under Section 6 of the Foreshore Act, 1933, prohibiting the removal of sand or beach material from the Foreshore on the South Beach, Arklow.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Remuneration of Rate Collectors.

The County Secretary stated that since the last Meeting of the Council he had been in communication with the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union and the following letters received from the Union were submitted:—

IRISH TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS' UNION

94 Merrion Square,
Dublin, 2.
NS/4.

The County Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

31st December, 1964

re: Remuneration of Rate Collectors.

Dear Sir,

We refer to your letter of the 17th instant re above.

The average yearly earnings of assurance representatives, who are required to call to houses to collect cash and mark books, etc., are £1,024 17s. 0d. This is an average figure. Some earn more and some less, depending on the area in which they operate, etc.

The basic rate of pay of meter readers employed by the E.S.B. is £15 13s. 8d. per week or £815 10s. 8d. per annum. It should be noted

that the duties of the meter readers entail the reading and noting of the figures on the meters only. There is no handling of cash whatever involved.

Regarding the number and the frequency of the calls to be made, in both cases, as in the case of rate collectors, they vary widely in accordance with the area in which they operate.

Trusting this information will be of assistance.

Yours faithfully,

Irish Transport and General Workers' Union,
per

Michael Mullen, T.C., T.D.
National Group Secretary.

IRISH TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS' UNION

MH/M/49.
The County Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

9th January, 1965.
NS/4

re—Remuneration of Rate Collectors.

Dear Sir,

We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 8th instant in relation to above, and having regard to the points raised we are to reply as follows:—

- (1) The rates which we quoted include the 12 per cent. increase which was obtained by the workers concerned in accordance with the National Wage Agreement.
- (2) With regard to your request for particulars of the total amount collected by Insurance Representatives, and whether the collection was weekly, monthly or otherwise, you will appreciate that this varies having regard to the area covered by the particular Insurance Representative. Furthermore, in some cases the calls are weekly, others monthly, and others half-yearly.

It is appreciated that your Council require as much information as possible in order to help them make a decision in respect of our claim, and having regard to this we would ask you to please let us know what other information you require, if any.

Yours faithfully,

Irish Transport and General Workers' Union,
per

Michael Mullen, T.C., T.D.
National Group Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Rate Collectors had also received the 12 per cent. increase but that the information supplied did not cover quite what the Council had sought. The Union had been asked for an indication of the increase in remuneration obtained in recent years by groups quoted, other than the 12 per cent. increase, but this information had not been supplied. Councillor P. McCarthy protested at the delay in the matter and stated that at one time the County Manager had placed Rate Collectors on the same level as Clerical Officers. The County Manager in reply pointed out that what Councillor McCarthy was referring to was a percentage increase, but the present claim was what was known as a "status" claim. This claim had been submitted to Wicklow County Council, but from inquiries made from adjoining Counties it seemed that they had not received similar claims. He felt that this type of claim would have to

be dealt with on a national basis. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., agreed that for a claim of this type comparisons of increase in remuneration obtained in other employments would be necessary and suggested that the Secretary might pursue the matter further with the Union with a view to reaching an agreement. The County Manager, replying to inquiries, stated that the Clerical Officers' claim had been dealt with on a national level and that something similar would have to be done in regard to the Rate Collectors. While not opposing the claim, it was necessary to determine whether the claim could be supported with the necessary data. He confirmed that the matter would be pursued further with the Union. The Council noted the position.

Item No. 8—Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme—Awards of Arbitrator re (1) Salary Scales for County Engineers and Chief Assistant County Engineers; and (2) Storekeepers.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Resolved—That having considered the findings of the Arbitrator under the Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers, we approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister, of the application of the following scales of salary for County Engineers, Chief Assistant County Engineers, and analogous grades, and Storekeeper, with effect from 1st October, 1963:—

County Engineer —£2,300 x £100—£2,800.

Chief Assistant County Engineer

Chief Fire Officer £1,725 x £62 10s. 0d.—£2,100.

Architect (Grade I)

Storekeeper —£600 x £30 — £720 x £35—£1,035.

We note that the revised salary scales are subject to an additional increase of 12 per cent. in accordance with the "Ninth Round" National Wages Agreement, with effect from 1st February, 1964. We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amounts provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the revised salary scales.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor E. Byrne:— "That In View of the Refusal of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to Provide a Public Telephone Kiosk at Killincarrig, That We, The Wicklow County Council, Ask The Department to Reconsider Their Decision, In View of the Urgency and Demand for Such Service."

It was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That in view of the refusal of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to provide a Public Telephone Kiosk at Killincarrig, we, the Wicklow County Council, ask the Department to reconsider their decision in view of the urgency and demand for such service.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Proposed Additional Public Light at Davidstown, Donard—Revised Quotation from E.S.B.

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been before the Council previously and a quotation had been received from the E.S.B. in the sum of £78. It had been agreed that the E.S.B. Engineer would contact Father Sayers, C.C., Donard, and the local Council Members,

with a view to re-examining the matter and endeavouring to reduce the estimate. The E.S.B. had now submitted a revised estimate for £60.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That having considered revised quotation from E.S.B. we approve of the provision of an additional public light at Davidstown, Donard, at a cost of £60.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Application from Ashford Development Association for Provision of Sewerage Scheme for Ashford District.

The County Secretary submitted letter received from the Hon. Secretary of the Ashford Development Association in regard to a Meeting of the Association held on the 17th December and attended by Deputies J. Everett, P. Brennan and M. O'Higgins, at which a Resolution was passed asking that Council, as a matter of urgency, provide sewerage for Ashford, to include Ballinalea and Council cottage (known as "The Terrace") and also from Nun's Cross to the Main Road, including Ballinahinch, on the Main Road from the School to beyond the Sales Yard. The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer and the Engineer had been asked for Report on the matter and that these would probably be available for the next Meeting. The Council agreed to defer the matter for the Reports from the County Medical Officer and the County Engineer.

Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—

"That This Council Complete the Acquisition of the Site from Michael Sherlock, Kilbride, Wicklow, Immediately, in Order to Expedite the Erection of a Cottage for Richard Greene, Kilbride, Wicklow."

In reply to Councillor Miss Walsh the County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had not as yet obtained Title from the owner of the land. It appeared that the Title was subject to Equities and that these would have to be discharged before a satisfactory Title could be given to the Council. The Council's Solicitor had asked that the owner of the lands call to see him and bring him details of the Title in order that he might see if he could arrange himself for the discharge of the Equities. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 13.—Letter from Bray Urban District Council Asking That Council Examine Proposal to Acquire "Sunbeam House," Bray, For Use as a District Courthouse and Report of Acting County Architect.

The County Secretary stated that the Town Clerk, Bray Urban District Council, had written to state that the members of the Urban District Council were interested in a proposal that had been made to have "Sunbeam House," Bray, purchased and used as a district Courthouse. It was felt that the yard at the rear of the building might be used by a firm whom the Urban Council were anxious to re-locate from the Harbour in connection with a Development Scheme being sponsored by the Urban Council and Bord Fáilte Éireann. The Urban Council had asked that the proposal to purchase the building and use it as a Courthouse be examined by the Council and that the present Courthouse be demolished to improve the appearance of the entrance to Bray. Councillor Temple suggested that this matter might be referred for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray

Electoral Area as the proposal would take a considerable time to discuss. The Council agreed that the matter be referred to the Local Committee.

Item No. 14—Proposed Conversion of Former Offices at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, to Accommodation for Nursing Staff—Report of Acting County Architect and Revised Estimate of Cost.

The County Secretary stated that the proposals for converting the former Offices at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, to accommodation for Nursing Staff, which had been approved by the Council, had been submitted to the Department of Health and the Department had asked that a special examination be made of the timbers in the floors and roof and a Report submitted. A Report and estimate had now been received from a specialist firm for the eradication of rot and worm infestation, which had been found in the timbers, and the Acting County Architect reported that while there was no dry-rot infestation there was widespread wet-rot attack at roof, first and ground floor levels, and widespread woodworm attack at all levels. To provide access for the removal or treatment of damaged timbers and of the conditions which encouraged the spread of the wet-rot major structural alterations were proposed which included the removal and replacement of all floors and ceilings in ground floor rooms and of ground floor partition, re-plastering of large areas, and replacing windows, gutters, down-pipes and staircases. Some of these items had already been provided for in the original estimate, but the work would involve a substantial increase on the previous figure of £4,350. The revised inclusive estimate was £7,168. The County Secretary stated that while the increase on the original estimate was a substantial one, it seemed that the revised figure would be less than the cost of a new premises to provide the same accommodation.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton;

Resolved—That we note Report of Acting County Architect of 5th January, 1965, and revised Estimate of Cost for conversion of former Offices at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, to accommodation for Nursing Staff, at £7,168, and subject to the approval of the Department of Health to the proposals, we approve of tenders being invited for the work.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Revised Scale of Fees for Midwives—Letter from Department of Health.

The County Secretary submitted letter from the Department of Health conveying approval to revised scale of fees for Midwives. The revised scale would involve an additional £890 per annum and in the current year the cost of applying the revised rates, including arrears, would amount to £1,040.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Resolved—That having considered letter of 23rd December, 1964, Ref. 44/64, from Department of Health, we approve of the application of revised scale of fees for Midwives, in accordance with the terms of the Department's Circular, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of the revised scales.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16—Report of the Commission on Itinerancy—Letter from Department of Social Welfare.

A copy of letter of 30th December, 1964, from the Department of Social Welfare had been circulated to the Members. In regard to the provision of Camping Sites or Halting Places for Itinerants, the County Secretary stated that this matter had been referred to the Local Committees of the Council for consideration and so far the matter had been dealt with only by the Committee for the Bray Area. It was agreed that Meetings of the Committees for the other areas be held as follows:—

BALTINGLASS ELECTORAL AREA: At Baltinglass on 15th January, 1965.

WICKLOW ELECTORAL AREA: At Wicklow on 18th January, 1965.

ARKLOW ELECTORAL AREA: At Shillelagh on 22nd January, 1965.

Item No. 17—"Buy Irish" Campaign—Letter from Department of Local Government.

The following letter from the Department of Local Government was submitted.

Department of Local Government,

Custom House,
Dublin.

Roinn Rialtais Aitiul,
Teach an Chustaim,
Baile Atha Cliath.
27th November, 1964.

No. S.2/64.

'Buy Irish' Campaign.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to remind the local authority of the condition attaching to State aid for local undertakings that in the carrying out of works, whether by contract or otherwise, materials and appliances manufactured or produced in the State are to be used as far as possible. Instructions should be issued to the appropriate officers to carry out special inspections of all works in progress to ensure that the condition is being fully complied with and the specifications for works about to be undertaken or in planning stages should also be examined to this end.

The Minister would also urge the local authority, in their direct purchase of commodities, to support the 'Buy Irish' campaign to the fullest extent to which it is open to them to do so. It is particularly desirable that, for the duration of the British imports surcharge, purchases from abroad should be kept down to the unavoidable minimum.

Mise, le meas,

To each local authority.

The Council noted the terms of the letter and agreed that the Campaign should be supported.

Item No. 18—Minutes of Annual Meeting of County Councils' General Council.

The Council noted the submission of the Minutes of the Meeting of the County Councils' General Council held on the 6th August, 1964.

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.

Tenders for Erection of Houses at Aughrim.

Three tenders which had been received in response to public advertisement for the erection of six houses at Aughrim were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council and were as follows:—

Name and Address of Tenderer	Amount
Thomas P. Walsh, Esq., Glenanna, Brownshill Road, Carlow	£11,345
C. Byrne and Sons, Hacketsiown	£13,930
James J. Flanagan, Dunboyne, Co. Meath	£14,808

Re-employment of Workers.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., inquired whether any arrangements had been made for the re-employment of workers whose names were on the Register of Pensionable Servants and who had been disemployed following Christmas. If funds were not available to re-employ them, he suggested that the Council should consider raising money for the purpose.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton:

Resolved—That the Council provide £5,000 to enable employment to be provided for workers paying Superannuation and who recently had their employment terminated.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., pointed out that the Council had provided £3,000 for employment of workers prior to Christmas and he questioned whether another £5,000, if raised now, would be sufficient to re-employ all workers on the List of Pensionable Servants who had been laid-off during the year. Furthermore, the moneys now proposed to be raised, together with the £3,000 raised by the Council prior to Christmas, would have to be met in the coming year's Estimates. Councillor Temple stated that he was not opposed to the provision of the money, but wished to know where workers had been laid off and asked that a list of the workers concerned be made available to the Council so that consideration could be given to providing sufficient moneys to ensure that these workers would be in employment throughout the year. Councillor Hadden stated that some of the workers employed were over 70 years of age and asked that particulars of the ages of workmen also be given when the lists were supplied. As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved—That we adjourn proposal to raise money to provide employment pending receipt of details of men paying Superannuation Contributors and recently left out of employment, and that ages of these workers be supplied.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, A. H. Hadden, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, J. Temple, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh—THIRTEEN.

AGAINST: Councillors E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton and J. Quigley—FIVE.

The amendment was declared carried by thirteen votes in favour to five votes against and on being put as a substantive Motion was declared passed on the same voting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That the list be prepared and a Special Meeting held on this day fortnight, 25th January, 1965.

Passed unanimously.

Road at Ballyduff.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that he was handing in a Notice of Motion regarding the taking over by the Council of the road at Ballyduff, for which moneys had been provided in the Estimates. It was necessary that this work be carried out before the end of the financial year. The County Secretary stated that public notice was being given of the intention to take over the road and that the matter would come before the Council formally when the necessary period elapsed.

Blessington Housing Scheme.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor J. Miley the County Secretary stated that the sanction of the Department had been received to the erection of a further six houses at Blessington. The Contract Documents were being prepared.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—That we approve of the Council taking over road at Ballyduff, Wicklow, as we have already provided the sum of £500 for its repair.

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That I or someone for me will move that the Council build six houses at Kilmagig, Avoca, owing to its proximity to Fertilizer Factory at Shelton, Arklow.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 25th January, 1965, to consider the position regarding employment of workers who had been paying Superannuation Contributions and whose employment with the Council had recently been terminated.

The following Members attended:

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., P. McCarthy, John Quigley, 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.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers R. L. Farrell and P. McGuinness, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell, P. T. Hickey and J. Power were present.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

On the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with Councillor Edward Byrne on the death of his mother. Councillor Edward Byrne thanked the Members of the Council and the County Manager for their expressions of sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the widow and family of the late Richard Kavanagh, who had been Clerk of Works to the Council for a great number of years. The County Manager, asking to be associated with the Resolution of the Council on behalf of the staff and himself, stated that Mr. Kavanagh had been a most conscientious worker and the evidence of the value of his service with the Council could be seen throughout the County. He had given valuable assistance to both Bray and Wicklow Urban District Councils in relation to the building of houses by direct labour.

BOGHALL ROAD WATER SUPPLY.

Councillor Temple asked that some action be taken to deal with the matter of the water supply being put into the houses at Boghall Road and stated that the sumps at the back of the houses were a failure and water had overflowed from the sump and flooded the houses. The County Engineer stated that he had examined this position and that the soil in the Boghall area was impervious and he agreed that it would be necessary to put in a drain to take the drainage from the sumps and that this drain could subsequently be connected to the general Drainage Scheme for the area, when it was installed. He was looking into the matter and would submit a Report.

EMPLOYMENT OF MEN.

The County Secretary stated that a list of the workers in each area whose names were entered on the Register of Pensionable Servants had been prepared, together with details of the number of men who had been disemployed after Christmas and those who had been disemployed prior to Christmas. Out of a total of 358 on the Register of Pensionable Servants a total of 45 had been disemployed following

Christmas, 1964, and prior to that 60 had ceased employment with the Council. In the NORTHERN AREA only two men had left the employment of the Council after Christmas and twenty-one prior to Christmas, but of that number nineteen had left of their own accord to take up other employment and one had died and the position was that there were only two men disemployed subsequent and prior to Christmas. The Council noted that there was no difficulty in regard to employment in that area. In the ARKLOW AREA fourteen men had been disemployed following Christmas and six earlier in the year. In the SOUTHERN AREA eleven had been disemployed after Christmas and ten prior to Christmas and in BLESSINGTON fifteen after Christmas and eighteen prior to Christmas. Among the employees engaged on Machinery, three men had been disemployed following Christmas and four earlier in the year. The Assistant County Engineer for the area had reported that a sum of £1,250 would be required if the men in his area who had been disemployed following Christmas were to be re-employed up to the end of the year, this figure to include materials. In reply to inquiries from Members the County Secretary explained the qualifications for entry on the Register of Pensionable Servants and the conditions under which refunds of contributions could be made. Councillor Temple suggested that when a worker had been in continuous employment for three years he should be accepted as in permanent employment and expressed the opinion that he was legally entitled to be retained in employment. The County Manager stated that this matter of employment was not a new issue, but that the character of the problem had altered somewhat in recent years. Since 1948, when the Local Government (Superannuation) Act was passed, every endeavour had been made by the Council's staff to try and give continued employment to the workers who were paying Superannuation Contributions. The County Manager pointed out, however, that in the case of a County Council work had to be carried out in the open and consequently certain types of road work could be done only in good weather. He agreed that it was essential to try and have continuous employment for Council workers, but there were great difficulties in organising this, particularly due to the fact that the greater part of the Road Works Programme had to be carried out in Spring and Summer and could not be done in the Winter period. In previous years efforts had been made to spread the work more evenly over the year, but the Council would recollect that the Department of Local Government had informed them that tarring and certain other work would have to be done in the Summer period and when carried out at other parts of the year had not proved satisfactory. In regard to the employment of men on Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes the Council had been handicapped by the lack of Engineering Staff to prepare and supervise such schemes. To provide constant employment throughout the year it would be necessary to spread the work as evenly as possible throughout the year and this at present was not possible. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, suggested that the Council should provide, at the Estimates Meeting, a sufficient sum of money for Road Works to enable men whose names were on the Register of Pensionable Servants to be employed throughout the following year. Councillor E. Byrne agreed that it would be necessary to make suitable provision in the Estimates for this purpose. In reply to inquiry from Councillor Haughton as to the re-employing of men who had been disemployed, the County Engineer stated that the Council would not get value for spending money on labour at this time of the year and that while he could prepare Schemes it would take a few weeks to get worthwhile ones and he felt there would not be a good return on such work.

It was

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

Resolved—That we provide a sum of £5,000 to provide employment during period to 31st March, 1965.

As an amendment
It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That we refer the matter to the Estimates Meeting and ask Engineering Staff to prepare suitable Schemes to provide the necessary employment in the coming financial year.

Councillor G. Timmins pointed out that in the West Wicklow Area there were still moneys available, but Schemes had not been sanctioned by the Department and he felt that if these Schemes were sanctioned and work commenced it would solve their problem as far as the West Wicklow Area was concerned. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that if the sum of £3,000 which had been allocated for work at Kilcavan Gap was available for expenditure in the Carnew Area that would overcome the difficulties in relation to that area. Councillor Temple stated that it seemed to him that the only difficulty regarding employment related to Mr. Caffrey's Engineering District and that this was a matter which might be dealt with by the Members of the Council for the Area.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;
Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That the matter be referred to Members for Local Electoral Area concerned to devise suitable Schemes to be financed from allocation for coming financial year for that Area.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that the Assistant County Engineer for the District had informed him that he would be unable to keep in employment the men in his Area unless further sums were made available. The matter was, accordingly, more serious than he had thought it previously. The amendment in the name of Councillor H. B. Hipwell and Councillor J. Miley having been withdrawn, the amendment in the name of Councillor J. Temple and Councillor R. Miley was put to the Meeting and declared passed. The amendment being then put as a substantive motion, was also declared passed.

RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION AT ESTIMATES MEETING.

The County Manager stated that an application had been received from the Wicklow Executive of the National Farmers' Association for the reception of a Deputation at the Estimates Meeting of the Council. The Council agreed that the Deputation be received, but asked that it be brought to the notice of the Wicklow Executive of the N.F.A. that there was limited accommodation in the Council Chamber and that consequently only the members of the Deputation nominated could be received.

QUARTERLY REPORT ON ENGINEERING WORKS.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., referred to the arrangement under which a Quarterly Report on Engineering Works was submitted to the Council and asked that the submission of these Reports be resumed.

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, 1st February, 1965, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, 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., J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory and H. W. Hopkins.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer R. L. Farrell, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell, P. T. Hickey and J. Power, were present.

AGENDA:

1. Applications for Supplementary Grants for Dwellings at Bonagrew, Hollywood.
2. Application for Supplementary Grant for New House at Sea Road, Kilcoole.
3. Tinahely Housing Scheme—Report of Engineer on alternative site.
4. Provision of two houses at Bawnogue—Report of County Engineer on Water Supply.
5. Site for proposed new cottage for applicant at Snugboro', Donard.
6. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:—"That Council build six houses at Kilmagig, Avoca, owing to its proximity to Fertilizer Factory at Shelton, Arklow."
7. Proposed extension of Glenealy Water Supply to cottages at Bahana—Report of Health Inspector.
8. Proposed extension of watermain at Aughrim to serve cottages at Killacoran.
9. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill for provision of water and sewerage services to Council houses at Weaver Square, Baltinglass.
10. Repairs to Cottages carried out during month of January, 1965, and Cottages to be repaired during month of February, 1965.

Accident to Councillor.

The Members of the Council asked that their best wishes be conveyed to Councillor Roger Miley for his speedy recovery after a recent motoring accident.

Item No. 1—Applications for Supplementary Grants for Dwellings at Bonagrew, Hollywood.

The County Secretary submitted letters received from Michael McGrath, "Broadlees," Ballymore Eustace, Co. Kildare, and from his brother, Mr. Joseph McGrath, 12, Loughlin Square, Ardee Street, Dublin, who had purchased sites at Bonagrew, Hollywood, and proposed to build dwellings there and inquired if they would be entitled to Supplementary Grants from the Council. Both the applicants were getting married to natives of County Wicklow, but neither complied with the requirement in the Council's Scheme that applicants have

resided continuously in County Wicklow for the period of three years immediately prior to the date of their application. The applicants pointed out that since the houses were being built in County Wicklow they could not avail of the Scheme in County Kildare and that they appeared to be excluded from obtaining Supplementary Grants by reason of their not complying with the residence qualification in Co. Wicklow. The County Secretary stated that the Scheme allowed the Council, at their discretion, to refuse any application for a Grant, or allow a reduced Grant, and reserved the right to the Council to examine each application on its merits and to approve or refuse any application for a Grant as they might decide.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That having considered applications of Joseph McGrath, 12, Loughlin Square, Ardee Street, Dublin, and Michael McGrath, "Broadlees," Ballymore Eustace, Co. Kildare, and having noted that they are natives of County Wicklow and their prospective wives are also natives of the County, we approve of accepting them as complying with the requirements in the Council's Scheme for Supplementary Grants for the Erection of New Dwellings in respect of residence in the County, and agree that applications for Supplementary Grants from them may be considered under the terms of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Application for Supplementary Grant for New House at Sea Road, Kilcoole.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £250 to Terence T. Byrne, "Rose Bungalow," Sea Road, Kilcoole, in respect of the erection of a new house at Priestnewtown, Delgany.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Tinahely Housing Scheme—Report of Engineer on Alternative Site.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that the field next to the one previously suggested and which contained two and a half acres belonged to Mr. Patrick O'Keeffe, Lugduff. Mr. O'Keeffe was not prepared to sell as he would deprive himself of access from the road, but would be prepared to exchange the field for an area of approximately four acres which was at present let by the Council as allotments in Lugduff. These allotments adjoined the field belonging to Mr. O'Keeffe and if they were properly fenced and gates erected he would agree to an exchange. Councillor Miss Walsh urged that the Council accept the proposal for the exchange of lands and stressed the urgent demand for cottages in the area. The County Secretary pointed out that the Council's field contained four acres while that offered in exchange by Mr. O'Keeffe was only two and a half acres. He felt that a valuation of the lands would be required before the arrangement proposed could be considered. The County Manager stated that the Council could not pay an unreasonable price for the land and that if it could not be obtained at a reasonable price the Council had power to acquire the land compulsorily. The

Council agreed that the matter be adjourned and Reports obtained as to the relative values of the two plots of land.

Item No. 4—Provision of Two Houses at Bawnogue—Report of County Engineer on Water Supply.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That having considered Report of Chief Assistant County Engineer of 7th January, 1965, regarding provision of a water supply for proposed two houses at Bawnogue, we approve of the alternative method of providing a 1" main from the present supply from the fountain on the Bawnogue Main Road, across the field to the housing site, at an estimated cost of £600, and agree that tenders be invited for the erection of these houses.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Site for Proposed New Cottage for Applicant at Snugboro', Donard.

The County Secretary stated that the site which had been originally proposed on the lands of Mr. Thomas Doyle, Snugboro', had been found to be unsuitable for a cottage for Mr. Patrick Keogh, Snugboro', Donard. The Department of Defence had now offered the Council a plot containing 516 acres on the Department's lands at Coolmoney for the sum of £50.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the offer of the Department of Defence of a plot containing 516 acres at Coolmoney, for the sum of £50, as a site for the erection of a cottage for Mr. Patrick Keogh, Snugboro', Donard, subject to the County Engineer and County Medical Officer being satisfied as to the suitability of the site.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:—"That Council Build Six Houses at Kilmagig, Avoca, Owing To Its Proximity to Fertilizer Factory at Shelton, Arklow."

The County Secretary stated that from an examination of the number of applications received in recent years for houses in the area it was found that there had been only one applicant from Avoca itself and two or three from other parts of the district surrounding. The County Manager stated that there was no great demand for houses in Avoca Village and no suitable site there for building. He considered that if houses were to be provided it would be preferable to site them at Rathdrum or Aughrim. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Housing Scheme at Kilcoole.

The County Secretary submitted the Report and Plans prepared by the Acting County Architect for the erection of ten houses at Kilcoole.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That we approve of the Plans for the erection of ten houses at Kilcoole, as prepared by the Acting County Architect, and

agree that they be submitted for approval by the Department, with a view to tenders being invited.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Proposed Extension of Glenealy Water Supply to cottages at Bahana—Report of Health Inspector.

The County Secretary stated that the Health Inspector had inspected the area for the proposed extension of Glenealy Water Supply and stated that apart from the four Council cottages there were only two houses which could be served by the extension. The owner of these houses was not interested as the houses had a good supply by gravitation. There was a total of twenty-five persons in the four Council cottages to be served by the extension. The estimated cost of the work was £1,300.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. D. Haughton;

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

Resolved—That we approve of the extension of the Glenealy Water Supply main from Deputy's Pass to Bahana to supply four cottages, subject to the usual contribution from the tenants by way of increase in rent, and direct that the necessary Plans and Specification be prepared and tenders invited.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Proposed Extension of Watermain at Aughrim to Serve Cottages at Killacoran.

The County Secretary stated that the Engineer had reported that the cost of providing a water supply for four cottages on the Annacurra Road would be £700 and, as reported at the previous Meeting, the cost of providing a water supply to serve the eleven cottages at Killacoran was £1,920, so that the total cost of supplying all these cottages amounted to £2,620. The Assistant County Engineer had further reported that residents at Killacoran were considering forming a Group Scheme to provide the water supply themselves, if the Council would make available to them the old water supply for Aughrim.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we approve of a water supply being made available from the former Aughrim Water Supply to the eleven cottages at Killacoran by way of a Group Scheme and extension being provided from the Aughrim Water Supply to serve four cottages in Killacoran on the Annacurra Road, at estimated cost of £700.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill for Provision of Water and Sewerage Services to Council Houses at Weaver Square, Baltinglass.

The County Secretary stated that none of these four cottages were vested in the tenants. The Rent Collector had called on each tenant with the usual Agreement Form for completion, but both John Kinsella and Mrs. Statia Byrne were unwilling to complete the Agreement. The cost of installing water and sewerage in the four cottages would be £300. Councillor Timmins stated that one tenant would not be able to afford the extra payment for water supply and sewerage services,

but that he felt the Scheme should not be held up since two of the tenants were prepared to pay.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of the installation of water and sewerage in four houses at Weaver Square, Baltinglass.

Passed unanimously.

It was noted by the Council that the services could be provided for the two tenants who had agreed and that if the other tenants subsequently agreed the services could then be provided for these tenants also.

Item No. 10—Repairs to Cottages Carried out During Month of January, 1965, and Cottages to be Repaired During Month of February, 1965.

Councillor Haughton stated that it had been represented to him that certain persons were obtaining preference in having repairs carried out to cottages, whereas others had been waiting years to have repairs done. He inquired when applications for repairs had been made by particular persons. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to repairs carried out to a cottage at Bollarney and claimed that these repairs had not been approved by the Council. He also inquired as to who was the tenant of the cottage. He asked that a Report on the matter be submitted.

Dumping at Burial Ground at Kilquade.

Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that unauthorised dumping was still going on at the Burial Ground at Kilquade and asked that the matter be attended to. He inquired also as to the possibility of providing a Domestic Scavenging Collection for the area. It was agreed that a Report on the matter would be submitted to the next Meeting.

Employment of Workers.

The matter of the arrangements for re-employing certain workers whose services had been terminated and who had been paying Superannuation Contributions was raised by Councillor J. Temple and in reply the County Secretary stated that the Council's decision at the previous Meeting was that the Members of the Council for the Local Electoral Areas were to meet and consider what Schemes might be arranged to provide employment and whatever moneys were required for this purpose would be deducted from the allocation for that particular Electoral Area in the coming year. It was agreed that Meetings of the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area be held at Shillelagh on the 5th February and a Meeting of the Members for the Wicklow Electoral Area be held at Wicklow on the 2nd February.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley:— "That I or someone for me will move that Council direct County Engineer to acquire land compulsorily at Annacurra in order to extinguish the Crossroads, in the interest of public safety."

In the names of Councillors H. B. Hipwell and J. Temple:—"That I or some other Member on my behalf will move the following Motion:—That in view of the traffic danger at the entrance to Boghall Road, Bray, from Killarney Road, that the Council direct that steps be taken immediately to acquire, by compulsory acquisition, the lands necessary for removal of this highly dangerous corner."

In the names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory, John Quigley and Edward Byrne:—"That in view of the confusion in the public mind regarding who are or who are not eligible for inclusion on the Medical Register, that time be allowed at our next Meeting for a discussion on the matter."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That this Council grants approval to the proposed extensions to Vested Cottage at Lugduff, Tinahely—owner: Edward Lannigan."

The following members attended:

Commissioner P. MacCarthy, John J. Conley, Allen H. Madison, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James M. O'Brien, O'Brien, George V. Tanahill, Mrs. Mary Warden, Mrs. J. J. Warden, H. J. Warden, Edward Warden, Mrs. E. Warden, Mrs. J. Warden, T.D. Warden, Mr. O. Warden, J. Warden, J. Warden.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 8th February, 1965, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors P. McCarthy, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, 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, J. Gregory and H. W. Hopkins.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer R. L. Farrell, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell, P. T. Hickey and J. Power, were present.

AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 7th December, 1964
2. Representations from Ratepayers at Knockadreet, Ashford, for tarring of road from the Main Wicklow Road at Knockadreet Crossroads to Bolinass Road.
3. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:— "That provision be made in next year's Estimates for removal of a ditch opposite the Housing Site at Aughrim and bringing the wall opposite the Parochial House at Aughrim into line with the wall at the village, thereby preventing flooding opposite the entrance to the Parochial House and the occurrence of further serious accidents there."
4. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:— "That provision be made for improvement of the entrance to Preban Cemetery, Ballinglen."
5. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:— "That the Council direct the County Engineer to acquire land compulsorily at Annacurra in order to extinguish the Crossroads, in the interests of public safety."
6. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors H. B. Hipwell and J. Temple:— "That in view of the traffic danger at the entrance to Boghall Road, Bray, from Killarney Road, that the Council direct that steps be taken immediately to acquire, by compulsory acquisition, the lands necessary for removing this highly dangerous corner."
7. Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers—Recommendations of Arbitration Board for revision of remuneration of (1) County Medical Officers; (2) Assistant County Medical Officers; (3) Nursing Staffs; and (4) Health Inspectors.
8. Report of Local Government Auditor on Audit of Accounts of the Council for the year ended 31st March, 1963. (Copy circulated to Members).
9. Authorisation of excess expenditure for year 1964/65.
10. Damage to Foreshore at Wicklow—Letter from Wicklow Urban District Council.
11. Supplementary Grants for Reconstruction of Houses—To authorise further borrowing.

12. Newcastle Mental Hospital—Alterations and Additions to Residence of Senior Assistant Medical Officer.
13. Proposed provision of additional public light at Courthouse, Dunlavin.
14. Application from Enniskerry and District Development Association for clearing of path through the Dargle from the Enniskerry/Tinahinch road.
15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—"That the village of Stratford be cleaned at least monthly and that a sign to BALTINGLASS be erected on the main crossing in the village."
16. Resolution from Ashford Development Association:—"That as a matter of urgency a Sewerage Scheme be provided for Ashford, to include Ballinalea and the Council cottages (known as "The Terrace"); also from Nun's Cross to the Main Road, including Ballinahinch, and the Main Road from the School to beyond the Sales Yard." Reports of County Medical Officer and County Engineer.
17. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory, J. Quigley and E. Byrne:—"That in view of the confusion in the public mind regarding who are or who are not eligible for inclusion on the Medical Register, that time be allowed at our next Meeting for a discussion on the matter."
18. Letter from Department of Local Government in regard to recent Road Safety Fortnight.
19. Application from Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd., for introduction of Speed Limit of 40 m.p.h. on Wicklow/Arklow Coast Road, between Three-Mile-Bridge and Haughton's Bridge, and asking that public toilets and public lighting be provided at Brittas Bay.
20. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Resolutions of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Quigley the Council passed Resolutions expressing the sympathy of the Members of the Council with Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., on the death of his Uncle; Councillor J. Everett, T.D., on the death of his brother-in-law; and Councillor P. McCarthy on the death of his brother-in-law.

Expression of Thanks.

Councillor R. Miley thanked the Members for their good wishes to him when he was in hospital following an accident.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole;
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 7th December, 1964.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Representations from Ratepayers at Knockadreet, Ashford, for Tarring of Road from the Main Wicklow Road at Knockadreet Crossroads to Bollinass Road.

The Council referred this matter to the Committee of Members for the Wicklow Electoral Area for consideration in connection with the Road Works Programme for the coming year.

Item No. 3—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:—
"That Provision Be Made in Next Year's Estimates for Removal of a Ditch Opposite the Housing Site at Aughrim and Bringing the Wall Opposite the Parochial House at Aughrim Into Line with the Wall at the Village, Thereby Preventing Flooding Opposite the Entrance to the Parochial House and the Occurrence of Further Serious Accidents There."

The Council referred the matter to the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area for consideration in connection with the Road Works Programme for the coming year.

Item No. 4—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:—
"That Provision be made for Improvement of the Entrance to Preban Cemetery, Ballinglen."

The Council agreed that this matter be referred to the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area for consideration in connection with the Road Works Programme for the coming year.

Item No. 5—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:—
"That the Council Direct the County Engineer to Acquire Land Compulsorily at Annacurra in Order to Extinguish the Crossroads, in the Interests of Public Safety."

and
Item No. 6—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors H. B. Hipwell and J. Temple:—"That in View of the Traffic Danger at the Entrance to Boghall Road, Bray, from Killarney Road, that the Council Direct That Steps Be Taken Immediately To Acquire, By Compulsory Acquisition, The Lands Necessary For Removing This Highly Dangerous Corner."

Councillor Temple suggested that both these Notices of Motion be referred for consideration by the Local Committees, but Councillor Quigley objected to the deferring of the Notice of Motion in his name, which, he contended, was a direction to the County Engineer. Councillor Hipwell stated that he would not agree to have the Notice of Motion in his name and that of Councillor Temple deferred and pointed out that this matter had been before the Council previously and that the Council had agreed that this corner be improved and the necessary lands acquired and that he wished to have the necessary Resolution passed authorising the acquisition of the lands compulsorily.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Resolved—That Council direct County Engineer to acquire land compulsorily at Annacurra in order to extinguish the Crossroads, in the interests of public safety.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley;

Resolved—That in view of the traffic danger at the entrance to Boghall Road, Bray, from Killarney Road, that the Council direct that steps be taken immediately to acquire, by compulsory acquisition, the lands necessary for removing this highly dangerous corner.

As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That items 5 and 6 on the Agenda be referred for consideration by the Members of the Council for the respective Electoral

Areas concerned.

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, M. Dearing, A. H. Hadden, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, P. McCarthy, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, J. Temple, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walshe—ELEVEN.

AGAINST: Councillors E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton, H. B. Hipwell, H. W. Hopkins, R. Miley and J. Quigley—EIGHT.

The amendment was declared carried by eleven votes in favour to eight votes against and when put as a substantive motion was declared carried by the same voting.

Item No. 7—Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers—Recommendations of Arbitration Board for Revision of Remuneration of (1) County Medical Officers; (2) Assistant County Medical Officers; (3) Nursing Staffs; and (4) Health Inspectors.

The County Secretary stated that Recommendations of the Arbitration Board under the Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers had been received in relation to the salary scales of County Medical Officers, Assistant County Medical Officers, Nursing Staffs and Health Inspectors, and since the Agenda had been circulated the Council had also received the Recommendation of the Arbitration Board in regard to salaries for District Medical Officers.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That having considered the findings of the Arbitration Boards under the Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers, we approve, subject to the sanction of the appropriate Minister, of the application of the following scales of salary, with effect from 1st October, 1963:—

COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER—£2,300 x £100—£2,800.

ASSISTANT COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICERS—£1,725 x £75—£2,100

DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICERS—£1,100 x £75—£1,325.

HEALTH INSPECTORS—£620 x £39—£1,049 x £36—£1,085.

We note that the revised salary scales are subject to an additional increase of 12 per cent. in accordance with the "Ninth Round" National Wages Agreement, with effect from 1st February, 1964. We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amounts provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the revised salary scales.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge.

Resolved—That having considered the findings of the Arbitration Board under the Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers, we approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Health, of the application of the following salary scale for Staff Nurses, with effect from 1st April, 1964:—

£390 x £22—£700 x £28 — £340.

We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amounts provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the revised salary scale.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Report of Local Government Auditor on Audit of Accounts of the Council for the Year Ended 31st March, 1963.

The County Secretary stated that a copy of the Auditor's Report had been circulated to the Members of the Council. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, referred to the Auditor's reference to the balances not having been reconciled and in reply the County Manager explained that Accounts were becoming more complex each year and expenditure was increasing. The matter referred to was more related to a question of analysis rather than a reconciliation with the Bank and it was hoped that these difficulties would be overcome in the future. In regard to an inquiry from the Chairman concerning the delay in charging the cost of Council's machinery against works, the County Manager expressed regret that the Auditor had had occasion to refer to an oversight in furnishing one account in respect of the hire of machinery. The County Engineer agreed with the Auditor that the Council's policy as regards the hiring out of machinery should be altered and that it was inadvisable that Council plant should be hired, or work carried out by the Council for private persons in the future, except in very special circumstances. In reference to the credit balance mentioned by the Auditor, the County Manager stated that it must be realised that the balance referred to included assets which were not necessarily recoverable. The Council would remember that the Council received recoupment by way of Grant of only a proportion of the expenditure on clearance of roads of snow during the year 1962/63 and in the following year (1963/64) there had been excess expenditure of up to £20,000, and the Council in determining the Rate for the current year had applied credits of £40,000. The excess expenditure in the present year, which was being submitted to them on that date, was very substantial. The fact of the Council having a credit balance had enabled the Council to stabilise the Rate to a great extent and avoid violent fluctuations and also had saved the incurring of overdraft interest charges.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins.

Resolved—That we note the submission of the Report of the Local Government Auditor on his Audit of the Council's Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1963.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Authorisation of Excess Expenditure for Year 1964/65.

The County Secretary stated that during the current financial year there would be considerable excess expenditure over the amounts provided in the Estimates for various Services, particularly in relation to Health Services. Details of the excess expenditure involved under each heading were submitted to the Council, totalling £156,002, of which sum £62,908 in relation to Mental Hospitals was offset in full by the Health Grant receivable, and £31,000 approximately in respect of Health Services would be recoupable from Health Grant. The County Manager pointed out that the major increase, which was under Health Services, resulted from the increase in the number of patients receiving treatment in Extern Hospitals during the year and increased use of drugs and of the Ambulance Services. Councillor E. Byrne pointed out that in previous years deficits on the Voluntary Hospitals had been met by the Hospitals Trust Fund, but that in recent times the charges made by these hospitals had been increased and the Council was now paying for patients at a figure much nearer the actual cost

than previously. He felt that this was one of the main reasons for the increase in the expenditure.

It was—

Proposed by Councillor A. H. Hadden;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure in excess of the amounts provided in the current year's Estimates, as set out hereunder:—

ROADS:

Ordinary Road Works	...	...	£12,350	
Salaries	...	...	£4,187	
Retiring Allowances and Gratuities	...	...	£460	£16,997

HEALTH SERVICES:

General Medical Services—Salaries	...	...	£9,000	
Institutional Services	...	...	£5,070	
Extern Institutions	...	...	£35,879	
Mental Hospitals	...	...	£62,908	
Maternity and Child Health Services	...	...	£3,146	
Dental, Ophthalmic and Aural Services	...	...	£348	
Specialist Services	...	...	£850	
Rehabilitation and Maintenance of				
Disabled Persons	...	...	£4,284	
Ambulance Services and Transport of				
Patients	...	...	£1,242	
Supervision of Food and Drink	...	...	£275	
Fluoridation of Water Supplies	...	...	£495	
Contributions to District Nursing				
Associations	...	...	£459	
General Administration	...	...	£512	£124,468

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Home Assistance	...	...	£2,400	
Salaries	...	...	£1,614	
Retiring Allowance	£30	£4,044

SANITARY SERVICES:

Water Supplies and Sewerage Systems	£1,620	
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HOUSING:

Maintenance and Repair of Council Houses	£4,000	
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GENERAL PURPOSES:

Salaries	£187	
Superannuation	£434	
Franchise and Jurors' Lists	£800	
Local Authorities (Officers and				
Employees) Act	...	...	£33	
Road Fund Expenses	...	...	£63	
Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Expenses	...	...	£100	
Rents and Expenses of Courthouses				
and Offices	...	...	£914	
Interest on Overdraft	...	...	£709	
Refund of Rates	...	...	£1,155	
Postage and Telephones	...	...	£156	
Miscellaneous	...	...	£322	£4,873

£156,002

Item No. 10—Damage to Foreshore at 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 February, 1965.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmantin Hill,
WICKLOW.

Re Damage to Foreshore at Wicklow.

A Chara,

It was reported to the meeting of the Urban Council held last night that recent north-easterly gales have caused further damage to the foreshore at the North Beach, Wicklow.

The portion of the beach seriously affected is that just north of the stone boulder protection works. Here the sea has cut through the gravel bank right to the boundary fence of the C.I.E. property. There is now nothing to prevent the sea from breaking right through to the railway line, an event which could happen during the course of the next easterly gale. Such an occurrence could cause severe flooding on the railway line as well as other parts of the Murrough.

The Town Surveyor has estimated that about 500 to 600 tons of boulders would be required to protect this gap made by the sea.

As the Urban Council have now no function in the matter of coast protection, I was directed to bring this matter to your attention with the request that urgent remedial action be taken before more widespread damage is caused. Would your Council make every effort to have the Office of Public Works take immediate action, or else obtain their consent to the work being carried out by yourselves.

Mise, le meas,

M. J. CUSACK, Town Clerk.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That we request the Commissioners of Public Works to expedite the completion of the Preliminary Report on Coast Protection Works at Wicklow and to carry out, as a matter of urgency, the necessary works of repair following recent storm.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Supplementary Grants for Reconstruction of Houses—To Authorise Further Borrowing.

The County Secretary stated that the total amount of Loans borrowed to date for the purposes of making Supplementary Grants was £120,800 and to date the number of Grants allocated was 1,673 at a total cost of £143,026. The number of Grants paid to date was 1,549 at a cost of £131,307. A further Loan of £30,000 would be required to meet the amount of Grants allocated and not yet paid and also to continue the Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £30,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, re-payable over a period of twenty-five years, to defray the cost of Supplementary Grants for Repair and Improvement of Houses and Provision of Private Water Supply and Sewerage Services.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12—Newcastle Mental Hospital—Alterations and Additions to Residence of Senior Assistant Medical Officer.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer in his Report of 25th January, 1965, had recommended the carrying out of certain works at the residence of the Senior Assistant Medical Officer, including the provision of a solid-fuel cooker, extension and enlargement of kitchen, and provision of fuel store. The total estimated cost was £540.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of alterations and additions to the residence of the Senior Assistant Medical Officer at Newcastle Mental Hospital, at an estimated cost of £540, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the Estimates to meet the cost of this work.

Passed unanimously.

In reply to inquiry from Members the County Manager stated that it had been hoped to have the hospital in use early in the coming financial year, but it now seemed that the earliest date on which the Council could expect to have patients in the hospital would be the 1st July or 1st August. The two "End Pavilions" attached to the main building were not in good condition and it had been suggested to the Architect that the use of some kind of Unit Structure might be availed of to replace these Pavilions. The number of patients being maintained in the Dublin Health Authority's Mental Hospitals from County Wicklow had increased over the last year to 360 from an average of 330 in previous years. The R.M.S., Assistant R.M.S., Matron, and Assistant Matron, had taken up duty and Clinics were being conducted by them. Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that if from 130 to 180 of County Wicklow patients would be continuing in the Dublin Health Authority's Mental Hospitals the Council should have some representation on the Visiting Committee for these Hospitals.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley;

Resolved—That Deputies Brennan and Everett, and Chairman, form a Deputation to Minister for Health re representation of Council on Visiting Committee to Mental Hospitals of Dublin Health Authority.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Proposed Provision of Additional Public Light at Courthouse, Dunlavin.

The County Secretary stated that the E.S.B. had submitted a quotation in the sum of £8 15s 0d. plus a basic annual charge for lighting and maintenance of £5 14s 0d. in respect of the erection of an additional light at the Courthouse, Dunlavin.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of provision of an additional public light at the Courthouse, Dunlavin, at a capital contribution of £8 15s. 0d. in accordance with quotation of 20th January, 1965, from Electricity Supply Board.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Application from Enniskerry and District Development Association for Clearing of Path Through The Dargle from the Enniskerry/Tinnahinch Road.

The Council agreed that this matter be referred for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their next Meeting.

Item No. 15—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—

"That the Village of Stratford be Cleaned at Least Monthly and that a Sign to Baltinglass be Erected on the Main Crossing in the Village."

The Council agreed that this matter be referred for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area at their next Meeting.

Item No. 16—Resolution from Ashford Development Association:—

"That as a Matter of Urgency a Sewerage Scheme be Provided for Ashford, to Include Ballinalea and the Council Cottages (Known as "The Terrace"); also from Nun's Cross to the Main Road, including Ballinahinch, and the Main Road from the School to Beyond the Sales Yard." Reports of County Medical Officer and County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that since the village was already served by a public water supply a Sewerage Scheme might be installed. He felt that the necessity for public toilets would not then arise as all places of public resort would have toilet facilities. He did not think that the expense of a Refuse Collection could be justified in a village of this size. The County Medical Officer submitted copy of the Report of the Health Inspector on his survey of water supply and private septic tanks in the Ashford, Ballinalea, and Nun's Cross area. The County Medical Officer stated that he considered that in Ashford Village there was no urgency as regards providing a Sewerage Service, nor any particular urgency in Ballinalea. Nun's Cross and Ballinahinch were probably the most urgent, although in this area there were only six houses with no water supply and nineteen with no indoor sanitation. The Council directed that the County Engineer prepare a Report and preliminary estimate of the cost of providing a Sewerage Scheme for the area.

Item No. 17—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., J. J. McCrea, P. McCarthy, J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory, J. Quigley and E. Byrne:—"That in View of the Confusion in the Public Mind Regarding Who Are or Who Are Not Eligible for Inclusion on the Medical Register, that Time be Allowed at our Next Meeting for a Discussion on the Matter."

Councillor E. Byrne stated that many representations had been received by Members of the Council as to what persons were or were not entitled to Medical Cards and there appeared to be a lot of dissatisfaction regarding the matter. He stated that he would like to

see some standard determined and some income limit fixed. Councillor McCarthy, agreeing with Councillor Byrne, referred to the case of a man who held a Medical Card, but was refused a hearing-aid and stated he could not understand the decision. Councillor Hadden stated that where there was an income from other members of the household it was necessary that such income be taken into account when determining the need or otherwise for a Medical Card. Councillor Temple stated that widows, in particular, should receive more consideration. The County Manager, replying to the points raised by Members, stated that the question was a very difficult one and it was necessary to know all the facts involved if a fair decision was to be reached on an application for a Medical Card. It was not possible to operate a fixed scale as family circumstances and the record of illness in the family and other matters had to be taken into account. It had been found that an income scale would not operate equitably. In regard to the supply of hearing-aids the County Manager pointed out that these were costly items and would be supplied to a person holding a Medical Card who required one for the purpose of earning his livelihood. The particular case raised by Councillor McCarthy would be further examined. If any Member had any difficulty in regard to a case he was always prepared to have a decision re-examined. The County Manager pointed out that the percentage of the population of County Wicklow registered for Medical Cards was 36 per cent., whereas the average for the country was 29 per cent., and consequently it would be seen that there was a high proportion registered in County Wicklow and a much higher proportion than the average for the country as a whole.

Item No. 18—Letter from Department of Local Government in Regard to Recent Road Safety Fortnight.

The Council noted letter of 8th January, 1965, which had been addressed by the Department of Local Government to the County Manager, conveying the appreciation of the Minister for Local Government for the response received during the Road Safety Fortnight from the Local Authorities in County Wicklow. It was stated in the letter that it was the Minister's wish that since interest in road safety at local level had now been fostered it would be maintained, either through the formation of permanent Road Safety Committees by the Local Authorities, or by the co-operation of the Local Authorities with Branches of Voluntary Organisations (such as the Safety First Association of Ireland) engaged in this work.

Item No. 19—Application from Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd., for Introduction of Speed Limit of 40 m.p.h. on Wicklow/Arklow Coast Road, Between Three-Mile-Bridge and Haughton's Bridge, and Asking that Public Toilets and Public Lighting be Provided at Brittas Bay.

The Council noted that the matter of Speed Limits was one for the Gardai and that the views of the Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Wicklow, were being obtained.

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.

Tenders for Printing.

Tenders received in response to public advertisement for Printing were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council and the tenders, which were from the firms listed hereunder, were referred to the County Secretary for examination:—

Henry Jackson, Ltd., Dublin.
North Wexford Printing and Publishing Co., Ltd., Enniscorthy.
Arklow Printers, Ltd., Arklow.
Speediprint, Ltd., Buncrana.
Wicklow Press, Ltd., Wicklow.

Fire Station at Baltinglass.

Councillor Timmins asked that the proposed new Fire Station for Baltinglass be proceeded with as soon as possible and pointed out that at present the Fire Engine was housed nearly two miles outside the town and this resulted in delay in the Brigade getting to a fire. The County Manager stated that the question of staffing affected the matter and at present they had no Architect and even if an Architect were available he would have to give priority to housing. It was hoped that the Fire Brigade Station could be built during the current year, but it was not possible to guarantee this.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor James Miley:—"That I or someone for me will move that the building of Blessington Dispensary and Library be advertised for building as it has already been approved by this Council."

In the name of Councillor J. D. Haughton:—"That I or someone on my behalf will move that water and sewerage be supplied or provided for the Council cottages at Ballinaclash, Rathdrum, and I now request that steps be taken to ascertain the cost of same."

In the names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and J. Gregory:—"That the Council take over and maintain road known as "Five-Mile-Point" and request Bord Fáilte to make a Grant available as over seventy cars travel this road on Sundays to the sea; seven cottagers reside on the road and five large Ratepayers use the road to their farms."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the year to 31st March, 1966, was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on 22nd February, 1965.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., P. McCarthy, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuiathail, 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, J. Gregory and H. W. Hopkins.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, and Chief Fire Officer attended.

A copy of the Table Explanatory of the Estimates and of the County Manager's Statement in regard to the Estimates had been circulated to each Member.

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-chairman, on behalf of the Members of the Council, welcomed Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, on his return to the Council after his illness and Councillor McCrea thanked the Members for their good wishes.

Deputation from National Farmers' Association.

As arranged at the previous Meeting of the Council the Council received a Deputation from the County Wicklow Branch of the National Farmers' Association. The Deputation consisted of Miss E. F. Bobbett (President), Mr. Michael Byrne (Chairman), and Mr. J. J. Nolan (Hon. Secretary). Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, welcomed the Deputation. Miss E. F. Bobbett addressed the Members and thanked the Council for receiving the Deputation. She stated that the Deputation wished to bring some points to the notice of the Members of the Council in regard to the situation of the farming community and pointed out that any increase in Rates represented a direct increase in costs for farmers. She expressed the fear that should there be a further substantial increase in Rates farmers might have to reduce the use of fertilizers with resulting reduction in employment in the factories producing fertilizers and also would have to reduce their production of certain crops. In regard to the effect of Rates on farmers she stated that in the case of her own farm the Rates in 1952/53 amounted to £28 odd, but in 1962/63 the Rates had increased to £56, and in 1964/65, when the Supplementary Grant became available, Rates had further increased nevertheless to £58. Mr. Michael Byrne (Chairman) gave figures for the prices received by farmers in 1954 and in 1964 in respect of certain crops and pointed out that the farming community had not succeeded in obtaining an equivalent increase in remuneration to other sections of the community. Mr. J. J. Nolan (Hon. Secretary), stated that the Deputation had not come to criticise the Members of the Council and that the farmers appreciated the great job of work which the Council had done in pegging Rates in recent years. He stated that an impression had been given that 1964 had been a bountiful year for farmers, but this was not correct. The increase in prices for milk represented only 6 per cent. and yields of barley throughout the County had been down by up to 25 per cent. The return from the potato crop had also been bad, though he agreed that cattle prices had been good. It was appreciated that in their Estimates the Council were faced with their heaviest commitment in respect of Health Services, over which the Council had little control, and he stated that the National Farmers' Association in their coming talks with the Government in regard to prices for the coming year intended

to raise the matter of granting some relief from any increase in Rates. He stressed that a buoyant agriculture was essential to the country's economy and was necessary if industrial exports were to be increased.

Consideration of Estimates.

The Council decided to proceed to examine the Estimates in detail, commencing with the Roads Services.

Roads.

The County Manager, at the request of the members, gave particulars of the increases proposed in relation to Main Roads, i.e., the portion of the Roads Expenditure to which Urban Areas contributed. The increase of £18,417 under the heading, "Maintenance and Reconstruction" was made up as follows:—

Increase in Labour Costs	...	...	£8,590
Plant	...	...	£4,037
Materials	...	...	£3,790
Provision for White Lines and Signs	...	...	£2,000

A Grant of 50 per cent. of the cost was available towards this Expenditure. A figure of £4,500 for Snow Clearance on Main Roads had been included in this year's Estimates and a Grant of 75 per cent. of the cost had been provided for under the heading of "Receipts." Loan charges showed an increase of £585, being the provision made for the Loan to meet the Council's contribution to the cost of St. Valerie Bridge, near Bray. The amount of £102,700 provided for Special Grant Works on Main Roads was the same amount as had been allocated by the Department of Local Government for the current financial year. This Expenditure was recoupable in full from the Road Fund. Salaries of County Engineer and Chief Assistant showed an increase of £959 to provide for Awards under the Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme, and Superannuation Allowances and Gratuities for Officers showed an increase of £363 and for Servants of £292. Postage and Telephones showed an increase of £100 in respect of increased charges for Postage and Telephones. In regard to the increased provision for Maintenance and Reconstruction of Main Roads the County Manager pointed out that there had been no increase in the amount provided under this heading since 1961/62 and that the former County Engineer at previous Estimates Meetings had pointed out that as a result of increasing costs of labour, plant, and materials, together with the increasing mileage of roads to be maintained to a higher standard, it was not possible to provide what he considered a necessary standard of maintenance. Mr. T. J. Donovan, County Engineer, in submitting his recommendation for the amounts provided in the Estimates, had pointed out that these sums were essential, in his opinion, to provide a proper standard of maintenance, having regard to the rise in costs in recent years. Councillor P. Brennan inquired from the County Manager as to what proportion of the increased provision under this heading related to the 12 per cent. increase in remuneration of Roadworkers, which was applied from January, 1964. The County Manager stated that about £4,000 would represent the amount required to meet the 12 per cent. increase in wages, but in addition to that appropriate provision would be required for Plant and Materials. Labour Costs represented about 40 per cent. of total costs and Materials and Plant represented about 60 per cent.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That we reduce the provision for Maintenance and Reconstruction on Main Roads by £8,417.

In regard to his proposal Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that the increase would represent approximately the amount required for the increase of 12 per cent. in wages and the appropriate increases for Materials and Plant.

A vote having been called for on the amendment in the name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

In FAVOUR: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, A. H. Hadden, H. B. Hipwell, H. W. Hopkins, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh and J. J. McCrea—FOURTEEN.

AGAINST: Councillors E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, P.C., and J. Temple.—SEVEN.

The amendment was declared carried by fourteen votes in favour to seven votes against and when put as a substantive motion was declared passed on the same voting.

In regard to Lighting Improvements the County Manager stated that this sum was for the purpose of meeting the capital costs of improvements in lighting on roads in Urban Areas and a Grant of 50 per cent. was available towards the cost. He pointed out, however, that the maintenance costs of new lights would have to be met by the Urban District Councils. Councillor Temple stated that a Scheme for improving the lighting in the Main Street in Bray was under consideration by Bray Urban District Council and they would be meeting the E.S.B. to discuss the matter shortly. Nothing, however, had been settled yet as regards the extent of the Scheme, or the cost of maintenance which would have to be met by the Urban Council. The Council decided to omit the provision for Lighting Improvements, Councillor Temple having pointed out that he trusted that the County Council would consider the matter favourably if Bray Urban District Council did decide on proceeding with a Scheme of Improvement of Lighting on the Main Roads in the town.

Following a discussion in regard to Snow Clearance it was decided to omit any provision under this heading for the coming year.

The Council approved of the remaining items in relation to Main Roads towards which Urban Areas contributed.

The County Manager gave similar details in relation to County Roads as had been submitted in respect of increases on Main Roads.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That we reduce County Roads Maintenance and Reconstruction on County Roads by £6,814.

Passed unanimously.

It was indicated by the Council that the provision of £1,000 included under the heading "Maintenance and Reconstruction" was reduced to £250. The Council approved of the provision of £3,000 for Winter Employment Schemes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That we omit the provision of £4,350 for additional Employment Schemes.

Passed unanimously.

The Council approved of the remaining items in respect of Roads Services.

Health Services.

The County Manager submitted details in respect of the variations between the Estimates as submitted and the Estimates adopted for the current financial year.

General Medical Services.

Councillor H. J. Byrne raised the matter of the hours of attendance at the Dispensary in Bray and the County Manager stated that the Doctors for each of the two Districts in Bray attended at the Dispensary on alternate days for one hour on each day, a total of three hours in respect of each part of the Dispensary Area per week. He agreed that it would seem desirable that the hours of attendance be extended by another hour on each day. Councillor Temple referred to a Resolution passed by the Bray Urban District Council at a recent Meeting asking that premises at Castle Street recently purchased by the Urban District Council be used as a temporary Dispensary. It was noted that the recommendation from the Bray Urban District Council would be submitted to the next Meeting of the Council.

Institutional Services.

The County Manager gave particulars of the increases in the Estimates as submitted, with the amounts adopted for the current financial year, and stated that the present average weekly costs in the Council's Institutions were as follows:—

Wicklow District Hospital	...	...	£11 11 0
Baltinglass District Hospital	...	...	£13 11 3
St. Colman's Hospital	...	...	£4 3 5

Extern Institutions:

The County Manager stated that he regretted to have to inform the Council that notification had been received that morning of an increase in the capitation rates payable by the Council for treatment of patients in the Voluntary Hospitals in Dublin, with effect as from 1st April, 1965. The new capitation rates represented an increase of about 25 per cent. on the present rates. As from the 1st April, 1965, the cost per week of maintaining a patient in the Voluntary Hospitals in Dublin would be £19 1s. 6d. compared with a charge of £15 4s. 6d. at present, and the cost of maintaining a patient in a Maternity Hospital would be £21 per week as compared with £16 16s. 0d. per week at present. The effect of the increase in charges would be to increase the Estimates in respect of Extern Institutions by £30,000 under the heading "General Hospitals" and £6,250 under the heading "Maternity Hospitals", i.e., a total increase of £36,250. Allowing for a 50 per cent. recoupment from Health Grant the net effect on the Rates would be an increase of 1/1.27d. The County Manager stated that the Department of Health had indicated that the situation was that approximately 86 per cent. of the Services provided by the Hospitals concerned was for Health Act patients and that about 1/3rds of the income from Sweepstakes to the Hospitals Trust Fund was expended on recoupment of the Revenue Deficits of these Hospitals. It was further pointed out that it was estimated that the present increases in capitation rates would merely maintain the level of aggregate hospital deficits in 1956 at the figure which they had reached in 1964. The Council noted the effect of the increased charges and agreed that it would be necessary to

make provision for the new charges in the Estimates for the coming year.

Mental Hospitals.

In reply to inquiries from Members the County Manager stated that it was not possible yet to say when the Hospital at Newcastle would be ready to receive patients. The extent of the repairs to be carried out to the buildings had not yet been finally determined. The R.M.S., Matron, and Assistant Matron had taken up duty and were at present conducting Clinics. The R.M.S. had also arranged for groups of Doctors in practice in the County to attend at Newcastle for advice and discussion in regard to the Services which were being made available through the Clinics.

Maternity and Child Health Services.

Details of the increases in the Estimates as submitted compared with the amounts provided in the current year were given by the County Manager.

Visit of Manager for Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation.

The County Manager stated that Mr. Harold Naylor, Manager of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, would like to meet the Members of the Council and speak to them regarding tourism in Co. Wicklow. He had suggested that, if convenient, he might attend at the Meeting to be held on the 1st March. It was decided that since the adjourned Estimates Meeting would be held on the 1st March that Mr. Naylor be asked to attend instead at the Meeting on the 8th March.

Further consideration of the Estimates was adjourned to a Meeting to be held at 2.30 p.m. on the 1st March, 1965.

The adjourned Estimates Meeting of the Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 8th March, 1965. The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., P. McCarthy, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, 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, County Engineer, and Chief Fire Officer were present.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the relatives of the late Patrick Keating, Coolboy, who had been a former Overseer of the Council. Members of the Council paid tribute to the valuable services given by Mr. Keating during his long period of service with the Council. The County Manager asked that he and the members of the staff be associated with the Council's expression of sympathy.

Clearing of Roads of Snow.

The following letter received from Mr. John Casey, Royal Hotel, Glendalough, was submitted:—

ROYAL HOTEL

Glendalough, Co. Wicklow.
6th March, 1965.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

As it is not possible for me to see you personally I am writing this letter.

I would like to congratulate and thank you, the engineers and all the men who were responsible for doing such a wonderful job on the roads during the recent snow.

At all times they made it possible for very important deliveries such as milk, bread, meat, coal, bus, etc., to get through to our area.

As a father of four very young children, a time like this can be very worrying, so please pass a special word of thanks to all those responsible.

I would like if you could arrange to have this letter read at the County Council meeting on Monday.

Yours sincerely,
John Casey.

The Council expressed appreciation of the courtesy of Mr. Casey in writing to the Council on the matter.

The Council then resumed consideration of the Estimates. In reply to inquiries from Members the County Secretary stated that the alterations made by the Council in the Estimates for Roads Services effected a reduction of 1/5.54d. in the Rate as submitted, but the increase in hospital charges which had been notified to the Council at the previous Meeting resulted in an increase on the Estimate for Health Services of 1/1.27d. Consequently a net reduction of 4.27d. had been effected in the Estimates as submitted to date.

Health Services.

The County Manager proceeded to supply details of the variations in the Estimates for Health Services as compared with Estimates for the current financial year. He informed the Council that an increased provision had been made for Poliomyelitis Vaccination amounting to £1,000. The Council had been asked, as a very urgent matter, to carry out a special Oral Vaccination Scheme against Poliomyelitis and had been asked by the Department of Health to have the Scheme in operation by the 22nd of March. It was intended that all children from six months to eighteen years of age should be vaccinated with the new oral vaccine. It was considered desirable that even those persons who had already been vaccinated under previous Schemes should also receive the oral vaccine. In reply to Councillor Temple the County Manager stated that the Scheme was free to all and that it would be advertised in the Press.

Ambulance Services.

The increase of £3,742 for the Ambulance Services and Transport of Patients was mainly due to the necessity for replacing two Ambulances in the coming year. In reply to Councillor Temple the County Manager stated that Ambulances hired by the Council had to be up to a certain standard and the Council in fact had supplied special equipment for such Ambulances as well as equipping their own Ambulances. Special Courses had also been arranged for the training of drivers in resuscitation.

Mentally Handicapped Children.

Councillor McCarthy urged that some provision be made for the treatment of mentally handicapped children and suggested that space might be provided in Newcastle for treating these unfortunate children. The County Manager stated that there were a number of Homes throughout the country for such patients, but they could not be treated in an ordinary Mental Hospital.

Public Assistance.

The Council noted the details of the provision made for the Public Assistance Service.

Sanitary Services.

In regard to Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes the County Manager stated that the Council at present had no staff available to prepare Plans for these Schemes. Mr. J. Power, who had been Acting Assistant County Engineer for the West Wicklow Area, had left the service of the Council and it had been necessary to arrange for Mr. Noel Farrell, Assistant County Engineer for the Southern District, to take charge of the Western Area in addition to his own, pending the Council's obtaining the services of a Temporary Assistant County Engineer.

Domestic Scavenging Services.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor H. J. Byrne the County Manager stated that the legal difficulties in regard to the obtaining of a Dumping Ground for Enniskerry had now been overcome and a Dumping Ground would shortly be available. No provision had been made in the Estimates for providing a Domestic Scavenging Service at Kilquade as it was felt that this was a rural area and it would be unduly costly to provide a Domestic Scavenging Service there.

Maintenance of Open Spaces.

The County Manager stated that provision had been made under this heading for maintaining the open space at the "Meeting of the Waters" where a Scheme of Improvement was nearing completion and which had been carried out with the aid of a Grant from An Bord Failte. The Council would be responsible for maintaining the area. It had been suggested also that additional public conveniences might be required at Glendalough and this was being examined. The possibility of arranging one-way traffic through Glendalough was also under examination.

Housing Services.

The Council decided to reduce the sum provided for Cottage Repairs by £2,000 to £12,240.

General Purposes.

The County Manager stated that a sum of £8,000 had been provided in the Estimates for Planning and Development and a sum of £6,000 by way of Receipt from Grants. While the Council had no confirmation that Grants would be available it was the view of the Council that the State should contribute from the Road Fund towards the cost of Planning. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that he had discussed this matter with the Minister for Local Government and had made representations to him on behalf of the Council. Having regard to the extent of the information available to the Council, due to Planning having been in operation for so many years in County Wick-

low, he asked if it would not be possible for the Council to prepare the Plan with the present staff. The County Manager stated that Planning was giving rise to a considerable volume of work and adding very much to the work of the County Engineer and County Secretary in particular. The Council was very handicapped by lack of staff and a Draughtsman was urgently needed as the Council had no Draughtsman employed. The County Manager pointed out that the cost of part of the staff in the Local Government Department was met from the Road Fund and also a substantial contribution was made from the Road Fund towards the cost of the Gardai employed on traffic duties. He felt it was not unreasonable that at least part of the cost of the staff of Local Authorities should also be met from the Road Fund. The Council decided to reduce the provision under the heading of "Planning" to £2,000 and to omit the provision of £6,000 from the Receipts, leaving the net amount to be raised in respect of planning unchanged.

Elections.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., seconded by Councillor Temple, the Council agreed that the sum of £3,000 provided for Elections be met from Credits.

Fire Brigades.

Councillor Temple referred to discontent in the Bray Area regarding the operation of the Fire Brigade and, in particular, to cases where the Greystones Brigade took over from the Bray Brigade when they had attended fires in the County Health District. The County Manager pointed out that it was necessary to return the Bray Brigade to its base because of the greater fire risk which was always present in the Bray Urban Area.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Hadden regarding the amount of the Council's credit balance the County Manager stated that the balance at 31st March, 1963, was £212,125 and that he estimated the balance at the end of March, 1965, to be about £100,000.

The Council decided to adjourn further consideration of the Estimates to the Meeting to be held on Monday, 15th March, 1965.

The adjourned Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the year 1965/66 was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on 15th March, 1965, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., P. McCarthy, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, 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, J. Gregory and H. W. Hopkins.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, R. L. Farrell and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell and P. T. Hickey attended.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, informed the Members that the Estimates as submitted had been reduced by a net amount of 8½d. The reduction effected in respect of Roads amounted to 1/5½d.; the reduction on Housing to 2d.; and on General Purposes to 2½d.; making a total of 1/9½d., against which there had to be offset an increase in Health Services of 1/1½d. as a result of increased charges for maintenance of patients in Voluntary Hospitals recently notified. The

Chairman referred to the figures given in the Auditor's Report for the Credit Balance and excess of Cash Assets over Liabilities at the 31st March, 1963, and suggested that Credits should be used to reduce the Estimates to allow for a similar Rate as in the previous year, or with very little change. Councillor E. E. Byrne pointed out that the use of the Credits available to the County Council did not appear to affect the amounts demanded from the Urban District Councils and that these would show a steep increase in the present year. He suggested that the Urban District Councils should be entitled to avail of a proportion of the Credits of the County Council. The County Manager explained that the Credits available to the County Council had accumulated on the County Health District only and could not be made available to the Urban District Councils. The only way the County Council could assist the Urban District Councils as far as the Estimates were concerned was by reducing the amounts to be expended on County-At-Large charges. In regard to the figure given by the Local Government Auditor in his last Report in respect of the excess of Cash Assets over Liabilities, the County Manager pointed out that this figure included a number of items which were not realised. The Council anticipated receiving recoupment of the costs of Snow Clearance, but nearly £20,000 had not been recouped; a figure of £5,000 had been included in respect of Rates outstanding, the greater part of which had to be written off as irrecoverable; part of the sum provided for Health Services Grant was not recouped; and as regards Liabilities a figure of about £10,000 which had been due to St. Columille's Hospital, Loughlinstown, was not shown. Credits of £14,575 had been availed of in the Estimates for 1963/64 and £39,700 in the Estimates for 1964/65. In addition Excess Expenditure in the current year, authorised by the Council, amounted to £55,000. It would seem, therefore, that the Credit Balance at the end of the present financial year would be in the region of £110,000.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.;

Resolved—That we avail of Credits to reduce the amount of the Rate required for the coming financial year to 42/8½d. (exclusive of Separate Charges).

In reply to inquiry from Councillor J. Everett, T.D., during the later part of the 1950's when the Council had no Credit Balance Bank Interest paid had been as high as £8,000 per annum. It was necessary, therefore, for the Council to have a Credit Balance as otherwise they would have to incur heavy interest charges. The Council deceived no Rates during the period from April to June, but the costs of Services still had to be met. The County Manager pointed out that this was a period of rising costs which was bound to be reflected in the Rates and it seemed that Rates would continue to rise unfortunately.

As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

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

Resolved—That we avail of Credits to allow of the Rate for the coming year being reduced to 41/- (exclusive of Separate Charges).

As a further amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Resolved—That we avail of Credits to deduce the total Rate (exclusive of Separate Charges) to 42/- in the £.

Councillor H. J. Byrne, with the consent of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D. (seconded), withdrew his Resolution and, accordingly, the amendment in the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell, was submitted to the Meeting.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., H. J. Byrne, A. H. Hadden, H. B. Hipwell, H. W. Hopkins, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole and G. Timmins — ELEVEN.

AGAINST: Councillors E. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, J. Temple, Miss M. Walsh and J. J. McCrea—TEN.

The amendment was declared passed by eleven votes in favour to ten votes against and on being put as a substantial motion was declared passed on the same voting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

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 the Table 'D' to be Rates in the £ levied for the several Services specified in the said Estimate for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1966:—

Roads	...	...	...	...	11/2.58
Health	...	...	...	...	19/8.02
Public Assistance	...	...	...	...	1/4.74
Sanitary	...	...	...	...	3/5.93
Housing	...	...	...	...	4/7.62
General Purposes	...	...	...	...	1/7.11

SEPARATE CHARGES:

Vocational Education	...	...	...	2/3.61
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board	...	...	...	0/1.00

CRIMINAL INJURIES:

County-at-Large	...	...	...	0/0.23
Total General Rate: 42/- in £.	...	...	...

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

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, 1966, as follows:—

	Arklow	Bray	Wicklow
	£	£	£
Roads	2,283	9,717	1,833
Health	12,698	54,044	10,196
Public Assistance	900	3,832	723
General Purposes	1,253	5,335	1,006

SEPARATE CHARGES:

Vocational Education	1,413	—	1,135
Malicious Injuries	12	52	10

Passed unanimously.

The following Statement of the County Manager in regard to the Estimates had been circulated to the Members, together with the attached Table giving details of the Estimate.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Kilmantin Hill,

Wicklow.

12th February, 1965.

Estimates for Financial Year 1965/66.

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In the attached Tables details are given, under the principal Service headings, of the Estimates of Expenses and Receipts of the County Council for the year ending 31st March, 1966.

The total Expenditure for the coming year is estimated at £1,379,451, if the Outlay described as Material Expense Account and Machinery Expense Account, at the end of the General Purposes Table, be ignored. Likewise, if account be not taken of the Receipts appearing under the latter two headings, it will be found that the total Receipts come to £671,942. The net amount which would have to be provided from Rates consequently comes to £707,509. Here it should be mentioned that it was not the practice to show in the Estimates prospective Outlay and Receipts in relation to the special Account kept for the preparation of Road Materials and the similar Account kept in relation to the Machinery used by the Council for Roads and other purposes. Bringing these items into the Estimates involves, it is felt, a disturbing complication, but it has been pointed out that their inclusion possibly would be necessary to comply with the Order relating to the Accounts of Local Authorities, even though from the accounting standpoint the practice be one which should be unnecessary and likely only to cause difficulty in following Estimates which already are quite complex. The total Expenditure for which provision was made in the Estimates for the current year was £1,147,488, but it must be borne in mind that this sum was determined after substantial reductions had been made in some of the amounts originally put forward. The Receipts for the present year were estimated at £536,953 and the net amount to be found from Rates was £610,535.

The Rates in the £ for the various Council Services, which would be derived from the Estimates now submitted for your consideration, compare as follows with those for the present year:—

Service	1964/65	1965/66	Inc/Dec.
Roads	9/9.96	12/8.12	2/10.16 inc.
Health	16/4.67	18/6.75	2/2.03 inc.
Public Assistance	1/2.38	1/4.74	2.36 inc.
Sanitary	3/3.03	3/5.93	2.90 inc.
Housing	4/5.65	4/9.55	3.90 inc.
General Purposes	3/10.31	4/5.91	7.60 inc.

The Rate which would be required for the coming year, if the Estimates were accepted, would be 48/8d. This is the Rate which would be derived directly from the Expenditure and Receipts as now shown, if no credits were to be brought into account. Last year, after reducing the original Estimates by £20,256, the Council also brought in credits to the extent of £39,700, and as a result determined a Rate of 39/- for the present year. If credits of £40,177 be applied again towards the reduction of the Rate Levy for the coming year, the effect would be to reduce the requirement from 43/7.63d. to 45/5d. This would be an increase of 6/5d. over the Rate which was struck for the present year.

A rise in the Rates of 6/5d. would be a steep one, but cannot be altogether unexpected, having regard to the information already available as to the general trend of costs. As in every other year, the cost of the Health Services will again for 1965/66 show a marked rise; the increase here is 2/2d. It is due to an increase in the Outlay on the Hospital Services, together with additional requirements in respect of medicines, remuneration, improvements in the Ambulance Service, and the additional costs expected to follow from the establishment of the Council's own Mental Hospital.

The Estimates for Roads is up by 2/10d. due to the provision being made for increased cost of materials, labour and plant, whilst, in addition, special provision is included for Winter Employment Schemes, additional Employment Schemes to meet a falling-off in employment content towards the end of the financial year, and provision for improved Lighting on some main thoroughfares, and also for Snow Clearance.

Public Assistance is up by almost 2½d. as it was found that the sum allowed in the present year was not adequate. Sanitary Services show an increase of almost 3d. due to the financial requirement for new Schemes, such as Water and Sewerage, and the provision of special Cleansing Services in a number of places.

A rise of almost 4d. for Housing is due to two causes, these being the provision of £2,000 extra for Cottage Repairs and additional Loan Charges of about £1,500 to meet the large number of Grants nowadays being made to private persons improving their dwellings, or in some instances, building new houses.

In respect of General Purposes it is necessary to make provision for the preparation of the Plans required under the Planning and Development Act, which recently came into operation; some increases in remuneration have to be provided for; and the costs of Elections in the coming financial year have to be met. These items will require about a further 7½d. Last year it was necessary to provide for the cost of increases in wages and salaries, which followed an Agreement, on a national basis, for adjustments which have come to be known as the 'Ninth Round' increases. But before this National Agreement had been reached there were also outstanding—and for a considerable time in some instances—unsettled claims from the staffs of Local Authorities, who submitted that they had been left behind in the general advances in remuneration and that their conditions appeared unfavourable with those employed in Services which could be regarded as of comparable character. It will be recollected that with the urging of the Department of Local Government it had been decided that a special Arbitration Scheme would be evolved for the purpose of dealing with these claims. After lengthy negotiations between the Unions and Management, acting on behalf of the Local Authorities, an Arbitration Scheme, acceptable to all the parties involved, including the Department of Local Government, was evolved. Claims which came under this Arbitration Scheme have been at hearing over the past twelve months and Awards which would apply on a national basis have been made. Whilst the majority of the back-log of claims have now been dealt with, there is still a number to be heard. The Awards made under the Arbitration Scheme have been brought to the notice of the Council from time to time and have been accepted. They involve some increases in remuneration in respect of Medical, Nursing, Engineering, Administrative and Clerical Staffs, and the increases are reflected in the costs of the various Services.

It will be noted from the Table of Rates for Services given above that the greater part of the Rates has to be levied for Health and

Roads. The Rate for Health is almost 18/7d. and for Roads is 12/8d. Between them these two items account for 31/3d. of the total Rate.

To the General Rate of 45/5d. there would also have to be added the levy for Separate Charges, which next year will be 2/4.72 in the £, of which the greater part—2/3.49—is for Vocational Education, the balance being 0.23d. for Criminal Injuries and 1d. in respect of the Demand of the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.

ROADS

The Rate required for Roads would be 12/8d. which compares with 9/10d. in the present year—there is an increase of 2/10d.

The estimated requirement for Roads comes to £386,114 and of this it is expected that £199,850 will come from the Road Fund (Motor Taxation). The Special Grant for Main Roads shown in the Estimates is £102,700, which corresponds to the sum allocated this year. For County Road Improvements the Special Grant is £41,300. It will be recollected and this Grant was reduced in the current year from £46,400, which had been the amount previously received.

For the Maintenance and Reconstruction of Main Roads £100,951 has been included and of this one-half, or £50,475, will be recouped from the Road Fund. To meet the cost of maintenance of County Roads £85,847 has been included and no part of this is recouped from the Road Fund.

The costs under the heading of Roads show a number of variations which partly cancel one another out. For example, there are some increases under the headings of Salaries (for the reasons given earlier when referring to Arbitration Scheme Awards) and Superannuation Allowances, but there is a reduction under the heading of Loan Charges. The increase in the Estimate for the coming year is, in the first instance, due to the provision which is being made to cover the cost of increases in the price of materials, labour costs and plant costs. The County Engineer has estimated these at £16,417 for Main Roads and £15,064 for County Roads. In addition, he also has indicated that £2,000 extra will be required for white lines and new signs on Main Roads and £1,000 for similar purposes for County Roads. He mentions that in the interests of public safety it is very necessary that more white lining of roads, which assists in segregating traffic streams, should be done in areas which carry heavy traffic. It also is necessary to provide for the costs of Snow Clearance. In 1962/63 the Council had to spend over £30,000 on Snow Clearance. Whilst the Council was subject to urgings from many quarters as to the necessity for carrying out large-scale measures in Snow Clearance in that year, it is notable that when it came to the settling of the account for the work the response was rather disappointing from the Council's standpoint. Eventually the Council received a recoupment of 75 per cent. of the cost of clearing Main Roads, but obtained nothing whatever towards the cost of clearing County Roads. The result was that the Council had to meet between £14,000 and £15,000 of the cost from Rates. In the present year there were some snow-falls and frost conditions, which required clearance operations and special precautions and the cost has come to about £6,000. On all Main Roads of late material has been left on road margins, which can be spread on the road surfaces in the event of icy conditions. The Council also took special measures by way of procuring new plant which could assist in coping with heavy snow-falls. For the coming year a sum of £6,000 has been included and of this £4,500 is assigned to Main Roads and £1,500 to County Roads. A recoupment from State Grant of three-fourths of the cost of the work on Main Roads is shown under the head-

ing of Receipts.

The Council in the present year decided to provide £3,000 for Special Winter Employment Schemes. With this money it was arranged that additional employment would be given during the period around Christmas. The sum nowadays received by way of State Grant for Special Employment Schemes is very small and does not afford much employment. Moreover, it is restricted to three or four areas in the County. It was later found that in some parts of the County, particularly in the South and West, a number of Roadworkers could not be kept in employment because of the exhaustion of the funds provided for work in the districts in which they lived. Consequently the Council decided to vote additional moneys, so as to keep at work, as far as possible, those workmen who had been registered under the Council's Superannuation Scheme. Under the heading of Additional Employment Schemes it will be found that the sum of £4,350 has been included in the present Estimates.

The County Engineer feels that it is necessary to improve Lighting on some of the Main Roads in Urban Areas and £4,000 is included for this purpose. It was indicated by the Department of Local Government some time ago that recoupment to the extent of 50 per cent. of the capital cost would be given from the Road Fund towards the cost of improving Lighting on Main Roads which carry heavy traffic. It is to be noted that the recoupment is confined to one-half of the capital cost; the annual maintenance charges for the new Lighting would have to be borne by the Local Authority, and in all instances the Local Authority would be the Urban District Council. Consequently, whilst provision for the improvement of Lighting has been included in the Estimates, it will be evident that the work cannot be proceeded with unless the Urban Councils are agreeable to meet the additional cost arising from the maintenance of the new Lighting Systems — these costs could be fairly considerable in the light of the limited resources of Urban Authorities.

Additional Outlay on the Maintenance of Main Roads, which comes to £18,417 (inclusive of white lines and signs), would be met to the extent of one-half from the Road Fund. The Outlay of £4,000 on improved Lighting would also attract recoupment of one-half, and it is expected that three-fourths of the cost of Snow Clearance on Main Roads would be similarly met. This would mean that in relation to Main Roads the additional cost falling on the Rates would be £12,334. But there would be no recoupment forthcoming in respect of the increased expenditure on labour, plant and materials, for County Roads, which is estimated at £15,064. Likewise, there would be no State Assistance towards Winter Employment Schemes, additional Employment Schemes, white lines and signs, and Snow Clearance. All these items for County Roads come to £24,914 and this represents an additional cost to be met from Rates. These items consequently explain the increased Rate in the coming year which would be required.

In the present year the Council carried out many new improvements on both County and Main Roads. The Grant of £41,300 was used in the various districts for bringing County Roads up to a higher standard. The position at the present time is that of the total mileage of 908 of County Roads more than 84 per cent. have now smooth impervious tarred surfaces. The advisability of taking over further lengths of road for public maintenance is, however, open to question. The roads which the Council is asked to declare to be public roads in this way generally carry very little traffic and serve only a very small number of people. It would be expecting standards much in advance of other countries in Western Europe if Local Authorities are to be ex-

pected to provide first-class surfaces for remote roads of this character, which have scarcely any general public utility.

With Special Grants from the Road Fund the work of improving the main thoroughfares in the County was continued during the present year. At "Mount John" a complex and costly new length of road, which will avoid the existing section, with involved bends, is at present well advanced in construction. It is expected that it should be opened to traffic early in the new financial year. At the Glen O'Downs another large-scale Improvement Scheme was undertaken. Not only has it made this section much safer for very heavy traffic to be carried, but, in addition, it could be claimed that the work has been done in such a way as not to detract in the least from the high landscape value of the surroundings. Between Togher and Tinahely an Improvement Scheme to ease difficult bends in the Main Road is also in progress. On the Blessington/Dublin Road dangerous corners at Tinode will be avoided by traffic through the completion of a new length of roadway. The Road Bridge at Arklow has been widened and improved and the full new width has been open to traffic for some weeks past. The total cost of the much improved Bridge is expected to be about £60,000, of which 75 per cent. will be met by State Grant. Provision has been made in the Loan Charges in the Estimates for the balance of the capital cost. There is no doubt but that the improvements to this Bridge have very much eased the traffic approach to the town of Arklow. The improvement was very necessary in view of both industrial and tourist development in Arklow vicinity in recent years, quite apart from the fact that the Bridge is on the Main Dublin/Wexford route.

In the coming year the main emphasis on Road Improvements will be through the Schemes relating to Main Road T.7—Dublin/Bray/Arklow route. It is being arranged to reconstruct St. Valerie Bridge, near Bray, and to carry through a Scheme, which in essence means the construction of a new length of road almost from the Bray boundary to Kilmacanogue. The Bridge is expected to cost £36,000, of which three-fourths will be met from State Grant. Again provision has been made in the attached Estimates for the Loan Charges on that part of the capital cost—£9,000—which has to be met by the Council. The design of this Bridge has recently been revised so as to make it suitable for a dual carriageway. The Road Works between there and Kilmacanogue are also being arranged on the basis of adequate land being obtained to fit a dual carriageway. Having regard to the marked increase in the density of traffic in the Eastern part of the County in the past ten years or so, it has now become evident that the Council will have to think in terms of a dual carriageway for the entire length of road between Bray and Ashford or Rathnew. A Census of Traffic taken on a number of occasions in the past few years will go to show that at peak periods the ordinary two or three lane highway would not be adequate to requirements—especially if it be borne in mind that statistics show that traffic tends to double in intensity every ten years. It could be expected that in the allocation of Grants from the Road Fund (which are derived from Motor Taxation) there would be an increasing tendency to meet the needs of main routes carrying unusually heavy traffic. Having regard to the extent to which County Roads already have been improved in County Wicklow, it would not be surprising if there may be a diversion of funds from County Road Improvements to Main Road Improvements in the next few years. This alteration in policy might involve the Council in some difficulty in maintaining employment in parts of the County—especially the South and West—where there are no routes carrying special heavy traffic. One way in which this difficulty might be overcome would be through

the carrying out of small-scale Sanitation Schemes by direct labour, such as, e.g., extensions to Water Supply and Sewerage Services. The Council, however, is experiencing difficulty in procuring technical staff to help in the design of this latter type of Scheme.

HEALTH SERVICES

As mentioned earlier the Outlay on the Health Services once again shows a steep rise, the additional Rate which will be required being 2/2d.

Including Mental Hospitals, the total Outlay on the Health Services comes to £627,797. After taking into account miscellaneous Receipts of £26,850 and the State Health Grant of £296,673, the net amount to be found from Rates is £304,274. The total Rate required for the Health Services is 18/6.75.

General Medical Services.

The Services included under this heading are those rendered by the District Medical Officers, through the Dispensaries and in the homes of patients who are included in the General Medical Register and are eligible for all Health Services free of charge. The total cost is estimated at £59,100, which is an increase of about £12,000 on the Outlay in the present year. This includes provision for revision of salaries of the District Medical Officers, as a result of an Arbitration Award which has just been notified, and there is a marked rise in the cost of medicines—from £13,000 to £16,500. An examination of the position shows that in four Dispensary Districts the cost of medicines is appreciably higher than the average per patient in other Dispensary Districts. The rise in cost of drugs is a notable feature of the Health Services, both in this country and elsewhere, and has attracted much attention of late. An increasing number of applications are being received from persons who are not on the General Medical Register asking that they be assisted in meeting the cost of drugs which have been prescribed for regular use by them.

As pointed out at a number of Meetings of the Council, the proportion of the population registered for free services is higher in County Wicklow than the general average. It is found that whereas the national average is 29 per cent. in County Wicklow, 36 per cent. of the population is registered.

County Institutions.

There is an increase of about £1,500 in the Outlay on the District Hospital, Wicklow, and almost £2,000 in the case of the District Hospital, Baltinglass, whilst the costs for St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, which is mainly used as a Home for Aged Persons, are up by over £6,000. The increases are due to revisions of remuneration following Arbitration Awards and also to the provision being made for painting and other upkeep in the Wicklow and Baltinglass Hospitals, together with essential repairs in St. Colman's Hospital. In the latter Institution the diet was revised in the present year and this change will involve additional Outlay. In the Loan Charges provision of £500 is included to meet initial charges for proposed new Unit at St. Colman's Hospital. The necessary provision for Mental Treatment will be found to appear under two headings, viz., provision of £75,500 for Newcastle Mental Hospital and £76,600 for Dublin Health Authority Hospitals (Mental). It is hoped that the Council will be in a position to open Newcastle Mental Hospital by the 1st July next and during the course of the year be able to accept for treatment thereabout 200 patients. It will be necessary to continue to afford treatment to County Wicklow patients in the Mental Hospitals of the Dublin Health Authority during

the coming year. The number in these Hospitals at the present time is found to be 360, which is an increase of about 30 over the average for the past few years. Health Grant recoupment will be available towards the Outlay in both instances.

Extern Institutions.

When the Estimates were under consideration last year reductions of £10,000 were made in the sums included for treatment in Extern Hospitals. It is felt, however, that it will be found that the expenditure in the current year will be much in excess of the amounts allowed in the Estimates. For the coming year General Hospitals are expected to cost £127,500 as compared with an allowance in the current year of £110,750. This provision covers the cost of treatment in Voluntary Hospitals in the Dublin area and also in St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown. There has been a notable rise in the number of patients being sent to these hospitals, as is shown by the following figures:—

Year	Number of Admissions	Number of in-Patient Days
1962/63	2,657	59,514
1963/64	2,919	64,190
1964/65 (Estimated)	3,400	67,000

The Estimate for the present year (1964/65) is based on the actual experience in the three Quarters ended 31st December, 1964.

It is necessary also to make additional provision for treatment in Maternity Hospitals and the amount included is £24,850 as compared with £17,850 for the present year. Again there has been a marked increase in the number of admissions to Maternity Hospitals in Dublin, as is evident from the following details:—

Year	Number of Admissions	Number of in-Patient Days
1962/63	749	6,907
1963/64	751	8,197
1964/65	988	9,970

It seems that in the present year there was a tendency to send maternity cases to Dublin Hospitals rather than use fully the accommodation available in Baltinglass Hospital. It would be pointless to maintain special facilities, involving considerable costs on staffing and overheads, at Baltinglass, if the accommodation there is to be by-passed and Dublin Hospitals be used instead. It is not clear that some of the cases sent to Dublin could not have been accommodated in Baltinglass Hospital.

The provision for hospital treatment of Tuberculosis at £13,500 shows a reduction of £1,000. The number of cases at present undergoing hospital treatment is 24.

An additional £1,500, it is estimated, will be required for Fever Hospitals, whilst Special Institutions for Mental Defectives, Deaf and Dumb, etc., will require a further £3,000. There has been a rise in the number of cases being admitted to the latter type of Institution and also an increase in charges during the present year.

The total cost of treatment in the Extern Hospitals, aside from mental treatment, is estimated at £187,850.

Maternity and Child Health Services.

The cost of these Services, which give medical care and hospital treatment for mothers and children, at £27,910, shows an increase of £3,500.

Tuberculosis and Other Infectious Diseases.

Here the cost is £12,275 as compared with £11,530 in the present year. The increase is mainly accounted for by special provision being made for an Oral Poliomyelitis Vaccination Scheme.
Dental, Ophthalmic and Aural Services.

At £7,778 the Outlay is almost the same as in the present year. Arrangements are being made to appoint an additional Dentist at an early date. This will enable the Council to concentrate more on dental treatment for schoolchildren.

Specialist Services.

The cost here is up by about £1,200 and £3,050 will be required for the coming year. In this sector provision is made for Specialist Services in the large Voluntary Hospitals in Dublin. An increasing number of patients have availed of this facility.

Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Disabled Persons.

The number of persons to whom Disability Allowances are being paid is rising every year. At present it is 271 and the cost for the coming year is estimated at £22,000. The General Allowance was increased during the course of the present year and, as already mentioned, the number of recipients continues to rise. As often mentioned previously there is no doubt but that the payment of these Allowances helps to keep persons out of Institutions where their maintenance would be much more costly.

Ambulance Services and Transport of Patients.

At £13,250 there is here an increase of about £3,700. The admission of a greater number of patients to Hospitals is bound to have an effect on Ambulance and Transport costs. In addition provision is being made for the purchase of two new Ambulances during the coming year. Some time ago the Council also reviewed the Conditions of Service of the Drivers and arranged to provide special facilities in connection with accident cases.

Fluoridation of Water Supplies.

In the present year the Council will be spending about £500 on this Service. The Water Supplies at present being treated are those at Enniskerry, Cronroe and Arklow. In addition the Council has to contribute towards the cost of fluoridation of the Vartry Supply, which serves North East Wicklow. The estimated cost for the coming year is £1,000.

Contributions to Societies.

In order to maintain the District Nursing Associations which are Voluntary Organisations providing valuable services, it is proposed in the coming year to increase the Subsidies to them. The Council already in the present year has increased these Subsidies, but in view of rising costs of operation it will be necessary to do so again in the coming year and £600 has been included for this purpose.

General Administration.

There is a rise here of about £1,100, which is mainly accounted for by the revision of postage and telephone charges, which will involve the Council in additional Outlay. This is to be expected as the Council pays, for example, a large number of Allowances every week by post.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Last year the sum originally included in the Estimates for Public Assistance was £23,746, but when the Rate was being determined it was agreed to reduce it to £20,746. The experience of the year, however, showed that the original sum would have been required and the Estimate for the coming year is somewhat similar at £24,150.

SANITARY SERVICES

The gross amount required for Sanitary Services is £54,875, an increase of about £3,700 over the present year. The Receipts are estimated at £11,265 and the net requirement is £43,610. The Rate required would be 3/6d. approximately, which is 3d. higher than that for the present year.

Water Supplies and Sewerage.

In the present year a number of Water and Sewerage Schemes were carried out. Water was installed in Council houses at Boghall, Bray, and a Scheme for installing both Water and Sewerage in 62 houses at Rathnew will shortly be completed. A lengthy extension of the Water Supply along the Glenealy/Ashford Road was carried out and the watermain serving Monastery, Enniskerry, was re-laid, so as to afford a better supply. Assistance was given also in connection with a number of Group Schemes. In the coming year it is proposed to construct an extension of the Water Supply from Kilcoole to Knockroe and from Killadreenan to Newcastle village and Tiglin. Similar Schemes for extending existing Water Supplies to serve dwellings outside towns and villages will be carried out in a number of other areas.

As to large-scale Schemes, progress was made with the design of the Regional Scheme for the Southern part of the County. It is hoped to carry out major improvements to the Blessington Water Supply in the coming year—it recently was advertised for Contract. It is expected also to advertise the Laragh/Annemoe Scheme at a fairly early date. For some time past it has been quite evident that there would be difficulty in meeting the Water Supply needs in East Wicklow, especially wherever new development is carried out. Dublin Corporation has indicated to the Council that they cannot afford to give unlimited supplies of water from the Vartry Scheme in County Wicklow, to meet the demands of new development. Consequently the position has been under review for the purpose of determining the requirements over the next ten or fifteen years and endeavouring to settle how they might best be met through a new type of Regional Scheme which would have to be undertaken.

It was hoped that the Council would be able to carry out some extensions of Water and Sewerage as Direct Labour Schemes, but we have been handicapped by the difficulty of finding Engineers who would prepare the necessary Plans and Designs. For some time past it has not been possible to recruit even one Engineer for this type of work.

As a result of the new Schemes being undertaken, both Loan Charges and Maintenance Costs for Water Supplies and Sewerage Schemes, will show increases in the coming year. In particular it should be mentioned that the payment to Dublin Corporation for water from the Vartry System will be up by about £1,700 because of the increase in consumption following extensions of Services.

Domestic Scavenging and Dumping Grounds.

The Estimate for Domestic Scavenging is almost £5,000. At present quite a number of towns and villages are being provided with this type of Service. The amount now included in the Estimates is intended

to meet the cost of new Services at Avondale Park, Ballywaikim and Boghall, in the Bray area. One of the difficulties in providing this type of Service is the finding of suitable sites for Dumping Grounds. It seems that nobody likes to have a Dumping Ground sited near them and consequently the Council cannot readily procure sites.

HOUSING

The cost of Housing at £138,374 shows a rise of £6,000. Receipts are estimated at £78,525. The net cost comes to £59,849, which would require a Rate of 4/9.55d.—a rise of about 4d. over the present year.

Repairs.

For this purpose £14,240 is included and this is an increase of £2,000 over the amount allowed in the present year. It must be borne in mind that of this sum over £2,000 will be absorbed in Loan Charges—to repay a Loan of £20,000 borrowed for Repairs in 1955. The Loan will be cleared off in the coming year. It is felt that this additional provision must be made for Repairs if the Programme of Vesting Cottages is to be followed with any degree of satisfaction. In addition to Repairs it will be necessary to meet the cost of the Mapping of Plots and this is estimated at about £800; it has been the practice in the past year or two to engage Temporary Engineering Staff for this purpose. At present the number of cottages vested is 1,879 out of a total of 3,317 Council houses. It is felt that it will be accepted that this shows that the Vesting Programme is making fair progress, especially when it is borne in mind that very few cottages were vested up to about ten years ago.

New Housing Schemes.

At present new houses are being built at Carnew, Laragh and Blessington, and provision is included for the Loan Charges arising from these Schemes. A small number of isolated cottages were completed in the past year. In the coming year it is hoped to proceed with a further thirty houses or so on sites at Aughrim, Grattan Park, Greystones, and Killoe, and, in addition, to build a small number of rural houses on isolated sites.

Housing Grants for Private Dwellings.

The number of Grants to assist the improvement of private dwellings and the building of new houses continues to increase. So far 1,673 Grants have been allocated, involving a total Outlay of £143. Of these Grants 1,549 have actually been paid. There is no doubt but that a considerable contribution to an improvement in housing conditions has been made through the provision of these Grants. The Loan Charges arising from Housing Grants are estimated at £11,063 for 1965/66, which is £1,500 more than the requirement for the current year.

Loans for Private Dwellings.

It should be explained that the term "Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts" is no longer in use and the amount of £6,700 included in the Estimate represents the Loan Charges to be met by the Council in respect of advances to borrowers under these Acts, which recently have been replaced by the description "Housing (Loans and Grants) Acts." These Loan Charges do not involve any cost to the Rates as the Loans are re-paid in full by the borrowers.

GENERAL PURPOSES

For General Purposes, which includes a large number of items, such as Scholarships, Demand of the Committee of Agriculture, Public Libraries, Fire Brigades, Blind Welfare, Electoral Lists, Elections, Coroners and Inquests, Reformatory Schools, Weights and Measure, Conveyance of Prisoners, Diseases of Animals, and Courthouses, the net charges, after deducting Receipts, are: Chargeable to County-at-Large (including Urban Districts)—£31,822; Chargeable to County Health District—£71,299. The corresponding charges in the current year's Estimates were £26,090 and £67,774.

Last year £39,700 was brought in from credits to reduce the Levy for General Purposes from 7/0.59 to 3/10.31. For the coming year a credit of £39,461 is being availed of and this reduces the Levy which would otherwise be 7/7.85 to 4/5.91. As compared with the Rate for the present year for General Purposes the new Rate would show an increase of 7.6d.

Elections.

As Elections will be held in the coming year it is necessary to provide £3,000 to meet the cost of them. This is an item of expense which only recurs every five years.

Fire Brigades.

It is necessary to make provision for a new Fire Station at Arklow and, in addition, for increases in the remuneration of personnel. The additional cost involved is £1,200. The total cost of the Fire Brigade Service for the County is £17,717. A proportionate part of this, relative to the respective valuations, is recovered from the three Urban District Councils.

Scholarships.

Whilst the Outlay on Secondary School and University Scholarships is higher by £1,300, it is offset to the extent of £900 by increased State Grants. The total Expenditure on Scholarships in the coming year will be £10,685. At present there are 128 Secondary Scholarship holders and 15 University Scholarship holders.

Interest Charges.

In the coming year an amount of £1,500 is included for Interest on Overdraft. This sum is required because of the absorption of credit balances in reducing Rate Levies. This means that during part of the year the Council has to have recourse to Overdraft to meet their Expenditure.

Planning and Development.

The planning and Development Act, 1963, came into force as from the 1st October, 1964, and the Council is obliged to prepare a Development Plan within three years from the latter date. In addition it is necessary to take decisions on the many applications for permission for development of various types, which are being continuously received. The obligation to prepare a Plan and to take decisions requires the services of a skilled staff, and it was recommended some time ago that these be recruited. It is expected that in a full year the costs associated with Planning and Development, including staff and other Outlay, would reach at least £8,000. The Council some time ago decided to defer a decision on recruitment until information was available as to the measure of State Subsidy towards the costs of Planning which would be forthcoming. The Council's views were conveyed to

the Department of Local Government, but thus far no information as to Subsidy has been received. It was the view of the Council that the greater part of the costs of Planning should be met from State Funds, seeing that Physical Planning was so closely associated with economic development, and it was felt that a Roads Communication System would be such an integral part of Planning that help towards costs should be found from the Road Fund, which is fed from Motor Taxation. Having regard to the views expressed by the Council in this matter it was decided, in preparing the Estimates, to include a provisional State Grant of £6,000 against the Outlay of £8,000, leaving the net cost from Rates at £2,000.

SEPARATE CHARGES

Vocational Education Committee.

The cost of Vocational Education is defrayed by means of a Separate Charge on the County, exclusive of Bray Urban District; Bray Urban Council operates its own Service. In the coming year the gross cost of Vocational Education is estimated at £35,925, and after deducting Receipts of £6,053, the net cost is £29,872. The Outlay to be met from Rates shows an increase of £4,568 and the Rate Levy at 2/3.49 will be up by 4.74d.

Malicious Injuries.

On the basis of the information as to Decrees, which at present is available, the amount required to be levied for Criminal Injuries is £311 and this will be leviable over the County-At-Large.

Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.

The charge in respect of the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board is levied on Rathdrum Rural District and Wicklow Urban District. The amount required in the coming year is £487.

The Trend of the Rate.

It is inevitable in existing circumstances that the Rate put forward for next year will show a rise on that of the present year. From the details which have been given the causes of this rise will be evident. Briefly the Services which are responsible for the major part of the additional costs are Health and Roads. The greater part of the rise in the cost of the Health Services is due to Hospitals. As pointed out earlier in this statement, it is notable that each year a greater number of persons are being sent to hospital for treatment. Here alone in this single sector of the Health Services there is ample evidence of the extent to which they are being availed of nowadays—a falling-off in the incidence of disease and in mortality rates has been a feature of the past decade or so—but decreased mortality and longer life expectation require the use of Hospitals, expensive drugs, and preventive measures, such as, e.g., various Schemes of Vaccination, operated nowadays by the Council. It is the practice frequently to say that value is not being got for the Outlay on Health Services, but when it is remembered that over 36 per cent. of the population of the County obtain all Services free of charge and that a great number of the remainder are treated in Hospital without any charge being made, it seems that there is rather strong evidence to the contrary. In the Table included earlier in this statement it was shown that there were over 2,900 patients admitted to Voluntary General Hospitals (mainly in Dublin City) in the year 1963/64, and the number is expected, based on present experience, to reach probably 3,400 in the present year. In addition, it is expected that probably up to 1,000 maternity cases will be admitted to Dublin Hospitals in the present year; the

number admitted last year was not far short of 800. Last year 172 patients were treated in Fever Hospitals, and in Special Homes, such as those for Mental Defectives, etc., the number of patients at present is 58. These figures do not, however, include admissions to the Council's own Institutions, or the numbers being permanently maintained in them. In the year 1963/64 there were 1,180 admissions to Baltinglass Hospital, even though this shows quite a large falling-off compared with the year 1961/62 when the number was almost 1,400. Reference already has been made to the desirability of using to the full the facilities available in Baltinglass Hospital, which was specially enlarged and improved about twelve years ago. The number of admissions to Wicklow Hospital in the year 1964 was 552. In St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, which is mainly a Home for Aged and Infirm People, the average number of persons being maintained ran from 170 to 180. These figures, it is submitted, will serve to show the extent to which the Health Services are meeting the needs of the community. It should be stressed, moreover, that only a very small number out of the foregoing cases contributed towards the cost of treatment, and even then the proportion of the costs so met was quite small.

It has been submitted by the County Engineer that if he is to maintain Roads to the required standard the funds provided for them must take account of increasing costs, due to alterations in the prices of materials and labour costs. He has stressed, moreover, that in recent times the Council has been gradually improving County Roads until the Council now have reached the position that 84 per cent. of these Roads have smooth, tarred surfaces. This is a very high proportion and compares favourably with most other Counties. But when County Roads are so improved it would be necessary to continue to maintain them to a much higher standard than previously obtained and this will involve extra costs. To ensure that continuous employment can be afforded to Council workers, as far as possible, especially those who are registered under the Council's Superannuation Scheme, it is necessary to provide extra funds for that part of the year when some types of Road Works, such as tarring, cannot be carried out, due to weather conditions. For some years past the Council and its staff have been endeavouring to spread the work more evenly over the year so as to avoid peak and valley periods in employment. Whilst this has been achieved to a considerable extent, it still happens, however, that in the last Quarter of the year the same volume of employment as at other periods cannot be afforded unless Special Works, apart from ordinary Maintenance, be undertaken, and this would require extra funds. The Estimates now before you also include provision for such items as improved Lighting and more white lines and signs, in the interest of public safety. All this involves, as pointed out earlier, an increase of 2/10d. in the Rate for Roads.

In the case of Sanitary Services, new Schemes such as those for bringing Water and Sewerage to a greater number of dwellings, must necessarily involve additional costs. But the advent of Amenities, such as a laid-on Water Supply or Sewerage, adds greatly to living standards. For the past few years the Council has been providing a Household Refuse Collection Service in many areas. If this type of Service be demanded, then the public cannot expect to have it provided without the incurring of new costs, which would be reflected in the Rates.

The number of houses which have been reconstructed, repaired, improved, or have been newly built, with the aid of Grants from the Council now reaches a high figure—as pointed out when commenting on Housing, it now comes to 1,669. The Grants paid range from £60 for installation of Water and Sewerage in private houses, to £140 for

Repairs and Reconstruction, and up to £450 where new houses are built by persons with limited incomes or low valuations.

The number of Scholarships being provided by the Council has been increasing each year; the Fire Service is being brought up to a higher standard continuously; and large-scale and minor Schemes for the Supply of Water are being undertaken every year—all these progressive works would be bound to be reflected in the Levy of Local Rates, especially when they are being undertaken against a background of rising prices.

The evidence of a general improvement in living standards is to be seen by anybody who may wish to seek it and the impact of Rates must be judged in relation to the level of incomes. If Rates be viewed in this light then it will be found that they have not advanced in excess of income levels. The Rates on agricultural land have been relieved to a marked extent by successive increases in the Agricultural Grant. Last year, when submitting the Estimates, it was shown that Rates levied on agricultural land in many instances were less in 1963/64 than they were in 1955/56. In order that helpful comparisons again may be made an example is being taken of the Rates in the present year on a valuation of £53 10s. 0d. when Rates were 39/- in the £, as compared with the Levy in 1955/56 when the Rate in the £ was 32/-. In this instance the effect of the Agricultural Grant has been to reduce the Rates payable from £49 6s. 9d. in 1955/56 to £39 9s. 0d. in 1964/65. In fact the Rates payable in 1964/65 on this holding were the same as in 1953/54.

The data required for the Estimates has been carefully compiled by the Council's staff and mention must be made of their application, especially the County Secretary, in the administration of Services which nowadays require attention and application of unusual quality. The Estimates Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday, 22nd February, 1965, and any further information required in connection with them will then be supplied.

Once again in presenting the Estimate, 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 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, 1966

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	100,951	92,534	85,847	79,033
Winter Employment Schemes			3,000	3,000
Additional Employment Schemes			4,350	
Lighting Improvements	4,000			
Snow Clearance	4,500		1,500	
Loan Charges	3,242	3,242	1,341	1,341
Contingencies	500	500	500	500
Special Grant Works:				
Road Fund	102,700	102,700	41,300	41,300
Other Purposes:				
Salaries, etc., of Co. Engineer and Assistants	5,159	5,159	7,099	7,099
Travelling Expenses of Co. Engineer and Assistants	950	950	1,800	1,800
Salaries—Clerical Staff—Co. Engineer's Office			3,550	3,550
Superannuation Allowances and Gratuities—Officers	1,568	1,568	635	635
do. —Servants	4,298	4,298	3,924	3,924
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	150	150	650	650
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
	£228,618	£211,701	£157,496	£144,832

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	50,475	46,267		
do. Lighting Improvements	2,000			
do. Snow Clearance	3,375			
do. Special Grant	102,700	102,700	41,300	41,300
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 Assist. Engineers chargeable to Health, Housing and Sanitary Services	3,054	3,054	4,450	4,450
Refund of Road Fund Bonus	140	140	200	200
Weighbridge Receipts	200	200		
Railway Overbridges	75	75		
Superannuation Contributions	1,100	1,100	1,950	1,950
	£163,319	£153,736	£49,000	£49,000

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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	35,350	35,350
Fees for professional assistance	50	50
Medicines	16,500	16,500
Medical and surgical appliances	2,000	2,000
Dispensary, Clinic or Health Centre Expenses	3,250	3,250
Insurances, etc.	450	450
Loan Charges	1,500	1,500
	(£59,100)	(£59,100)
INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES:		
District Hospital, Wicklow	18,708	18,708
District Hospital, Baltinglass	30,658	30,658
Home for Aged and Infirm—St. Colman's, Rathdrum	46,365	46,365
	(£95,731)	(£95,731)
Extern Institutions:		
General Hospitals	127,500	157,500
Maternity Hospitals	24,850	31,100
Tuberculosis	13,500	13,500
Fever Hospitals	6,500	6,500
Homes for mental defectives, deaf and dumb, etc.	13,500	13,500
Homes for other persons	2,000	2,000
	(£187,850)	(£224,100)
MENTAL HOSPITALS:		
Mental Hospital, Newcastle	75,500	75,500
Dublin Health Authority Hospitals (Mental)	76,600	76,600
	(£152,100)	(£152,100)
MATERNITY & CHILD HEALTH SERVICES:		
Medical Care for Mothers and Infants:		
Fees to medical practitioners	7,000	7,000
Fees for professional assistance	50	50
Midwifery and nursing services	7,008	7,008
Obstetrical requisites	1,352	1,352
Milk for Mothers and Children	3,500	3,500
Maternity Cash Grants	2,500	2,500
Child Welfare Service	1,900	1,900
School Health Service	4,600	4,600
	(£27,910)	(£27,910)
Carried fwd.	£522,691	£558,941

HEALTH—(Contd.)	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Purpose of Expenditure:		
B/fwd.	£	£
TUBERCULOSIS AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES:	522,691	558,941
Tuberculosis:		
Salaries	4,300	4,300
Dispensary, clinic or health centre expenses	1,000	1,000
Domiciliary Welfare Service:		
Food, clothing, bedding	500	500
Mass Radiography Service	1,500	1,500
B.C.G. Service	1,350	1,350
Provision of extra rooms (Chalets)	25	25
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 clothing and bedding (inc. Poliomyelitis Vaccination)	1,300	1,300
Notification and prevention of disease	150	150
Maintenance allowances to persons suffering from infectious diseases	1,800	1,800
	(£12,275)	(£12,275)
DENTAL, OPHTHALMIC AND AURAL SERVICES:		
Salaries and travelling expenses	4,428	4,428
Fees for professional services	1,550	1,550
Dental, optical and aural appliances	1,350	1,350
Extern Institutions—Out Patients services	100	100
Furniture and equipment	250	250
Clinic or Health Centre expenses	100	100
	£(7,778)	£(7,778)
SPECIALIST SERVICES:		
Salaries and Fees	50	50
Dispensary, Clinic or Health Centre expenses	7,000	7,000
Other Expenses:		
Analysis of Specimens	(£8,050)	1,000
	1,000	(£8,050)
REHABILITATION & MAINTENANCE OF DISABLED PERSONS		
Cash Grants and other expenses	22,000	22,000
	(£22,000)	(£22,000)
Carried fwd.	£572,794	£609,044

HEALTH—(Contd.)	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Purpose of Expenditure:		
B/fwd.	£	£
BOARDING OUT, Etc., OF CHILDREN:	572,794	609,044
Maintenance, clothing and education	6,961	6,961
Approved Schools	820	820
	(£7,781)	(£7,781)
AMBULANCE SERVICES AND TRANSPORT OF PATIENTS:	13,250	13,250
	(£13,250)	(£13,250)
SUPERVISION OF FOOD AND DRINK	3,300	3,300
	(£3,300)	(£3,300)
FLUORIDATION OF WATER SUPPLIES	1,000	1,000
	(£1,000)	(£1,000)
CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIETIES: (Dist. Nursing Associations)	2,477	2,477
	(£2,477)	(£2,477)
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:		
Salaries—Co. Medical Officer and Staff	5,291	5,291
do. General Office Staff	6,040	6,040
Travelling Expenses	675	675
Stationery, Printing & Advertising	1,450	1,450
Postage and telephone charges	2,200	2,200
Other Expenses—Heating, lighting, etc.	708	708
Insurances	100	100
	(£16,464)	(£16,464)
ASSESSMENT—NURSES ACT, 1950	30	30
	(£30)	(£30)
RETIRING ALLOWANCES AND GRATUITIES	7,885	7,885
	(£7,885)	(£7,885)
OTHER EXPENSES:		
Fees and travelling expenses:		
Mental Treatment Act	200	200
Proportion of salaries of Engineers, Law Agent and Analyst	2,116	2,116
LOAN CHARGES	500	500
	(£2,816)	(£2,816)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	£627,797	£664,047

HEALTH:	In which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Nature of Income:	£	£
Government Grants—Health Grant	296,673	314,798
Contributions from patients for Institutional Services:		
Council Institutions	10,750	10,750
Extern Institutions	1,700	1,700
Mental Hospital	3,000	3,000
Other Receipts:		
Hire of Ambulances	600	600
Sale of Farm Produce	1,500	1,500
Sale of offal and old stores	50	50
Rents and Insurance refunds, etc.	350	350
Officers' emoluments	5,600	5,600
Contributions to Superannuation	2,600	2,600
Miscellaneous	700	700
	£323,523	£341,648

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Purpose of Expenditure:	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Home Assistance	11,100	11,100
Footwear Scheme	1,550	1,550
Cost of Burials	450	450
Registration Expenses	550	550
Salaries	8,300	8,300
Retiring Allowances	500	500
Fuel Schemes and other Expenses	1,700	1,700
TOTAL:	£24,150	£24,150

Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Government Grant—Footwear Scheme	775	775
Other Receipts:		
Repayments of Home Assistance	100	100
Repayments of Burial Expenses	10	10
Refund of Fees	300	300
Superannuation Contributions	105	105
TOTAL:	£1,290	£1,290

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SANITARY

Purpose of Expenditure:	From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Salaries—Office Staff	1,730	1,730
Caretakers:		
Water & Sewerage Schemes,		
Dumping Grounds and Sanitary Conveniences	3,456	3,456
Burial Grounds	1,245	1,245
Engineering Staff — proportion of salaries and travelling expenses	3,104	3,104
Shops Acts—Inspectors	10	10
Analyst—proportion of salary	75	75
Superannuation	200	200
Water Supplies, Sewerage Schemes & Public Sanitary Conveniences—Repairs and Maintenance	9,200	9,200
Dumping Grounds — Repairs and maintenance	1,960	1,960
Burial Grounds do.	2,600	2,600
Domestic Scavenging	4,954	4,954
Public Lighting	4,200	4,200
Maintenance of Open Spaces	750	750
Clearance of Derelict Sites	600	600
Loan Charges:		
Water, Sewerage Schemes and Burial Grounds	20,291	20,291
Contribution to Water Safety	50	50
Other Expenses	450	450
	£54,875	£54,875

Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
State Grants—Contributions to Loan Charges	6,535	6,535
do. Derelict Sites	300	300
Water Undertakings	3,100	3,100
Burial Fees	730	730
Miscellaneous	400	400
Contributions to Superannuation	200	200
	£11,265	£11,265

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HOUSING

Purpose of Expenditure:	From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Salaries	3,055	3,055
Retiring Allowances	250	250
Superannuation—Employees	100	100
Remuneration of Engineers and Law Agent (portion)	5,957	5,957
Rent Collectors' Poundage	6,020	6,020
Repairs to Council Houses	14,240	12,240
Construction of Council Houses— Loan Charges	71,744	71,744
Insurances	1,400	1,400
Rates on Council Houses	16,500	16,500
Other Council Housing Expenses	305	305
Printing, Stationery & Advertising, etc.	500	500
Housing (Loans and Grants) Acts —Loan Charges	6,700	6,700
Loan Charges:		
Housing Grants for Private Dwellings	11,603	11,603
TOTAL FOR HOUSING CHARGES	£138,374	£136,374

HOUSING

Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Labourers' Acts:		
Rents of Council Houses	41,525	41,525
Housing Subsidy—State	30,000	30,000
Other Receipts	150	150
Housing (Loans and Grants) Acts— Loan Repayments	6,700	6,700
Contributions under Local Govern- ment (Superannuation) Act	150	150
TOTAL FOR HOUSING RECEIPTS:	£78,525	£78,525

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Explanatory Table of the Estimates for Financial Year
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GENERAL PURPOSES

Purpose of Expenditure:	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Money Supplied to County Committee of Agriculture			12,341	12,341
Public Libraries			7,100	7,100
Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963			8,000	2,000
Tourist Development	500	500		
Scholarships: Secondary	7,140	7,140		
University	3,545	3,545		
Public Works—Local Author- ities (Works) Act—Drainage Scheme			5,000	5,000
Other Purposes:				
Salaries and Travelling Ex- penses	7,001	7,001	11,961	11,961
Cost of Rate Collection— Commission & Assessment			15,930	15,930
Cost of Rate Collection— Superannuation			2,120	2,120
Irrecoverable Rates, Discounts and Remissions			1,200	1,200
Tramway Employees' Pensions			290	290
Pensions: Late Union Officers, Co. Officers and Servants	302	302		
Franchise & Jurors' Lists	1,036	1,036	2,343	2,343
Valuation	2,700	2,700		
Legal Expenses	175	175		
Coroners & Inquests			200	200
Postage & Telephones	500	500		
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	650	650	1,150	1,150
Elections	100	100	1,150	1,150
Assessments:	3,000	3,000		
(i) Local Authorities (Officers & Employees) Act			445	445
(ii) Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act			328	328
Carried fwd.	£27,422	£27,422	£68,785	£62,785

GEN. PURPOSES—(Contd.)

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
B/fwd.	£ 27,422	£ 27,422	£ 68,785	£ 62,785
Fire Brigades			17,717	17,717
Drainage of Land	100	100		
Reformatories and Industrial Schools	1,600	1,600		
Conveyance of Prisoners	100	100		
Weights & Measures	635	635		
Food and Drugs	120	120		
County Analyst	300	300		
Seeds & Fertilisers Supply Schemes	2,000	2,000		
Milk & Dairies and Slaughter of Animals Acts			850	850
Road Fund Expenses	5,197	5,197		
Blind Persons Acts	1,160	1,160		
Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Expenses	300	300		
Civil Defence	7,505	7,505		
Diseases of Animals: Veterinary Inspectors	1,085	1,085		
Sheep Dipping Scheme	2,054	2,054		
Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	1,000	1,000		
Courthouse and Offices: Repairs and Renewals	700	700	700	700
Rents and Expenses	600	600	750	750
Courtkeepers and Office Attendants	257	257	835	835
Loan Charges	596	596	886	886
Expenses of Pounds Audit Fees			75	75
Travelling Expenses: County Councillors	1,860	1,860	550	550
Harbour Guarantees	332	332		
Interest on Overdraft: General Account			1,500	1,500
Miscellaneous	70	70	500	500
	54,993	54,993	93,148	87,148
Materials Expenses	25,000	25,000		
Machinery Expenses	85,000	85,000		
	£184,993	£164,993	£93,148	£87,148

GEN. PURPOSES—(Contd.)

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
Grants—Local Authorities (Works) Act — Drainage Schemes	£	£	£	£
State Grant—Planning and Development Act, 1963			5,000	5,000
State Grant—Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) (Amendment) Act, 1961			6,000	—
Contribution to Retiring Allowances	5,897	5,897		
Licence Fees: Poison	300	300		
Cinematograph	6	6		
Fines under Food & Drugs Acts	50	50	7	7
Public Libraries			233	233
Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme:				
Repayments	2,000	2,000		
Recoupments: Franchise and Jurors' Expenses	1,350	1,350		
Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Expenses	300	300		
Civil Defence—State Grant	5,087	5,087		
Fire Brigades—Contributions by Urban District Councils			4,517	4,517
Diseases of Animals: Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	1,000	1,000		
Milk and Dairies Acts—Contributions from Urban District Councils			97	97
Motor Reg Recoupment	5,197	5,197		
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			4,722	4,722
Rents from County Property	140	140	120	120
Contribution to Harbour Guarantees	94	94		
Contributions to Superannuation	1,500	1,500	800	800
Miscellaneous	100	100	300	300
	£23,171	£23,171	£21,849	£15,849
Materials Expenses	25,000	25,000		
Machinery Expenses	85,000	85,000		
	£133,171	£133,171	£21,849	£15,849

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ending 31st March, 1966.

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	24,818	24,818		
Repayment of Loans	9,249	9,249		
Retiring Allowances	1,858	1,858		
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board			487	317
Criminal Injuries: County-at-Large	311	311		
TOTAL FOR SEPARATE CHARGES:	£36,236	£36,236	£487	£317

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	4,624	4,624		
Recoupment proportion of Pensions	929	929		
Superannuation contributions	500	500		
	£6,053	£6,053		

CALCULATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND FOR COUNTY CHARGES

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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 ..	211,701	144,832	153,736	49,000	57,965	95,832	2,283	9,717	1,833	139,964			139,964	11/2 58
HEALTH ..	664,047		341,648		322,399		12,698	54,044	10,196	245,461			245,461	19/8-02
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	24,150		1,290		22,860		900	3,832	723	17,405			17,405	1/4-74
SANITARY ..		54,875		11,265		43,610				43,610			43,610	3/5-93
HOUSING ..		136,374		78,525		57,849				57,849			57,849	4/7-62
GENERAL PURPOSES	164,993	87,148	133,171	15,849	31,822	71,299	1,253	5,335	1,006	95,527	75,656		19,871	1/7-11
	£1,064,891	£423,229	£629,845	£154,639	£435,046	£268,590	17,134	£72,928	£13,758	£599,816	£75,656		£524,160	42/-

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 £249,639 . 11 . 4.

Following the termination of the Estimates Meeting, a Meeting of the Council to deal with Housing matters was held.

AGENDA:

1. To receive Mr. H. Naylor, Manager, Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation.
2. Applications for Loans for Erection of New Houses at (1) Kil-murray, Kilmacanogue; (2) Sea Road, Kilcoole; and (3) Blessington; and for increase in Loan for House at Manor Kilbride.
3. Application for Loan for Purchase of Existing House at Rathdrum.
4. Application for Supplementary Grant for Reconstruction of House at Graigue, Kiltegan.
5. Application for consent to sale of Vested Cottage at Moanvawn, Dunlavin.
6. Aughrim Housing Scheme—Report of County Engineer on tenders received.
7. Housing site at Kilgarron, Enniskerry—Application for site for private house.
8. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., for taking over road at Ballyduff, Ashford, as Public Road.
9. Application for closing of roads in Laragh Area for purposes of Circuit of Ireland International Rally.
10. Proposed removal of fountain at Stratford Cross and provision of Water Supply to four cottages at Saundersgrove Hill.
11. Repairs to Cottages carried out during February, 1965, and Cottages to be repaired during March, 1965.

Item No. 1—To Receive Mr. H. Naylor, Manager, Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, welcomed Mr. Naylor and introduced him to the Members of the Council. Mr. Naylor thanked the Council for receiving him and went on to say that tourism was now one of the most important industries in the country and was one which could show considerable growth in the next few years. In last year the tourist industry earned £67 million, and it was hoped to increase the earnings to £100 million by 1970, to meet the target set in the Second Programme for Economic Expansion. He explained that the growth in the size of the industry had given rise to the necessity to set up the new Regional Organisations and he felt that Wicklow, which was included in the Eastern Regional Organisation, had the greatest potential in the Region. He considered that within a few years Wicklow would not alone be one of the best-known tourist areas in Ireland, but one of the best-known in Europe. The Regional Organisation proposed to set up three Information Offices in County Wicklow from May onwards of the present year. There would be an Office in Bray, with a staff of two, and it would be open from 9.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m.; a second Office would be in Glendalough, with a staff of two, also to ensure long opening hours; and there would also be an Office in Greystones to supply literature and information. They intended to have Offices available in Arklow and Blessington in 1966. In referring to the particular attractions of the County, he referred to the good roads in County Wicklow which greatly assisted tourism. To get the best results it would be necessary to organise locally and he would be appealing to the Council for their ideas as to how parti-

cular localities could be best assisted. He asked the Council to provide the maximum amount possible for tourism in their Estimates. He realised the difficulties facing the Council in regard to the Rates for the coming year, but expressed the view that investment in tourism was in the truest sense an investment. He pointed out that for every pound raised by the Council the Regional Organisation would raise two pounds and that all the funds would be spent in the Region. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that he hoped that in the future the Local Authorities would be in a position to approach the Regional Organisation with their views and that the whole County would be considered in the development of tourism. Councillor Hadden referred to the C.I.E. Publicity Campaign in which they advertised a tour to see Ireland in one day, and he felt that this was not desirable publicity as it could not be done. Councillor J. J. McCrea stated that the Regional Organisation was doing very good work and assured Mr. Naylor that the Council would co-operate in every way possible.

Item No. 2—Applications for Loans for Erection of New Houses at (1) Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue; (2) Sea Road, Kilcoole; and (3) Blessington; and for Increase in Loan for House at Manor Kilbride.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the making of a Loan of £1,100 to Mr. J. Kavanagh in respect of the erection of a new house at Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the making of a Loan of £2,000 to Mr. Patk. Doyle in respect of the erection of a new house at Sea Road, Kilcoole.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the making of a Loan of £2,250 to Garda Patrick Joseph Browne, Blessington, in respect of the erection of a new house at Blessington.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of an increase in the Loan to Mr. Martin Desmond Cullen in respect of the erection of a house at Manor Kilbride from £500 to £1,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Application for Loan for Purchase of Existing House at Rathdrum.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the making of a Loan of £900 to Patrick O'Donovan, St. Colman's Lodge, Rathdrum, in respect of the purchase of an existing house at Brewery Lane, Rathdrum.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Application for Supplementary Grant for Reconstruction of House at Graigue, Kiltegan.

The County Secretary stated that the floor area of the house reconstructed by Mr. Sean O'Toole, Graigue, was only 280 sq. feet, but the Engineer had reported that the work had been carried out in a satisfactory manner. The Department of Local Government had paid a Grant of £80 in respect of the work.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £80 to Sean O'Toole, Graigue, Kiltegan, in respect of the reconstruction of his house at Graigue, Kiltegan.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Application for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottage at Moanvawn, Dunlavin.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to James Smyth, tenant-purchaser of cottage at Moanvawn, Dunlavin (No. 196/2), to dispose of his interest in the cottage to Edward Flood, Tynte Park, Dunlavin.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Aughrim Housing Scheme—Report of County Engineer on Tenders Received.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Resolved—That having considered recommendation of County Engineer, we approve of the acceptance of the tender of Thomas P. Walsh, Glenanna, Brownhill Rd., Carlow, in the sum of £11,345 for the erection of six houses at Aughrim, and hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £14,345, repayable over a period of fifty years, from the Local Loans Fund, to defray the cost of the erection of the houses.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Housing Site at Kilgarron, Enniskerry—Application for Site for Private House.

The County Secretary stated that a Mr. S. A. Mason, "Marstan," Johnstown Road, Dun Laoghaire, had written to inquire if a site at Kilgarron, Enniskerry, could be made available to him for the purpose of building a house for himself on the site. He stated he was not a

builder, but wished to erect a house for himself. The County Manager pointed out that the applicant did not reside in County Wicklow, and he felt that the sites which were available at Kilgarron should be reserved for persons living within the County who wished to build new houses. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., suggested that the sites should be advertised so that persons in the County could apply. The County Manager stated that the Council had acquired a site for sixty houses at Kilgarron, but only twenty houses had been built. A water supply had been provided and it would seem undesirable to allow sites to persons from outside the County. Councillor Hipwell suggested that in view of the demand for houses and seeing that the sites were available, a Scheme should be prepared for the rest of the area. The Council agreed that the demand for houses in the area be examined and a Housing Scheme prepared to meet the requirements.

Item No. 8—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., for Taking Over Road at Ballyduff, Ashford, as Public Road.

The County Secretary stated that the necessary provision had been made in the Estimates to meet the expenditure in respect of the road.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

Resolved—That we hereby declare the road described hereunder to be a Public Road:—

Roadway which runs from the junction with Road No. 70 (Ashford/Roundwood) in the townland of Ballyduff Upper, westwards for a distance of 500 lineal yards, all in the townland of Ballyduff Upper.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Application for Closing of Roads in Laragh Area for Purposes of Circuit of Ireland International Rally.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That having considered application of Royal Irish Automobile Club and the necessary public notice having been given, we hereby close to public traffic the roads described hereunder on Saturday, 17th April, 1965, for the times indicated:—

County Road from Sallygap Crossroads to Laragh—From 6.45 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.

County Road from Laragh/Rathdrum Road to Drumgoff, Glenmalur—From 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

County Road from Moneymeen via Ballygreen towards Aughavanagh (a distance of approximately 4 miles)—From 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

We hereby authorise the holding of the Circuit of Ireland International Rally on the roads during the periods when they are so closed to public traffic.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Proposed Removal of Fountain at Stratford Cross and Provision of Water Supply to Four Cottages at Saundersgrove Hill.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer

had estimated the cost of removing the fountain from Stratford Crossroads to a position adjoining the four Council houses at Saundersgrove Hill at £240. The tenants of the four houses had been asked if they were prepared to pay 1s. 9d. per week in addition to their present rent for the installation of water in their cottages, but only one had agreed. It was considered that the cost of removing the fountain would not be justified unless all four tenants agreed to pay the additional weekly charge to have water installed in the cottages. Councillor O'Neill stated that the fountain was serving no purpose in its present position, and he felt that despite the cost it should be removed to the position adjoining the cottages, and expressed the view that the other tenants would at a later date agree to take connections to their houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we approve of moving fountain from Stratford Crossroads to position adjoining four Council houses at Saundersgrove, at estimated cost of £240.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Repairs to Cottages Carried Out During February, 1965, and Cottages to be Repaired During March, 1965.

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of February and of those to be carried out during the month of March.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that a Capt. Lawrence, Killiskey, Ashford, had closed access to a water supply which was used by tenants of Council cottages, and asked that this matter be investigated. He stated also that a Pump at Ballynerrin which served ten cottages was out of order.

Arklow Housing Scheme.

In reply to Councillor P. McCarthy, who inquired as to the present position regarding a proposed Housing Scheme for Arklow, the County Secretary stated that a Report on the matter would be submitted to the next meeting.

Tinahely Housing Scheme.

In reply to Councillor Miss Walsh, the County Secretary stated that the owner of the site which the Council proposed to use for the houses was not prepared to sell, but was prepared to interchange the site for a site owned by the Council and at present let in allotments. Persons who had these lettings were not agreeable to giving them up voluntarily and it would be necessary to serve Notices to Quit on them. Councillor Miss Walsh suggested that there were other suitable sites in the area.

County Flag.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Charles Keegan, World Champion Ploughman, and a group from Enniskerry were taking part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin and had asked for a loan of the County Flag to carry in the Parade. The Council approved of the Flag being made available to Mr. C. White, Enniskerry, for the purposes of the Parade.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 22nd March, 1965, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., P. McCarthy, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, 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 Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer R. L. Farrell, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell and P. T. Hickey were present.

AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 14th December, 1964, 4th, 11th and 25th January, 1965.
2. Overdraft on General Account.
3. Closing of Roads:
 - (a) Application of Bray Amusements Committee for Roads at Bray on 23rd May, 1965—2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
 - (b) Application of M.G. Car Club for part of Long Hill, Kilmacanogue, on 22nd May, 1965—2.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
 - (c) Application of Irish Motor Racing Club, Ltd., for Road at Enniskerry on 1st May, 1965—1.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
4. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—“That Council take over and maintain Road known as ‘Five-Mile-Point’ and request Bórd Fáilte to make a Grant available, as over seventy cars travel the Road on Sundays to the sea; seven cottagers reside on the Road and five large Ratepayers use the Road to their farms.”
5. Report of County Engineer re Production of Stone at Ballinclare Quarry for Wicklow Urban District Council.
6. Application of Dundalk Annual Festival for loan of County Flag from 16th to 23rd May, 1965.
7. Proposed appointment of Draughtsman.
8. Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme for Local Authority Officers—Recommendation re revised salary scale for County Secretary.
9. Revision of remuneration of Rate Collectors.
10. Group Water Supply Scheme at Carrigoona—Application for approval in principle to Scheme.
11. Water Supply at Springfield, Kilbride.
12. Regional Water Supply from Cronroe, Ashford—Report of County Engineer on water supplied to Wicklow Urban District Council.
13. Public Conveniences—Circular from Department of Local Government. (Copy circulated).
14. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. D. Haughton—“That water and sewerage be supplied or provided for Council cottages at Ballinaclesh, Rathdrum, and that steps be taken to ascertain cost of same.”
15. Application for consent to sale of Vested Cottage at Ballykillavane, Rathnew.

16. Letter from Department of Health re Resolution requesting the expediting of Report of Select Committee on Health Services. (Copy circulated).
17. To receive tenders for Domestic Refuse Collection Service for Avondale Park/Ballywaltrim/Boghall Areas.
18. To receive tenders for Plant Hire.
19. Recommendation from Bray Urban District Council re (1) Use of premises at Castle Street for Temporary Dispensary; and (2) Erection of new Courthouse on grounds of the Clinic, Killarney Road.
20. Letter from National League for the Blind of Ireland for contribution of £d. in the £ on Rates towards losses on operation of Workshops for employment of the blind.
21. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—"That building of Blessington Dispensary and Library be advertised for tenders."
22. Letter from Department of Agriculture re proposed new Sheep Dipping Order.
23. Application from Macra Na Tuaithe, Stratford-on-Slaney, re improvements sought in village.
24. Letter from Rathdrum Development Association re all-night lighting in town.
25. Letter from Bray Branch, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, for introduction of weekly payment of employees.
26. Letter from Hon. Secretary, Bray Sea Angling Club, re Bray Harbour.
27. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Letter re Fire Brigade.

The following letter received from Lt.-Col. B. V. Ramsden, "Fan-Na-Greine," Glendalough, was submitted to the Council:—

The Wicklow Fire Brigade.
Sirs,

We decided that though the recent chimney fire at Miss Wynne's cottage, next to mine, was abating, it was safer to send for you, as in these old cottages there is so much wood in the roof and the upper storey.

They came with most commendable promptitude and evidently knew exactly what to do, and did it.

As a near neighbour of Miss Wynne's, may I congratulate your team on their efficiency and speed—they were a credit to Wicklow, or any town, and many thanks.

B. V. RAMSDEN (Lt.-Col.),

"Fan-Na-Greine,"
Glendalough.
19th. March.

The Members of the Council expressed appreciation of the terms of the letter.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;
Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 14th December, 1964, 4th, 11th and 25th January, 1965.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Overdraft on General Account.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

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, 1965, shall not exceed £200,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Closing of Roads.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the roads described hereunder on Sunday, 23rd May, 1965, from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., and authorise the holding of the Circuit of Bray Cycle Race on these roads while closed to public traffic:—

Road from corner of Albert Avenue, along Strand Road to corner of Putland Road;

Corner of Putland Road;

Putland Road; Vevay Road from corner of Putland Road to the Town Hall;

Main Street from Town Hall to junction with Quinsboro' road;

South Adelaide Road from junction with Florence Road to Albert Avenue;

Albert Avenue.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That notice having been given by public advertisement and no objection having been received, it is hereby agreed, in pursuance of Section 35 of the Local Government Act, 1955, that the road described hereunder be closed to public traffic on Saturday, 22nd May, 1965, from 2.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. for the purposes of the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb:—

Portion of Main Road T.61 on the Long Hill at Kilmacanogue for a distance of one mile to point near Calary Filling Station.

That we hereby authorise the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb on the road while so closed.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That notice having been given by public advertisement and no objection having been received, it is hereby agreed, in pursuance of Section 35 of the Local Government Act, 1955, that the road described hereunder be closed to public traffic on Saturday, 1st May,

1965, between the hours of 1.30 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. for the purposes of holding Motor Car Hill Climb:—

Main Road No. 6 from Enniskerry National School to the junction with County Road No. 7 at Monastery, Enniskerry.

That we hereby authorise the holding of Motor Car Hill Climb on the road while so closed to public traffic.

Passed unanimously.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge regarding the proposed closing of roads at Enniskerry and damage caused to a wall, the County Secretary stated that this matter had been taken up with the Organisers of the Hill Climb, and the person who objected had indicated that the Club had given an undertaking to carry out the repairs and that he was withdrawing his objection.

Item No. 4—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—
“That Council Take Over and Maintain Road known as “Five-Mile-Point” and Request Bórd Fáilte to Make a Grant Available, as Over Seventy Cars Travel the Road on Sundays to the Sea; Seven Cottagers Reside on the Road and Five Large Rate-payers Use the Road to their Farms.”

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that the road known as “Five-Mile-Point” was used to a considerable extent on Sundays by people going to the sea, and that Bórd Fáilte might be asked to make a Grant available towards the cost. The County Secretary stated that it was the practice of the Council to refer proposals for taking over roads for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Local Electoral Area and if the necessary moneys are provided in the Scheme the Council can then proceed to take over the road. The Council agreed that the matter be referred to the Committee of the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area.

Item No. 5—Report of County Engineer re Production of Stone at Ballinclare Quarry for Wicklow Urban District Council.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
 County Secretary. 22nd March, 1965.

Re: Stone Supplied from Ballinclare Quarry to Wicklow Urban District Council.

A Chara,

In regard to the dispute concerning the amount of stone quarried and supplied to the Urban District Council and the amount due to Wicklow County Council on foot of same, I find that there is a considerable quantity of rubble and debris remaining in the quarry, following the blast and removal of selected material by Wicklow Urban District Council.

This rubble and debris will have to be removed, as it fouling the existing face of the quarry. It will not be possible for the Council to blast and commence quarrying until this material is removed. It is a matter of urgency that this be done immediately as the Council have to commence blasting operations for the production of chips for the surface dressing programme.

It is proposed, therefore, to have this material removed from the face of the quarry and the expense of same charged to the Urban Council. If the Urban Council wish they can remove the stone at their own expense, but it should be impressed on them that they must do so immediately.

In regard to the dispute concerning the quantity of stone removed by the Urban Council and the debris remaining, I consider that the

Council's figures should be accepted, unless the Urban Council can produce documentary evidence that they only received the quantity they claim. It must be remembered that it was at the behest of the Urban Council that this selected material was produced at inconvenience to the County Council to facilitate them. The County Council have no use at present for this rubble and the debris which remained after the selected material was removed. Should at some later stage the County Council have use for it, I would be prepared to recommend its purchase from them at a competitive economic price.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,
 County Engineer.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that this matter arose in respect of the stone used for the Grant Works at the Foreshore at Wicklow and that the Urban District Council contended that a considerable quantity of stones remained in the Quarry and that the Urban District Council should receive credit in respect of them. He suggested that the County Engineer's Report be passed on to the Urban District Council. The Council agreed that a copy of the County Engineer's Report be forwarded to the Urban District Council for their observations.

Item No. 6—Application of Dundalk Annual Festival for Loan of County Flag from 16th to 23rd May, 1965.

It was

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

Resolved—That we approve of lending the Wicklow County Flag to the Dundalk Festival Council for use during the International Grain and Grape Festival at Dundalk from 16th May to 23rd May, 1965.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Proposed Appointment of Draughtsman.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer in a recent Report had drawn attention to the necessity for having a Draughtsman on his staff. He stated that if such an Officer were available the Engineers could do the field work and the Maps be prepared in the Office, thereby cutting down on the demands on the Engineer's limited time. From inquiries he had made he stated that this seemed to be the only Council in the country that had not such an Officer on the County Engineer's staff.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;
 Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the creation of a permanent post as Draughtsman on a salary scale of £670 by annual increments over a period of twelve years to £1,140.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme for Local Authority Officers—Recommendation re Revised Salary Scale for County Secretary.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;
 Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That having considered Recommendation of Arbitration Board under Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers, we approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister, of the application of the following scale of salary for County Secretary, with effect from 1st October, 1963:—

£1,750 x £75—£2,200 a year;

and of that scale, increased by 12 per cent. as from 1st February, 1964. We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the revised salary scale.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Revision of Remuneration of Rate Collectors.

The County Secretary stated that proposals for the revision of remuneration of Rate Collectors which were pro rata to the increases in remuneration received by Clerical Officers in receipt of similar remuneration had been sent to the Union representing the Rate Collectors, and it was understood that they were acceptable, but confirmation had not yet been received. Subject to the Union's accepting the proposals,

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of revised remuneration to Rate Collectors with effect from 1st October, 1963, and of that remuneration, increased by 12 per cent. from 1st February, 1964, as set out hereunder, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of the revised remuneration:—

District No.	Present level of Remuneration (exclusive of "Ninth Round")	Proposed New Remuneration from 1st Oct., 1963	Proposed Rate Remuneration from 1st Feb., 1964
1	£600	£675	£755
2	£505	£555	£620
3/4	£560	£630	£705
5/6	£700	£795	£890
7	£785	£890	£995
8	£785	£890	£995
9	£870	£990	£1,110
10	£625	£705	£790
11	£785	£890	£995
12	£900	£1,005	£1,125
13/15	£895	£1,000	£1,120
16	£700	£795	£890
17	£505	£555	£620
18/19	£785	£890	£995

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Group Water Supply Scheme at Carrigoona—Application for Approval in Principle to Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Department of Local Government stating that the Carrigoona Group were preparing a Scheme which was based on taking a supply from a point near the Powerscourt Estate and that the Council was asked for agreement to laying a main from the Enniskerry Scheme as far as this point and the Group would take the supply from the Council's main. The cost of laying the main would be about £4,000. The matter had been considered by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area, who recommended the proposal.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That having considered letter of 4th March, 1965, from Department of Local Government, we approve in principle of the proposals for the provision of a Group Water Supply at Carrigoona and agree to defray the cost of laying watermain from the Enniskerry Scheme as far as the Golden Gates Cross.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Water Supply at Springfield, Kilbride.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had agreed to take a supply of water from a well on Mr. Nolan's land at Springfield, Kilbride, and to pipe it to the roadside, at an estimated cost of £60. The Scheme had not been proceeded with and the Engineer reported that he did not think there would be an adequate volume of water available. He had inspected the supply during the previous month to see if the quantity could be gauged, but found that there was only an ooze. He recommended that a small Regional Scheme which had been suggested previously be reconsidered so that all the houses in the district might be served. The Council agreed that the possibility of providing a small Regional Scheme be investigated.

Item No. 12—Regional Water Supply from Cronroe, Ashford—Report of County Engineer on Water Supplied to Wicklow Urban District Council.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

County Engineer's Office,

(Court House),

Wicklow.

22nd March, 1965.

Ref.: TJD/SB.

County Secretary.

Re: Water Supplied by Co. Council to Wicklow Urban Council.

A Chara,

The present position whereby the Wicklow County Council supply the Wicklow Urban Council with a balance of their water requirements at 50 per cent. of the cost of maintenance, or a maximum of £400 per annum, is, I regard, an inequitable arrangement as the cost of the supply during recent years has been over £1,400 per annum, and the actual net cost after deducting for subsidy, of the production of the water is in the region of 1/3d. per 1,000 gallons, while they are in fact supplying the Wicklow Urban Council requirements at the rate of 7d. per 1,000 gallons. This means that the County Council are losing approximately 8½d. on every 1,000 gallons of water they supply to the Urban Council.

During the year from March, 1964, to February, 1965, the total quantity of water used from Wicklow Regional Water Supply was 70,179,000 gallons, of which Wicklow Urban Council used 48,942,000 gallons, or approximately 70 per cent. of the total output from the supply during this period. I consider, therefore, that if the Council cannot at this stage terminate this agreement and insist on the Urban Council paying the net cost of production, that at least the following arrangement should be made:—

1. That the Urban Council refund to the County Council the net price they get for the sale of water for commercial purposes. I understand that this is in the region of 1/6d. per 1,000 gallons.
2. That the Council only supply them under the present arrangement with water based on the consumption of 50 gallons per day per head of the population. On the figures available this would seem to be in the region of 70 gallons per head per day at present which means that the Council are subsidising wastage of water by the Wicklow Urban Council.

Under the present arrangements there is no incentive on the Urban Council to control the waste of water.

Mise, le meas,

T. DONOVAN,
County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the capital costs of the Scheme at Cronroe had been financed to the extent of 70 per cent. by the County Council and to the extent of 30 per cent. by Wicklow Urban District Council. The Wicklow Urban District Council had agreed to pay 50 per cent. of the cost of the maintenance of the Scheme, but subject to a maximum of £400 per annum. The actual maintenance costs for the year to 31st March, 1964, were £1,400, towards which the Urban District Council contributed £400. As was shown by the County Engineer's Report, 70 per cent. of the water produced was being used within the Urban District, but the Urban District Council was meeting only 30 per cent. of the cost. The net cost to Rates, having allowed for Subsidy from the State, was 1/3½d. per 1,000 gals., whereas the cost being borne by the Urban District Council was about 7d. per 1,000 gals. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., pointed out that the County Council had made an Agreement with the Urban District Council regarding the relative contributions towards the Scheme. The Council agreed that a copy of the County Engineer's Report be furnished to the Urban District Council for their views and that the advice of the County's Solicitor be obtained as to whether the County Council would have the power to amend the Agreement in regard to the sharing of costs.

Item No. 13—Public Convenience—Circular from Department of Local Government.

The following letter received from the Department of Local Government had been circulated to the Members of the Council:—

ROINN RIALTAIS AITIUIL,

Teach An Chustaim,

Baile Atha Cliath.

8th February, 1965.

Circular No. L.1/65.

Public Conveniences

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to this Department's Circular Letter L.12/61 of 28th June, 1961, regarding the provision of public conveniences, and to say that, while the loan

and subsidy terms then introduced have encouraged the submission of some proposals for the erection or improvement of conveniences, the Minister considers that the general response has not been good and that facilities in many areas are still inadequate. He is anxious, therefore, that a determined effort should now be made to provide this basic necessity, not only at places of public resort, such as beaches and recreation grounds, but also in country towns, particularly those on bus routes or which have considerable through traffic. The lack of facilities at such places has come in for much criticism in recent years and so, too, has the low standard of maintenance of existing conveniences.

In approaching the problem, the following points should be noted:

- (a) Adequate provision for toilet facilities for women should be made; hitherto, no such provision was made in many areas when facilities for men were being provided.
- (b) In the construction of conveniences precautions should be taken against wilful damage to pipes and fittings. Flushing cisterns should be placed above a false ceiling, due precautions against frost being observed. Service pipes to urinals and flush pipes to water closets should be chased into the wall surface finish, so that they are well hidden. If a convenience consists of more than one water closet, it is advisable to leave one unit open and unlocked, so as to discourage the breaking open of the other units.
- (c) A system of daily maintenance and care should be instituted. In the case of larger authorities, it should be possible to have a small mobile unit make a daily round of the public conveniences in the area to ensure that they are kept thoroughly clean.
- (d) Hand-washing facilities should be provided, particularly in conveniences in which a whole-time attendant is on duty.
- (e) The provision of toilet-paper in all conveniences should be considered, not only in the interests of hygiene, but also to obviate blocking of drains by the use of unsuitable materials.
- (f) It is necessary to reiterate the recommendations made in Circular Letter L.12/61 as to the importance of suitable siting of public conveniences, particularly in areas of scenic or architectural interest. Conveniences should be designed to harmonise, as far as possible, with their surroundings.
- (g) In appropriate cases, it may be advantageous to include the provision of public conveniences in proposals for sewerage schemes.

Mise, le meas,

G. O'DOHERTY.

To: Each Sanitary Authority.

The County Secretary stated that while the Department contributed 50 per cent. towards the capital costs of providing Public Conveniences no contribution was made towards the costs of maintenance. The cost of maintaining Public Conveniences to the standard now expected was increasing each year. He suggested that the Council might consider asking the Department to make a Grant towards the costs of maintenance of Public Conveniences. Councillor Quigley, supported by Councillor Miss Walsh, urged the need for providing a Public Convenience in Aughrim, and Councillor J. Miley asked that Reports be submitted in regard to providing Conveniences at Dunlavin and Baltinglass. Councillor R. Miley pointed out that Ashford was

also seeking a Public Convenience. In reply to Councillor A. H. Hadden, the County Secretary stated that no provision had been made in the Estimates for providing additional Public Conveniences. He added that an application had also been received from Brittas Bay for the provision of a Public Convenience there, but no site was available. The Council asked that the County Engineer submit a Report on the condition of existing Conveniences, indicating particularly whether the facilities referred to under headings (d) and (e) of the Department's Circular were available and also covering the applications received for provision of new Public Conveniences.

Item No. 14—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. D. Haughton—
"That Water and Sewerage Be Supplied or Provided for
Council Cottages at Ballinacash, Rathdrum, and that Steps
be Taken to Ascertain Cost of Same."

In the absence of Councillor Haughton the Council deferred consideration of this matter to the next Meeting.

Item No. 15—Application for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottage at
Ballykillavane, Rathnew.

It was
 Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;
 Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea;
 Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the disposal
 by Mr. Edward Cleary of his interest in Cottage No. 18 at Ballykillavane, Rathnew, to Mr. John Doyle, Ballyfree, Glenealy.

Passed unanimously.

Supplementary Grants.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Schemes for the payment of Supplementary Grants in respect of Repair and Improvement of Houses, Erection of New Houses, and Provision of Private Water Supply and Sewerage Facilities, would expire on the 31st March, 1965. Provision had been made in the Estimates adopted by the Council for the continuance of the Schemes for the coming year. It would be necessary to approve of the continuance of the Schemes.

It was
 Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.;
 Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley;
 Resolved—That we approve of the continuance for a further year to 31st March, 1966, of the Council's Schemes for the making of Supplementary Grants for Repair and Improvement of Houses, Erection of New Houses, and provision of Private Water Supply and Sewerage Facilities.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16—Letter from Department of Health re Resolution Requesting the Expediting of Report of Select Committee on Health Services.

The Council noted the reply received from the Department of Health, copy of which had been circulated to the Members.

Item No. 17—To Receive Tenders for Domestic Refuse Collection Service for Avondale Park/Ballywaltrim/Boghall Areas.

The County Secretary stated that three tenders had been received in response to public advertisement. The tenders were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council and were as follows:—

Name and Address of Tenderer.	Amount of Tender.
Edward Sutton, Windgates, Bray	£312 for one year. £900 for three yrs.
John Connolly, Blacklion, Greystones	£650 for one year. £1,900 for three yrs. £3,165 for five years.
Doyle's Garage, Ltd., Bray	£3,360 for one year.

The Council agreed that the tenders be referred to the County Engineer for his recommendation.

Item No. 18—To Receive Tenders for Plant Hire.

In view of the number of tenders received the Council agreed that the tenders be opened in the presence of Members immediately following the Meeting, and referred to the County Engineer for his recommendations.

Item No. 19—Recommendation from Bray Urban District Council Re
(1) Use of Premises at Castle Street for Temporary Dispensary;
and (2) Erection of New Courthouse on Grounds of the Clinic,
Killarney Road.

The County Secretary stated that in regard to the proposal that premises at Bray be used as a Temporary Dispensary, the County Medical Officer had reported that he was of opinion that an additional Dispensary in Little Bray was not necessary and that he would not recommend a change from the present arrangements. The County Engineer had been asked for a Report in regard to the proposal in relation to the Courthouse. On the proposal of Councillor H. B. Hipwell it was agreed that these matters be adjourned for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their next Meeting.

Item No. 20—Letter from National League of the Blind of Ireland for
Contribution of £d. in the £ on Rates Towards Losses on
Operation of Workshops for Employment of the Blind.

The following letter from the National League of the Blind of Ireland was submitted:—

National League of the Blind of Ireland,
 35 Gardiner's Place,
 Dublin.

Secretary,
 Wicklow Co. Council,
 Court House,
 Wicklow.
 A Chara,

I shall be obliged if you will arrange for a deputation from the Executive Council of the above organisation to be received by Wicklow County Council as soon as possible. Our intention is to present a case for the payment by your Authority of the amount of £d. in the £ on the rates, to offset the annual losses incurred by the Board for the Employment of the Blind on the operation of the Workshops. In addition to a Capitation Grant of £120 per annum in respect of each Blind person employed at the Workshops, most of the Local Authorities contribute towards the over-all losses of the Board in the manner already referred to, the only exceptions being your Council, Wexford and Donegal. I should point out, however, that the Per

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Capita Grant is borne equally by the Department of Social Welfare and the local authority from whence the Blind Worker comes.

I shall be obliged if you will arrange to have our deputation received at your earliest convenience, so that should our request be acceded to, provision can be made for the payment in the rates for the coming year.

Is mise, le meas,

PATRICK LYONS,
General Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had considered this matter on several occasions previously and it was the Council's view that they were prepared to contribute $\frac{1}{3}$ in the £ towards losses on the operation of the Workshops if the Department of Social Welfare contributed an equivalent amount. It was the Council's view that they should not be asked to meet the full loss and that the Department should contribute 50 per cent. of the expenses. The Council agreed to receive the Deputation at their next Meeting.

Item No. 21—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Miley—"That Building of Blessington Dispensary and Library be Advertised for Tenders."

The County Secretary stated that Plans for the building which combined a Dispensary and Library had been approved by the Department of Health, but it was necessary to get the approval of the Minister for Local Government in respect of the Library. The Plans had been submitted some while ago, but sanction had not yet been received. It might be that the Department were awaiting the appointment of a new Librarian before giving a decision in the matter. Councillor Miley stated that equipment for the Dispensary had been purchased and he felt that the building should be proceeded with as soon as possible. The Council agreed that a further letter be addressed to the Department of Local Government requesting approval to the proposals for the Library.

Item No. 22—Letter from Department of Agriculture Re Proposed New Sheep Dipping Order.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Department of Agriculture regarding proposals for the eradication of sheep scab and stating that it was proposed to make a new Sheep Dipping Order in the present year. Details were given in a Memorandum enclosed of the proposed amendments in the requirements and new versions of the necessary Forms, etc., would have to be made available for the commencement of the first 1965 dipping period on 1st July, 1965. In the Memorandum it was stated that a Survey of public dipping facilities had been carried out and Councils had been asked to carry out any necessary repairs or improvements to existing facilities and provide additional Baths where needed. A Subsidy of 50 per cent. of the costs of the provision of necessary new Baths was being made available. Grants were available for the erection and repair on farms of facilities for the dipping and handling of sheep, and the Grants were—(1) for new facilities, 50 per cent. of cost, subject to a maximum of £55 for dipping facilities and £25 for other handling facilities; (2) for repairs the Grant was 75 per cent. of the approved estimated cost of labour, subject to a maximum of three-fifths of the Grant for corresponding new facilities. The new Order would provide for the compulsory dipping of all sheep in each of two separate prescribed dipping periods each year. In future sheep must be dipped in the period from 1st July to 7th August, and again in the period from 1st October to 30th November. Councillor Temple

suggested that the matter be referred to the Committee of Agriculture, but Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., pointed out that the County Council was responsible for the operation of the Scheme. It was agreed, however, that the views of the Committee of Agriculture should be obtained. Councillor M. Deering and Councillor R. Miley expressed the view that the dipping dates should be advanced and that farmers generally dipped their sheep during the month of June. The Council asked that particulars of the Report made by the Department of Agriculture on the condition of Baths in the County be circulated to the Members.

Item No. 23—Application from Macra Na Tuaithe, Stratford-on-Slaney, Re Improvements Sought in Village.

The County Secretary stated that the village had entered for the Tidy Towns Competition and the Macra Na Tuaithe Group for the District had applied to have certain works carried out. They asked that a Refuse Collection Service be provided, that litter bins be made available, that two old lamp-posts be removed, and concrete footpaths provided. They had also asked to have an area in front of the School surfaced in tarmacadam. The County Engineer had reported that the cost of a Refuse Collection would be £104 per annum, the provision of litter bins would cost about £10, removing the lamp-posts 30/-, and providing footpaths £300. He pointed out that surfacing the area in front of the School would not be the responsibility of the Council. The County Secretary stated that it was agreed to provide the litter bins and to remove the old lamp-posts. Councillor Timmins asked that the District Engineer call on the Secretary of the Group to see if there was any way in which the Council could assist them in improving the village.

Item No. 24—Letter from Rathdrum Development Association Re All-Night Lighting in Town.

The County Secretary stated that the Rathdrum Development Association had indicated that since the Gardai had moved to a new Station half-a-mile from the town, there had been three burglaries in the town. They felt that these crimes would not have occurred if the street lights had been left burning all night and they asked that the matter be brought to the notice of the Council with a view to having lighting provided and leaving lights burning throughout the night. The County Secretary stated that the Assistant Co. Engineer had reported that the Association had sought twelve new lighting points and the changing of two ordinary lights to pilot lights. He had not been able to get a firm quotation from the E.S.B. until the position of each light was determined, but generally the average price of a new light was about £25 and running expenses £6 for an ordinary light, and £8 per annum for a pilot light. The Council agreed that one pilot light be provided.

Item No. 25—Letter from Bray Branch, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, for Introduction of Weekly Payment of Employees.

The County Secretary submitted letter received from the Secretary of the Bray Branch, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, asking that the Council introduce weekly payment of workers. No provision had been made in the Estimates to meet the additional costs which would be involved. The Council asked that an up-to-date Report of estimate of costs of providing for weekly payments be submitted.

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Item No. 26—Letter from Hon. Secretary, Bray Sea Angling Club, Re Bray Harbour.

The following Resolution received from Bray Sea Angling Club was submitted:—

RESOLUTION

"That this Meeting protest in the strongest possible terms against the continued delay in clearing the Harbour at Bray of sewage, and the repairing of the Harbour proper. Further, the Meeting call upon the Dail Representatives of the County to focus attention on the deplorable condition of the Harbour area at Governmental or other level."

The Co. Secretary stated that the Urban District Council and the Co. Council were co-operating in arranging for an improved sewerage system for Bray Urban District and to allow of an area adjoining Bray being served with a sewerage system. A Survey was at present being carried out by the Consulting Engineers engaged by the Local Authorities to determine the most satisfactory method of discharging the sewerage into the sea. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., suggested that Bray Urban District Council might request the Marine Section of the Board of Works to provide a Grant to clean up the Harbour.

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 M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins—
"Application from Kiltegan Tidy Towns Committee requesting the Council to co-operate with the Committee in having the village cleaned up to help this project."

In the names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and J. Gregory—
"That water supply be supplied to cottages in Killiskey."

In the names of Councillors J. Quigley and Miss M. Walsh—"That an extension from the present water supply be provided to supply water to five houses at Tinnakilly, Aughrim."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—"That the Council proceed immediately with the acquisition of a site on which to build the six cottages approved of for Tinahely, and to expedite the building thereof, that the Council proceed to advertise for tenders."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantlin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 5th April, 1965, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors P. McCarthy, John Quigley, 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 Miles, J. D. Haughton and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers R. L. Farrell and P. McGuinness, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell and P. T. Hickey attended.

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

Acknowledgment of Resolution of Sympathy.

The Council noted letter from Mr. William Keating, Coolroe, Tinahely, thanking most sincerely the Members of the Council for their expression of sympathy to himself and the members of his family on the death of his brother, Patrick Keating, and asking that his deep appreciation be conveyed to the Members of the Council.

AGENDA:

1. Housing Scheme at Grattan Park, Kindlestown—Report of County Engineer on tenders received.
2. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—"That this Council proceeds immediately with the acquisition of a site on which to build the six cottages approved of for Tinahely, and to expedite the building thereof, that the Council proceed to advertise for tenders."
3. Proposal to provide houses near Arklow.
4. Application for consent to disposal of part of Vested Cottage Plot as site for house.
5. Vesting of Cottages under Cottage Purchase Scheme.
6. Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme—To adopt Scheme for 1965.
7. To receive tenders for Repairs to Cottages.
8. Cottages repaired during month of March, 1965, and to be repaired during April, 1965.

Item No. 1—Housing Scheme at Grattan Park, Kindlestown—Report of County Engineer on Tenders Received.

The Report of the County Engineer recommending that the tender of Mr. William Eager, Trudder, Newtownmountkennedy, being the lowest tender received, be accepted, in his lump sum tender of £17,137, was submitted. The County Engineer in his Report indicated that Mr. Eager should be asked to submit a detailed "breakdown" analysis of his tender within ten days of being requested to do so.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer we approve of the acceptance of the tender of William Eager, in the sum of £17,137, for the erection of nine houses, at Grattan Park Kindlestown.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—
"That this Council proceeds immediately with the acquisition of a site on which to build the six cottages approved of for Tinahely, and to expedite the building thereof, that the Council proceed to advertise for tenders."

The County Secretary stated that it had been proposed to acquire a site at Tinahely in exchange for land owned by the Council which was at present let to plot holders. It was found, however, that some plot holders had objected to surrendering their plots on the grounds that they had their plots already tilled. The Assistant County Engineer was looking into the matter of acquiring an alternative site. Councillor Miss Walsh stated that she had sympathy with the plot holders who did not wish to give up their plots and that there was a site which might be considered by the Council for the building of two houses. The site she referred to was that on which the old Vocational School had been sited and was now the property of the local Branch of Macra Na Feirme. It was agreed that the matter of acquiring this site would be investigated.

Item No. 3—Proposal to Provide Houses Near Arklow.

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been reported to the Council previously and it had been indicated that there was very little demand for the provision of houses for persons in the Rural Area adjoining Arklow. Only four applications had been received. In reply to Councillor McCarthy, who had stated that no one would apply for a house unless they thought houses were available, the County Manager stated that the demand for housing was based on the numbers of persons who applied for vacant houses in the area. There was a need for additional houses within the Arklow Urban District for persons living in the district, but if additional houses were to be provided in the Rural Area it would be necessary to show that these were needed for persons working in the Rural Area. The Council's Architect had reported on the site which had been suggested and did not favour it as it was some distance from the town of Arklow and no sewerage was available. Councillor McCarthy suggested that a Meeting should be held to which applicants for houses might be invited. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed that an advertisement be inserted in the "Wicklow People" inviting applications for houses in the Rural Area near Arklow.

Item No. 4—Application for Consent to Disposal of Part of Vested Cottage Plot as Site for House.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Andrew O'Toole, tenant-purchaser of cottage No. 49/6 at Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy, wished to dispose of portion of the plot attached to his cottage to Mr. Patrick Hempenstall, his son-in-law, who proposed to erect a new house on this site.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 23 of the Labourers' Act, 1936, we approve of application being made to the Minister for Local Government for his consent to the suspension of the operation of the Statutory Condition requiring that a cottage shall not be sub-divided for the unexpired period of the Annuity, in respect of the cottage of which Mr. Andrew O'Toole, Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy, is the tenant-purchaser, to enable him to dis-

pose of portion of the plot to Mr. Patrick Hempenstall as a site for a house.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Vesting of Cottages under Cottage Purchase Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that this item had been included on the Agenda at the request of Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, and the Council agreed that in his absence the matter would be deferred.

Item No. 6—Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme—To Adopt Scheme For 1965.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we hereby adopt Scheme for Supply of Seeds and Fertilisers under the Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Act, 1956, in respect of the year 1965, the terms of the Scheme to be similar to those in the Scheme adopted by the Council for the year 1964, and the latest date for receipt of applications to be 26th April, 1965.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—To Receive Tenders for Repairs to Cottages.

Four tenders received in response to public advertisement for Repairs to Cottages were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council and were as follows:—

Name and Address of Tenderer		Amount of Tender
Andrew Kavanagh, 20 Whitehall Road, West, Terenure, Dublin	Districts Nos. 1, 2 3 and 8.	Schedule Price Plus 50%
D. J. Keenan, 1, Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim	District No. 4 (excluding Glendalough and Rathdrum) and District No. 5.	Schedule Price Plus 35%
David Lee, Ballincarrig, Rathdrum	District No. 4.	Schedule Price Plus 85%
James Byrne, Coolkenno	District No. 6.	Schedule Price Plus 35%

Councillor J. Miley stated that cottage repairs in the West of the County had always been carried out by direct labour and that all the Members for the Area felt that this policy should be continued. He proposed that repairs in that Area continue to be done by direct labour. The County Secretary pointed out that one tenderer had submitted a tender for four Districts and if one District were excluded it was possible that he might not allow his tender to stand for the other Districts. The matter would be referred to the County Engineer, who would recommend in regard to the tenders, and if he considered that it would be more economical to continue with direct labour in the West Wicklow Area presumably he would recommend accordingly. It was agreed that Mr. D. J. Keenan, who had carried out repairs in District No. 7 in 1964/'65, would be asked if he would continue to carry out repairs in that District. The Council noted

that the County Engineer would submit his recommendation on the tenders.

Item No. 8—Cottages Repaired during month of March, 1965, and to be Repaired during April, 1965.

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

Erection of Prefabricated House.

Councillor Miss Walsh expressed appreciation for the erection of the prefabricated house at Ballinglen to provide accommodation for tenants of a cottage which was in a dangerous condition. She stated that the house was very satisfactory and the tenants were very pleased with it. In reply to inquiries the County Secretary stated that the house had cost £1,068. He pointed out that it was a temporary prefabricated structure and would be used only until the cottage had been reconstructed or replaced.

Housing Sites at Enniskerry.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor J. D. Haughton, the County Secretary stated that the Council at a previous Meeting had considered an application from a person living outside the County for a site for a house at Kilgarron Housing Scheme, but the view of the Council was that these sites should be reserved for persons living in County Wicklow. The Council had decided that provision should be made for erecting Council houses to meet any demand in the area and the remainder of the sites be made available for persons in the County who wished to erect their own houses.

Housing Development at Boghall Road, Bray.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice Chairman, the County Manager stated that the matter of approving of the development in the County Health District was dependent on services being available and this matter was under discussion between the owner of the site and the Architect, and the Town Surveyor and Town Clerk, Bray. If the difficulties regarding services were overcome the County Council could then deal with the matter.

Tender for Hire of Machinery.

Councillor O'Neill raised the matter of a tender for the Hire of Machinery which had been submitted ten minutes after the latest time for acceptance of tenders and asked if, in the particular circumstances, the tender could be considered. He suggested that since the tenders in this case were merely of rates for hire of machinery and not for a Lump Sum Contract, that there might not be the same objection to receiving a tender after the prescribed time. The County Manager stated that the Council's Solicitor had advised previously in regard to tenders and had indicated that no tender offered after the prescribed time could be accepted.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th April, 1965, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers R. L. Farrell and P. McGuinness, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell and P. T. Hickey were present.

AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 1st and 8th February, 1965.
2. Application for closing of roads near Rathdrum for purposes of Motor Races on 15th May, 1965.
3. Application for closing of roads at Dunlavin for Kart Racing on 2nd May, 1965.
4. Closing of Roads at Bray for Circuit of Bray Cycle Race—Letter from Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, to Town Clerk, Bray U.D.C.
5. Letter from Department of Local Government allocating Road Grants for 1965/66.
6. Turf Production—Report of County Engineer.
7. Letter from Chief Fire Officer re help given by Civil Defence Service in fighting forest fires, and letter from St. Patrick's Copper Mines, Ltd., re service given by Fire Brigades.
8. Proposed disposal of plot at Arklow to Arklow Urban District Council (Notice sent to each Member).
9. Provision of Dumping Ground at Kilquade—Report on proposed site.
10. To receive Deputation from National League of the Blind of Ireland re Workshops operated by Board for the Employment of the Blind.
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. Deering—"That Council take over Land Commission Roads at Lugatryna and Coonans-town."
12. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. Deering—"That no action be taken against William Quinn pending a further investigation into the matter."
13. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins re application from Kiltegan Tidy Towns Committee requesting co-operation of Council in having village cleaned up to help project.
14. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. D. Haughton—"That water and sewerage be provided for Council cottages at Ballinacash, Rathdrum, and that an estimate of cost be submitted."
15. Notice of Motion in names of Councillor J. Quigley and Miss M. Walsh—"That an extension from the present water supply be provided to supply water to five houses at Tinnakilly, Aughrim."
16. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and J. Gregory—"That water supply be provided to cottages in Killiskey."
17. Application per Councillor J. Everett, T.D., for provision of water supply for ten cottages at Ballymerrin Upper, near Wicklow.

18. Letter from Union of Students in Ireland forwarding copy of letter to Minister for Local Government re provision of Loans to enable students to further their education.
19. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MEMBERS.

On the proposal of Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, the Council expressed their congratulations to Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., and Councillor J. Everett, T.D., on their re-election at the recent Dail Elections.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 1st and 8th February, 1965.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Application for Closing of Roads Near Rathdrum for Purposes of Motor Races on 15th May, 1965.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton;

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the following roads near Rathdrum on Saturday, 15th May, 1965, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., and authorise the holding of Motor Races on these roads while so closed to public traffic:—

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

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Rathdrum Development Association stating that the Motor Enthusiasts' Club, who held Motor Car and Motor Cycle Race Meetings at Carrig, Rathdrum, in May and September of each year, expected to make these Meetings a regular event each year and the Club hoped to make the event a bigger one. It was stated that before this could be done effectively it would be necessary to widen the road, and the Association asked if the Council would be prepared to carry out the work of widening the road to give at least 22 ft. throughout the course. The Council agreed that the matter be referred to the Members of the Council for the Area for consideration when determining the Road Works Programme for the coming year.

Item No. 3—Application for Closing of Roads at Dunlavin for Kart Racing on 2nd May, 1965.

In regard to this application, the County Secretary stated that he understood that there might be some difficulty in obtaining insurance cover in respect of Kart Races on public roads, and that if permission was being granted in this case it should be subject to submission of satisfactory insurance cover.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That subject to satisfactory insurance cover being submitted, we hereby close to public traffic the roads described hereunder round the Fair Green at Dunlavin on Sunday, 2nd May, 1965, from 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. and authorise the holding of Kart Races on these roads while so closed to public traffic:—

Part of Main Road 315 between National School and junction with Stephen Street .. Length 200 yds.

Part County Road 336 between Catholic Church and junction with Stephen Street .. Length 100 yds.

Part County Road 336 between Catholic Church and .. Length 120 yds.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Closing of Roads at Bray for Circuit of Bray Cycle Race—Letter from Chief Superintendent, Garda Sioghana, to Town Clerk, Bray U.D.C.

The following letter from the Assistant Commissioner, Garda Sioghana, to the Town Clerk, Bray U.D.C., was submitted:—

DM.24/10/9/65.

25th March, 1965.

The Town Clerk,
Bray Urban District Council,
Town Hall,
Bray.

Dear Sir,

Re: Closing of Roads—Circuit of Bray Cycle Race.

With reference to your letter of the 11th inst., I am to inform you that the application of Bray Amusements Committee for the closing of roads at Bray from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. on Sunday, 23rd May, 1965, for the purpose of holding the Circuit of Bray Cycle Race has been examined, and it is considered that Albert Avenue should be kept open to traffic for the convenience and safety of the large numbers of the public (including children) who will travel to Bray by train on that date. It is recommended, therefore, that the race be diverted from South Adelaide Road via Meath Road to Putland Road so as to afford day trippers easy access from the railway station to the sea front.

It is requested also that the Committee be required to comply with the following conditions:—

- (a) To provide for an adequate number of stewards, not less than 20 in number, readily identifiable;
- (b) To erect proper barriers at road junctions, and
- (c) To erect suitable traffic diversion notices on the Greystones Road, the Killarney Road and the Main Dublin Road.

Yours faithfully,

C/Supt. for
Assistant Commissioner.

Councillor J. Temple stated that he understood that there would not be any rail service to Bray on Sundays during the month of May and that, consequently, there should be no objection to using the original route for the Race, which had been used for a number of years past. The Council considered that the matter was one for Bray U.D.C., and decided to take no action.

Item No. 5—Letter from Department of Local Government Allocating Road Grants for 1965/66.

The County Secretary submitted letter dated 5th April, 1965, Ref. R.201/4/13, from Department of Local Government, allocating Road Fund Grants to the Council for 1965/66. The following details of the Grants had been circulated to the Members of the Council:—

Wicklow County Council,

Kilmantin Hill,

Wicklow.

9th April, 1965.

Chairman and Members of County Council.

Re: ROAD GRANTS—1965/66.

Dear Councillor,

The Department of Local Government in letter of 5th April, 1965, Ref. R.201/4/13, have conveyed the allocation of Road Fund Grants to the Council for the year 1965/66. The Grants for the current financial year as compared with the Grants for the year 1964/65 are set out hereunder and it will be noted that the Arterial Road Grant is increased by £28,200 and the Main Road Improvement Grant by £5,270, whereas the County Road Improvement Grant has been reduced by £10,390. The letter is being submitted to the Council at the Meeting on the 12th April, 1965.

Yours sincerely,

K. J. BRANGAN,
County Secretary.

	1964/65 £	1965/66 £	Difference £
Main Road Improvement Grant	52,700	57,970	+ 5,270
County Road Improvement Grant	41,300	30,910	- 10,390
Arterial Road Improvement Grant	50,000	78,200	+ 28,200
	£144,000	£167,080	+ £23,080

Members of the Council expressed concern that the County Road Improvement Grant had been reduced by £10,390 and Councillors for the Baltinglass Area pointed out that there was a much higher proportion of County Roads not surfaced in that Area as compared with the other Areas, and urged that the same allocation be made to the Area in respect of County Roads as in previous years. It was agreed that Meetings of the Members of the Council for the various Electoral Areas to consider the Road Works Programme for the year 1965/66 be held as soon as the County Engineer was in a position to circulate details of the proposals.

Item No. 6—Turf Production—Report of County Engineer.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

County Secretary.

5th April, 1965.

RE: TURF PRODUCTION

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 23rd ultimo.

Four hundred and thirty tons of turf were produced in this bog last year at a total cost, including haulage, of £2,355. This works out at £5 9s. 6d. per ton, including the haulage cost of 18s. 1d. per ton, or £4 11s. 5d. per ton, ex bog. Bord Na Mona can supply the turf

at £3 1s. 6d. per ton, ex bog, including Turnover Tax and allowing for a rebate of 3/- per ton.

I estimate the cost of delivering this turf from Ballydermot Works, Rathangan, Co. Kildare, to Baltinglass Hospital, which is approximately 35 miles distant, at 35/- per ton, which brings the cost of the turf delivered to Baltinglass at £4.16.6 per ton. This is 13/- per ton less than the Council can produce and deliver the turf. Assuming the Council intend to produce 430 tons this year, the nett saving to the Council by purchasing the turf from Bord Na Mona would be £279.10.0. Apart from this, the quality of the turf purchased from Bord Na Mona will be of much higher quality and will have a greater caloric value as it is machine won.

I therefore recommend that the Council do not cut turf in this bog and that they purchase their requirements from Bord Na Mona.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN;

County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we note Report of County Engineer regarding cost of Turf Production at Ballingee Bog, but determine that turf required for Baltinglass Hospital be produced at Ballingee Bog for the Season 1965.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Letter from Chief Fire Officer Re Help Given by Civil Defence Service in Fighting Forest Fires, and Letter from St. Patrick's Copper Mines, Ltd., Re Service Given by Fire Brigades.

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Fire Officer had suggested that it might be in the best interests of Civil Defence if the members were thanked by the Council for the good work done at forest fires. Both the A.F.S. and all other branches of Civil Defence worked with the regular Fire Brigades at fires both in County Dublin and Wicklow and did excellent work. The Chief Fire Officer also forwarded the following letter received from the Copper Mines in relation to the Fire Brigade Service:—

St. Patrick's Copper Mines, Ltd.,

Avoca,

Co. Wicklow.

March 30, 1965.

TRHN/ML.

County Fire Officer,
Co. Council Buildings,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

We wish to express our appreciation to the excellent response to our emergency call to the Arklow Fire Brigade last night, when a bush fire threatened our Housing Estate.

Hoses were in use within twenty minutes of the call and most excellent work was done by Mr. Redmond and his crew. They were called out first as we have a direct communication with Arklow.

As matters looked serious, Rathdrum were called out and responded in equal manner, but by then did not have to go into action.

We would congratulate you on having two such excellent Brigades.

Yours sincerely,

T. R. H. NELSON;

Resident Engineer.

The Members of the Council agreed that the members of the Civil Defence Service had done very good work in assisting the Fire Brigades in dealing with forest fires. The Members of the Council also expressed appreciation for the letter received from St. Patrick's Copper Mines, Ltd.

Item No. 8—Proposed Disposal of Plot at Arklow to Arklow Urban District Council.

The following Notice had been circulated to the Members of the Council:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,

Kilmantin Hill,

Wicklow.

1st April, 1965.

Chairman and Members of
County Council:

Dear Councillor,

Under Lease dated 9th August, 1963, Arklow Urban District Council leased to the County Council a plot of ground at Tinnahask Street Lower for a period of 150 years at an annual Rent of £5. The County Council required the plot as a site for a Fire Station and Stores which it was proposed to erect at Arklow. Subsequently premises at Hudson Square, Arklow, which were very suitable for use as a Fire Station and for other purposes became available and the County Council purchased these premises and, consequently, no longer required the site at Tinnahask Street Lower. Arklow Urban District Council wish to use this site for housing and have asked the County Council to surrender the Lease.

It is proposed accordingly to surrender this Lease to the Arklow Urban District Council for a nominal payment at 5/- and the approval of the County Council to this proposal will be requested at the meeting of the Council to be held on 12th April, 1965.

Under the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, it is necessary to give notice to each Member of the Council of the proposed disposal of the plot. The description of the plot is as follows:—

"Piece or plot of ground situate at Tinnahask Street Lower in the Town, Parish and Barony of Arklow and County of Wicklow, contains seven perches and four sq. yards or thereabouts stat. measure."

Mise le meas,

K. J. BRANGAN,

County Secretary.

KJB/MM.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the disposal to Arklow U.D.C. of plot of ground at Arklow described hereunder and no longer required by this Council:—

Lease of plot of ground situate at Tinnahask Street Lower in the Town, Parish and Barony of Arklow, and County of Wicklow, containing 7 perches and 4 sq. yards, or thereabouts, statute measure.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Provision of Dumping Ground at Kilquade—Report on Proposed Site.

The County Secretary stated that, following representations made in regard to the provision of a Scavenging Service at Kilquade, the Health Inspector had suggested that if a dumping ground were provided householders in the area, numbering seventeen, would carry out their own dumping. A disused sandpit on the Kilcoole side of Kilquade Church had been suggested, but it was found that the owner was not prepared to sell. Another sandpit, near Pretty Bush, was considered suitable, but the owner, Mr. Matthew Byrne, stated that the sandpit was not worked out and he would not dispose of it for a dump. He stated, however, that he was prepared to offer another site about 100 yards on the Kilquade side of a cottage occupied by Mr. Kilbride. This site had been inspected by the Chief Medical Officer, with the Health Inspector, and was considered suitable. An objection had been received from Mrs. Maura Kilbride, who occupied the cottage near the site, stating that a dump at this point would be too near her residence and that it was close to the Cemetery and on the road to the Catholic Church and also near a Mass path used by children attending the Convent School. The County Secretary stated that in view of the difficulties in obtaining a suitable site, the help of persons in the area in finding a site which would not be objectionable would be appreciated. Having regard to the manner in which the houses were dispersed over a wide area it would not be possible to provide a Scavenging Service at a reasonable cost. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 10—To Receive Deputation from National League of the Blind of Ireland Re Workshops Operated by Board for the Employment of the Blind.

The Council received the Deputation, which consisted of Mr. T. W. McAndrew, President, Mr. J. Kerr, Vice-President, and Mr. Patrick Lyons, General Secretary. Mr. Lyons gave a summary of the history of the setting up of sheltered Workshops for blind persons and explained how on the closing of the Richmond National Institute for the Blind, arrangements were made for the setting up of the Board for the Employment of the Blind to operate Workshops. He stated that the goods produced in the Workshops were of a value of £40,000 to £50,000 per annum and that a payment was made in respect of each person employed in the Workshops of £60 from the Local Authority concerned and £60 from the Department of Social Welfare. Due to the type of service being provided, however, a loss arose each year and it was proposed that the loss would be met by all Local Authorities on the basis of a contribution of a halfpenny in the £ in the Rates. He stated that all the County Councils, except three (which included Wicklow), were making this contribution and he urged that the matter be considered again by Wicklow County Council and a contribution made. Mr. Kerr, Vice-President, stated that the blind could be divided into three groups—the young, those who were employable, and those who were unemployable or necessitous. The Workshops operated by the Board dealt with blind who were employable. He pointed out that this was a social service and was very valuable for training blind persons to maintain themselves and be independent. Mr. T. W. McAndrew, President, thanked the Members of the Council for receiving the Deputation. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that the points made by the Deputation would receive careful consideration by the Council and that the matter would be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Council.

**Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor M. Deering—
—“That Council Take Over Land Commission Roads at Lugatryna and Coonanstown.”**

The County Secretary stated that the Co. Engineer had reported that the road at Lugatryna was approximately 700 yards long and served six farmhouses, but the road led only to the last farmyard. It was in good condition, approximately 10 ft. wide, but the tenants were carrying out widening to certain sections themselves. There were some bad bends in need of improvement. The road at Coonanstown was approximately 1,120 yards long and served three farmhouses, extending only to the last farmyard. The metal surface was 9 ft. wide and the width between fences 14 ft. It was in good condition, but a number of potholes needed repair. The Council agreed that the matter of the proposal to take over these roads be referred for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Area when considering the Road Works Programme for 1965/66.

**Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor M. Deering—
—“That No Action Be Taken Against William Quinn Pending a Further Investigation into the Matter.”**

The County Secretary stated that this matter related to the placing of articles around the McAllister Memorial at Baltinglass on the public road at Baltinglass, and that the Council's Solicitor had reported that the articles had now been removed and that he was of opinion that the Council should take no further action unless the articles were put back. The Council noted that the articles had been removed and that no action would be taken unless they were put back again.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins Re Application from Kiltegan Tidy Towns Committee Requesting Co-operation of Council in Having Village Cleaned Up to Help Project.

Councillor O'Neill and Councillor Timmins asked that the Council co-operate with the Kiltegan Tidy Towns Committee in tidying up footpaths and removal of derelict sites. They stated that the local people would be prepared to deal with the derelict sites, but wished to know if any Grant could be made available towards the cost. The County Secretary stated that a Grant was available from the State towards the costs of clearance of derelict sites and it was agreed that a copy of the Scheme and Application Forms be sent to the Secretary of the Committee.

**Item No. 14—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. D. Haughton—
—“That Water and Sewerage Be Provided for Council Cottages at Ballinaclash, Rathdrum, and that an Estimate of Cost be Submitted.”**

The County Secretary stated that the Co. Engineer had reported that a Scheme was being prepared by the Consultant Engineer to provide water to Avoca from a supply at Garryduff and in this Scheme it was proposed to supply Ballinaclash and the surrounding areas. It was anticipated that the Plans would be available in the near future. As soon as a water supply was available the provision of a Sewage Disposal Scheme could be examined. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 15—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors J. Quigley and Miss M. Walsh—“That an Extension from the Present Water Supply be Provided to Supply Water to Five Houses at Tinna-killy, Aughrim.”

The County Secretary stated that the Co. Engineer had reported that the top water level of the supply tank in the Aughrim Water Supply Scheme was 380 ft. O.D., and as the houses were at levels in excess of this figure it would not be possible to supply them with water without resorting to pumping. The distance of the furthest cottage from the service tank was 1,500 lin. yds., and it was 130 ft. above the top water level of the storage tank. The Council asked that an estimate of the costs of providing a Scheme by pumping be submitted.

Item No. 16—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and J. Gregory—“That Water Supply be Provided to Cottages in Killiskey.”

The County Secretary stated that the Co. Engineer had reported that the area was difficult to serve, being at a fairly high altitude in relation to the service tank of the Treatment Works at Cronroe, and it was possible that it would necessitate pumping. At present there was no main nearer than Ashford from which water could be pumped and, consequently, it would be expensive. Until such time as the water supply to the whole area had been reviewed he would recommend that the residents in the area consider forming a Group Scheme as there was a supply from which water could be taken which would be sufficient to supply their requirements. The Council asked that details of the source be submitted, with an estimate of the costs of providing a supply to serve the houses in the area.

Item No. 17—Application per Councillor J. Everett, T.D., for Provision of Water Supply for Ten Cottages at Ballynerrin Upper, near Wicklow.

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

Item No. 18—Letter from Union of Students in Ireland Forwarding Copy of Letter to Minister for Local Government Re Provision of Loans to Enable Students to Further their Education.

The following letter addressed to the Minister for Local Government and received from the Union of Students in Ireland with a request that the Council lend their support in the matter and pass a Motion declaring support for their plea and communicate the result to the Minister was submitted:—

COMHAIRLE NA MACLEINN IN EIRINN,

43 Dame Street,

Dublin 2.

16th March, 1965.

Office of the Minister,
Department of Local Government,
Custom House,
Dublin 1.

Dear Sir,

I refer you to the schemes proposed last year by Cavan and Kerry County Councils to provide loans out of public funds in order to enable students to further their education. I understand that the reason these plans have not come into effect is that there is at present no statute under which local authorities could implement such schemes.

Many students of promise, who at present cannot afford to attend University courses for financial reasons, would, under such a system as envisaged by Cavan County Council, be enabled to better themselves and so add to the wellbeing of the nation.

A recent survey of students in U.C.D., conducted by the Students' Representative Council, indicated that many students financed their education, either wholly or in part, by vacation work abroad, which is characterised by long hours (up to 80-90 hours per week) and, at times, appalling working conditions.

In view of this, I ask you to introduce immediate legislation which will enable local authorities to implement schemes such as those which the initiative of Cavan and Kerry County Councils have provided.

Looking forward to hearing from you in the matter,

Yours faithfully,

Union of Students in Ireland,

PETER BENNETT,

Vice-President i/c Grants & Welfare.

On the proposal of Councillor H. B. Hipwell, seconded by Councillor E. Byrne, it was agreed to recommend the matter to the Minister for Local Government, and on the suggestion of the Chairman it was agreed also to send a copy of the letter to the General Council of County Councils.

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.

Blessington Water Supply Improvement Scheme.

The County Secretary submitted Report of Mr. J. B. Barry, Consulting Engineer, on his examination of the tenders received for the Blessington Water Supply Improvement Scheme. Fourteen tenders had been received and the Consulting Engineer recommended the acceptance of the lowest tender, being that of J. J. Smith and Co. (Dublin), Ltd., in the sum of £38,621 8s. 3d. He stated that the firm had considerable experience, for many years, of public works contracting and enjoyed a good reputation for the standard of its work, and that Mr. Smith had been interviewed in regard to the availability of staff for the supervision of the Contract and had given an assurance that there would be no problem in this respect. He had also intimated that he would seek to complete the Contract in a time appreciably less than the twelve months Contract period stipulated in the Tender Form.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That having considered recommendation of Mr. J. B. Barry, B.E., Consulting Engineer, we approve of his recommendation for the acceptance of the tender of J. J. Smith & Co. (Dublin), Ltd., in the corrected figure of £38,621 8s. 3d. for the Blessington Water Supply Improvement Scheme, and hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £42,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of twenty-five years, to defray the cost of this Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Civil Defence Exercise—Baltinglass.

The County Secretary stated that the Regional Civil Defence Officer had referred to an Exercise to be held at Baltinglass on the afternoon of Whit Sunday, 6th June, 1966, at which volunteers of the Civil Defence Services from Dublin, Wicklow, Meath and Kildare would attend. It was expected that five to six hundred persons would take part in the Exercise. He suggested that a visit from the Minister for Defence to the Exercise would be of considerable benefit to the morale of the volunteers and that the Minister might be invited to attend. The Council agreed that the Minister be invited to attend the Exercise.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

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

In the name of Councillor J. Miley—"That I or some Member for me will move that this Council build a Council house for James Doyle, Tober, on his father's land at Tober."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—"That a water supply be provided for three Council cottages at Knockenree, Avoca."

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—"That I or someone for me will move that Council extend water supply from Rednagh Road Junction, Aughrim, to Mr. George Larkin's cottage at Craffield."

In the names of Councillor J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory and J. Everett, T.D.—"Application Forms for new houses were completed some months ago by a number of people in Rathnew area. We require information at our next Housing Meeting as to what progress has been made by our Officials to investigate the needs of the applicants."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

At Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 3rd May, 1965, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors P. McCarthy, John Quigley, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, Roger Miley, J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory and H. W. Hopkins.

The County Manager, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers R. L. Farrell and P. McGuinness, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell and P. T. Hickey were present.

AGENDA.

1. Erection of dwelling on part of cottage plot at Blacklion—Application of Mr. R. Doyle, Windgates.
2. Application for consent to disposal of Vested Cottage No. 32/1 at Bawnogue, Baltinglass.
3. Application for consent to disposal of Vested Cottage No. 276/8 at Tomriland, Annamoe.
4. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—"That I or some Member will move for me that this Council build a Council house for James Doyle, Tober, on his father's land at Tober."
5. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory and J. Everett, T.D.—"Application Forms for New Houses were completed some months ago by a number of people in Rathnew area. We require information at our next Housing Meeting as to what progress has been made by our Officials to investigate the needs of the applicants."
6. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—"That a Water Supply be provided for three Council cottages at Knock-anree, Avoca."
7. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—"That I or someone for me will move that Council extend water supply from Rednagh Road junction, Aughrim, to Mr. George Larkin's cottage at Craffield."
8. Applications for Loans for Erection of Dwellings.
9. Repairs carried out to Cottages during month of April, 1965, and cottages to be repaired during month of May, 1965.

Item No. 1—Erection of Dwelling on part of Cottage Plot at Blacklion—Application of Mr. R. Doyle, Windgates.

Mr. R. Doyle, Windgates, applied for the permission of the Council to the sub-division of cottage plot at Kindlestown Upper (Vested Cottage No. 58/4—tenant-purchaser: Mrs. Kathleen Eglinton) for the purpose of erecting a dwellinghouse on part of it.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government we hereby suspend the operation of the Statutory Condition under Section 16 of the Labourers' Act, 1936, in relation to portion of the plot attached to the Vested Cottage occupied by Mrs. Kathleen Eglinton at Kindlestown Upper so as to allow portion of the plot to be used for the erecting thereon of an additional cottage.

Passed unanimously.

Housing Development at Boghall Road, Bray—Land of Mr. and Mrs. Stephens.

Councillor H. J. Byrne referred to the application for permission under the Planning and Development Act for the development of land at Boghall Road, Bray, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Stephens, and asked that a decision in the matter might be given as soon as possible.

The Council was informed that there had been negotiations between the applicants and Bray U.D.C. in relation to the use of the Bray Urban Council sewerage system for the proposed development. At the density proposed sewage disposal could only be arranged by using the Urban Council sewers. It had been ascertained that the Urban Council had now agreed to the use of their sewers, subject to special conditions, and the applicants were prepared to enter into an Agreement in the matter.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved—The Council is of the opinion that permission for the building development for twenty-five houses on lands of Mr. and Mrs. Stephens at Boghall Road be granted as it is understood that the matters relating to sewerage and water supply have now been resolved with Bray Urban District Council.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Application for Consent to Disposal of Vested Cottage No. 32/1 at Bawnogue, Baltinglass.

In this instance Mr. Michael Kearney sought the consent of the Council to dispose of his interest in cottage No. 32/1, which was vested in him, at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, to Mr. Patrick J. Kavanagh, Main St., Baltinglass. Inquiries had been made in the matter and it was found that Mr. Kearney had alternative accommodation available to him. Consequently there seemed to be no objection to the sale of his interest in the cottage. The purchase price was £550.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by Mr. Michael Kearney of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 32/1 at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, to Mr. Patrick J. Kavanagh, Main Street, Baltinglass.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Application for Consent to Disposal of Vested Cottage No. 276/8 at Tomriland, Annamoe.

Mr. Morgan Kavanagh sought the consent of the Council to the sale of cottage No. 276/8 at Tomriland, Annamoe, which was vested in him, to Mr. James T. Byrne, Tomriland, Annamoe.

Inquiry had been made in this matter and it was found that Mr. Kavanagh had alternative accommodation—his wife had a house in Dublin. The purchase price was £150.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale

by Mr. Morgan Kavanagh of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 276/8 at Tomriland, Annamoe, to Mr. James T. Byrne, Tomriland, Annamoe. Passed unanimously.

Sub-Division of Cottage Plot for Erection of Dwelling—Joseph Byrne, Main Street, Newtownmountkennedy.

Mr. Joseph Byrne, who holds a Vested Cottage at Main Street, Newtownmountkennedy, applied for permission to dispose of portion of the plot to his son-in-law, Thomas Whelan; the latter proposes to erect a dwelling on the part of the plot to be acquired by him.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory;

Resolved—That subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government we hereby suspend the operation of the Statutory Condition under Section 16 of the Labourers' Act, 1936, in relation to portion of the plot attached to the Vested Cottage occupied by Mr. Joseph Byrne, Main Street, Newtownmountkennedy, so as to allow portion of the plot to be used for the erecting thereon of an additional cottage.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Miley—"That I or some Member will move for me that this Council build a Council House for James Doyle, on his father's Land at Tober."

It was reported that no application had been received from Mr. Doyle for the provision of a Council house. He had, however, been sent a Form of Application and when it was returned the matter would be examined further.

Housing Sites at Dunlavin.

Councillor M. Deering referred to difficulty which had arisen in connection with the acquisition of a suitable site or sites at Dunlavin for the erection of houses by the Council. He mentioned that a local Group had been looking into this matter and that they might possibly be able to recommend one or two derelict sites on which houses could be erected.

Item No. 5—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory and J. Everett, T.D.—"Application Forms for New Houses were completed some months ago by a number of people in Rathnew Area. We require information at our next Housing Meeting as to what progress has been made by our Officials to investigate the Needs of the Applicants."

It was reported to the Council that nine applications received for housing at Rathnew had been referred to the County Medical Officer, but to date his Report had not been received. It was decided to await Report of County Medical Officer on the applications which had been received.

Item No. 6—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—"That a Water Supply be provided for three Council Cottages at Knockanree, Avoca."

The Council decided to adjourn this matter for a Report from the Council's Engineer.

Item No. 7—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Quigley—
"That I or someone for me will move that Council extend Water Supply from Rednagh Road Junction, Aughrim, to Mr. George Larkin's Cottage at Craffield."

It was agreed that a Report be obtained from the Council's Engineer regarding the possibility of extending the water supply, as suggested.

Item No. 8—Applications for Loans for Erection of Dwellings.

The Council considered application from Mr. John Davin, N.T., Blessington, for Loan from the Council for the erection of a dwelling at Blessington.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,250 to Mr. John Davin, N.T., Blessington, towards the cost of erecting a new house at Blessington.
 Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Repairs carried out to Cottages during month of April, 1965, and Cottages to be repaired during month of May, 1965.

Details of repairs carried out to cottages during month of April, 1965, and list of cottages proposed to be repaired during month of May, 1965, were submitted.

Housing Development at La Touche Road, Greystones.

Councillor Temple inquired about Housing Development by Mr. E. Finucane at La Touche Road, Greystones.

It was indicated to the Council that no permission for the Housing Development which was being carried out by Mr. Finucane on this site had been given under the Planning Acts. Originally a Layout Plan for the site had been approved by the Council. Subsequently permission for the erection of ten two-storey houses on the site had been refused as the siting of the proposed ten houses did not conform to the Layout Plan for which permission had previously been given. In addition details regarding sewerage, footpaths and road construction had not been supplied. The County Engineer had recently submitted a Report indicating that one house had been completed and a number of others were in course of construction and pointed out that no permission for this work had been given by the Council. Permission for four two-storey houses had been given in January, 1965, and one of these houses had been completed, but this house was not part of the development being carried out by Mr. Finucane, and in fact it had been erected by another Builder. The Report of the County Engineer also referred to what he regarded as certain defects in the Housing Development being carried out by Mr. Finucane, especially in relation to natural lighting and the absence of service roads.

It was decided that Advice be obtained from the Council's Law Agent as to whether it could be required that permission be given for this Housing Development in pursuance of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

CARRIGOONA GROUP WATER SUPPLY.

The provision of a Group Water Supply Scheme at Carrigoona was referred to by Councillor Hipwell and it was decided that a special report on it be submitted to the next Meeting of the Council.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 10th May, 1965, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors J. J. McCrea, Chairman,
 Councillors P. McCarthy, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, Roger Miley, and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer R. L. Farrell, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell and P. T. Hickey attended.

AGENDA.

1. Letter from Department of Local Government re Road Traffic (Speed Limit) (Amendment) Regulations, 1965.
2. Letter from Department of Local Government re Licence Fees for Petrol Pumps, Air Receivers, etc.
3. Letter from Edward Johnson and others re Ballykeane Lane, Redcross.
4. Re-Laying of Sewer Outfall at Greystones—Report of County Engineer.
5. Sheep Dipping Scheme, 1965—Report re amendments required.
6. Report from Council's Engineer re Drain at Ballinaclash, Rathdrum.
7. Letter from Department of Health re provision of accommodation for Nurses at St. Colman's Hospital.
8. Letter from Department of Health re proposal to engage Consultant to design a Static Water Storage Tank at St. Colman's Hospital.
9. Report of Council's Engineer re proposal to sell plot at Clogga Beach to Council.
10. Report and Estimate from County Engineer re Road Works Scheme for Realignment at Kilcavan Gap.
11. Coast Protection Act, 1962—Erosion at North Beach, Wicklow—Proposed Deputation to Parliamentary Secretary to Minister for Finance.
12. Application by National League of the Blind of Ireland for contribution of £d. in £. (Deputation received by Council at Meeting on 12th April, 1965).
13. Planning—Letter from Council's Law Agent re Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963—Use of Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.
14. Application for Vesting of Cottage at Ballyguilenore, Wicklow.
15. Engineer's Report re Sruhaun Water Supply.
16. Group Water Supply Scheme at Carrigoona, Kilmacanogue.
17. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor M. Deering, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with Miss Rose O'Reilly on the death of her brother, Thomas O'Reilly, who had been a former Member of the Council.

Item No. 1—Letter from Department of Local Government Re Road Traffic (Speed Limit) (Amendment) Regulations, 1965.

The County Secretary stated that a copy of the new Regulations in regard to Speed Limits had been received from the Department of Local Government and the new Regulations would apply from the 1st June. The effect of the changes were to introduce a new 40 m.p.h. Speed Limit through Ashford and Newtownmountkennedy and to move the boundaries of the 30 m.p.h. Limits at Arklow, Bray, and at Marlton Road, Wicklow, nearer to the towns proper, and to replace the 30 m.p.h. Limit with a 40 m.p.h. Limit from the boundaries of the Urban Districts to the new points where the 30 m.p.h. Limit would apply. The Council asked that a Summary of the amendments be circulated to the Members.

Item No. 2—Letter from Department of Local Government Re Licence Fees for Petrol Pumps, Air Receivers, Etc.

The County Secretary stated that the Minister for Local Government had made revised Regulations in regard to Fees for Petrol Pumps, Air Receivers, Advertising Signs, etc., erected on public roads. The new Regulations provided for a reduction of 50 per cent. in the Fees which had been applied in the original Regulations. The Council noted the reduction in the Fees chargeable under the Regulations.

Item No. 3—Letter from Edward Johnson, and Others Re Ballykeane Lane, Redcross.

The following letter from Mr. Edward Johnson and other persons at Ballykeane, Redcross, was submitted to the Council:—

29th April, 1965.

BALLYKEANE LANE, REDCROSS.

We, the undersigned, whose holdings adjoin the abovementioned road, wish to thank the County Council for having it widened and reconstructed. What was formerly a narrow, rough, waterlogged lane, a source of inconvenience and hardship to all of us and to the generations of people who were here before us, is now, thanks to the County Council, a wide, well constructed, tarred road, capable of carrying all kinds of normal modern traffic.

We also wish to convey a word of praise and appreciation to the Engineer, the Overseer, and the men who carried out the work. The finished road is a lasting tribute to their skill and efficiency in road-making.

Signed:

EDWARD JOHNSON,
ERIC F. DAY,
JOHN WHELAN,
PATRICK FURLONG,
JAMES KELLY,
MICHAEL MOORE,
SEAMUS MACKEN,
JOHN RATTSAY.

The Council expressed appreciation of the terms of the letter.

Item No. 4—Re-Laying of Sewer Outfall at Greystones—Report of County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we approve, on recommendation of County Engineer, of the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Irish Piling and Construction Co., Ltd., Riverview Works, Ringsend, Dublin, 5, in the sum of £5,750, for the Re-Laying of Sewer Outfall at Greystones, and hereby authorise the borrowing of £5,750 from the Commissioners of Public Works, re-payable over a period of twenty-five years, to defray the cost of the work.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Sheep Dipping Scheme, 1965—Report Re Amendments Required.

The County Secretary gave details of the changes made by the new Sheep Dipping Regulations, which would apply from the 1st July, 1965. The first dipping period was fixed from the 1st July to the 7th August, and the second from the 1st October to the 30th November. All sheep must be dipped twice, once in each period. In regard to the costs involved the County Secretary stated that Sheep Dipping Inspectors would be engaged in supervising dipping of sheep over a period of fourteen weeks in all as compared with thirteen weeks previously, and supervisory and clerical duties of Inspectors would be increased. It was proposed to revise the remuneration of Inspectors in relation to the increase in their duties. There would be some additional expenditure in regard to payments to owners of Baths and additional expenditure on printing and stationery. Councillor J. Miley stated that the 1st of June was too late a date to commence sheep dipping for sheep owners in County Wicklow and urged that the date be changed and the dipping period commence in early June rather than in July.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we recommend to the Department of Agriculture that the first dipping period be from 1st June to 31st July, and second dipping period from 1st September to 31st October.

Councillor Hadden felt that it would be difficult to get the agreement of the Department for advancing the sheep dipping period by one month.

It was

Proposed by Councillor A. H. Hadden;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved — That commencing date for the first sheep dipping period be 15th June.

A vote having been taken on the amendment in the name of Councillor Hadden it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR—Councillors E. Byrne, J. Gregory, A. H. Hadden, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, M. J. O'Neill, J. Quigley, G. Timmins, and Miss M. Walsh—NINE,

AGAINST—Councillors M. Deering, P. McCarthy, J. Miley, R. Miley, J. Temple and J. J. McCrea—SIX.

The amendment was declared carried by nine votes in favour to six votes against and on being put as a substantive motion was declared passed on the same voting.

Item No. 6—Report from Council's Engineer Re Drain at Ballinaclash, Rathdrum.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That having considered Report of Assistant County Engineer J. P. Caffrey of 21st April, 1965, we approve of piping of stream at Ballinaclash, at estimated cost of £80.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Letter from Department of Health Re Provision of Accommodation for Nurses at St. Colman's Hospital.

Item No. 8—Letter from Department of Health Re Proposal to Engage Consultant to Design a Static Water Storage Tank at St. Colman's Hospital.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's proposal to reconstruct and convert the former Administration Block at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, into accommodation for the Nursing Staff had been examined by the Department's Technical Advisers, together with the Report obtained by the Council on the state of the wood in the building, and the Department in a recent letter had indicated that it would be more satisfactory to erect a new building to accommodate Nursing Staff rather than to expend anything from £8,000 to £10,000 on reconstructing the old building, which, it was felt, would not be justified in view of its condition and age. The County Secretary stated also that the Department had recommended that the Council engage a Consultant to design a static water storage tank in connection with the new accommodation to be provided at the Hospital.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That we note letter of 14th April, 1965, from Department of Health regarding proposed conversion of Front Block at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, for use as Nurses' accommodation, and approve of providing new Nurses' Home in lieu of proposal for reconstructing the Front Block for use as Nurses' accommodation.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we approve of applications being invited by public advertisement for engagement of Engineering Consultant to undertake the structural and civil engineering planning of the General Scheme of Improvements at St. Colman's Hospital.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Report of Council's Engineer Re Proposal to Sell Plot at Clogga Beach to Council.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had been asked to report on the matter of access to Clogga Beach, South of Arklow, following reference at a recent Meeting of the Council to the approach to the Beach having been obstructed. The Assistant County Engineer reported that the road had originally gone down to the strand, but erosion had removed a lot of it, and that a part which he had indicated on a Map was no longer usable. A Dr. Doherty, who owned a plot near the Beach, had fenced off the plot, but had left a gap along which persons could get down with some difficulty to the Beach. He stated that he had put up the fence as so many caravanners, campers, and others were using the place and leaving it in a filthy condition. He stated that he would be willing to sell the plot to the Council if proper amenities were provided and looked after. Mr. Reuter, who owned a farm adjoining the public road, had put up a barricade at a point alongside the road, which obstructed what appeared to be a public right-of-way to the Beach across his land, and the Assistant County Engineer had recommended that he be asked to remove this obstruction. A letter had been addressed to Mr. Reuter asking him to remove the barrier.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we approve of negotiations being entered into with Dr. Doherty, owner of plot at Clogga Strand, with a view to acquisition of plot by the Council, and that we take all necessary steps to protect public right of access to the Beach.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Report and Estimate from County Engineer Re Road Works Scheme for Realignment at Kileavan Gap.

The County Engineer in a Report submitted to the Council stated that the estimated cost of carrying out a Scheme for Road improvement at Kileavan Gap, in accordance with the Department's Roads Standards, was £35,600. A sum of £3,000 only had been allocated by the Council in Main Road Grants for 1964/65 in respect of a Scheme for Improvement at this place. The County Engineer stated that the expenditure involved to complete the Scheme was not justifiable on the grounds of the benefits arising from it and that there was no history of any accidents at the Cross. The landowner concerned was seeking a price of £2,000 for the 2 acres 8 perches required for the Works and the County Engineer considered this price excessive. The price was based on the landowner's claim that a plantation of young trees on the land would realise practically that sum on reaching maturity. The County Engineer pointed out that the Department of Local Government had agreed to the transfer of the sum of £3,000 allocated for this work to complete the Scheme on the Tinahely/Togher Road. Following a discussion on the matter

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That an Improvement Scheme for the Corner at Kileavan Gap, at an estimated cost of £3,000, as previously prepared, be submitted to Department for approval.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager pointed out that no Survey had been carried out, nor had any detailed Plans been completed for a Scheme at Kilkavan Gap, at a cost of £3,000.

Item No. 11—Coast Protection Act, 1962—Erosion at North Beach, Wicklow—Proposed Deputation to Parliamentary Secretary to Minister for Finance.

The following letter from Wicklow U.D.C., was submitted:—

Secretary, Wicklow County Council, 5th May, 1965.
Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow.

Coast Protection Act, 1962—North Beach, Wicklow.

A Chara,

The Urban Council has asked the new Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance, Mr. James Gibbons, T.D., to receive a small deputation of representatives of the Wicklow Urban District Council and Wicklow County Council to discuss the question of coast protection works necessary at the North Beach, Wicklow, and also to discuss the possibility of some provision being made for the carrying out of urgent remedial works at this point.

Mr. Gibbons has indicated that he will receive this deputation but the time and place has not yet been fixed. However, it is anticipated that it will be on some day next week.

The Urban Council appointed the following representatives on the deputation—Councillor T. A. Delahunt, Chairman; Councillor J. Keane, Councillor T. Conroy—and would be obliged if your Council would also nominate three representatives.

Mise, le meas,

M. J. CUSACK, Town Clerk

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to represent the County Council on the Joint Deputation to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance in connection with the question of Coast Protection Works at the North Beach, Wicklow:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea.

Councillor J. Temple.

Councillor P. McCarthy.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Temple stated that in addition to the coastal erosion at Wicklow the Council was concerned about the erosion at Ballygannon and also coastal erosion at Arklow, and he felt that these two matters should also be raised by the members of the Deputation. It was agreed that the Parliamentary Secretary be informed that the matter of coastal erosion at Ballygannon and at Arklow would also be raised by the County Council Members on the Deputation.

Item No. 12—Application by National League of the Blind of Ireland for Contribution of £d. in £.

At the previous Meeting of the Council the Council had received a Deputation from the National League of the Blind of Ireland in regard to their application for the making of a contribution by the Council towards the losses incurred by the Board for the Employment of the Blind on the operation of Workshops. The County Secretary stated that it had been the view of the Council when this matter had come before them previously that any loss in the operation of the Workshops should be met equally by the Department and the Local Authorities, and that the Council had indicated their agreement to pay the equivalent of £d. in the £ towards the losses arising if the Department of Social Welfare would meet a similar amount. A number of County Councils were contributing and it had been stated by the Deputation that only Counties Wicklow, Wexford and Donegal were not contributing. The Council noted that no provision had been made in the current year's Estimates for the contribution sought by the Deputation and agreed that the matter be deferred for consideration at the next Estimates Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 13—Planning—Letter from Council's Law Agent Re Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 — Use of Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

The following letter from the Council's Solicitor was submitted to the Council:—

J. H. McCarroll & Co., 4 Church St.,
Solicitors. Wicklow.
6th May, 1965.

Re: Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963—Use of Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

Dear Manager,

I duly received yours of the 4th inst., and I note that a member of the Council has inquired if the Council could avail of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, and thereby override the decision of the Manager and grant permission where permission had been refused by the Manager under the 1963 Act.

The first problem that arises is, does Section 4 of the 1955 Act apply in cases coming under the Planning and Development Act of 1963, and in my opinion Section 4 does not apply to the 1963 Act. Secondly, even if it did the Council could not avail of Section 4 unless proper plans were lodged and as this was not done in the present case even if the Section 4 applies to the 1963 Act, the Council could not invoke it in the present case.

In the case at issue, it appears that Mr. Finucane was refused by an order on the 1st of September, 1964, for the erection of 10 Bungalows as he had not supplied plans in accordance with the Development Plan and that no provision was made for footpaths, no information given as to drains and sewers, no provision was shown for open space and no information as to road construction.

If necessary I can attend the Meeting on the 10th inst. and so advise the Council.

M. J. Flannery, Esy.,

County Manager,

Court House, Wicklow.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. McCarroll & Co.

Councillor J. Temple contended that the Council was entitled to avail of Section 4 of the County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to require the County Manager to grant permission in this case. He indicated that he was handing in a Notice of Motion under the provisions of Section 4 and asked that a copy of the Notice of Motion be submitted to the Department with the request for an indication as to whether such a Resolution, if passed by the Council, would be effective, and that the Resolution be included on the Agenda for the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 14—Application for Vesting of Cottage at Ballyguilemore, Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that the original tenant of this cottage at Ballyguilemore had died and as there were two daughters residing in the cottage the tenancy had been left in the name of the representatives of the former tenant, as was the Council's practice in such cases. One of the daughters had applied to have the tenancy transferred to her name and had indicated that her sister was agreeable to this being done. It was considered undesirable that the tenancy of the cottage be transferred to one member of a family in cases where other members of the family would have a similar claim for the tenancy. The Council recommended that in the circumstances the tenancy of the cottage might be transferred to the applicant and the County Manager stated that he would re-consider the matter having regard to the views expressed by the Members.

Item No. 15—Engineer's Report Re Sruhaun Water Supply.

The County Secretary stated that this matter related to the acquiring by the Council of access to the storage tank to be placed on Councillor M. J. O'Neill's land at Sruhaun, and agreement had been reached on the matter, apart from the difficulty of the recording of a wayleave to the site of the tank. Councillor O'Neill stated that he had no objection to the use of the term "wayleave" in the Agreement, or the recording of a wayleave in regard to the site, but what he had objected to was the use of the term "right-of-way," as he felt that such a term recorded on the Title to the lands would be detrimental. The County Secretary stated that it appeared that there had been a misunderstanding on his part in the matter and that the Council merely were required to record on the Agreement that a wayleave applied over the land to the site of the storage tank.

Item No. 16—Group Water Supply Scheme at Carrigoona, Kilmacanogue.

In reply to inquiries which had been made at the previous Meeting regarding the Group Water Supply Scheme at Carrigoona the County Secretary stated that if the Lodge at Powerscourt Estate took a supply from the main the normal Water Rate would be charged. In the case of "Powerscourt House," where an auxiliary supply was sought, on a metered basis, the only charge in this regard would be one based on the quantity of the water supplied, as recorded by the meter,

together with meter rental. The Council would, however, need to determine the maximum quantity which might be supplied on this connection. The County Secretary stated that the Group had also asked the Council to be responsible for supervising the Scheme, but the County Engineer considered that it would be unreasonable for the Council to accept responsibility for this work. The Council would carry out the work of extending the main, but the group would be responsible for the work of laying the pipe from the end of the Council's main to serve the houses in the Scheme. The Council noted the position in the matter.

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

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

Nuisance at Tinahely.

Councillor A. H. Hadden stated that a nuisance was being caused in the neighbourhood of the Protestant Church at Tinahely as a result of a large number of itinerants camping there. He stated that there had been about sixty in the camp, which included ten caravans, and they had camped on a footpath on the side of the road near the Church, and when eventually the Gardai had succeeded in getting them moved the place had been left in a very bad condition. Councillor Hadden suggested that the Council's Engineer widen the ditch outwards on to the footpath so as to leave the footpath a reasonable width and not wide enough to allow itinerants to camp on it. It was agreed that the suggestion made by Councillor Hadden be examined by the County Engineer.

Road Works Programme for 1965/'66.

The Council decided to hold Meetings of the Members of the Council for the various Electoral Areas to consider the Road Works Programme for 1965/'66 on the following dates:—

Bray Electoral Area—At the Town Hall, Bray, at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 25th May, 1965.

Baltinglass Electoral Area—At the Courthouse, Baltinglass, at 3.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 26th May, 1965.

Arklow Electoral Area—At Shillelagh at 3.00 p.m. on Friday, 28th May, 1965.

The Members of the Council for the **Wicklow Electoral Area** decided to defer the fixing of a date for their Meeting until the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley: Requesting a Report from the County Engineer as to ownership of trees "which are a public danger to public, on former Station Road, Aughrim, and what steps he proposes to take to have them removed."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 1st June, 1965, at 2.30 p.m. to consider the question of the position which had arisen in the Roundwood area by the refusal of Mr. Matthew Mitten, Sleamaine, Roundwood, to permit sheep owners to dip their sheep in the Public Bath on his holding. The Meeting had been called on the requisition of the Chairman and Councillors M. Deering, R. Miley, J. Miley, J. Quigley, G. Timmins, M. J. O'Neill and Miss M. Walsh.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors P. McCarthy, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, 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, Roger Miley, J. Gregory and H. W. Hopkins.

The County Secretary attended.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that a Deputation representing sheep farmers from Roundwood had attended at the Meeting of the Committee of Agriculture on the 25th May, 1965, and had informed the Committee that the Dipping Bath on Mr. Matthew Mitten's farm at Sleamaine was no longer available and that the nearest Bath was now seven or eight miles distance, which was too far to drive sheep under present traffic conditions. The Chairman stated that he understood that upwards of 2,000 sheep were dipped at the one dipping and that so many sheep could not be brought elsewhere for dipping. A site for a new Bath had been offered, but a new Bath would not be ready for the first dipping period and it was felt necessary that a Meeting of the Council be called to consider the matter. The County Secretary stated that it appeared from the records that a Sheep Dipping Bath on Mr. Mitten's land was erected by Mr. Matthew Mitten during the 1930's and as it was a Public Bath the Committee of Agriculture, who then operated the Sheep Dipping Scheme, would have made a Grant towards the cost of the Bath, in return for which the owner undertook to make the Bath available for public dipping of sheep without charge. An annual payment, previously of £1 and recently of £2, was made by the Council for caretaking and general maintenance of the Bath. The Council also carried out repairs to the Bath when necessary. The Sheep Dipping Inspector for the Area had reported that Mr. Mitten would not allow sheep to be dipped in the Bath as due to the number of sheep involved his property had been damaged and fences broken down and also young trees which he had planted were damaged. The Sheep Dipping Inspector also stated that Mr. James Brady of Shroughmore, Roundwood, was willing to provide a site on which a Public Bath could be erected. The County Secretary pointed out, however, that it had not been the practice of the Council to provide Baths directly, but it had been the policy to make Grants towards the cost of erecting of Baths by private persons. Under the present Schemes of the Department of Agriculture a Grant of 50 per cent. of the approved estimated cost, subject to a maximum per holding of £55 for dipping facilities and £25 for other handling facilities, was available and for repairs to Baths a Grant of 75 per cent. of the approved estimated cost of labour, subject to a maximum of three-fifths of the Grant for corresponding new facilities. Where a Public Sheep Dipping Bath was provided by the Council a subsidy of 50 per cent. of the cost of the provision of necessary new Baths was available from the Department. From 5,000 to 5,500 sheep were dipped at this Bath annually. No estimate was available as to the cost of providing a new Bath,

though it was understood from the Department of Agriculture that a Bath could be provided for about £350. The cost, however, would depend on the size of the Bath and the extent of the accommodation needed. The County Secretary pointed out that the Agreement made when the Bath was erected required that it be made available for public dipping of sheep.

Councillor R. Miley stated that he was familiar with the circumstances in regard to Mr. Mitten's objection to allowing the Bath to be used again for dipping of sheep and stated that he was satisfied that due to the numbers of sheep dipped in the Bath damage had been caused to Mr. Mitten's property and he could understand his being unwilling to allow this position to continue.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That we provide a new Public Sheep Dipping Bath at Roundwood, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the Estimates, and request Mr. Matthew Mitten to allow dipping in this year, and appoint the following Members to form a Deputation to interview Mr. Mitten:—

Councillor R. Miley, Councillor J. Miley, Councillor A. H. Hadden, and Councillor Miss M. Walsh.

Passed unanimously.

Prescribed Dipping Periods.

The following letter received from the Department of Agriculture with enclosed copy of a letter addressed to the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture was submitted to and noted by the Council:—

Ref. No. 8/1/76.

An Roinn Talmhaíochta,
Baile Átha Cliath 2.
26th May, 1965.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 11th May about the compulsory dipping periods prescribed in the Sheep Dipping Order, 1965, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to enclose for your information copy of a letter issued to the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture who had made similar representations in the matter.

Mise, le meas,

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,
Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow.

8/1/76.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 29th April and to inform you that the terms of the resolution regarding the prescribed dates for sheep dipping passed by the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture at its meeting on 27th April have been noted.

The prescribed dipping periods, viz., 1st July to 7th August and 1st October to 30th November, were decided on after consultations with farming organisations, sheep breeding societies and other interests concerned in this country and on the advice of the veterinary authorities in Britain, where scab has been successfully eradicated. The Northern Ireland authorities were also consulted and the dipping

periods fixed are regarded as representing the best possible solution to the problem of reconciling the interests of sheep owners with the technical aspects of successfully dealing with the mite which causes sheep scab.

Representations as to the effect of the prescribed dipping dates on existing sheep management practices in County Wicklow and the reasons why a June dipping would be more convenient for sheep owners in the county were put forward by a deputation from the Wicklow Mountain Sheep Society which attended a meeting in this Department on 20th January last. It was pointed out on that occasion that dipping in June would be less effective against the scab mite than later dipping; that dipping immediately after shearing was not effective due to lack of sufficient wool on sheep to retain the dip and the danger of infection of wounds; that two separate dippings were essential for the eradication of the disease; that there was no reasonable alternative to the dipping dates proposed and that if scab were to be eradicated some inconvenience would have to be accepted by sheep owners. It will, no doubt, be appreciated that the prescribed periods will cause inconvenience in other areas also, especially where it has been the practice to dip sheep in August and September.

It is hoped that with the co-operation of all interests concerned, sheep scab can be eradicated in a very few years. The Minister considers that any extra effort or inconvenience occasioned by compliance with the statutory dipping requirements in the meantime will be well repaid in freedom from scab or the threat of scab and improvement in the condition and reputation of Irish sheep and Irish wool on the export market.

Mise, le meas,

D. MOLONEY, Runai.

Chief Agricultural Officer,
Co. Wicklow Committee of Agriculture,
Market Square, Wicklow.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor R. Miley the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the widow and family of the late Edward Rooney of Roundwood, who had been a Lorry Driver employed by the Council for a number of years. The County Secretary, on behalf of the County Manager and the staff, asked to be associated with the terms of the Council's Resolution.

Tennis Courts at Greystones.

Councillor J. Temple asked that a Report on the position regarding the Tennis Courts provided at Greystones be submitted to the next Meeting of the Council.

Mental Hospital.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Miley regarding the Council's request to have a representative on the Visiting Committee of the Mental Hospitals of the Dublin Health Authority while Wicklow patients continue to be accommodated there, the County Secretary stated that the Department of Health was examining the matter to see if suitable arrangements could be made. In reply to inquiry from Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge as to when the Mental Hospital at Newcastle would be opening the County Secretary stated that it was proposed to put the two Front Units in operation first as a Reception

Centre and Day Hospital, pending the main building being put in order to receive patients. It had been hoped originally that about 250 patients could be accommodated at Newcastle, but it seemed that the number would be somewhat less than that. The County Secretary stated that the R.M.S., Matron and Assistant Matron had taken up duty some while ago and that the Assistant R.M.S. and the Chief Clerk would be taking up duty in another month.

Tenders for Housing Schemes.

Tenders received in response to public advertisement for the erection of ten houses at Kilcoole and for the erection of two houses at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, were opened in the presence of the members of the Council. The Tenders received were as follows:—

Ten Houses at Kilcoole.

William Eager, Truder, Newtownmountkenedy ...	£19,457	5	0
P. A. Fitzgerald & Co., Ltd., "Curraheen," Golf Road, Foxrock, Co. Dublin ...	£23,208	0	0
C. Byrne & Sons, Hacketstown ...	£27,900	0	0
William Clarke (Builder), Ltd., Wicklow ...	£29,221	9	9

Two Houses at Bawnogue, Baltinglass.

Mr. John Shortt, Tuckmill, Baltinglass ...	£3,627	19	0
Mr. Eugene J. Brady, "Park House," Ashdale Road, Terenure, Dublin ...	£6,264	18	10

Acquisition of Land from Lt. Col. Cowper at Killadreenan.

The County Secretary stated that a Summons had been served on the Council by the Solicitor for Lt. Col. Cowper in regard to the matter of the acquisition of land from Lt. Col. Cowper for the Road Improvement at Killadreenan. As far as the Council were aware, however, the only matter unsettled in regard to the acquisition was that of the Costs of Lt. Col. Cowper's Solicitor. The Chairman suggested that the matter might be included on the Agenda for a later Meeting.

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 June, 1965, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors J. Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, 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, Roger Miley, J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory and H. W. Hopkins.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers R. L. Farrell and P. McGuinness, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell and P. T. Hickey attended.

Vote of Sympathy.

On the proposition of the Chairman a vote of sympathy was passed with the widow and daughter of the late Mr. C. W. Newman, Rent Collector to the Council. Tributes to the late Mr. Newman, and to his official competence, were paid by the Chairman, Members and County Manager.

Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 — Housing Development at New Road, Greystones—Mr. E. Finucane, Builder.

In accordance with Notice of Motion which had been circulated beforehand under the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, the following was put forward:—

"We, the undersigned, hereby give notice that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, the under-mentioned Resolution will be proposed at the monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Housing Committee to be held on Monday, 14th June, 1965.

Signed: JOHN TEMPLE.

HUGH B. HIPWELL.

MARY LEDWIDGE.

RESOLUTION

That approval be granted under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Eric Finucane for the erection of 10 dormer bungalows on the site at New Road, Greystones, and that we ask the Minister to receive a Deputation."

At the same time it was asked what reply had been received from the Department of Local Government in relation to this proposed Resolution and reception of a Deputation, and also in relation to the application of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

The following letter of 3rd June, 1965, which was received from the Department of Local Government was submitted:—

Dept. of Local Government,
Custom House,
Dublin.

Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil,
Teach an Chustaim,
Baile Atha Cliath.
3rd June, 1965

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow.

Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.
Housing Development at La Touche Road, Greystones, for Mr. E. Finucane.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 11th instant on the above-mentioned subject and to state that he is advised that section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, may be invoked by the Council in relation to any application for a permission or approval under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, which is properly before the Manager at the time the relevant resolution is passed and that the Manager would be obliged to comply with such resolution except in a case where the Minister's consent would be requisite under the provisions of section 26 (3) of the 1963 Act. He is further advised that since there appears to be no proper application before the Manager in the present case a resolution under section 4 would be ineffective. In the circumstances the reception of a deputation by the Minister, as suggested, would serve no useful purpose.

I am to add that if, as claimed, the development now in progress is being undertaken without planning permission, the developer is in breach of section 24 of the 1963 Act, and liable to prosecution under that section. He is also running the risk of enforcement proceedings. The developer's position can only be regularised if he lodges proper plans and particulars of the development in accordance with the 1963 Act and the Permission Regulations made thereunder with an application for permission under section 26 of the Act.

Mise, le meas,

The following further letter of 8th June, 1965, from the Department of Local Government, together with enclosure (being copy of a letter dated June, 1965, which had been addressed by the Department to Mr. E. Finucane) were also submitted:—

Dept. of Local Government,
Custom House,
Dublin.

Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil,
Teach an Chustaim,
Baile Atha Cliath.
8th June, 1965.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Re: Housing development at New Road, Greystones.
Contractor: Mr. E. Finucane.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to enclose for your information copy of a letter which issued to Mr. Finucane in connection with his application for grants in respect of the building of houses in the above scheme.

The extensive cul-de-sac development envisaged, with a total of over 80 houses, is very undesirable and the possibility of providing another access road should be examined. The appropriate area for open space should also be made available.

I am to request your further observations on these points.

Mise, le meas,

J. P. CAVANAGH.

June, 1965

Mr. E. Finucane,
Building Contractor,
2, Alexandra Terrace,
Bray,
Co. Wicklow.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your application for grants in respect of the building of houses at New Road, Greystones, and to inform you that the layout and house plans submitted are not sufficiently detailed to enable a full examination of your proposals to be made. It is also necessary to forward a copy of approval to this scheme from the local authority under the Town and Regional Planning Acts.

Layout Plan:

Full details of public services must be given and provision must be made for public open space and play space for children. The plan submitted provides for 54 houses and as there are already about 30 existing houses, at least a half-acre should be reserved for open space. It is noted that there is only one entrance road to the scheme with no other exit road. Cul-de-sac development for over 80 houses is undesirable and the possibility of providing a further access to the scheme should be examined.

House Plans:

The house plans submitted give very little information and are nothing more than an outline. Detailed plans showing the particulars asked for in the attached Form H.A.I. should be prepared and forwarded for examination.

Specification:

This document is also inadequate; wall thicknesses and sizes of timber, etc., are omitted. A detailed specification incorporating the particulars shown on Form H.A.I. should be prepared and submitted.

Further consideration of your application for grants in respect of the erection of houses in this scheme is deferred pending the submission of town planning approval from the local authority, and detailed layout and house plans and specification.

Mise, le meas,

J. P. CAVANAGH.

It was mentioned to the Council by the County Manager that it would be noted that the letter of 3rd June, 1965, from the Department indicated that as there appeared to be no proper application before the Council in the present case a Resolution under Section 4 would be ineffective and that the reception of a Deputation by the Minister, as suggested, would serve no useful purpose. It would also be noted from the letter of 8th June, 1965, and accompanying enclosure, that the Department, when considering the application of the Builder for Grants for the houses in this Scheme, had expressed the view that this development as an extensive cul-de-sac one, with a total of over eighty houses, was very undesirable and that the possibility of providing another access road should be examined. They also drew attention to the necessity for an open space. The Department mentioned that full details of public services would be required, and in relation to House Plans commented that those submitted gave very little information, whilst they considered that the document submitted as Specification was also inadequate.

The County Manager also informed the Council that in a letter of 3rd June, 1965, Mr. Finucane had applied for permission to erect eight detached chalet-type houses on this site and had submitted an amended Site Layout, House Plan, a Building Specification, and Specification for Development. The County Engineer had reported that the House Plan was unacceptable for the Layout shown. He considered that the fitting of obscure glass to eastern gable of window of first floor of seven of the houses did not get over the objection on the grounds of privacy, as portion of the window would have to be opened for ventilation purposes. The fitting of obscure glass would shut out the natural daylight already limited by the closeness of the gables of the houses. The natural daylight of downstairs livingrooms, particularly the kitchen/dining-room, which had only gable lighting, was interfered with by the fact that the garage wall of the adjoining house was only 8 ft.-0 ft. away. Another undesirable feature of the House Plan was that there were no toilet facilities to serve the upstairs bedrooms. Occupants of these rooms would have to come downstairs and go by the living quarters to reach the bathroom. The revised Layout Plan did not show the position of watermain, house connections and stopcocks, and the position of sewer house connections, gully-traps and junctions. A level section would also be required showing invert levels of manholes and sewer gradients. For these reasons he recommended that permission be refused. On 11th June, 1965, as a result of consideration of the Report of the County Engineer, an Order refusing permission was made.

There was a lengthy discussion on the matter in which Members urged that if there was a possibility of reaching agreement so as to allow the Builder to carry out the Scheme it should be explored. Eventually it was decided that the County Manager and County Engineer would meet Mr. Finucane and submit a Special Report to the next Meeting of the Council to be held on 21st June, 1965.

Preparation of Development Plan Under Planning and Development

Act—Recruitment of Staff for Planning and Housing.

It was indicated to the Council that as there was a statutory obligation to prepare a Development Plan within three years from 1st October, 1964, and as steps to prepare a Provisional Scheme had to be taken immediately, it would be necessary to recruit special staff for these purposes. In addition, consequent on the necessity to arrange for new Housing Schemes and new Sanitary Services Schemes, an additional Clerk/Typist was essential in the Office dealing with Housing and Sanitary Services.

The County Engineer had recommended that one Planning Officer (with rank of Chief Assistant County Engineer) and one Assistant Planning Officer (with rank of Assistant County Engineer) should be recruited without delay. In addition, in order to keep records, assist in procuring statistical and other data, and to discharge the increasing administrative and clerical work arising in relation to Planning, the following would be required:—

1 Staff Officer; 1 Clerical Officer; and 1 Clerk/Typist.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we approve of the creation of the following posts in order to provide the necessary staff for the operation of the provisions of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963:—

1 Planning Officer (with salary scale appropriate to Chief Assistant County Engineer);

1 Assistant Planning Officer (on salary scale appropriate to that of Assistant County Engineer);

1 Staff Officer;

1 Clerical Officer; and

1 Clerk/Typist.

We approve also of the creation of an additional office of Clerk/Typist for Housing and Sanitary Services Section.

We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amounts provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the remuneration of these officers.

Passed unanimously.

Sale of Vested Cottages at Ardboyne, Tullow, and Parknashaw, Avoca.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple.

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by Mr. Thomas Whelan, tenant-purchaser of cottage No. 228/9 at Ardboyne, Tullow, of his interest in the cottage to Mr. Michael Brennan, Ardoyne, Tullow.

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 Mr. James O'Toole, tenant-purchaser of cottage No. 95/8 at Parknashaw, Avoca, to Mr. Peter O'Neill, Knockanree, Avoca.

Passed unanimously.

Supplementary Housing Grants—New House at Ballyhenry, Ashford, and Rustyduff, Knockanarrigan.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £200 to Mrs. Mary P. Alonso, Ballyhenry, Ashford, in respect of the erection of a new house at Inchinappa North, Ashford.

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 £375 to Mr. Thomas Finlay, Rustyduff, Knockanarrigan, in respect of the erection of new house at Rustyduff.

Passed unanimously.

Closing of Public Road at Altidore Hill on 26th June, 1965.

An application had been received for the closing of this road in connection with a Motor Car Hill Climb and the necessary public advertisement had been given and no objections had been received.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the road described hereunder, between the hours of 2.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m., on Saturday, 26th June, 1965, and authorise the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb on this road while so closed to public traffic:—

Portion of County Road No. 39 between the junction of three roads on Tinnapark Demesne via Altidore Hill to the junction of two roads at Carrigower, being part of the Willow Grove/Ballinastoe Road.

Passed unanimously.

Closing of Road at Blessington on 17th July, 1965—Dublin Metropolitan Regatta.

The Dublin Metropolitan Regatta Council had asked for approval to closing of public road in Blessington district in connection with Regatta on Blessington Lake on 17th July, 1965. The necessary advertisement had been published and no objections had been received.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic road from Red Lane, Blessington, via Blessington Bridge to Woodend, Blessington, on Saturday, 17th July, 1965, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 8.00 p.m., in connection with the holding of Rowing Championships and Metropolitan Regatta at Blessington Lake.

Passed unanimously.

Housing—Sites at Monastery, Enniskerry.

In accordance with Notice of Motion Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge put forward the following:— "Take notice that I or someone for me will move a Motion requesting the Council to take the necessary steps to purchase land adjacent to Monastery, Enniskerry, to build new houses."

In this matter it was indicated to the Council that when the site at Kilgarron, Enniskerry, was originally acquired it was proposed to erect sixty houses there. So far, however, only twenty houses had been

built on the site and, consequently, there would be ample sites available for the erection of further Council houses. Negotiations had been going on with the Forestry Department, and with another person, regarding a proposal to lease sites at Kilgarron for the erection of private dwellings, but the Forestry Department, it seemed, were not pursuing the matter.

It was decided that inquiry be made as to applicants seeking housing accommodation in Enniskerry with a view to proceeding with a Scheme on the Council's site at Kilgarron.

Proposal to erect House at Askinagap.

Councillor Miss M. Walsh had put forward Notice of Motion to the effect "that the Council agrees to build a cottage for Mrs. Bridget Carthy, Askinagap, or alternatively, provide her with suitable accommodation."

It was indicated to the Council that the County Medical Officer had been asked to submit a Special Report in connection with the matter of housing accommodation for Mrs. Carthy.

It was decided that the County Medical Officer be asked to expedite the submission of the necessary Report.

Erection of New Piggery at Cottage of J. Gregory, Ballycoogue, Avoca.

Councillor J. Gregory submitted a Notice of Motion to the effect that the Council would replace a piggery at the cottage occupied by Mr. James Gregory, Ballycoogue, Avoca.

It was decided to consider in conjunction with this a Report relating to a piggery attached to cottage of William Bracken, in the same townland.

The Report of the Council's Engineer in these two cases indicated that a new piggery in each instance would cost £137. It was pointed out to the Council that having regard to the necessity for the Council to concentrate on the erection of new houses there would be much difficulty if proposals for the erection of new piggeries were to be proceeded with.

After discussion it was decided that it be suggested to the applicants that they should consult the Department of Agriculture regarding the possibility of obtaining special Grants for the construction of new piggeries.

Water Supply to Two Council Cottages at Bawnogue, Baltinglass.

A Notice of Motion as follows had been submitted by Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins:—"We, the undersigned, will move a Motion requesting the Council to give permission to the tenants of two Council cottages at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, to take a connection from the watermain passing by their gates."

It was pointed out to the Council that the main in this instance seemed to be one supplying a private house. It was decided to inquire from Mr. Murphy, V.S., who had laid the supply pipe in question, if he would be agreeable to allow connections for the two Council cottages from it.

Water Supply For Ten Cottages at Ballynerrin Upper, Wicklow.

It had been submitted through Councillor J. Everett, T.D., that the water supply to ten cottages at Ballynerrin Upper, near Wicklow, was only from a pump and was unsatisfactory.

In a Special Report the County Engineer indicated that these cottages were at too high an elevation to be served from the existing service reservoir at Greenhill, Wicklow, i.e., the reservoir which had been constructed when the Cronroe Regional Scheme came into operation some time ago. The cottages, however, would be served from the proposed extension of the Cronroe supply to the Brittas Bay district. In view of this it would not be advisable to make an arrangement for pumping to a separate reservoir to serve these cottages.

It was noted by the Council that a supply could be given to these cottages when the extension to Brittas Bay came into operation.

Resignation of Rent Collector A. Doyle.

It was reported to the Council that as a result of certain irregularities in his Accounts Mr. A. Doyle, Rent Collector, had been suspended on 12th May, 1964. There was a deficiency amounting to £152 7s. 9d. A lodgment of £150 to cover this had been made, whilst it was proposed to offset the balance of £2 7s. 9d. against any payment which might be due to Mr. Doyle in respect of poundage on rents collected immediately prior to suspension. Mr. Doyle had submitted his resignation from the position of Rent Collector and Water Supply Caretaker for Aughrim Water Supply. The resignation had been accepted, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government. In a letter of 27th May, 1965, the Minister had consented to the acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Doyle.

The Council noted the position and also that it was proposed to fill the vacant post, which would shortly be advertised.

Loans for Erection of Three New Dwellinghouses and Acquisition of One Dwellinghouse.

Details of applications were submitted and the following Resolutions were passed unanimously:—

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;
Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £1,800 to Desmond T. Fitzpatrick, 5, Leirim Place, Wicklow, in respect of erection of new dwellinghouse at Ballynerrin, Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £1,000 to Sergt. Francis H. Reynolds, Main Street, Blessington, in respect of the erection by him of a new dwellinghouse at Blessington.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £1,400 to Mr. Patrick Joseph Fitzpatrick, La Touche Place, Greystones, in respect of the erection of a dwellinghouse at Site No. 15, La Touche Place, Greystones, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

Resolved—That subject to a satisfactory Report being received from the County Engineer in regard to the condition of the dwellinghouse, we approve of the making of a loan of £1,000, re-payable over a period of twenty years, with interest at 6½ per cent., to Mr. Thomas Kinsella, Main Street, Carnew, in respect of the purchase of dwellinghouse at Main Street, Carnew, from Mrs. Eva Biggs.

Passed unanimously.

Annual Meeting of Council.

In letter of 20th May, 1965, the Department of Local Government had indicated that the elections of Members of Local Authorities would not take place in 1965. Each Local Authority, consequently, should arrange for the holding of an Annual Meeting during the period from 23rd June to 1st July, 1965.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That having noted letter of 20th May, 1965, from Department of Local Government regarding the postponement of Local Elections, we determine that the Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council be held on Monday, 28th June, 1965, at 2.30 p.m.

Passed unanimously.

Road Works Programme—Wicklow Electoral Area.

It was agreed that Meeting of Members for the Wicklow Electoral Area to consider the Road Works Programme for 1965/66 would be held immediately after the next Meeting of the Council on Monday, 21st June, 1965.

Tennis Courts at Greystones.

In reply to an inquiry from Councillor J. Temple it was indicated that the site for the Tennis Courts at Greystones had been purchased by the proprietors of the La Touche Hotel and leased to the Council at a nominal rent. The cost of the site was £800, apart from legal and other charges. A Grant for the construction of the Tennis Courts and the building of a Pavilion had been given by An Bord Failte. The Council had let the Tennis Courts and Pavilion to the local Tennis Club, which had the responsibility of caretaking and managing them. Full details of the arrangements had already been given to the Council. The Council themselves had not incurred any capital expenditure in connection with this project and the entire cost of site had been defrayed by the proprietors of the La Touche Hotel, whilst the entire cost of construction of Tennis Courts and Pavilion had been met by An Bord Failte.

The position was noted.

Repairs to Cottages.

Details of repairs to cottages were submitted and approved.

Housing—Circular from Department of Local Government on Assessment of Housing Needs and Preparation of Programmes.

Circular Letter N.I./65 of 24th May, 1965, from Department of Local Government, which had been circulated to the Members of the

Council, was considered.

It was mentioned that in connection with the assessment of housing needs Local Authorities were expected to examine the position under the following headings:—

1. Unfit dwellings;
2. Overcrowded dwellings;
3. Obsolescence in existing housing stock; and
4. Housing demand due to population growth and new family formation, and other factors.

The assessment should also include an estimate of the number of required dwellings which might be provided by private enterprise, and the number of developed sites likely to be required for private enterprise building. It was mentioned that Local Authorities should make adequate provision for the satisfaction of demand for developed sites for private building.

Account should be taken of the delays which might be entailed by resort to compulsory purchase. Suitable sites should be acquired where necessary ahead of the provision of environmental services, such as water and sewerage, so that the benefit of the provision of such services would accrue to the Local Authority, its tenants, and to house purchasers.

Current renting practices should be examined with a view to the adoption of a rational rent policy for the Local Authority's Housing Estate as a whole.

In all cases of site acquisition the advice of suitably qualified specialist personnel with adequate housing experience should be obtained. The procedure to be followed in connection with the selection of sites, preparation of Schemes, and the submission of proposals for approval of the Department were also outlined. It was mentioned that sympathetic consideration would be given to proposals for negotiated Contracts or other similar departures from the normal existing procedure.

In the overall assessment of housing needs the Housing Authority should pay particular attention to the needs of small farmers living in unfit conditions.

It was mentioned that steps were being taken to carry out the surveys and assessment referred to in the Circular and a Report on the matter would be submitted to the Council in due course.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor M. Deering—"That I or some Member ask the Chairman to allow time to discuss the housing problem at Dunlavin."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—"That this Council rebuilds walls of Bridge bounding the river between Coolballintaggart and Askinagap, and removes the stones from Mr. Laurence Kenny's field."

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—"I or someone for me will move that Council provide a water supply for cottages at Ballykillageer, Avoca."

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—"That County Engineer be directed to take steps to prevent water flowing down Annacurra village opposite Catholic Church and divert it to its original course from reservoir."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 21st June, 1965, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.
Councillors 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, Roger Miley, J. D. Haughton and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers R. L. Farrell and P. McGuinness, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell and P. T. Hickey were present.

AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 22nd February, 22nd March, 5th and 12th April, and 3rd May, 1965.
2. Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 30th September, 1965.
3. To determine and make County Rate for service of financial year ending 31st March, 1966, sign and seal Rate Books, and authorise affixing of Seal to Rate Collectors' Warrants, and sign and seal Demands on Urban District Councils.
4. Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1966—Letter from Department of Education re Scheme for 1966. (Copy of 1965 Scheme enclosed)
5. Applications from All Nations Missionary College and the Irish Evangelistic Band for Licences for use of Public Address Systems.
6. Revision of Allowance for Officer acting as Civil Defence Officer.
7. Sheep Dipping Bath at Roundwood—Letter from Department of Agriculture.
8. Sheep Dipping Bath at Cannow, Glen of Imaal—Notice of Motion in names of Councillor M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins.
9. Letter from Department of Agriculture re suggested establishment of Local Committee re Sheep Dipping.
10. Housing Development at New Road, Greystones.
11. Clogga Beach, Arklow.
12. Application from Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd., for (1) Speed Limit; (2) Public Toilets; and (3) Public Lighting.
13. Water Supply to places of Worship in the County.
14. Oral Polio Vaccination Scheme—Report of County Medical Officer.
15. Newcastle Mental Hospital—Extra work at Residence for Senior Assistant Medical Officer.
16. To authorise borrowing to defray costs of (1) Additional six houses at Blessington; (2) Six houses at Aughrim; and (3) Nine houses at Grattan Park, Greystones.
17. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—"That Council allow time at next Meeting to discuss letter from Select Vestry at Ballinatone relative to dangerous condition of Ballinaclash-Greenane Road."
18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley requesting Report from County Engineer "as to ownership of trees which are a public danger on former Station Road, Aughrim, and what steps he proposes to take to have them removed."
19. Letter from County Councils' General Council re Resolution concerning Loans to Students.
20. Minutes of Meetings of County Councils' General Council held on 10th December, 1964, and 21st April, 1965.
21. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

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Letter from Parliamentary Secretary to Minister for Local Government.

In a letter of 13th May, 1965, Mr. Paudge Brennan, T.D., thanked the Chairman and Council for their good wishes on his appointment as Parliamentary Secretary. The letter was noted.

Item No. 1—Confirmation of Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 22nd February, 22nd March, 5th and 12th April, and 3rd May, 1965.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Overdraft Accommodation.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

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 amount for the Quarter to 30th September, 1965, shall not exceed £250,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Making of Rate for Year 1965/'66 and Sealing of Demands on Urban District Councils.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we now adopt the Rates for the service of the financial year ending on 31st March, 1966, 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, 1966.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

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, 1966, as follows:—

ARKLOW	...	...	...	£20,116	3	1
BRAY	...	...	...	£75,766	16	4
WICKLOW	...	...	...	£16,174	14	10

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Scholarship Schemes—Secondary, Etc., Schools.

In a letter of 25th May, 1965, the Department of Education indicated that Schemes for the year 1966 should be submitted in duplicate as soon as possible. Any major changes which Councils might desire to make should be specified in a covering letter. There would be no change from last year in the conditions governing the Examination or the Regulations relating to Schemes generally.

The Scheme as approved for the year 1965 was submitted with a view to ascertaining if any Member wished to propose any change in it.

After discussion it was decided to refer consideration of the Scheme for 1966 to the Scholarships Committee.

Item No. 5—Use of Public Address Systems.

Applications from the All Nations Missionary College with an address at Ware, Herts., England, and from Mr. John M. Heelan, c/o 39, Belmore Street, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, on behalf of the Irish Evangelistic Band, for permission to use Public Address Systems in the Rathnew/Wicklow area, were submitted.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That it is the view of the Council that the use of Public Address Systems and holding of Open-Air Meetings would be open to objection and, accordingly, permission could not be granted.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Revision of Allowance for Officer Acting as Civil Defence Officer.

It was indicated to the Council that the Irish Local Government Officials Union had asked that the Allowance for Civil Defence Officer be revised. The present Allowance was £180 and having regard to the changes in remuneration which had obtained since this was fixed over three years ago it was asked by the Union that it now be revised. The proposal was that it be revised to £330 per annum, with effect from 1st April, 1964.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we approve of an increase in the Allowance payable to Mr. J. Brophy as Part-Time Civil Defence Officer to £330 per annum, with effect from 1st April, 1964, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the revision of this Allowance.

Passed unanimously.

It was pointed out that 70 per cent. of the cost would be recouped by the Department of Defence.

Item No. 7—Sheep Dipping Bath at Roundwood.

In a letter of 10th June, 1965, the Department of Agriculture stated that before final approval could be given to the proposed new Sheep Dipping Bath for Roundwood area it would be necessary to submit a detailed Plan and Specification of the work, together with an estimate of the cost. It was decided to defer the proposal until the views of the Committee of Agriculture were obtained in regard to sheep dipping arrangements generally.

Item No. 8—Sheep Dipping Bath at Cannow, Glen of Imaal.

It was indicated that inquiry had been made from the Secretary, Department of Defence, if they would construct a new Bath, or agree to provide a site for one. After discussion on the matter it was agreed that the Veterinary Inspector for the district be asked to consult the Department of Defence regarding a suitable site.

Item No. 9—Sheep Dipping Arrangements—Establishment of Local Committee.

In a letter of 10th June, 1965, the Department of Agriculture referred to the necessity for eradicating sheep scab and stated that it was envisaged by the Minister that each County Council would establish a Local Committee to plan and organise a Dipping Programme. The County Committee of Agriculture was also being consulted by the Department in this matter. On the proposition of the Chairman it was agreed that the Council would await the views of the County Committee of Agriculture in the matter.

Item No. 10—Planning and Development Act—Housing Development at New Road, Greystones—Mr. E. Finucane.

The County Manager submitted the following Report on a discussion which he and the County Engineer and County Secretary had with Mr. Finucane, Builder, at the Town Hall, Bray, on 18th June, 1965:

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT.
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT NEW ROAD, GREYSTONES
(Mr. E. Finucane).**

On Friday, 18th June, 1965, County Engineer, County Secretary and County Manager met Mr. E. Finucane, Builder, at Town Hall, Bray.

It was pointed out to Mr. Finucane that in the last letter sent to him additional information was still sought, while certain drawbacks in the houses were also mentioned. It was also mentioned to him that the Department of Local Government had sent the County Council copy of a letter which they (the Department) had addressed to him regarding the absence of adequate information on his proposals for the purpose of Housing Grants, and also referring to lack of suitable access and of open space for such a large development.

Mr. Finucane was asked if he had answered the Department's queries, and it was understood from him that he had not done so. He stated that he wished to obtain the Council's approval in the first instance. It was again indicated to him that there was a lack of adequate information.

In the course of the discussion Mr. Finucane stated that the line of the sewer to serve the houses now being built did not follow that shown in the Layout Plan submitted to the Council in February, 1964. He stated that the houses were not sited in accordance with the Layout because the sewer as laid would not permit it—some of the houses if located as shown in the Layout would be over the sewer. He went on to say that even though it was he himself had submitted the Layout to the Council for approval he had no responsibility for the services. He stated that the sewers and the watermains were laid by a Mr. Cawley. Mr. Finucane was asked if any Officer of the Council had been given an opportunity of inspecting the sewers and watermains before the trenches were filled in and he replied in the negative. The County Engineer pointed out that if the length of sewer serving the houses in course of erection did not follow the line shown on the Layout Plan it could happen that the same lack of adherence to the Layout Plan might also apply to some of the other sewers to serve the site. Mr. Finucane again mentioned that he did not undertake the laying of the watermains and sewers and that this was done by a Mr. Cawley. He stated that he understood the water supply installations had been approved by Dublin Corporation.

Mr. Finucane was asked what arrangements had been made for the connection of the sewers from the site to a main sewer, as the Council never had received any reply to their inquiry in this matter. He stated it had been arranged with the La Touche Estate that their sewer and private road be used pending the taking over of road and sewer by County Council. It was stressed to Mr. Finucane that the Council had never been informed of any such arrangement.

Mr. Finucane asked if approval now would be given and it was indicated to him that the information available was inadequate, whilst there was now the further complication that there was no assurance that the sewers and watermains on the entire site were laid in accordance with the Layout Plan. It was then asked by Mr. Finucane that the Council's Officers would visit the site and inspect the houses, but it was pointed out that it was felt that this would not serve any useful purpose.

After discussion:

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That approval be granted under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Eric Finucane for the erection of ten dormer bungalows on the site at New Road, Greystones, subject to satisfactory arrangements being made with the County Engineer and the Department of Local Government.

Passed—Councillor A. H. Hadden dissenting

Item No. 11—Clogga Beach, Arklow—Right-of-Way.

It was decided to defer this matter to the next Meeting of the Council so that Councillor P. McCarthy might give his views on it.

Item No. 12—Brittas Bay Development Co.—Application for Speed Limit, Public Toilets and Public Lighting.

A letter from Mr. James M. Higgins, Secretary, Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd., asking for the provision of a Speed Limit, public lighting and public toilets at Brittas Bay was submitted.

It was pointed out to the Council that Mr. Higgins had been informed on 17th May, 1965, that the Superintendent, Garda Síochána, had indicated that it was unlikely that the matter of a Speed Limit could be dealt with by the Technical Committee for Speed Limits before the end of the present year. It had also been explained to Mr. Higgins that the Council itself had no authority to introduce Speed limits except following an Order made by the Minister and such Orders were made after the Minister had considered Reports from Technical Committee. In the discussion regarding public lighting and public toilets it was mentioned by Members that public access to the beach at Brittas was not available and that charges were made to members of the public who wished to use the beach area.

It was pointed out by the County Manager that the Council had been endeavouring to acquire part of the area between the roadway and the sea as a public open space and recreation area, but so far the negotiations towards this end had not been successful. Normally public sanitary conveniences were provided in public open spaces or in areas such as Parks and recreation areas. At seaside resorts Local Authorities normally provided these facilities in association with some public open space. It was also mentioned that the practice of the Council was to provide public lighting for areas which were urban in character, such as towns and villages.

It was decided to defer the application for the facilities sought seeing that the Council had not acquired any public open space or recreation area in the district.

Item No. 13—Water Supply to Places of Public Worship.

It was pointed out in a Special Report that it had been the practice for very many years past to make a nominal charge for water supply to some places of public worship in the County. The number of Churches involved was very small and it was suggested that water might be supplied free of charge and that these nominal rents be discontinued.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Resolved—That we agree that no charge be made by the Council in respect of the supply of water to places of worship in County Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Oral Polio Vaccination Scheme.

In a Report of 24th May, 1965, Dr. D. F. McCarthy, Chief Medical Officer, indicated that the Oral Polio Vaccination Scheme had met with a very satisfactory response and he wished to bring to the notice of the Council the help given by the clergy of all denominations, teachers, shopkeepers, and the Public Health Staff of the Council in making a success of the Scheme. The Council noted with satisfaction that the Scheme had been successful and that such willing co-operation had been forthcoming.

Item No. 15—Newcastle Mental Hospital—Residence of Senior Assistant Medical Officer.

It was reported that as the rooms in the residence of the Senior Assistant Medical Officer were rather restricted in size it would be desirable that built-in presses be provided in them.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we approve of the installation of built-in presses and wardrobes at the residence of the Senior Assistant Medical Officer at Newcastle Mental Hospital, at an estimated cost of £100, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of this work.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16—Housing Schemes at Aughrim, Blessington and Grattan Park, Greystones.

The arrangements for raising Loans to defray the capital costs of these Schemes were considered and the following Resolutions were adopted.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of the sum of £11,370 from the Commissioners of Public Works, re-payable over

a period of fifty years, to defray the costs of the erection of six houses at Aughrim.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of the sum of £11,440 from the Commissioners of Public Works, re-payable over a period of fifty years, to defray the costs of the erection of a further six houses at Blessington.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of the sum of £17,637 from the Commissioners of Public Works, re-payable over a period of fifty years, to defray the costs of the erection of nine houses at Grattan Park, Kindlestown.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 17—Condition of Ballinacash/Greenane Road—Notice of Motion from Councillor J. Quigley.

The following Notice of Motion from Councillor J. Quigley—“That Council allow time at next Meeting to discuss letter from Select Vestry at Ballinatone relative to dangerous condition of Ballinacash/Greenane Road”—was adjourned to the next Meeting of the Council as Councillor Quigley was unable to be present.

Item No. 18—Trees Adjoining Station Road, Aughrim.

Notice of Motion from Councillor J. Quigley in the following terms: “That Report be obtained from County Engineer as to ownership of trees which are a public danger on former Station Road, Aughrim, and what steps he proposes to take to have them removed”—was adjourned as Councillor Quigley was unable to be present at Meeting.

Item No. 19—Letter from General Council of County Councils.

Details of Resolutions passed at Meeting held on 10th December, 1964, were noted.

Proposed Loans to Students—Resolutions of General Council of County Councils.

In a letter of 19th May, 1965, the Department of Local Government indicated that this would be a matter for the Minister for Education and a copy of the Council's letter had been sent to his Department.

The County Council's General Council in letter of 11th June, 1965, it was noted, indicated that that they were asking the Minister to introduce the necessary legislation to enable Local Authorities to provide Loans out of public funds for University education.

Vote of Sympathy.

On the proposition of the Chairman, it was decided that the sympathy of the Council be conveyed to Mr. V. King on the death of his brother, Mr. M. King, Wicklow, who had been an Officer of

the Council for many years. The County Manager stated that he and the staff of the Council wished to be associated with this resolution of sympathy.

Loans for Construction and Acquisition of Houses.

Letter of 18th June, 1965, from the Department of Local Government on this subject was noted. The letter stated that the Minister had decided to increase the income limit of the Grant for the purpose of Loans from £1,040 to £1,200 per annum. No income limit would apply where the borrower was the tenant of a Local Authority dwelling and surrendered the tenancy on getting a Loan. Farmers whose valuation did not exceed £50 would also continue to be eligible for Loans.

1916 Commemoration Ceremonies.

It was mentioned that Brigade Council, Old I.R.A., through Comdt. M. Kavanagh, Arklow, had suggested that the County Council be associated with ceremonies to commemorate the 1916 Insurrection. It was mentioned by Comdt. Kavanagh that it was proposed to have a ceremony in Arklow on either 5th or 12th June, 1966, and it was suggested that a date in September might be suitable for Wicklow. It was also suggested that the Council might consider the erection of a plaque on the wall of the old gaol at Wicklow. It was decided to defer the matter to give the Members a further opportunity of looking into it.

Function in Powerscourt.

It was agreed that the road margins on the approaches to Enniskerry and Powerscourt be cleaned and grass and weeds cut in connection with the international event to be held there on Sunday, 4th July, 1965, by Le Petit Lits Blanc Association. The function was being arranged in association with An Bord Failte.

Trading on Seafront at Greystones.

It was mentioned by Members that they had received complaints regarding trading—sale of ice-cream, etc.—from vans on the Seafront at Greystones.

The Council were informed that the attention of the owner of these vans had been drawn to the matter and he had written to say that the practice would be discontinued.

Deputation from Delgany Development Association.

The Delgany Development Association asked that the Council would receive a Deputation at their Meeting to be held on 28th June, 1965, to discuss the matter of Refuse Collection for the district.

It was agreed to receive a Deputation on that date.

Advisory Committee on Itinerancy.

In a letter of 15th June, 1965, the Department of Local Government stated that the Minister recently had appointed an Advisory Committee to advise Government Departments on measures to promote the rehabilitation and absorption of itinerants into the community. The Committee was composed of some of the former members of the Commission on Itinerancy, members of the General Council of County Councils and of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, Local Authority Officers and persons of wide experience

in voluntary social work. The Committee at their first Meeting had before them the Circular Letter of the Department requesting early action by Local Authorities to set up, with the aid of State subsidy, authorised camping sites for itinerants. The Committee noted that results so far were disappointing and felt that a full Report from each area setting out the nature of the difficulties encountered in each case, with an opinion as to the prospects of their early solution, would form a useful basis for a starting point in their deliberations.

The Committee would be meeting again on 25th June and an indication of the present position in the Council's area before that date would be appreciated.

After discussion it was decided to defer the matter.

Rate Collection—1964/'65.

A Report was submitted on the state of the Rate Collection for the year 1964/'65. The Report showed that the percentage of the Warrant collected was 99 per cent., which compared with 98.34 per cent. in 1963/'64. The Collection was regarded by the Council as being very satisfactory.

Appointment of Librarian.

It was reported to the Council that the Local Appointments Commission had recommended Mr. Seosamh C. O hAodha, Mayo County Library, Castlebar, Co Mayo, as County Librarian. Mr. O hAodha had held the position of Librarian in County Mayo from April, 1962, up to the present date. The Recommendation was noted.

Erection of Signs at Bray.

An application for the Council to erect signposts in Bray to indicate the location of Failte Games Park was received from Bray Enterprises, Ltd. The letter from Bray Enterprises asked that six signs be erected in various parts of the town.

It was pointed out that the County Council would not have authority to erect signs of this type and that, moreover, the County Engineer considered that they would be likely to distract motorists and thereby constitute a road traffic hazard, whilst the complication of such signs tended to confuse visitors and tourists, who were looking for standard direction signs.

Whilst it was noted that the Council would not have power to erect such signs it was decided that there would be no objection to Bray Enterprises themselves erecting suitable direction signs, which would indicate the location of Failte Games Park.

Notice of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge—"That I or some Member for me will move a Motion requesting the Council to acquire land for building of fourteen houses in Kilmacanogue."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 28th June, 1965, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman; Councillors P. McCarthy, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, 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, J. D. Haughton, and J. Gregory.

The County Manager attended.

DEPUTATION FROM DELGANY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION— PROVISION OF REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE.

The following persons, representing the Delgany Development Association, were received by the Council:—

Messrs. S. Traynor and J. T. Patterson and Dr. G. Cullen.

It was asked by the Deputation that a Refuse Collection Service be provided for the Delgany district. They mentioned efforts being made by their Association, in conjunction with the Council, to improve conditions in the district and make it more attractive for residents and visitors. They pointed out that there were three modern Hotels now in the area and that the Council had a large Rate income from it.

The Chairman thanked the Deputation and informed them that this matter would be included on the Agenda for the next Council Meeting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy.

Resolved—That Councillor James 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.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor McCrea expressed his thanks to the Members for his re-election and thanked the Members of the Council for their co-operation and courtesy during the previous year and also expressed appreciation of the help given by Council officials. Councillor McCrea signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering.

Resolved—That Councillor H. J. Byrne 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.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor H. J. Byrne thanked the Members for his re-election and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS ON RATHDRUM AND WICKLOW JOINT BURIAL GROUND.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley.

Resolved—That the following Members be appointed to represent, with the Chairman, Wicklow County Council on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board:—

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

" E. Byrne,

" J. Everett, T.D.,

" J. Gregory,

" J. D. Haughton,

" R. Miley.

Passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill.

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to represent Wicklow County Council on the General Council of County Councils:—

Councillor James J. McCrea,

" G. Timmins,

" P. Brennan, T.D.

In the event of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., not taking the representation Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge to act in his stead.

Passed unanimously.

CONSTITUTION OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge.

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to constitute the National Monuments Advisory Committee, the persons appointed to hold office until next Annual Meeting of Council.

Councillor H. J. Byrne,

" P. McCarthy,

" R. Miley,

" M. J. O'Neill,

" J. Quigley.

Passed unanimously.

DUBLIN HEALTH AUTHORITY—VISITING COMMITTEE.

Inquiry was made by Members as to the outcome of representations to the Dublin Health Authority in connection with the suggestion that Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge should be a member of a Visiting Committee for the purpose of visiting the Dublin Mental Hospitals in which patients from County Wicklow were being treated. It was indicated that the Dublin Health Authority had written on a number of occasions to say that there would be no statutory authority for the appointment of a Member of Wicklow County Council to a Visit-

ing Committee.

It was decided that further representations be made to the Dublin Health Authority in this matter.

MEETINGS OF ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEES TO REVIEW ASSISTANCE.

It was mentioned that up to some time ago Meetings of Electoral Area Committees of the Council had been held quarterly for the purpose of reviewing Assistance and it was suggested that these Meetings be renewed.

It was pointed out by the County Manager that the number of Assistance cases had fallen off in a marked way in recent years. In particular the number of new cases arising in any Quarter would be very small—it might be only one or two in most districts. This position arose from the availability of Assistance under Social Welfare Schemes, or under the Health Services. For example, there was a very large number of persons nowadays in receipt of Disability Allowances under the Health Acts. In former times probably the majority of these persons would have been in receipt of Assistance. In consequence there would be very little review of cases to be carried out at Meetings of such Committees and it was for this reason that they had been discontinued.

The explanation was noted.

CONSULTATIVE HEALTH COMMITTEE.

It was mentioned by Members that the Consultative Health Committee had not met for some considerable time and it was asked that arrangements be made for periodic Meetings of this Committee in the future.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

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

In the names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and J. Gregory:—"We shall move at next meeting that a wall be erected from entrance of road leading to the dump at Newtownmountkennedy."

In the names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and J. Gregory:—"We hereby give notice that at next Council Meeting we will move that Scavenging Services be provided for the districts of Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy, Kilpedder and Kilquade."

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley:—"I, or someone for me, will move that Council get a Report from County Engineer about virtual closure of road between Morrissey's Corner and Rednagh road junction on the occasion of G.A.A. Football Matches, and Report on possibility of acquiring land for road widening. The road in question adjoins G.A.A. County Grounds, Aughrim."

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley:—"Get a Report from County Engineer about water from road entering Parochial Hall, Annacurra, and other buildings."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 5th July, 1965, at 2.30 p.m.:—

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, M. J. O'Neill, James Miley, 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, Chief Assistant County Engineer R. L. Farrell, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell and P. T. Hickey attended.

AGENDA.

1. Application for consent of Council to sale of interest in Vested Cottage at Tober, Dunlavin.
2. Application for change in tenancy of Cottage at Ballinabarney, Rathnew.
3. Application for Supplementary Grant in respect of new Dwelling-house at Blessington.
4. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. Deering—"That I or some Member ask the Chairman to allow time to discuss the housing problem at Dunlavin."
5. Housing Site at Tinahely.
6. Proposed acquisition of portion of plots from tenants at Newtownmountkenedy for housing.
7. Proposed acquisition of portion of plots from tenants at Boghall Road for housing.
8. Cost of erection of Cottage at Johnstown South, Arklow.
9. Letter from Department of Local Government re income limits for Loans for Erection of New Houses and maximum amount of Loans. (Copy circulated).
10. Application for increase in amount of Loan towards cost of erection of New House at Priestnewtown.
11. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and J. Gregory—"That at next Meeting we shall move that the wall outside of Cottages at Blackditch, Newcastle, be re-built."
12. Filling of vacancies for posts as Rent Collectors.
13. Repairs carried out to Cottages during month of June, 1965, and Cottages to be repaired during month of July, 1965.

Welcome to Member.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, on behalf of the Members present welcomed Councillor J. Everett, T.D., on his return to a Meeting of the Council following his recent illness. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., thanked the Members for their good wishes during his illness.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members of the Council with the relatives of the late Fr. Michael Clarke of Bray. The County Manager asked that he and the members of the staff be associated with the Council's expression of sympathy.

Item No. 1—Application for Consent of Council to Sale of Interest in Vested Cottage at Tober, Dunlavin.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by Michael Higgins of his interest in Cottage No. 226/2 at Tober, Dunlavin, to James Slevin, 163, Mourne Road, Drimnagh, Dublin.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Application for Change in Tenancy of Cottage at Ballinabarney, Rathnew.

The County Secretary stated that at present Cottage No. 68/11 at Ballinabarney, Rathnew, was occupied by two sons of the deceased tenant-purchaser, one named Edward and the other named William, and that Edward had signed an Agreement stating he had no interest in the tenancy of the cottage, but was anxious that his brother (William), who was understood to be a semi-invalid, be made tenant. William was also anxious, if the tenancy was transferred to him, to have the cottage vested.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of the tenancy of Cottage No. 68/11 at Ballinabarney, Rathnew, being transferred to William McNabb, in succession to his deceased father, Duncan J. McNabb, and note that his brother, Edward McNabb, is agreeable to this arrangement.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor R. Miley stated that a Miss Gill of Rathnew had made representations to have the cottage transferred to her name to enable her to purchase the cottage and asked that this case also be examined.

Item No. 3—Application for Supplementary Grant in respect of New Dwellinghouse at Blessington.

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 John Reynolds, Red Lane, Blessington, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Red Lane, Blessington.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. Deering—“That I or some Member ask the Chairman to allow time to discuss the Housing Problem at Dunlavin.”

Councillor Deering asked if the Council's Officials would co-operate with him in obtaining suitable sites for building in the area. He had

made inquiries and had endeavoured to get agreement on certain sites, but had found that these were not available. He mentioned that it might be possible to make suitable arrangements with Mr. Owens, of Dunlavin for land at the rear of Church Tce., and also suggested that the Fair Green might be used for the purposes of a building site. It was agreed that Mr. Birmingham, Architect, would get in touch with Councillor Deering and arrange to inspect sites with him, and that a Report be submitted to the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 5—Housing Site at Tinahely.

The County Secretary stated that from further examination into the matter of sites for building at Tinahely it seemed that the most suitable site was that known as the “Doctor's Field.” This field was occupied by the District Medical Officer in conjunction with the Dispensary Residence. The field, however, was not used by the Doctor and was let by him each year. The Council's Law Agent had been consulted on the matter and it was felt that if agreement could not be reached with Dr. Beausang for the use of the field on the basis of an adjustment in the rent for the Dispensary Residence steps should be taken to acquire the field compulsorily. The field was in the ownership of the Council, but was at present in the occupation of the District Medical Officer. It was agreed that a further approach be made to Dr. Beausang in the matter as soon as possible.

Item No. 6—Proposed Acquisition of portion of Plots from Tenants at Newtownmountkennedy for Housing.

The County Secretary stated that letters had been addressed to the tenants of the various plots at Newtownmountkennedy making an offer of £30 for the portion of the plots required by the Council for the purposes of erecting additional houses. Only one reply had been received and the tenant concerned was not prepared to accept the sum offered. No figure, however, had been stated as to what sum was being sought. Councillor J. Gregory stated that the tenants were prepared to sell the portion of their plots for £100 and proposed that the Council agree to make such a payment. The County Manager pointed out that the amount required by the Council was only about a quarter of an acre in each case and that a rate of £400 per acre would be very high, particularly since the plots had been developed by the Council. The County Engineer also was of opinion that £100 was altogether too high as the sites had only a limited value. It was agreed that an independent valuation be obtained of the plots.

Item No. 7—Proposed Acquisition of portion of Plots from Tenants at Boghall Road for Housing.

The County Secretary referred to the site at Boghall Road, Bray, which the Council proposed to acquire for a Housing Scheme and stated that it had been recommended by the Council's Architect that portion of the back gardens of houses on the adjoining road (Old-court Park), be acquired in order to provide a better area for development. Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that this particular field had been considered for housing many years before and that both the then County Engineer and County Medical Officer considered the site unsuitable as being too damp. On the suggestion of Councillor J. Temple that the matter be adjourned to enable the Members of the Council for the Area to inspect the site and re-consider the matter it was agreed that the matter be referred again to the Members of the Council for the Area for re-consideration.

Housing at Kilmacanogue.

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge stated that she had handed in a Notice of Motion asking the Council to acquire land at Kilmacanogue for housing purposes and inquired as to how the matter stood. She submitted a list of fourteen names of persons who were seeking houses. The Council agreed that the matter be examined by the County Medical Officer and the County Engineer and a Report submitted to the next Meeting.

Item No. 8—Cost of Erection of Cottage at Johnstown South, Arklow.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the total cost of erection of the cottage at Johnstown South, Arklow, including the provision of a water supply and septic tank, amounted to £2,545 1s. 1d. The County Engineer estimated the cost of providing the water supply and the sewerage fittings and connections at £430 and pointed out that this represented an extra cost of about £300 for providing services to an isolated rural cottage as compared with the cost of providing similar services for a group of cottages in a town or village. The Council noted the cost of the work.

Item No. 9—Letter from Department of Local Government re Income Limits for Loans for Erection of New Houses and Maximum Amount of Loans. (Copy circulated).

The Council noted the details of the Circular Letter from the Department of Local Government regarding Loans for the Acquisition and Construction of Houses (dated 18th June, 1965), copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

Item No. 10—Application for Increase in Amount of Loan Towards Cost of Erection of New House at Priestnewtown.

The County Secretary stated that the amount of the Loan granted to Mr. T. Byrne, Sea Road, Kilcoole, in respect of the erection of a new house, was £1,800, and Mr. Byrne sought an increase in the amount of the Loan.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we approve of a Loan of £2,000 being made to Mr. Terence T. Byrne, Sea Road, Kilcoole, in respect of the erection of a new house at Priestnewtown, Delgany, in lieu of the Loan of £1,800 previously approved.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and J. Gregory—“That at Next Meeting we shall move that the wall outside of Cottages at Blackditch, Newcastle, be Re-built.”

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that the wall in question had collapsed some years ago after a cloudburst and had not been rebuilt. The matter had been reported several times, but nothing had been done. The County Secretary stated that a Report had not yet been received from the County Engineer, but it was considered that the re-building of the wall should be the responsibility of the tenants, as part of the fencing of the cottage. Councillor Gregory stated that the wall was partly a retaining wall for the road and had given way

underneath the level of the road and he felt that this could not be the responsibility of the tenants. The Council agreed that a Report and estimate of cost be submitted for the next Meeting.

Item No. 12—Filling of Vacancies for Posts as Rent Collectors.

The County Secretary stated that there were vacancies for appointment of Rent Collectors in two Districts, i.e., in Districts Nos. 4/5 (due to the death of Mr. C. W. Newman) and 10 (due to the resignation of Mr. Doyle). An application had been received from Mr. Peadar Woods for appointment as Collector for No. 4/5 District on promotion, and his application was submitted to the Council. In regard to District No. 10 representations had been received from Rent Collector J. Wilkinson and Rent Collector P. Doody for the re-allocation of Districts to them as follows:—

To Mr. J. Wilkinson—District No. 10 (in lieu of District No. 2).

To Mr. Patrick Doody—District No. 2 (in addition to his present Area of Districts Nos. 1 and 3).

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That having considered application from Mr. Peadar Woods, Rent Collector for No. 6 Collection District, we approve of his employment as Rent Collector for Nos. 4 and 5 Collection Districts on promotion, and approve of applications being invited for the filling of the position of Rent Collector for No. 6 Collection District.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That having considered representations made by Mr. J. Wilkinson, Rent Collector for Districts Nos. 2 and 9, for the allocation to him of District No. 10 in lieu of District No. 2 and the application of Rent Collector Mr. Patrick Doody for the allocation to him of District No. 2 in addition to his present Area of Districts Nos. 1 and 3, we approve of the re-allocation of these Districts as follows:—

To Mr. J. Wilkinson—Districts Nos. 9 and 10.

To Mr. P. Doody—Districts Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Repairs carried out to Cottages during Month of June, 1965, and Cottages to be Repaired during month of July, 1965.

The Council noted the list submitted of cottages repaired during the month of June and of those to be repaired during July. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to the need for repairs to the cottage of Mr. W. Murphy, Merrymeeting, Rathnew, and stated that he had been waiting six years for repairs to be carried out. Councillor M. J. O'Neill asked that repairs be carried out to the cottage of Mrs. Annie Doyle, Rathmoon. Councillor J. J. McCrea mentioned the need for repairs to the cottage of Mr. Kevin Nolan at Deepark.

Complaint Re Cottage near Wicklow.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to a complaint he had made previously concerning the vesting of a cottage at Wicklow and stated that the person concerned worked in Dublin and should not have been allowed to purchase the cottage. He stated that he wanted the

opinion of the Council's Solicitor on the matter and complained that repairs had been carried out without the matter having been submitted to the Council. The County Secretary stated that this matter had been reported on previously to the Council in detail, but that the matter would be reported on again.

Scheme at Greystones Harbour.

The County Manager stated that a letter had been received from the Greystones and District Civic Association asking that the Council consider, as a matter of urgency, a proposal that the First Base of the new Kish Lighthouse, which had been abandoned, be obtained and towed to Greystones and sunk at the end of the East Pier, where it was stated it would act as a protection work for the Harbour and provide a safe anchorage for boats in the Harbour, and that this would also obviate the necessity for a Slip and Parking Space, in respect of which the Association had previously made representations to the Council. The Association stated that this structure was available to anyone who was prepared to remove it and was built of concrete 104 ft. in diameter and 18 ft. high, and it was estimated that the cost of towing the structure to Greystones and sinking it in position would be around £500. The County Manager stated that the County Engineer considered the matter a very complex one and that expert opinion from a Marine Engineer would be required. He suggested that if the Council agreed an application might be made to Bord Failte for a Grant and for their approval to obtaining the advice of a Marine Engineer in connection with the proposal, if accepted by them. The Council agreed that application be made to An Bord Failte and also that, subject to their agreement, the advice of a Marine Engineer be obtained.

Planning Applications at Brittas Bay.

Councillor H. W. Hopkins requested a Report for the next Meeting in regard to applications from Mr. S. Hughes, Castletimon, and Mr. T. Graham, Cullen, for approval to Housing Developments, both of which had been refused. He referred to the Council having been addressed by a representative from the Tourist Board who spoke on tourism in County Wicklow and the need for houses, and to Circulars received from the Department of Local Government urging the Council to build more houses, and stated that nevertheless these two applicants, who were anxious to build, had been refused permission. The County Manager stated that Reports on the applications would be available for the next Meeting, but that it was most likely that the refusals had been based on the question of water supply and sewerage. He stated that grave difficulties had arisen in recent times regarding the matter of water supply in the Brittas Bay Area and that all applications for building in the area were examined in relation to the questions of water supply and sewerage facilities.

Watermain at Monastery.

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge stated that following the laying of the new watermain at Monastery the road had not been satisfactorily restored by the Contractor and asked that the Council ensure that this work was done properly.

Boghall Water Supply.

Councillor Temple stated that the sumps provided at the cottages at Boghall in respect of the water supply had proved unsatisfactory.

The County Engineer stated that the matter of connecting these sumps to a drain was being examined.

Patients at Peamount Sanatorium.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to an application made to the County Medical Officer by a patient recently sent to Peamount Sanatorium who wished to obtain pyjamas, and stated that he had obtained no reply. He referred also to complaints received regarding the facilities available at Peamount Sanatorium for treatment and asked that a Committee be appointed to examine the matter. It was agreed that a Report be obtained from the County Medical Officer in regard to the complaints made by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors J. Quigley and Miss M. Walsh—"That we or someone for us will move that time be allowed at next Meeting of Council to discuss remuneration of Sheep Dipping Inspectors."

In the names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and J. Gregory—"That we shall move that the County Manager allows credit to James Byrne, Tomdarragh, Roundwood, in respect of Rates paid since 1942 on property of which he is not the owner."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th July, 1965, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors John Quigley, 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, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers R. L. Farrell and P. McGuinness, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell and P. T. Hickey attended.

AGENDA:

- 1.—To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 10th May and 1st June, 1965.
- 2.—To fill vacancies on Old Age Pension Sub-Committees at Arklow, Bray and Wicklow.
- 3.—Applications for closing of roads at (1) Wicklow on 2nd August, 1965, for purposes of Regatta; and (2) Dunlavin on 1st August, 1965, for purposes of Kart Racing.
- 4.—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and J. Gregory:— "That the Road Works Scheme for Wicklow Area circulated at Meeting be not approved as the Notice of Motion passed and referred to Local Committee was not submitted for their consideration; also that only three Members were present."
- 5.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley requesting Report from County Engineer "as to ownership of trees which are a public danger to public on former Station Road, Aughrim, and what steps he proposes to take to have them removed."
- 6.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:— "That Council allow time at next Meeting to discuss letter from Select Vestry at Ballinatone relative to dangerous condition of Ballinacash/Greenane Road."
- 7.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:— "That County Engineer be directed to take steps to prevent water flowing down Annacurra village opposite Catholic Church and divert it to its original course from Reservoir."
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Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with Mr. Patrick McGinness, Chief Assistant County Engineer, on the recent death of his father.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne.

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh.

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 10th May and 1st June, 1965.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Filling of Vacancies on Old Age Pension Sub-Committees at Arklow, Bray and Wicklow.

Having considered recommendations received from the Clerks to the Sub-Committees:

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Very Rev. D. Vaughan, D.D., P.P., and Rev. W. V. H. Vanston, Rector, as Members of Arklow O.A.P. Sub-Committee, to fill the vacancies caused by the transfers of Very Rev. J. Pigott, P.P., and Rev. Mr. Poyntz, Rector.

Passed unanimously.

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It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr. Richard Shortt, 22, Dublin Road, Bray, to fill the vacancy on the Bray O.A.P. Sub-Committee caused by the death of Mr. Seosamh O. Cionnaigh.

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Very Rev. J. Kingston, P.P., Rev. Mr. Pettigrew, and Rev. L. O'Sullivan, C.C., to fill the vacancies on the Wicklow O.A.P. Sub-Committee caused by the transfers of Very Rev. T. Power, P.P., V.F., and Rev. J. Hans, C.C., and by the death of Mr. C. W. Hudson.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3.—Applications for Closing of Roads at (1) Wicklow on 2nd August, 1965, for Purposes of Regatta; and (2) Dunlavin on 1st August, 1965, for Purposes of Kart Racing.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That having considered application of Wicklow Regatta Committee, and the necessary public notice having been given, we hereby close to public traffic the roads at Wicklow described hereunder, on Monday, 2nd August, 1965, from 12.00 noon to 5.30 p.m., in connection with the Wicklow Regatta:—

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 such Bridge to the North end of Leitrim Place, in the said Urban District.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That subject to applicants being responsible for any damage done to the road and indemnifying the Council against all claims arising therefrom we hereby close to public traffic the roads described hereunder round the Fair Green at Dunlavin on Sunday, 1st August, 1965, from 1.30 to 6.00 p.m., and authorise the holding of Kart Races on these roads while so closed to public traffic:—

Part of 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.

Part County Road 336 between Catholic Church and National School—Length 120 yards.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4.—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and J. Gregory:— “That the Road Works Scheme for Wicklow Area Circulated at Meeting be not Approved as the Notice of Motion Passed and Referred to Local Committee was not Submitted for Their Consideration; Also that only Three Members were Present.”

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., complained that the Road Works Scheme for the Wicklow Area had been considered at a Meeting of the Committee of Members for the Area at which only three Members attended and one Member did not remain for the full period of the Meeting. He considered that a better attendance of the Members for the Area would be necessary to deal with the matter and that a further Meeting should be held. He also complained that a Report had not been submitted to the Meeting regarding the proposal to take over a road at Five-Mile-Point and that in accordance with the usual procedure this should have been brought to the notice of the Members of the Committee at their Meeting. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed that a further Meeting of the Committee be arranged to re-consider the Road Works Programme for the current year.

Item No. 5.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley Requesting Report from County Engineer “As to Ownership of trees which are a Public Danger to Public on Former Station Road, Aughrim, and What Steps he Proposes to Take to Have Them Removed.”

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the trees which Councillor Quigley alleged constituted a public danger on the former Station Road, Aughrim, had been planted many years ago by the Meath Estate and were on the side of what is now a County Council road. Before the Council could do anything to remove the trees their ownership would have to be established. In the event of their not being County Council property a Hedge Cutting or Tree Felling Notice could be served on the owners. The County Secretary stated that he understood that not more than two trees could be regarded as in any way dangerous. It was agreed to defer the matter pending confirmation regarding the ownership of the trees.

Item No. 6.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:— “That Council Allow Time at Next Meeting to Discuss Letter from Select Vestry at Ballinatone Relative to Dangerous Condition of Ballinacash/Greenane Road.”

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Select Vestry of Ballinacash Parish regarding dangerous corners on the road leading from Clash village towards Greenane and Glenmahure and the County Engineer had reported that the road was resurfaced some years ago and that it was agreed that it would be desirable to remove a number of bad bends on the road in view of the increased traffic which it now carries. There were no moneys available, however, to do the work in the present year and it could be included for consideration in the coming year's Estimates. Councillor Quigley stated that representations had also been made regarding the road from Greenane to Glenmahure which required widening and improvement. The Council noted that no moneys were available in the current year's Estimates to enable these works to be carried out.

Item No. 7.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:— “That County Engineer be Directed to Take Steps to Prevent Water Flowing Down Annacurra Village Opposite Catholic Church and Divert it to its Original Course from Reservoir.”

Councillor Quigley stated that the water to which he referred in the Notice of Motion had originally flowed on a different course, but had been diverted from its original course from the Reservoir, and he urged that it be restored to the original course. It was agreed that a further Report on the matter be obtained from the County Engineer. The County Secretary stated that a letter had also been received from the Annacurra Parish Guild of Muintir Na Tire requesting the Council, in order to eliminate the acute parking problem in the village, to pipe the existing drains, which would mean a wider road and also eliminate the flooding.

Item No. 8.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:— “That County Engineer Report About Virtual Closure of Road Between Morrissey's Corner and Rednagh Road Junction on the Occasion of G.A.A. Football Matches, and Report on Possibility of Acquiring Land for Road Widening. The Road in Question Adjoins G.A.A. County Grounds, Aughrim.”

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that the road referred to was that from Morrissey's Corner to Rednagh Bridge, approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile long and running by the G.A.A. Grounds. At the Aughrim end the road was about 29 ft. wide, which included a 5' 6" footpath at one side and a 5 ft. grass margin on the other. Near the Football Pitch the road was 26 ft. wide, being 20 ft. roadway and a 6 ft. grass margin on the Football Pitch side. He understood that there was congestion at this place when big Matches were being played, but that this was caused principally by parking on the roadside, and in some cases parking on both sides. The Assistant County Engineer stated that the road was sufficiently wide for the usual traffic and widening it would seem to be only providing parking facilities and that the Council would scarcely consider doing this as otherwise it would be sought for many other activities. If widening were to be done it would mean taking down and re-erecting the fence along the Football Pitch and taking down part of the terrace for spectators and it would be impossible to give an estimate at the present time. The County Engineer stated that the proposed work would come under a similar category of providing car-parking facilities at Churches, Cattle Marts and centres of recreation. He considered that it was not the Council's obligation to provide car-parking facilities at such centres. Parking facilities should be provided by the Promoters as the congestion and parking problem arose from their patrons. The Council noted the views of the County Engineer and agreed that no action be taken on the matter.

Item No. 9.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley, Requesting Report from County Engineer “About Water from Road Entering Parochial Hall, Annacurra, and Other Buildings.”

The Council deferred this matter for submission of a further Report from the County Engineer in conjunction with the Report relating to Item No. 7.

Item No. 10.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— “That this Council Re-builds Walls of Bridge Bounding the River Between Coolballintaggart and Askinagap, and Removes the Stones from Mr. Laurence Kenny's Field.”

The Assistant County Engineer stated that it had not been possible to identify any stones in Mr. Kenny's field and the complaint was not understood. It was agreed that the Assistant County Engineer contact Mr. Kenny and investigate his complaint.

Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and J. Gregory:—“That a Wall be Erected from Entrance of Road Leading to the Dump at Newtownmountkennedy.”

The County Engineer reported that the existing boundary between the road and the Curate's House had not been interfered with or disturbed in any way by the Council and that, consequently, there would not appear to be any valid reason for erecting a wall, as suggested. The cost of erecting a wall would be about £350. There would be no objection by the Council to a wall being erected by the Parochial Authorities, provided a splay was left at the point of emergence of the access road and the height did not exceed 3' 6". Councillor J. Everett, T.D., and Councillor Gregory urged that a wall should be erected and it was necessary, consequent on the provision of the Dumping Ground and the use of the road leading to it. It was pointed out by the County Manager that the Council would not have authority to erect a wall in this case. It was agreed that the opinion of the Council's Solicitor be obtained on the matter.

Item No. 12.—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and J. Gregory:—“That Scavenging Services be Provided for the Districts of Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy, Kilpedder and Kilquade.”

The following Report of Assistant County Engineer P. T. Hickey was submitted:—

9th July, 1965.

County Engineer.

Re: Scavenging Service for Kilquade, Killadreenan, Newtown and Kilpedder.

Item No. 12: Agenda for Council Meeting 12/7/65

Dear Sir,

I refer to application for scavenging service to the above areas.

Recently a new dump has been provided at Newtown, which would serve Killadreenan and Newtown areas. The estimated cost of a once-weekly service for these two places is £600.

Regarding Kilquade and Kilpedder, there is no closely available dump; a similar position relates to Delgany. Accordingly, Kilquade and Kilpedder would be compelled to use Newtown dump, which is a considerable distance away.

Kilquade area is rural in character, and houses are at very low density. The position is nearly similar in Kilpedder, though here there is a village nucleus. It may be felt that a scavenging service would not be appropriate in the case of Kilquade at least having regard to its rural character.

It is felt that this type of service will be sought for the Delgany area; Willow Grove area immediately.

Areas without scavenging service in the N.E. area are Enniskerry, Monastery, Roundwood, Ashford, Newcastle, Glenealy, Laragh and Kilmacanogue.

The estimated cost for Kilquade, Kilpedder is £400 per annum.

Yours faithfully,

P. T. HICKEY,

Assistant County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that at present Domestic Scavenging Services were provided at Greystones, Rathnew, Rathdrum, Carnew, Baltinglass and Blessington, and for the area South of Bray containing Avondale Park, Boghall and Ballywaltrim. The provision of a Domestic Scavenging Service for all the Districts mentioned would prove costly due to the low density of the housing, particularly at Kilquade. Following a discussion on the matter the Council agreed that the County Medical Officer be asked to submit a Report indicating, in order of priority, the areas where he considered Domestic Scavenging Services should be provided.

Item No. 13.—Application for Provision of Domestic Scavenging Service for Delgany.

The County Secretary referred to the reception by the Council at their Meeting on the 28th June, 1965, of a Deputation from the Delgany Development Association regarding the provision of a Domestic Refuse Collection Service in Delgany. The County Secretary pointed out that there was no Dumping Ground in Delgany as the owner of the Dumping Ground previously used had taken Court action to compel the Council to terminate the use of the land for the purposes of a Dumping Ground. The Council had recently obtained a reply from the Department of Local Government indicating that the Council could use compulsory powers for the purpose of acquiring a Dumping Ground and arrangements were being made to acquire the land formerly used as a Dumping Ground compulsorily for this purpose. It was felt that the provision of a Domestic Scavenging Service for the Delgany area, using the Dumping Ground at Greystones, would tend to increase the cost of the Service, and that it would be desirable in any event to reserve the Greystones Dumping Ground to serve the Greystones area.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of a Domestic Scavenging Service for the Delgany district immediately, as a temporary measure served by the Greystones Dump, pending the compulsory acquisition of Dumping Ground at Delgany.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14.—Scheme for Conciliation and Arbitration—Recommendations re Revised Salary Scales for (1) Mental Hospital Medical Staffs; and (2) Matrons, Head Nurses and Public Health Nurses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That having noted recommendation of Arbitration Board under Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers in regard to salary revision claim on behalf of Mental Hospital Medical Staffs, we approve of the application of the following revised salary scales for the posts of Resident Medical Superintendent and Senior Assistant Medical Officer, with effect from 1st October, 1963, and of these scales increased by 12 per cent. as from 1st February, 1964:

RESIDENT MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT: £2,400 x £100—£2,800

SENIOR ASSISTANT MEDICAL OFFICER: £1,940 x £84—£2,360.

We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount required in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of the application of the revised salary scales.

Passed unanimously

The County Secretary stated that the revised scales would operate as from the dates the Officers took up duty, the Resident Medical Supt. having taken up duty on the 1st November, 1964, and the Senior Assistant Medical Officer on the 1st July, 1965.

It was

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

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the following revised salary scales for Matrons, Head Nurses and Public Health Nurses, with effect from 1st April, 1964, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of these revisions of salaries:—

MATRON, ST. COLMAN'S HOSPITAL—£1,050 x £35—£1,260.

HEAD NURSE, BALTINGLASS DISTRICT HOSPITAL—
£875 x £36 — £1,055.

HEAD NURSE, WICKLOW DISTRICT HOSPITAL—
£875 x £36 — £1,055.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES—£870 x £20 — £1,010.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15.—Remuneration of Nurses Attached to District Nursing Associations.

The County Secretary stated that consequent on the application of a revised salary scale for Public Health Nurses it was expected that the remuneration of Nurses attached to District Nursing Associations would be increased similarly. The Department of Health had pointed out that many of the District Nursing Associations would find it difficult to meet the costs of paying the revised salary scales and the arrears thereof in the present year without further assistance from the Council and it was suggested that the Council might agree to increase the Grants to the District Nursing Associations by amounts sufficient to meet the costs of the application of the revised salary scales in the present year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of increases in amounts of Grants to District Nursing Associations to meet the cost of the application of revised salaries for the Nurses employed by the Association and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of the increased Grants.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16.—Painting and Decorating of Baltinglass Hospital — Recommendation of Assistant County Engineer.

It was

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

Resolved—That we approved of the carrying out of additional painting and decorating at the District Hospital, Baltinglass, at a cost of £260, as recommended by the County Engineer and Assistant County Engineer.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 17.—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Quigley and Miss M. Walsh:—"That Time be Allowed to Discuss Remuneration of Sheep Dipping Inspectors."

The County Secretary stated that in the year 1964 Sheep Dipping Inspectors had received remuneration at the rate of £67 4s. 0d. for the Season. It was proposed in the Regulations for the current Season to pay remuneration at the rate of £100. The coming into operation of the new sheep dipping arrangements in the present year would involve increased work for Sheep Dipping Inspectors. Councillor Miss Walsh and Councillor Quigley expressed the view that the work of Sheep Dipping Inspectors would be doubled since all sheep had now to be dipped on two occasions, whereas previously only one dipping was necessary.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;
Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of Sheep Dipping Inspectors in respect of their duties during the Season 1965 at £120, subject to the appropriate deductions for Social Welfare Insurance.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 18.—Employment of Trainee Draughtsmen.

The County Secretary stated that applications had been invited for post of Draughtsman, which had been approved by the Council, but none of the applicants had attended for interview. It was intended to re-advertise the post. The County Engineer had recommended that three Trainee Draughtsmen be recruited with remuneration at the rate of £4 10s. 0d. per week, as it seemed that the Council would have difficulty in obtaining a qualified Draughtsman for some time to come.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer for the employment of three Trainee Draughtsmen, with remuneration at the rate of £4 10s. 0d. per week.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 19.—Report on Water Supply Schemes.

The County Secretary stated that the following works had been completed by the Council during the last three years:—

Extension of Wicklow Regional Scheme to Ballinalea,	
Ballinahinch and Milltown	£1,869
Kilcoole—Extension of main	£370
Kilcoole—Do.—Sea Road and Main Road	£820
Kilcoole—Do.—To New School	£1,103
Kilpedder—Water and sewerage extension to cottages	(13) £4,800
Newtownmountkenedy—do.	(17)
Glenealy—Extension of water supply	£6,500
Monastery—Re-laying of watermain	£2,900
Boghall—Extension of watermain to cottages	£3,100
Rathnew—Extension of watermain and sewer to cottages	£6,700
Tinahely—Improvement of sewage disposal works	£924
Lacken—Extension of water supply to Carrig	£3,000
Rathdrum—Cleaning mains, etc.	£800

A Tender had been accepted and a Contract was ready for signing for the Blessington Water Supply Scheme and it was expected that work on this Scheme would commence within the next few weeks. A Tender had also been accepted and the sanction of the Department had now been received for the extension of the main from Kilcoole to Knockroe and the Contract in this case was also ready for signing. The County Engineer was arranging for proceeding with the Sruhaun Water Supply by Direct Labour. Plans were ready and approved by the Department for the extension of the Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme to Milltown North and South and Ballinabarney and Tenders for this work would be invited within the next week or two. Tenders had been received for the Laragh/Annamore Water Supply Scheme and the sanction of the Minister to the acceptance of the lowest Tender was awaited. Tenders were being opened at the Meeting on that date for the Killadreenan to Newcastle Water Supply Scheme.

Plans were ready for submission to the Department in respect of the following works:—

Extensions of water supply from:—

1. Killadreenan to Timore.
2. Glenealy to Ballymanus.
3. Glenealy to Bahana.
4. Aughrim to Killacloran.

The following Schemes were in the hands of Consultants:—

1. Carnew/Tinahely Water Supply Scheme (for which it was understood documents would be ready within a few weeks).
2. Drainage Scheme for the area South of Bray.
3. Extension to the Filters at the Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme (which work would have to be carried out before the extension of the watermain to Brittas Bay could be undertaken).
4. Avoca Water Supply Scheme (which included supplies to Rathdrum, Ballinaclesh and Woodenbridge).

Plans for the following works were yet to be prepared by the Council's staff:—

1. Extension of the Enniskerry Scheme to Killegar.
2. Extension of the Wicklow Regional Scheme to Rocky Road.
3. Extension of the Wicklow Regional Scheme to Coolawinna.

Councillor Miss Walsh inquired regarding the Sewerage Scheme for Churchlands, Tinahely, and asked that arrangements be made to have this put in hands. Councillor E. Byrne also referred to the Water Supply Schemes for Redford and Ennis's Lane and asked that these be expedited. Councillor J. Miley referred to the Scheme for providing a water supply to Doody's Bottoms, Donard, and also to the extension of the Hollywood Water Supply, which had been approved by the Council. The County Manager stated that the Council had been handicapped in regard to the preparation of minor Water Supply Schemes, particularly extensions of existing Supplies, due to not having any Engineering Staff to deal with this work. The County Engineer had recommended that in view of the expansion of Water Supplies and Sanitary Services generally, together with the need for expediting the preparation of new Schemes, that an additional permanent post of Assistant County Engineer be created.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved — That we approve of the creation of an additional post of Assistant County Engineer for the purpose of Water Supplies and Sewerage, and Sanitary Services generally.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 20.—Questions in the name of Councillor E. Byrne Re (1) Delay in Knockroe Water Supply; and (2) Report on Petition of the Tenants of the Downs, Delgany, for a Water Supply.

Councillor E. Byrne stated that he was glad to note that sanction had now been obtained to the acceptance of the Tender for the extension of the water supply to Knockroe and trusted that the work would commence soon. In regard to the matter of a water supply for tenants at The Downs, Delgany, he asked that a full Report on the present position in the matter be submitted.

Item No. 21.—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and J. Gregory:— "That Tenants at Tomriland, Roundwood, be given a Supply of Water for Domestic Use Either by Pump or Service."

The Council agreed that a Report be obtained from the County Engineer regarding the proposal that a water supply be provided for tenants at Tomriland, Roundwood.

Item No. 22.—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and J. Gregory:— "That County Manager allow Credit to James Byrne, Tomdarragh, Roundwood, in respect of Rates Paid Since 1942 on Property of Which he was not the Owner."

The County Secretary stated that in 1962/63 Mr. Byrne had claimed that he had been paying Rates on a non-existent house with a valuation of £1 5s. 0d. and requested a revision of valuation. Pending a revision of the valuation the Rates assessed on a provisional valuation of £1 were carried forward into the 1963 Warrant and when the valuation of £1 5s. 0d. was deleted in the 1964 Revision of Valuation the Rates assessed for 1962/63 on the provisional valuation of £1 and the Rates assessed for 1963/64 on the buildings with a valuation of £1 5s. 0d. were written off as irrecoverable. The revision of valuation, however, did not take retrospective effect and, accordingly, it was not possible for the Council to make any refund to Mr. Byrne in respect of previous years. The Council noted the position in the matter.

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.

Baltinglass Hospital.

The Council was informed in committee that consequent on a woman in the Hospital having developed chicken pox the County Medical Officer had advised that the Female portion of the Hospital, including the Maternity Section, be closed to admissions for a fortnight and all visiting prohibited for a similar period.

Tenders for Extension of Watermain from Killadreenan to Newcastle.

The following Tenders received in response to public advertisement were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF TENDERER	Amount of Tender
	£ s. d.
Messrs. McMahon and Regan, Greenhills Road Tallaght	2,674 1 0
Messrs. William Carroll and Son, Taghmon, Co. Wexford	2,783 12 0
National Excavation and Construction Co., Ltd., 11, Henrietta Street, Dublin	2,935 15 0

Messrs. J. V. Duffy, Ltd., "Station House," Shankill	3,031 10 6
P. J. Fortune, Esq., "Rockview House," Boghall Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow.	3,172 18 0
Messrs. J. J. Smith and Co. (Dublin), Ltd., Bluebell, Naas Road, Dublin.	3,612 14 0
John F. Butler, Esq., 65, Glenomena Park, Stillorgan Road, Dublin.	3,669 5 0

Planning Applications at Brittas Bay.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor H. W. Hopkins the County Manager gave details of the Planning applications of Mr. Hughes of Ballinacarrig and Mr. Graham of Three-Mile-Water and indicated the reasons why the application of Mr. Graham for a development at Three-Mile-Water had been refused and the details of the applications granted in respect of Mr. Hughes at Ballinacarrig. Mr. Graham had appealed to the Minister against the refusal of permission and the matter was now under consideration by the Minister. As regards the development on Mr. Hughes' land, while applications submitted to date for two houses had been approved, no application for additional houses had yet been submitted, but the County Medical Officer had indicated that he could not favour a development of this site on the basis of a number of individual septic tanks. The County Manager pointed out that difficulties had arisen in another part of the Brittas Bay Area regarding water supply and septic tank treatment of sewerage.

Application of Mrs. Stephens for Approval to Housing Development at Boghall, Bray.

Councillor H. J. Byrne asked that a recommendation in regard to this application be expedited and also asked that he be informed as to the amount of the Loan which might be granted by the Council to persons erecting houses on this development.

Greystones Harbour—Use of Lighthouse Base.

The County Manager stated that An Bord Failte had informed the Council that they would be prepared to make a Grant available of 80 per cent. of the cost of the fees and expenses incurred by the engagement of a Marine Engineer to report on the merits and feasibility of the proposed use of the First Base of the Kish Lighthouse at Greystones, and if necessary, on the proposal that a Slipway and Boatpark be provided at the Harbour at Greystones. The Council noted the position and agreed that the advice of a Marine Engineer on this matter be obtained, as a matter of urgency.

Notice of Motion.

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins was handed in and accepted by the Chairman:

"That we, the undersigned, will move a Motion requesting the Council to have removed a dangerous tree at Parkmore, Baltinglass."

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, 9th August, 1965, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.
Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, 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. D. Haughton and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers R. L. Farrell and P. McGuinness, Assistant County Engineer J. P. Caffrey, and P. J. Bermingham, Architect, attended.

AGENDA.

1. Applications for consent to sale of Vested Cottages at (1) Ballynagran, Kilbride; (2) Ardoyne, Tullow; and (3) Clough, Baltinglass.
2. Application for Supplementary Grant for new Dwellinghouse.
3. Applications for Loans in respect of erection of new houses at (1) Monaspick, Brittas; (2) The Lambe Manor Kilbride; (3) Tuckmill, Baltinglass, and (4) Rathdrum.
4. Housing at Dunlavin—Report on inspection of sites.
5. Provision of additional twelve houses on Council site at Kilgarron, Enniskerry.
6. Housing Scheme at Ballywaltrim, Bray.
7. Housing at Tinahely.
8. Killacoran Group Water Supply Scheme—Proposal to purchase old Reservoir.
9. Repairs carried out to Cottages during month of July, 1965, and Cottages to be repaired during month of August, 1965.

Item No. 1—Applications for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottages at (1) Ballynagran, Kilbride; (2) Ardoyne, Tullow; and (3) Clough, Baltinglass.

The County Secretary stated that application had been made by Messrs. A. Cullen and Son, Solicitors, on behalf of Mrs. Jane Cremin, as Administratrix of the Estate of the late Elizabeth O'Neill, for the consent of the Council to the sale of the cottage at Ballynagran, Kilbride, to James McBroadhead, Castletimon, Brittas Bay, who was a farmer and intended to use the premises for the occupation of an agricultural labourer. In a further letter it was stated that the proposed occupant of the cottage was Mr. Jerry Conway, who formerly lived at "Hayestown Lodge," Lusk, Co. Dublin, and who was an agricultural worker. Messrs. Cullen and Son pointed out that there were six next-of-kin entitled to share in the deceased's Estate and that, consequently, it was necessary to dispose of the cottage in order to administer the Estate. The purchase price was £1,070. Members of the Council objected to the proposed sale to a farmer on the grounds that the house would then become a 'tied' house and an agricultural labourer occupying the cottage could continue in occupation only while he remained in the employment of the farmer. The Council indicated that they were not prepared to approve of consent being given to the sale.

In regard to the proposed sale of vested cottage No. 170/9 at Ardoyne the Council noted that while the tenant-purchaser had stated he was going to live in England no evidence had been produced that he had any suitable alternative accommodation and that, furthermore, the proposed purchaser was a single man residing in Carlow and apparently had no connection with the district. The Council indicated that they would not be prepared to approve of the sale having regard to the details available.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the disposal by Patrick Fogarty, Legal Personal Representative of the late Ellen Fogarty, of her interest in cottage No. 18/1 at Clough, Baltinglass, to Mr. Joseph Byrne, Main St., Baltinglass.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed Sale of Cottage at Ballywaltrim.

The Council noted the application of Mr. Daniel Keating, tenant-purchaser of cottage at No. 1, Ballywaltrim, for permission to dispose of his interest in the cottage to Mr. Thomas Johnson, 1 Boghall, Bray, for the sum of £1,000. The Council noted the reasons given why Mr. Keating wished to dispose of the cottage and that he had purchased a house at Lower Dargle Road, Bray, from Mrs. Blackburn.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to Daniel Keating to dispose of vested cottage at Ballywaltrim to Mr. Thomas Johnson, 1, Boghall, Bray.

Passed—Councillor H. J. Byrne dissenting.

Item No. 2—Application for Supplementary Grant for New Dwelling-house.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £300 to Thomas Hayden in respect of a new dwellinghouse at Drummin East, Delgany.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Applications for Loans in respect of Erection of New Houses at (1) Monaspick, Brittas; (2) The Lambe, Manor Kilbride; (3) Tuckmill, Baltinglass; and (4) Rathdrum.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,000 to Patrick Hamilton, Monaspick, in respect of the erection of a new house at Monaspick.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £1,000 to Mr. Michael R. Cullen, The Lambe, Manor Kilbride, Blessington, in respect of the erection of a dwellinghouse on the site, subject to the terms of the Council's Scheme for such Loans.

Passed unanimously.

In regard to the application of Mr. P. J. McGrath, Tuckmill Upper, Baltinglass, for a Loan of £1,500, the Council decided to defer the matter pending further information regarding the applicant.

The Council also considered the application of Mr. Denis Marah, Main St., Rathdrum, for a Loan of £2,500 in respect of the erection of a house at Fairgreen, Rathdrum. The Council noted that Mr. Marah's income was in excess of the limit of £1,200 authorised by the Minister, but considered that in the circumstances, he being only slightly over the income limit and having five children, a Loan should be granted if the Minister would approve. It was agreed that a letter be addressed to the Department of Local Government giving the details in the case and requesting approval to the making of the Loan.

Item No. 4—Housing at Dunlavin—Report on Inspection of Sites.

The County Secretary submitted a Report of the County Architect dated 20th July, 1965, on his inspection of sites at Dunlavin in the company of Councillor Deering. The County Secretary stated that it was suggested that sites Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 7 (as listed in the Report) might be acquired and that these plots would provide sites for ten houses, which it was felt would meet any current demand.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That we approve of arrangements being made for the acquisition of sites Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 7 at Dunlavin, as indicated in Report of Council's Architect dated 20th July, 1965, and note that these plots would provide sites for ten houses.

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that the Report on the sites be referred for further consideration by the Members of the Council for the Area at their next Meeting.

Item No. 5—Provision of Additional Twelve Houses on Council Site at Kilgarron, Enniskerry.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That having considered recommendation of the Committee of Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area we approve of proceeding with the provision of twelve new houses on Council site at Kilgarron, Enniskerry, and ask that the necessary Plans and Specification be prepared for the purpose of the invitation of Tenders for the erection of the houses.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Housing Scheme at Ballywaltrim, Bray.

The County Secretary submitted the Report of the Council's Architect in regard to the acquisition of five sites from tenants at Ballywaltrim, Bray, with his proposals as to the compensation which might be paid in respect of the acquisition of the sites. On the proposal of Councillor J. Temple it was agreed that the matter be referred for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their next Meeting.

Item No. 7—Housing at Tinahely.

The County Secretary stated that following receipt of a letter from Messrs. C. J. Louth and Son, Solicitors, on behalf of Dr. Beausang, a letter had been addressed to the Solicitors indicating that the Council would be prepared to reduce the rent payable in respect of the Dispensary Residence and the lands attached to a nominal figure of £1 as compensation for the taking over of the field known as the "Doctor's Field" for housing purposes. The Council noted the position in the matter. In regard to the erection of the houses Councillor Hadden inquired if there would be a piped Sewerage Scheme to serve the site and Councillor Miss Walsh pointed out that the Council had already approved of a sewerage extension at Tinahely to serve other houses in the area and urged that this matter be put in hands as soon as possible.

Item No. 8—Killacoran Group Water Supply Scheme—Proposal to Purchase Old Reservoir.

The County Secretary stated that the participants in the Killacoran Group Water Supply Scheme had offered to buy the Old Reservoir from the Council for a sum of £1. The Assistant Engineer had pointed out that there was no purpose in the Council's maintaining this old abandoned Reservoir as the new supply was quite adequate and had suggested that the Old Reservoir might be handed over to the participants in the Group Scheme to use to the best advantage. The Council's Solicitor had indicated that there was nothing in the original Agreement regarding the acquisition of the site of the Reservoir which would restrict the use of it.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we approve of transfer of the Old Reservoir at Aughrim to the members of the Killacoran Group Water Supply Scheme for the sum of £1 for the purposes of a Group Water Supply Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Repairs carried out to Cottages during Month of July, 1965, and Cottages to be Repaired during Month of August, 1965.

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out to cottages during the month of July and of those to be repaired during the month of August. Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area pointed out that there were no cottages listed for repairs in the Southern Engineering District, either during the month of July or proposed for the month of August. They asked that the Assistant County Engineer be asked for an explanation as to why repairs to cottages were not proceeding in the Area. Councillor J. Everett,

T.D., protested against the alleged failure of the Council to carry out repairs to cottages and urged that the Minister for Local Government be asked to send an Inspector to investigate such failure. The County Manager pointed out that up to 1952 very few cottages had been vested by the Council, but that since that date almost 2,000 cottages had been repaired and vested in the tenants and that it could not be said that the Council had not proceeded with cottage repairs in a reasonable manner. Members of the Council made representations in respect of certain cottages which it was stated were in need of repair and the County Secretary stated that these matters would be examined.

Aughrim Housing Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had indicated that he had received a letter on the 7th inst., from the Solicitor for Mr. Thomas P. Walsh, whose Tender had been accepted for the erection of six houses at Aughrim, stating that Mr. Walsh was not now in a position to erect the houses and pointing out that his client's Tender had been dated the 10th January, 1965, but that in the meantime his client had taken on other work and was not now prepared to proceed with the houses. The County Secretary stated that the next lowest Tender for the work was that of Messrs. C. Byrne and Sons, Hacketstown, in the sum of £13,930. The Council agreed that the next lowest Tender be accepted.

Regional Water Supply for North-East Wicklow.

Councillor H. J. Byrne referred to the situation regarding water supplies for new Housing Developments in the North-East of the County and urged that the Council engage a Consultant immediately to prepare a Regional Water Supply Scheme for the area.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That a Consultant be engaged to prepare a Regional Water Supply Scheme for the North-Eastern part of the County and to endeavour to have a Scheme completed within five years.

Passed unanimously.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The Council in committee reconsidered an application under the Council's Secondary Schools Scholarship Scheme, being that of Mr. Hennessey of Blessington, but agreed that having regard to the information supplied the application should be accepted as being within the income limits.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., J. D. Haughton and J. Gregory:—"That we, the undersigned Councillors, shall move that houses occupied by John Carton, Ballyguile, Wicklow, and George Corcoran, Ballybeg, Rathnew, be vested, as they have been in occupation for over thirty years."

In the name of Councillor Edward Byrne:—"That I or some Member on my behalf will move at the next Meeting of the Council as follows: That the Council take the necessary steps to acquire as a public open space, and develop as a Public Park, the plot in Greystones which is bounded by Killincarrig Road, Burnaby Road and the Greystones/Delgany Road."

In the names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins:—"That we, the undersigned, or someone for us, will move a Motion requesting the Council to take over the maintenance of roads leading to houses at Ballymaconey and Slieveragh, Rathdangan, as these roads have now been reconstructed under the Rural Improvement Scheme."

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley: Requesting a Report regarding the condition of Doctor's House in Aughrim as it had been represented to him that roof was leaking, cistern leaking, and that, therefore, Aga cooker was out of commission and an electric cooker had to be installed.

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That this Council carries out repairs to Public Sheep-Bath at Ballycumber, Ballinglen, and builds a wall in the centre of the 'Gathering Pen' to facilitate the entrance of sheep to the Dip Bath."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That an Engineer's Report be submitted with regard to Sheep Bath at Coolahullen, Aughrim, the property of Mr. George Hill, with a view to having the necessary repairs carried out."

In the name of Councillor J. Miley:—"That I or some Member for me will move that this Council provide a sewerage and water service for Ho'lywood."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

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The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors P. McCarthy, John Quigley, G. Timmins, Mary 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. Houghton, J. Gregory and H. W. Hopkins.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer R. L. Farrell, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell and P. T. Hickey attended.

AGENDA.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 14th June and 28th June, 1965.
2. Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1965—To approve of awards of Scholarships.
3. Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1966—To consider recommendations of Scholarships Committee re Scheme for 1966.
4. Scholarship Schemes—Resolution from Kilkenny County Council.
5. Resignation of Member of Council—Letter from Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government.
6. Supply of copies of County Council Estimates to Members of Urban District Councils—Letter from Town Clerk, Bray Urban District Council.
7. Sheep Dipping—Proposed formation of Sheep Dipping Committee.
- 8.—Sheep Dipping Bath at Roundwood—Offer from owner of bath.
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That an Engineer's Report be submitted with regard to sheep-bath at Coolahullen, Aughrim, the property of Mr. George Hill, with a view to having the necessary repairs carried out."
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- 11.—Dumping Ground at Delgany—Proposal to make Compulsory Purchase Order.
12. Notice of Motion in names of Councillor M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins: Requesting the Council to have removed a dangerous tree at Parkmore, Baltinglass.

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16. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:—"That this Council provide a sewerage and water service for Hollywood."
17. To authorise borrowing to defray cost of water supply extensions at Lackan/Carrig and Sruhaun.
18. Report of County Engineer on tenders received for Newcastle Water Supply extension from Killadreenan.
19. Minutes of Meeting of County Councils' General Council held on 27th May, 1965.
20. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Resolution of Smyopathy.

On the proposal of Councillor G. Timmins, seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the widow of the late Dr. Charles Maguire, Kiltegan, who had been District Medical Officer of the Council.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 14th and 28th June, 1965.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other Approved Schools, 1965—To approve of Awards of Scholarships.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the award of scholarships under the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1965, in accordance with the attached list. Passed unanimously.

Results—Secondary Schools Scholarship Scheme, 1965.

Name	Address	Scholarship £	Amount of Scholarship	Place Obtained in Examination	School formerly attended
Niamh Kiernan	24, Parnell Road, Bray	100	1st	1st	St. Joseph's, Longford.
Eileen F. Maguire	"Avonree," Camaderry Rd., Bray	30	2nd	2nd	St. Patrick's N.S., Bray.
Kathleen McLoughlin	Knockatemple, Roundwood	80	3rd	3rd	Moneytown N.S., Bray.
Michael J. Byrne	Ballybrack, Hacketstown	100	4th	4th	Rathcoyle N.S., Rathdangan.
Mary E. Byrne	4 Alexandra Tce., Novara Ave., Bray	30	5th	5th	St. Patrick's N.S., Bray.
Peter A. Crean	"Cloghlea," Herbert Road, Bray	30	6th	6th	Presentation College, Bray.
Margaret M. Hynes	"Ramona," Quinsboro Road, Bray	30	7th	7th	Brigidine Convent, Tullow.
Annie Jackson	Borklemore, Kiltegan	100	8th	8th	Brigidine Convent, Tullow.
Mary Anne Byrne	Bernagh, Rathangan	100	9th	9th	Rathcoyle N.S., Rathdangan.
Bridget Haughton	Main Street, Rathdrum	80	10th	10th	Convent N.S., Abbeyleix.
Thomas Roche	"Arno," Florence Road, Bray	30	11th	11th	Presentation College, Bray.
Marie E. Boyle	18, Scott Park, Bray	30	12th	12th	St. Brigid's, Greystones.
Marie Ann Keenan	1, Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim	100	13th	13th	Our Lady of Good Counsel, Arklow.
James M. Haughton	"St. Anne's" Seaview Rd., Wicklow	30	14th	14th	St. Joseph's, Wicklow.
Michael Gaffney	Oldbridge, Roundwood	100	15th	15th	Lough Dan N.S.
Declan Finnegan	Dunbur Road, Wicklow	30	16th	16th	St. Joseph's, Wicklow.
Elizabeth Osborne	Whitestown, Stratford-on-Slaney	100	17th	17th	Stratford-on-Slaney N.S.
Margaret M. O'Toole	Post Office, Avoca	50	Bursary	18th	St. Michael's N.S., Aughrim.
John Joseph O'Neill	Kilpipe, Aughrim	100	19th	19th	Annacura N.S., Aughrim
Thomas J. Tutty	Hollywood Lr., Blessington	100	20th	20th	Hollywood N.S.
Arthur P. Hennessy	Blessington	100	21st	21st	Naas C.B.S.
James Conway	Laragh East, Annamoe	100	22nd	22nd	St. Kevin's N.S., Glendalough.
Seamus Healy	Newtownmountkennedy	100	23rd	23rd	St. Joseph's Newtownmountkennedy.
Mary T. Borinski	Novara House, Novara Ave., Bray	30	24th	24th	St. Patrick's N.S., Bray

Item No. 3—Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1966 — To consider Recommendations of Scholarships Committee re Scheme for 1966.

The following Report of the recommendations of the Scholarships Committee had been circulated to the Members of the Council:—

SCHEMES OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS AND IN UNIVERSITIES FOR THE YEAR 1966.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the Scholarships Committee of the Council to consider the Scholarship Schemes for 1966 was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Wednesday, 14th July, 1965, at 3.00 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea (Chairman); and Councillor H. J. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple and G. Timmins.

Having examined the Scholarship Schemes for the present year the Committee made the following recommendations:—

SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS.

That the value of scholarships awarded under the Scheme be increased from:

- £100 to £120 where the student resides in a Boarding School;
- £30 to £40 where the student attends a Day-School; and
- £80 to £100 where the student resides in a Boarding School and the incomes of parents or guardians are in excess of the means limits specified in the Scheme.

Income Limits:

That the income limits under Clause 5 of the Scheme be increased from £50 to £60 in relation to Annual Rateable Valuation and from £800 to £960 in respect of Income, and that a sum of £200 (in place of £156) of income be disregarded in arriving at the total income in any case where the parent or guardian of a candidate earns his livelihood abroad.

Age Limit:

That the maximum age limit under Clause 10 of the Scheme be raised from thirteen years of age to fourteen years of age on the 1st April, 1966.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

That the value of scholarships be increased from:

- £250 to £300 where the student resides outside of a distance of eighteen miles from the City of Dublin; and
- £150 to £175 where the student's home residence was within eighteen miles of the City.

Where the Council was satisfied that there was no suitable means of transport by road or rail available between the student's home residence (if within eighteen miles of the City of Dublin) a scholarship of £300 might be awarded.

Income Limits:

That the income limits under Clause 5 of the Scheme be increased in respect of Rateable Valuation from £75 to £90 and in respect of income from £1,200 to £1,400.

The Committee further recommended that the increased values of scholarships be applied in respect of all current scholarships as from the Academic Year 1966/'67.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;
Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That having considered recommendations of the Scholarships Committee we hereby adopt a Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools for the year 1966, on similar terms to the Scheme adopted for the present year, but subject to the following amendments:—

Value of Scholarships: The value of scholarships to be awarded under the Scheme will be increased from £100 to £120 where the student resides in a Boarding School; from £30 to £40 where the student attends a Day-School; and from £80 to £100 where the student resides in a Boarding School and the incomes of parents or guardians are in excess of the means limits specified in the Scheme.

Income Limits: That the income limits under Clause 5 of the Scheme be increased from £50 to £60 in relation to Annual Rateable Valuation and from £800 to £960 in respect of Income, and that a sum of £200 (in place of £156) of income be disregarded in arriving at the total income in any case where the parent or guardian of a candidate earns his livelihood abroad.

Age Limit: That the maximum age limit under Clause 10 of the Scheme be raised from thirteen years of age to fourteen years of age on the 1st April, 1966.

We approve also of the appropriate amendments in the dates.

We further approve of the increased values of scholarships being applied in respect of all current scholarships as from the Academic Year 1966/'67.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;
Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That having considered recommendations of the Scholarships Committee we hereby adopt Scheme of University Scholarships for 1966, on similar terms to the Scheme adopted for the present year, but subject to the following amendments:—

Value of Scholarships: The value of scholarships to be awarded under the Scheme will be increased from £250 to £300 where the student resides outside of a distance of eighteen miles from the City of Dublin; and £150 to £175 where the student's home residence is within eighteen miles of the City.

Where the Council is satisfied that there is no suitable means of transport by road or rail available between the student's home residence (if within eighteen miles of the City of Dublin) a scholarship of £300 might be awarded.

Income Limits: That the income limits under Clause 5 of the Scheme be increased in respect of Rateable Valuation from £75 to £90 and in respect of Income from £1,200 to £1,400.

We approve also of the appropriate amendments in the dates.

We further approve of the increased values of scholarships being applied in respect of all current scholarships as from the Academic Year 1966/67.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Scholarship Schemes—Resolution from Kilkenny County Council.

Having considered the following Resolution received from Kilkenny County Council, the Council decided to mark the letter "Read":

"That the Departments of Education and Local Government be asked to convene a meeting of scholarships committees to discuss:—

- (a) the enlargement of the Scholarship Scheme;
- (b) the provision of educational loans for students;
- (c) the financing of scholarships schemes, and
- (d) the standard for examination and age limits.

Item No. 5—Resignation of Member of Council—Letter from Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government.

Oifig Runai Parlaiminte an Aire Rialtais Aitiuil,
Baile Atha Cliath 1
28th July, 1965.

Dear Mr. Brangan,

My appointment as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government leaves it impossible for me to attend further meetings of the Wicklow County Council, and I hereby tender my resignation.

I would ask you to convey to the Chairman and members of the County Council, to the Manager and the other members of the staff, my sincere thanks for all their kindness to me during my time as a County Councillor.

I would also like to take this opportunity of saying thanks to yourself.

Yours sincerely,

PAUDGE BRENNAN,

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

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby accept with regret the resignation of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Local Government, from membership of the Council, and we declare the office of Councillor vacant and determine that it be filled at the next Meeting.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Supply of Copies of County Council Estimates to Members of Urban District Councils — Letter from Town Clerk, Bray U.D.C.

The following letter from the Town Clerk, Bray U.D.C., was submitted:—

COMHAIRLE BAILECEANNTAIR BRI CHUALANN
(Bray Urban District Council)

Town Hall, Bray.
14th July, 1965.

Mr. K. J. Brangan,
County Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow.

A Chara,

At last night's Meeting of my Council, Mr. J. Byrne proposed that in future members of the Urban Councils in the county be supplied with copies of the County Council Rates Estimates and the details furnished with the Estimate, at the same time as this information is being supplied to the members of the County Council.

During the course of a debate on the motion, it was pointed out that Urban Council Members had not a specific right to receive these documents. However, the Members of the County Council, who are also Members of the Bray Urban Council, felt that this concession should be granted to Urban Council Members, though not as a right, and I was directed to write to you and ask that the matter be placed before a Meeting of Your Council.

Mise, le meas,

D. F. MCCARTHY
(Town Clerk).

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That we approve of the supply to Members of Urban District Councils of copies of the County Council Estimates following their adoption by the County Council.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Sheep Dipping—Proposed Formation of Sheep Dipping Committee.

The County Secretary stated that the proposal to form a Sheep Dipping Committee in accordance with the letter of 10th June, 1965, received from the Department of Agriculture had been considered by the Committee of Agriculture and the Committee had recommended that the Sheep Dipping Committee might consist of the following persons:—

Two Members of the Committee of Agriculture (who were also Members of the Council)—Councillors A. H. Hadden and J. Miley;

One Representative of the National Farmers' Association;

One Representative of Macra Na Feirme;

One Representative of the Wicklow Sheep-Breeders' Association;

One Veterinary Inspector of the Department for County Wicklow; and the Chief Agricultural Officer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following Committee to deal with the operation of the Sheep Dipping Scheme:—

Councillors A. H. Hadden and J. Miley; one Representative of National Farmers' Association (Wicklow Branch); one Representative of Macra na Feirme (Co. Wicklow); one of the Department of Agriculture's local Veterinary Officers; Mr. J. Scott, Chief Agricultural Officer; Councillor M. Deering and Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Sheep Dipping Bath at Roundwood—Offer from Owner of Bath.

The County Secretary submitted letter received from Mr. Matthew Mitten, owner of Sheep Dipping Bath at Sleamaine, Roundwood, stating that if the Council failed to get a suitable site for a new Dipping Bath in the locality, he was prepared to sell to the Council the existing Bath and its plot of land on condition that the Council built a wall around it. Mr. Mitten stated that it was his experience that no other type of fence could withstand the usage which it would receive. The Council agreed that the County Engineer examine the proposal submitted by Mr. Mitten and report on the position relative to the matter of providing a new Bath on the site offered.

Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—

“That an Engineer's Report Be Submitted With Regard to Sheep Bath at Coolahullen, Aughrim, the Property of Mr. Geo. Hill, with a View to Having the Necessary Repairs Carried Out.”

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that the Bath was built about thirty years ago and was a good type, but plaster had come from the walls, the concrete floors were disintegrating, and the sheep pens must be in a most unsatisfactory condition when there were a large number of sheep there. The work required to repair it would be to re-plaster all the walls, re-concrete the floors, erect one new gate and reconstruct piers, and put in a tarmacadam floor in the folding pens. He estimated the work, carried out by direct labour, would cost about £86. The Council decided to refer the matter, together with other repairs to Dipping Baths, for consideration by the Sheep Dipping Committee.

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

“That the Council Carries Out Repairs to Public Sheep Bath at Ballycumber, Ballinglen, and Builds a Wall in the Centre of the “Gathering Pen” to Facilitate the Entrance of Sheep to the Dip Bath.”

The Council decided to refer this matter also for consideration by the Sheep Dipping Committee.

Item No. 11—Dumping Ground at Delgany—Proposal to Make Compulsory Purchase Order.

The County Secretary explained that the Council had been unable to obtain an alternative site for a Dumping Ground at Delgany following the termination of the Licence under which the Council had used the Dumping Ground owned by Miss Cherry. It seemed that the land which had been used by the Council was the most suitable land for the purposes of a Dumping Ground and it was proposed, if the Council agreed, to take steps to acquire this land compulsorily. The

Department had advised the Council that the necessary powers were available.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the compulsory acquisition of land in the ownership of Miss Cherry, previously used by the Council as a Dumping Ground, for the purposes of a Dumping Ground for Delgany.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins—Requesting the Council to Have Removed a Dangerous Tree at Parkmore, Baltinglass.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that he did not consider that the tree was in danger of falling. He stated that at least it was in as good a condition, from a safety point of view, as the other trees in the row along the roadside on the entrance to Baltinglass from Tinahely. He suggested that in order to safeguard the Council's interests from a possible future claim that the opinion of an expert on the condition of the tree, and the other trees in the vicinity, be got. He suggested that the Forestry Department might oblige in supplying this expert opinion. Councillor O'Neill stated that he felt that the tree should be removed, but in any event that the branches should be lopped as they shaded the plots of the adjoining cottages. The Council expressed the view that it would be desirable to have the tree removed, but agreed that an opinion on its condition be obtained.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor E. Byrne:—

“That I, or Some Member on My Behalf, Will Move at the Next Meeting of the Council as follows: That the Council Take the Necessary Steps to Acquire as a Public Open Space, and Develop as a Public Park, the Plot in Greystones which is Bounded by Killincarrig Road, Burnaby Road, and the Greystones/Delgany Road.”

Councillor E. Byrne stated that this area of land, which was on the opposite side to the Council's Library at Greystones and was bounded by the road from Delgany to Greystones, which the Council had improved in recent years, was not being used by the Burnaby Estate, and he felt that it would be very desirable that the Council acquire the field and develop it as a Public Park and that this would provide a very desirable amenity for the Greystones district. He pointed out that if the land were not in public ownership it might happen that at some time in the future development which was not in the best interests of Greystones might occur on the site.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That we approve of the necessary steps being taken to acquire as a public open space, and develop as a Public Park, plot in Greystones bounded by Killincarrig Road, Burnaby Road, and the Greystones/Delgany Road.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins—"That We the Undesigned, or Someone for Us, will Move a Motion Requesting the Council to Take Over the Maintenance of Roads Leading to Houses at Ballymaconey and Slievreagh, Rathdangan, as These Roads Have Now Been Reconstructed Under the Rural Improvement Scheme."

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we take over as Public Roads the roads leading to houses at Ballymaconey and Slievreagh, Rathdangan.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., J. D. Haughton and J. Gregory:—"That We Shall Move that Houses Occupied by John Carton, Ballyguile, Wicklow, and George Corcoran, Ballybeg, Rathnew, Be Vested as they Have Been in Occupation for Over Thirty Years."

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton:

Resolved—That the house occupied by John Carton, Ballyguile, Wicklow, be vested in him, and that Mr. George Corcoran be appointed as tenant of cottage at Ballybeg, Rathnew, in order that he might apply to purchase the cottage, as both persons have been in occupation of their cottages for over thirty years.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Miley—"That this Council Provide a Sewerage and Water Service for Hollywood."

Councillor Miley stated that there were about forty houses in Hollywood, also the Catholic Church and other premises, and that it was desirable that a water supply be provided. He stated that the adjoining district had been supplied with water by Kildare County Council from Poulaphouca and urged that the Dublin Corporation be requested to agree to provide a supply from the same source for Hollywood. It was agreed that the matter be examined by the Council's Engineer.

Avoca Water Supply.

Councillor McCarthy stated that the Avoca Water Supply was at present in an unsatisfactory condition and asked that the County Engineer arrange to have it checked.

Item No. 17—To Authorise Borrowing to Defray Cost of Water Supply Extensions at Lackan/Carrig and Sruhaun.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of the sum of £5,400 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of twenty-five years, to defray the cost of the water supply extensions at Lackan/Carrig and Sruhaun, Baltinglass.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 18—Report of County Engineer on Tenders Received for Newcastle Water Supply Extension from Killadreenan.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended the acceptance of the lowest Tender received, being that of McMahon and Regan, Ltd., in the sum of £2,710 1s. 0d.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton:

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer for the acceptance of the Tender of McMahon and Regan, Ltd., in the sum of £2,710 1s. 0d. for the Newcastle Water Supply Extension from Killadreenan.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 19—Minutes of Meeting of County Councils' General Council held on 27th May, 1965.

The County Secretary gave details of the Minutes of the Meeting of the County Councils' General Council held on Thursday, 27th May, 1965, and these were noted by the Council.

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.

Blessington Water Supply.

In reply to Councillor J. Miley, the County Secretary stated that the Contract for the Blessington Water Supply Scheme had not yet been signed by the Contractor, but it was understood that he had already arranged for the ordering of the necessary materials. Councillor Miley asked that a further letter be addressed to the Contractor with a view to having the Contract signed without delay.

Remuneration of Midwives.

Councillor R. Miley inquired as to the matter of an increase in remuneration for Midwives and the County Manager stated that the matter would be examined.

Proposed Change in Hours for Bray Dispensary.

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge stated that the present hours for Bray Dispensary were from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon, and suggested that it would be desirable that these be changed to 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. The County Manager pointed out that the hours of attendance at the Dispensary had been altered only recently following representations from the Members of the Council for the Area and it would be difficult to make a further change in them. The matter, however, would be examined. Councillor Temple suggested that the District Medical Officers in Bray be asked to meet the Members of the Council for the Area to discuss matters in connection with the Dispensary Service.

Domestic Scavenging—Rathdrum.

Councillor Haughton asked if arrangements could be made for an extension of the Scavenging Scheme in Rathdrum to include Ballygannon. The County Secretary stated that at a recent Meeting, when considering Domestic Scavenging proposals, the Council had agreed that the County Medical Officer be asked to arrange these proposals

in order of priority and that the matter of an extension of the Rathdrum Scavenging Service was one of those which had been referred to the County Medical Officer.

Cottage Repairs.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that arrangements be made for repairs to the cottage of Mrs. Darcy, Ashtown Road, for which repairs had been sought for some time past.

Tree at "Mount John."

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to a tree on the roadside at "Mount John" where the new road had been provided, and stated that he felt this tree should be examined as it might be dangerous and might require removal. 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 R. Miley—"That Miss Gill, Ballymerrigan, Rathnew, have her cottage vested in her name."

In the name of Councillor P. McCarthy—"That provision be made in Newcastle for the education and care of mentally handicapped children."

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—"That Thomas Byrne be given permission to dispose of his cottage at Aghvannagh to Dermot Bouchier-Hayes, Solicitor, as a matter of urgency."

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 September, 1965, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors P. McCarthy, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, 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.; J. H. Houghton and H. W. Hopkins.

The County Manager, Chief Assistant County Engineer R. L. Farrell, and Assistant County Engineer P. T. Hickey attended.

Proposed Sale of Vested Cottages.

(1) Application of Michael Mullen, Cross, Tinahely. (Sale to Miss Alice Mullen, Carrig, Tinahely).

This applicant sought the consent of the Council to dispose of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 25/10 at Cross, Tinahely, for the sum of £600 to Miss Alice Mullen, Carrig, Tinahely. Miss Mullen is a Nurse employed in the District Hospital, Baltinglass, and is single. It was pointed out to the Members that Miss Mullen could not be regarded as eligible. Being a Hospital Nurse she could not be regarded as being a person qualified to occupy a Council cottage. In this connection it should be borne in mind that not only were Nurses Officers of the Local Authority, but they always claimed professional status.

It was decided to obtain the advice of the Council's Law Agent in relation to this application.

(2) Application of Mr. Thomas Keegan for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottage No. 26/11 at Ballymerrigan, Rathnew, to his brother-in-law, Thomas Murphy, Milltown South, Rathnew.

Purchase price would be £40. Thomas Murphy, Milltown South, Rathnew, is married and has seven children. The present tenant of cottage (Mr. Keegan) stated he was going to reside in England. There is no evidence that his wife and family have suitable alternative housing accommodation. At present they are living with his mother-in-law in Glenealy.

It was decided to adjourn the application until evidence be available of alternative housing accommodation for the family of Mr. Keegan.

Proposed Transfer of Tenancy and Vesting of Cottage—Application of Miss Elizabeth Gill, Merrymeeing, Rathnew (Cottage No. 354/11).

In this instance there were three persons who might seek the tenancy in succession to the late Mr. Thomas Gill, who died about 1960. There was a son, Thomas Gill, who was living in England and it was noted that he had applied in February, 1961, to have the cottage vested in him. In the meantime he has not withdrawn this application. As he was not living in the cottage the tenancy was not transferred to him. Miss Ellen Gill had applied in November, 1961, for the transfer of the tenancy to her. Later, in June, 1962, Miss Elizabeth Gill, who is a sister of Ellen Gill and Thomas Gill, also applied to have the tenancy transferred to her.

It was noted that in 1962 Elizabeth Gill, from an address in Dublin sent in a statement to the effect that she was in agreement to her sister, Ellen Gill, being made tenant. In a letter received on 27th August, 1965, Elizabeth Gill now applied for the tenancy of the cottage.

There was also a Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. Miley: "That Miss Gill, Ballymerrigan, Rathnew, have her cottage vested in her name."

It was decided to write to Miss Elizabeth Gill inquiring if all the members of the family agreed to the tenancy being transferred to her.

Proposed Sale of Vested Cottage at Aughavannagh—Thomas Byrne to Dermot Bouchier-Hayes, Solicitor.

In accordance with Notice Councillor J. Quigley moved as follows:

"That Mr. Thomas Byrne be granted permission to dispose of his cottage at Aughavannagh to Dermot Bouchier-Hayes, Solicitor, as a matter of urgency."

It was explained to the Council that as Dermot Bouchier-Hayes, to whom it was proposed to sell this cottage, was a Solicitor, he could not be regarded as an eligible person to occupy it.

It was decided to seek again the advice of the Law Agent in relation to this matter.

Sub-Division of Cottage Plot—W. G. Evans, 18, St. Bridget's Park, Blacklion, Greystones.

Mr. W. G. Evans applied for consent to the sub-division of the cottage plot attached to his Vested Cottage No. 226/4 at 18, St. Bridget's Park, Blacklion, Greystones. It was proposed to make a site available on the plot for his daughter and son-in-law to erect a new dwelling. The Council's Architect had indicated that there would be no objection to the use of this site for the purpose of erection of a dwelling.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government we hereby suspend the operation of the Statutory Condition under Section 16 of the Labourers' Act, 1936, in relation to portion of the plot attached to the Vested Cottage occupied by William George Evans, No. 18, St. Bridget's Park, Blacklion, Greystones, so as to allow portion of the plot to be used for the erecting thereon of an additional cottage.

Passed unanimously.

Supplementary Housing Grants—New Dwellings at Newtownmount-kennedy and Tombrean, Carnew.

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 in the sum of £300 to Mrs. Rose Gregory, Newtownmount-kennedy.

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £375 to Mr. Thomas Tobin, Tombrean, Carnew. Passed unanimously.

It was indicated to the Council that both of these applicants were eligible for Supplementary Grants.

Proposed Acquisition of Cottage Plots for Housing at Ballywaltrim, Bray.

It had been proposed to use part of four cottage plots at Ballywaltrim, Bray, for the erection thereon of new Council houses. Three of these plots are vested in the tenants, viz., those of Messrs. C. Crinnion, E. Corrigan and F. Cowan. In the other case (Mr. James O'Hagan) the cottage is not vested.

The Council had already agreed that a reasonable price to offer for the plots in the instances in which the cottages were vested would be at the rate of £300 per acre. On this basis Mr. C. Crinnion had been offered £61 16s. 0d.; Mr. E. Corrigan £48; and Mr. F. Cowan £33. These sums were based on the areas which it was proposed to acquire. Mr. C. Crinnion had refused the offer and no replies had been received from Messrs. E. Corrigan and F. Cowan. In the case of Mr. James O'Hagan an offer of £25 by way of compensation for disturbance had been made, but he had written refusing it. It was pointed out that the prices, based on a value of £300 per acre, had been arrived at after an examination of prices at which land had been sold in this area in recent times. It was also mentioned, however, that the plots in themselves would only have a limited attraction for potential purchasers having regard to their situation. The Council were also informed that inquiry recently had been made from the Local Government Department if compulsory powers could be exercised to acquire portions of plots attached to vested Council cottages in order that new Council houses might be erected on them.

After lengthy discussion it was decided to refer the matter to a Meeting of the Bray Electoral Area Committee which it is proposed to hold on Wednesday, 22nd September, 1965, at 8.00 p.m.

Acquisition of Land for Housing at Tinahely.

It was reported to the Council that Dr. Beausang, District Medical Officer, was not agreeable to an offer which had been made to him to reduce the rent of the Dispensary Residence to a nominal sum if he were prepared to surrender to the Council the field attached to it so that the Council might erect new houses on it. The present rent of the Dispensary Residence and the land attached to it was £15 per annum. The land might be regarded as an amenity to the Residence, but Dr. Beausang himself had not used it, and in fact had let it for grazing. In a letter of 24th August, 1965, his Solicitors, Messrs. C. J. Louth & Son, Arklow, stated that Dr. Beausang was not prepared to accept the offer of the County Council to reduce his rent to £1 per year and that he would prefer not to part with the field on any terms.

An alternative site in the area had been mentioned some time ago, but the County Engineer had pointed out that it would be very expensive, if at all feasible, to connect houses on this site to the

public sewer and, moreover, the site sloped so steeply that he could not regard it as suitable for building.

In the circumstances it was recommended to the Council that there might be resort to compulsory purchase. The Council's Solicitor had advised that if the Council were anxious to get possession of the field this appeared to be the only way to do so.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That field attached to Dispensary Residence at Tinahealy he acquired compulsorily from the District Medical Officer, Dr. Beausang, for the purpose of erecting dwellings on it under the Housing Acts.

Passed unanimously

Housing Construction Loans.

(1) Application of Mr. D. Marah, Main Street, Rathdrum.

In accordance with Resolution of the Council at a previous Meeting the Department of Local Government had been asked to agree that the Council might make a Loan to Mr. Marah, even though his income was in excess of £1,200 per year. In a letter of 24th August, 1965, the Department had indicated that money borrowed by a Local Authority from the Local Loans Fund for the making of Loans under Section 11 of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, may be re-lent only to persons with incomes not exceeding £1,200 a year, or with rateable valuations not exceeding £50. It was, however, open to the Housing Authority to raise the money from a source other than the Local Loans Fund for the purpose of making Loans to persons whose income or valuation would be outside these limits.

It was pointed out to the Council that there seemed to be no source from which the Council could borrow to make Loans for such a long term as thirty-five years. Loans from the Council's Treasurer were always for a short term, viz., ten to fifteen years.

It was decided to inquire from the Council's Treasurer as to the possibility of obtaining a Loan to meet this present application.

(2) Application of Mr. P. J. McGrath—New House at Tuckmill Upper, Baltinglass.

The Council were informed that Mr. McGrath was living in Enfield, Middlesex, and the information obtained went to show that he owned a house there. It seemed that he wished to build a new house on a site owned by his wife and it was submitted that Mrs. McGrath would be obtaining employment with the Vocational Education Committee. An inquiry to the Committee, however, showed that there was no vacancy and that they could not offer a post to Mrs. McGrath. It was pointed out to the Council that two difficulties could arise in this case: (1) if Mrs. McGrath were to be afforded employment locally then the combined incomes of her husband and herself would probably exceed the limit of £1,200; and (2) as Mr. McGrath already owned a house it seemed that he could scarcely be regarded as eligible for a Loan for a new house. Moreover, if granted a Loan the position might be that the family would own two houses.

It was decided to defer this application.

Housing Sites at Blessington.

It was reported to the Council that the County Engineer and Council's Architect had indicated that sites for new Council houses could be found on the plots attached to existing Council houses at Blessington. A Map submitted showed that there were thirty-five Council cottages on land immediately South of the town and that areas forming part of the plots attached to these cottages, if acquired by the Council, could be used for the erection of sixty new houses. The sites already had water and sewerage available to them. It was recommended that where the cottages were vested in the tenants offers at the rate of £300 per acre should be made. In addition, site marked 'D' on the Map submitted could be acquired so that a new link road could be provided between the existing and future housing development and the town of Blessington. The balance of this site could be a very valuable open space linking the existing village and the housing development to the lake-shore. In addition this site might be a suitable location for a Swimming Pool. The area of this latter plot is 1.77 acres.

It was agreed that the Council would negotiate for the purchase of part of cottage plots and of the land measuring 1.77 acres, as recommended by the County Engineer, the price to be offered in all instances to be at the rate of £300 per acre.

New Houses at Carnew.

The Chairman referred to the condition of the surroundings to the houses recently erected at Carnew. He considered that the fencing was inadequate. Members expressed the view that boundary walls should be built for each plot and that the ground around the houses should be cleared.

It was decided to obtain a Report from the County Engineer as to the cost of erecting boundary walls and clearing the surroundings of the houses.

Kilquiggan Cemetery.

Reference was made by the Chairman to the condition of Kilquiggan Cemetery and it was decided to obtain a Report on the matter.

Roadway at Annacurra Church.

The condition of the roadway near Annacurra Church was referred to by some Members and it was suggested that if the dykes on the side of the road were filled in there would be room for car-parking in the vicinity of the Church.

It was decided to obtain a Report from the County Engineer on the matter.

Planning Application—Mr. J. T. Graham—Proposed Housing Development for Sixteen Houses at Three-Mile-Water, Brittas Bay.

With the consent of the Chairman and Members Mr. J. T. Graham attended at the end of the Meeting and addressed the Members relating to a Planning application of his for which permission had been refused.

The Members listened to the views of Mr. Graham in connection with his application. During the course of the subsequent discussions it transpired that Mr. Graham had appealed to the Minister for Local Government against the refusal of permission for this

The following members attended:

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 13th September, 1965, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors P. McCarthy, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory and H. W. Hopkins.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers R. L. Farrell and P. McGuinness, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey and P. T. Hickey, were present.

AGENDA.

1. Safe Driving Awards, 1964: To present Silver Medals of Safety First Association of Ireland to Council Drivers.
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 21st June, 1965.
3. To fill vacancy for office of Councillor consequent on resignation of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government.
4. Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 31st December, 1965.
5. Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1966—Letter from Department of Education re Draft Scheme for 1966.
6. University Scholarship Scheme, 1965—Award of Scholarships.
7. Renewal of University Scholarships.
8. Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1965/'66—Report of County Engineer giving particulars of Works.
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13. Infectious Diseases (Maintenance) Regulations, 1965—To authorise additional expenditure arising from increase in amounts of Allowances.
14. Disabled Persons (Maintenance Allowance) (Amendment) Regulations, 1965—To authorise additional expenditure consequent on increase in rates of Allowances.

15. Letter from Newtownmountkennedy and District Nursing Association asking that Council take over responsibility for Nursing in the District and provide a Public Health Nurse—Recommendation of County Medical Officer.
16. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor P. McCarthy:— "That I, or someone for me, will move at the next County Council Meeting that provision be made in Newcastle Hospital for the education and care of mentally handicapped children."
17. Courthouse at Blessington—Letter from Solicitors for Marquis of Downshire's Estate.
18. Letter from Hon. Secretary, Sheep Dipping Inspectors' Association, re remuneration of Inspectors.
19. Letters from County Councils' General Council re Commission on Itinerancy Report. (Copies circulated).
20. Abstract of Accounts of Council for year to 31st March, 1965.
21. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Safe Driving Awards, 1964: To present Silver Medals of Safety First Association of Ireland to Council drivers.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, presented Silver Medals awarded by the Safety First Association of Ireland in respect of the Safe Driving Competition to Council Drivers Thomas Conway and John O'Brien, who had completed five years driving free from culpable accident. The Chairman congratulated the Drivers on their success and expressed the hope that they and other Council Drivers who had already won Silver Medals and Certificates would continue to maintain their high standard of safe driving in the coming years.

Item No. 2—To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meeting held on 21st June 1965.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 21st June, 1965.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—To fill Vacancy for Office of Councillor Consequent on Resignation of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government.

In accordance with the decision of the Council at the previous Meeting the Council proceeded to fill the vacancy for the office of Councillor.

It was

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

Resolved—That we hereby appoint James Whelan, Knockananna, Ballinglen, to be a Member of Wicklow County Council to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government.

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that Mr. James Whelan be also appointed as a Member of the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture to fill the vacancy on the Committee caused by the resignation of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.

Item No. 4—Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 31st December, 1965.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;
Seconded by Councillor A. H. Hadden:

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 31st December, 1965, shall not exceed £250,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1966—Letter from Department of Education re Draft Scheme for 1966.

The following letter from the Department of Education was submitted:—

Ref.: R.O. (2) 108796.

An Runai,
Comhairle Chontae Chill Mhanntain,
Cill Manntain.

Department of Education,
Primary Branch,
Marlborough St., Dublin.
24 Lunasa, 1965.

Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other Approved Schools, 1966—County Wicklow.

A Chara,

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 19th July, 1965, and with regard to the post-primary scholarships to inform you as follows:

Income Limits:

Since the Income Limits have a general application and since the majority of schemes have already been approved of in which the income limits are unchanged from those which obtained last year, the Minister could not approve of your Council's proposal to increase the income limits for 1966.

Age Limit:

It is considered that from an educational point of view fourteen years plus is far too old for children to enter on their secondary school course which generally covers a period of five years. Therefore, a reduction by eight months in the upper-age limit is considered desirable so that children may commence at the age of 13 plus. The Minister is, therefore, not prepared to alter the existing age limit.

Value of Scholarships:

With regard to your Council's proposed increase in the value of scholarships, I am to explain that the purpose of the Scholarship Act is to assist parents in giving post-primary education to their children. Also it is desired that uniformity as far as possible obtain in the values of scholarships as between the various Local Authorities. In view of these considerations, the Minister will only be prepared to approve of an increase from £30 to £40 in the value of day scholarships awarded to children whose parents come within the means test.

The Minister will, of course, offer no objection to your Council increasing the allocation of money for scholarship purposes so as to increase the number of scholarships to be awarded.

Mise, le meas,

B. O hSIODHACHAIN.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby adopt a Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools for the year 1966 in accordance with the Draft Scheme recommended by the Scholarships Committee, but subject to the necessary amendments to comply with the terms of letter of 24th August, 1965, from the Department of Education. We determine the total allocation of money for the purposes of the Scheme for the year 1966 at £1,800. We hereby determine to carry into execution a Scheme of Scholarships as approved by the Minister.

Passed unanimously.

The following letter from Aodh O Broin, Uas., Rathcoyle, Rathdangan, was submitted to the Council:—

Rath Choill,
Rath Daingin,
Co. Cill Mhanntain.

A Chara,

13/9/1965.

As you will soon be formulating your Scholarship Scheme for Scholarships to Secondary Schools, I would like to bring to your notice the fact that in many other Counties from 20 to 50 per cent. of all scholarships are set aside for two-teacher schools.

One of the reasons for this is that the average entrance age to National Rural Schools is very high, which means that most rural children have not completed their 6th Class Course at the time of sitting for Exam at Easter.

It must also be taken into account that in these schools one teacher must teach from 4 to 5 classes.

The concession referred to above was formerly allowed in this County when the upper age limit was 14 years on August 1st. With the lowering of the upper age limit to 13 on April 1st it is now much more necessary that this concession be granted to the smaller schools.

Hoping your Committee will give this suggestion favourable consideration.

Mise, le meas,

AODH O BROIN

The Council noted that since the Scheme for 1966 had already been settled by the Council and approved by the Minister the suggestion of Mr. O Broin could not be considered in regard to that Scheme. It was agreed that the matter be considered by the Scholarships Committee when preparing the Scheme for 1967. The County Secretary informed the Council that this matter had been considered by the

Scholarships Committee on previous occasions, but it had been considered that having regard to the substantial increase in the number of scholarships available under recent Schemes there was not necessity to reserve certain scholarships for the smaller Schools.

Item No. 6—University Scholarship Scheme, 1965—Award of Scholarships.

The County Secretary stated that the marks obtained by candidates at the Leaving Certificate Examination, 1965, for the Council's University Scholarship Scheme had been received, and in accordance with the terms of the Scheme the following candidates were entitled to the award of scholarships:—

1. Bernadine O'Hara	...	£150
2. J. S. Hickey	...	£250
3. E. E. Crean	...	£150
4. Mary B. Naughton	...	£150
5. M. J. O'Brien	...	£140

The County Secretary stated that the amount of the scholarship payable under the Scheme was determined by the student's home residence at the date of his application to compete under the Scheme and, consequently, although the parents of Mr. Eugene Crean were now resident at Cootahill, Co. Cavan, the amount of the scholarship was determined at £150 since his home was in Bray at the time of his application under the Scheme. The final award under the Scheme represented a bursary of £140, being the balance of the moneys available for allocation.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of the University Scholarship Scheme, 1965, we hereby approve of the award of University Scholarships as follows:—

1. Bernadine O'Hara	...	£150
2. J. S. Hickey	...	£250
3. E. E. Crean	...	£150
4. Mary B. Naughton	...	£150
5. M. J. O'Brien	...	£140

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Renewal of University Scholarships.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the renewal for a further year of University Scholarships for the following students, subject to satisfactory Reports of Progress being received:—

Name and Address	Year	Amount of Scholarship	Course
James P. Travers, 59, Main Street, Arklow.	Final	£185	Dentistry
Peter W. Sheehan, Corballis, Rathdrum.	4th Year	£250	Veterinary
Maurice T. Crean, "Cloghlea," Herbert Road, Bray.	4th Year	£150	Dentistry
James B. Farrell, 22, Camaderry Road, Bray	Final	£150	Engineering
James F. McCabe, 17, Dwyer Park, Bray	Final	£140	Engineering
Matthew Crotty, Wicklow	3rd Year	£210	Science
Phelim Maguire, 6 Florence Rd., Bray	3rd Year	£130	Science
Patrick J. O'Neill, Ballinclare, Kilbride	Final	£250	Arts
Mary P. Byrne, Brittas Bay	Final	£250	Arts
Christopher P. Fitzgerald, 16 Castle St., Bray	2nd Year	£150	Engineering
Kevin J. Lee, Ballinacarrig, Rathdrum	2nd Year	£250	Engineering
James J. Ward, Cronroe, Ashford	2nd Year	£230	Arts
	Total	£2,345	

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary submitted a letter received from Mr. Laurence P. Tallon, "Emoclew," Arklow, who was currently studying for his Final Examination for the Degree B.Agric.Sc. (Horticulture). Mr. Tallon applied for an extension of his scholarship for a further year to enable him to obtain a Degree of B.A. in Economics.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we approve of an extension of University Scholarship for Laurence P. Tallon for a further year to enable him to obtain a further Degree in Arts.

A discussion on the matter followed, in the course of which it was pointed out by the County Manager that the University Scholarship Scheme was intended to assist persons to obtain a University education and a primary Degree, but was not intended to assist persons in obtaining post-graduate qualifications. If candidates generally were allowed, following obtaining their primary Degree, to continue at the University with the aid of a scholarship to obtain further qualifications, the effect would be to restrict the number of scholarships which the Council could provide under the Scheme. He pointed out also that in the case of exceptionally brilliant candidates there were other sources available from which assistance could be obtained by them to acquire further qualifications in the University. Having considered the matter fully the Motion proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh and seconded by Councillor G. Timmins was withdrawn and the Council agreed that the application of Mr. Tallon for an extension of his scholarship be refused.

Item No. 8—Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1965/'66— Report of County Engineer giving particulars of Works.

Particulars of the works proposed to be carried out under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1965/'66, at Balinglass, Carnew, Dunlavin, Rathnew and Shillelagh were submitted.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer we approve of his proposals for works to be carried out with the aid of Grant under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1965-'66, and hereby authorise a total expenditure of £1,335 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the works.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That the road leading to Michael Dwyer's Cottage at Glen of Imaal be taken over by this Council and put in proper repair."

Councillor Miss Walsh stated that since submitting her Notice of Motion she had ascertained that the road in question had been provided as an access to the cottage by the Board of Works, with the agreement of the owner of the land over which it ran. The road appeared to be private property. At the suggestion of Councillor Miss Walsh, supported by Councillor G. Timmins, it was agreed that the Board of Works be asked to carry out repairs to the road.

Item No. 10—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:— "That the Council consider a request from a number of residents in Donard to have the open brook flowing through the village piped and covered in." (Memorial from residents of Donard).

The County Secretary stated that a Memorial had also been received from Mr. Andrew Toomey, Secretary of a Committee of the residents of Donard Village, asking that the Council have the stream through the village covered as it was a grave danger to the health of the people of the village, especially the children, and was also the cause of serious flooding during wet weather. The following Report of the Chief Assistant County Engineer was submitted:—

Courthouse, Wicklow,

13th September, 1965.

County Secretary.

Re: Donard Village.

A Chara,

I have made a preliminary examination of the problem of piping the stream which flows through Donard Village.

The shore in which the stream passes through the village is open for 100 yards and then passes under houses in two concrete pipes.

It could be piped as suggested, but before a recommendation and estimate could be submitted a more careful examination would have to be made to determine the quantity of water that had to be dealt with in flood conditions and from that the size of the pipe to carry it.

Otherwise conditions could be worse if a pipe line was put in which was not capable of taking the run-off in heavy rains and might cause water to overflow onto the main street.

As soon as the necessary information is available a report and estimate will be submitted.

Mise, le meas,

R. L. FARRELL,

RLF/AD.

Chief Assist. County Engineer.

The Council noted that a further Report and Estimate would be submitted at an early date.

Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Miley:—
 "That I, or some Member for me, will move that the Engineers of Wicklow and Kildare get together so that Water Supply be tackled to give the public an everlasting water supply."

Councillor Miley expressed the view that a source for a water supply capable of supplying a large area in West Wicklow and in County Kildare could be found in the Glen of Imaal and that since he understood that Kildare County Council were finding difficulty in obtaining suitable sources of water supply in the County the possibilities of preparing a Joint Water Supply Scheme, based on the Glen of Imaal, to supply parts of West Wicklow and parts of County Kildare, should be investigated. He urged that the County Engineer contact the County Engineer for Kildare to discuss the matter.

In reply to an inquiry from Councillor Miley regarding Hollywood Water Supply the County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Corporation of Dublin stating that the Corporation were limited by statute to a maximum withdrawal of 20 million gallons per day from the Reservoir at Poulaphouca and since they were already committed to that amount they regretted to inform the Council that it was not possible to give any more supplies from that source. The Council asked that the matter of providing a water supply for Hollywood from a local source be put in hands as soon as possible.

Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in the Names of Councillors M. Deering and J. Miley:— "That I, or someone for me, will move at next Meeting that Graveyard at Market Square, Dunlavin, be put into proper order by County Council."

The Council noted that a Report on the condition of the Graveyard was being obtained and would be submitted at the next Meeting.

Item No. 13—Infectious Diseases (Maintenance) Regulations, 1965—
 To authorise Additional Expenditure arising from Increase in Amounts of Allowances.

The County Secretary stated that the cost of applying the increased Allowances under the Regulations for the balance of the current year, i.e., from 1st August, 1965, to 31st March, 1966, was estimated at £75.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure of £75 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the application of increased Allowances under the Infectious Diseases (Maintenance) Regulations, 1965.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Disabled Persons (Maintenance Allowance) (Amendment) Regulations, 1965—To authorise Additional Expenditure consequent on increase in Rates of Allowances.

The County Secretary stated that the estimated cost of applying the increased Allowances under the Regulations for the period from 1st August, 1965, to 31st March, 1966, was £3,809. 50% of this cost would be recouped from Health Grant.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure of £3,809 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of increased Allowances under the Disabled Persons (Maintenance Allowance) (Amendment) Regulations, 1965.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Letter from Newtownmountkennedy and District Nursing Association asking that Council take over responsibility for Nursing in the District and provide a Public Health Nurse—
 Recommendation of County Medical Officer.

The County Secretary submitted letter received from the Newtownmountkennedy and District Nursing Association stating that at the Annual General Meeting held in August it had been unanimously decided that the Association did not feel it possible to continue its activities. It was stated that the salary of the Jubilee Nurse had now risen to a figure beyond that to which local subscribers could be expected to contribute and that it would be more satisfactory if the Council took over the entire responsibility and provided a Public Health Nurse for the district. It was stated that in this way the costs would be more fairly shared by all ratepayers. The Hon. Secretary asked that this information be conveyed to the Council at the earliest opportunity. The County Secretary stated that if the Association ceased its activities it would be necessary for the Council to make arrangements for the recruitment of a Public Health Nurse to serve the district. Councillor H. J. Byrne expressed regret that the Association should consider it necessary to terminate its activities and pointed out that in the Bray Area, where the Association had also met with difficulties, they had succeeded in raising additional funds and were continuing to operate. He trusted that the Newtownmountkennedy and District Nursing Association would re-consider their decision. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 16—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor P. McCarthy:—
 "That I, or someone for me, will move at the next County Council Meeting that provision be made in Newcastle Hospital for the Education and Care of Mentally Handicapped Children."

Councillor McCarthy in moving the Notice of Motion expressed the view that sufficient was not being done by the State or Local Authorities to attend to the education and care of mentally handicapped children. He felt that this was a matter that demanded urgent attention and, accordingly, proposed that the Council should endeavour to make provision within the County for the education and care of these children. Councillor E. Byrne, while supporting the views expressed by Councillor McCarthy regarding the necessity for providing additional accommodation and staff for this purpose, expressed doubt as to whether it was desirable to have such children

accommodated in or in connection with a Mental Hospital. Members of the Council generally supported the Motion and on the proposal of Councillor Temple it was agreed that a Committee be appointed to consider the problem in relation to County Wicklow and to report back to the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That provision be made in Newcastle Mental Hospital for the education and care of mentally handicapped children.

Passed unanimously.

The Council appointed the following Committee:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea (Chairman);

Councillor E. Byrne;

Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Councillor M. J. O'Neill; and

Councillor J. Gregory;

together with the Resident Medical Superintendent of Newcastle Hospital, the County Medical Officer and the County Manager.

Item No. 17—Courthouse at Blessington—Letter from Solicitors for Marquis of Downshire's Estate.

The County Secretary stated that an inquiry had been addressed to Messrs. Darley and Co., Solicitors for the Marquis of Downshire's Estate, as to whether the Estate would be prepared to dispose of the Courthouse at Blessington to the Council. The Council at present rented the lower portion of the building for use as a Courthouse at a rent of £18 a year. The Solicitors had replied stating that the upper portion of the Courthouse was let as a dwelling, with accommodation consisting of a small entrance hall, kitchen, sitting-room, two bedrooms, and that the tenant also had the use of a large garden at the rear. There was also a small room in the entrance hall let to the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs which contained telephonic equipment. They indicated that they would be prepared to advise their clients to sell the Courthouse for the sum of £5,000. The Council agreed that the figure of £5,000 sought for the building was altogether excessive. Councillor J. Temple stated that it was unreasonable that Local Authorities should be required to provide and maintain Courthouses and that this was a function which should be discharged directly by the Department of Justice. The following Resolution was proposed by Councillor J. Temple and seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea:—

Resolved—From criticisms offered from time to time it appears that Courthouses provided and maintained out of local funds are as unsuited to present-day requirements as would be the outworn system of administration of justice with which they were originally associated. It is considered that these buildings should revert to the ownership and full control of Local Authorities, who would then use them for the needs of their own Services, as they might think fit. It is furthermore considered that the Department of Justice, being the Central Authority charged with the administration of justice, should, from State Funds, provide up-to-date Courthouses, which would meet the needs of those using them. A copy of this Resolution to be sent to each Local Authority.

Passed unanimously.

Tinahely Courthouse.

Councillor A. H. Hadden stated that the sanitary conveniences at the former Courthouse in Tinahely were altogether inadequate to serve the Hall there, which was used for Public Meetings, Dances, etc. He stated that it was essential that proper facilities be provided. The County Manager stated that this matter was being examined and a Report and recommendation would be submitted to the Council at their next Meeting.

Item No. 18—Letter from Hon. Secretary, Sheep Dipping Inspectors' Association, re Remuneration of Inspectors.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from Mr. Liam Keenan, Hon. Secretary, Sheep Dipping Inspectors' Association, forwarding a Resolution passed at a Meeting held on the 1st September, 1965. The Resolution was as follows:—

"That each Inspector's salary be increased to at least £134 14s. 0d. for the two Dipping Periods (£67 7s. 0d. for each Dipping)."

It was stated that the sheep population had increased by over 100% in the past ten years, and as the Second Dipping would take place in the Winter months the Inspectors felt it only reasonable that their allowance should be double last year's figure. The County Secretary stated that the present allowance fixed by the Council for the current year was £120. The Council agreed that this matter be referred for consideration by the Sheep Dipping Committee appointed by the Council for consideration when determining the remuneration to be paid to Inspectors in the coming year. The Council considered that it would not be possible at the present stage to revise the remuneration for the current season.

Item No. 19—Letters from County Council's General Council re Commission on Itinerary Report.

The Council noted letter of 8th June, 1965, which had been addressed to the Private Secretary to An Taoiseach by the General Council of County Councils, and letter of 3rd August, 1965, Ref. L.289/2, from the Department of Local Government in reply thereto. Copies of these Circulars had been circulated to the Members.

Item No. 20—Abstract of Accounts of Council for Year to 31st March, 1965.

The Council noted the submission of the Abstract of Accounts of the Council for the year to 31st March, 1965, and the details in regard thereto circulated to the Members.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we note the submission of the Abstract of Accounts of the Council for the year to 31st March, 1965, and approve of their being submitted to the Department of Local Government for Audit.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 21—Inquiries Arising from County Manager's Orders.

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

Water Supply in Bray Area.

Councillor H. J. Byrne referred to the application for the supply of water from Dublin Corporation mains to the Belcourt Housing Scheme near Bray, and stated that so far permission had not been given by the Corporation to connect to the mains. The County Manager stated that representations on the matter had been made by the Town Clerk, Bray, and by the Secretary of the County Council, but so far no reply had been received. Councillor J. Temple suggested that if a reply were not obtained by the following week the County Secretary and Town Clerk should get in touch with Dublin Corporation and ask for a discussion between representatives of the Council and the Corporation Officers on the subject.

Notice of Motion.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor J. Quigley and accepted by the Chairman:—

"That a Report be obtained from the Chief Medical Officer, or the County Engineer, about sewage disposal from Redcross village not passing through septic tanks, and emptying into field owned by Mr. Henry Johnson, Knockanree, Avoca, opposite forge, as he considers it in its present state a danger to public health. The holding was formerly Mates's."

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, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 4th October, 1965.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors John Quigley, 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, Roger Miley, J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory and J. Whelan.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers R. L. Farrell and P. McGuinness, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell and P. T. Hickey attended.

AGENDA

1. Applications for consent to sale of Vested Cottages.
 - (a) No. 341/10 at Killacloran, Aughrim—Mrs. Margaret Doyle, to John Curry.
 - (b) No. 268/6 at Monaline, Newtownmountkennedy — Joseph Molloy to Edward Doran.
2. Advice of Law Agent on applications for consent to sale of Vested Cottages.
3. Scheme of Supplementary Grants for New Houses—To consider amendment of Scheme.
4. Application for Loan for Erection of New House at Kilmurray South and for increase in amount of Loan for Erection of House at Drummin, Delgany.
5. Application for Loan for Erection of New House at Rathdrum—Letter from National Bank, Ltd.
6. Tenancy of Council Cottage No. 130/10 at Tomanierin, Aughrim.
7. Housing Sites at Ashford—Proposal to acquire sites.
8. Housing Sites at Newtownmountkennedy — Valuation of plots proposed to be acquired.
9. Housing Scheme at Carnew—Report on fencing and cleaning of surroundings.
10. Housing Site at Tinahely—Advice of Council's Solicitor.
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—"That County Engineer give a Report on the possibility of providing a water supply for four Council cottages at Fort Falkner, Ballymorris, Aughrim."
12. Re-laying of watermain to serve houses at Ballygannon, Rathdrum.
13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—"That County Engineer give a Report on condition of James Byrne's cottage at Mucklagh, Aughavannagh."
14. To receive Tenders for Refuse Collection Service for Delgany area.
15. Purchase of new Boiler for Baltinglass Hospital.
16. University Scholarship Scheme, 1965—Re-allocation of Scholarships consequent on non-acceptance of award.
17. Repairs to Cottages carried out in September, 1965, and Cottages to be repaired in October, 1965.

Item No. 1—Applications for Consent of Sale of Vested Cottages:
(a) No. 341/10 at Killacoran, Aughrim—Mrs. Margaret Doyle to John Curry; and (b) No. 268/6 at Monaline, Newtownmountkennedy—Joseph Molloy to Edward Doran.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by Mrs. Margaret Doyle of her interest in Cottage No. 341/10 at Killacoran, Aughrim, to Mr. John Curry, Aughrim.
Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. D. Haughton;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by Mr. Joseph Molloy of his interest in Cottage No. 268/6 at Monaline, Newtownmountkennedy, to Mr. Edward Doran, 9, O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy.
Passed unanimously.

In the case of the cottage at Killacoran, Aughrim, Members of the Council expressed some doubt as to whether Mr. John Curry was still interested in purchasing the cottage and asked that inquiry be made to confirm that he was still interested.

Item No. 2—Advice of Law Agent on Applications for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottages.

The County Secretary submitted the Opinion of the Council's Solicitor regarding the proposed sale of a Vested Cottage at Tinahely to a purchaser who was a Nurse. The Council's Solicitor advised that a Nurse who held a permanent and pensionable post would not be a qualified person to occupy a Vested Cottage. In the case of a Vested Cottage at Aughavannagh the purchaser was a Solicitor and the Council's Solicitor had advised that a Solicitor would not be a qualified person to occupy a Vested Cottage. Following a discussion on the matter, in the course of which Councillor Hipwell suggested that the matter be adjourned until the details of the new Housing Act were available, the Council, on the proposal of Councillor Quigley, seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh, agreed that the applications be referred to the Department of Local Government and the General Council of County Councils, with the Opinions received from the Council's Solicitor. Councillor Haughton asked that he be recorded as dissenting from the decision in the matter.

Item No. 3—Scheme of Supplementary Grants for New Houses—To consider Amendment of Scheme.

The County Secretary submitted details of an application for a Supplementary Grant in respect of the erection of a new dwelling-house at Manor Ave., Greystones. The house for which the Grant was sought was one costing £5,600 and it was felt that although the income of the applicant was within the limit for Supplementary Grants it seemed that the applicant would have considerable capital available having regard to the cost of the house.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we refuse under Clause 5 of the Scheme of Supplementary Grants for Erection of New Dwellinghouses the application of Mrs. Susanna Graves, "The Burren," Manor Ave., Greystones, for a Supplementary Grant in respect of the erection of new dwelling-house at Manor Ave.
Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary suggested that the Council might consider amending the Scheme of Supplementary Grants so as to provide a maximum cost or market value for houses in respect of which Supplementary Grants would be considered.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we hereby amend Scheme for the making of Supplementary Grants for the Erection of New Dwellinghouses under Section 12 of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, by making the following addition to Clause 3 of the Scheme:—

A Grant will not be paid by the Council where the cost price or market value of the house exceeds £4,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Application for Loan for Erection of New House at Kilmurray South and for increase in amount of Loan for Erection of House at Drummin, Delgany.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,500 to Mr. John Joseph Donnelly in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Kilmurray South.
Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we approve of increasing the Loan to Mr. Thomas Hayden in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Drummin, Delgany, from £1,800 to £2,000, an increase of £200.

Passed unanimously

Item No. 5—Application for Loan for Erection of New House at Rathdrum—Letter from National Bank, Ltd.

The County Secretary referred to the discussion at the previous Meeting of the Council regarding the application of Mr. Denis Marah, Main Street, Rathdrum, for a Loan, and the letter received from the Department of Local Government on the matter, and stated that an inquiry had been made from the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, as to whether a Loan of £10,000, repayable over a period of fifteen years, could be given to the Council to enable them to advance moneys to persons wishing to erect new houses and who did not qualify under the income limits for Loans under the Council's Scheme. A reply had been received from the Manager of the Bank stating that he regretted to advise the Council that his Board had considered the matter and desired him to state that in present circumstances they would not favour the granting of facilities for the purpose mentioned. The Council noted the terms of the reply received from the Bank.

Item No. 6—Tenancy of Council Cottage No. 130/10 at Tomanierin, Aughrim.

The County Secretary stated that Cottage No. 130/10 at Tomanierin, Aughrim, had been advertised for letting on the 2nd January, 1965, but no applications had been received. When advertised again in April only one application was received, which was from a person residing in Dublin. Recently a family which had been living in a two-roomed house in Baltinglass had had to leave the house on account of being unable to pay an increase in rent and the wife and six children were at present in St. Colman's Hospital. The husband, Mr. Thomas Lee, was a casual labourer, working at present in Baltinglass. The County Secretary suggested that the vacant cottage at Tomanierin, Aughrim, might be let to accommodate this family.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we approve of the granting of the tenancy of Cottage No. 130/10 at Tomanierin, Aughrim, to Mr. Thomas Lee, whose family are at present in St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum. Passed unanimously.

Councillor Quigley stated that the house was in need of repair and that these repairs would be necessary before the house could be occupied.

Item No. 7—Housing Sites at Ashford—Proposal to Acquire Sites.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had been endeavouring to acquire a site at Ballinalea, which was in the ownership of the Wicklow Co-Operative Society, but had now found that the price required for the land was £3,000, or if the buildings were being purchased also, £5,000. The site was just over two acres in area and it was felt that the price sought was excessive. Inquiry had been made from the owner of another site situated immediately to the rear of the cottages at Ballinalea, and the owner (Mr. Fitzpatrick) had indicated that he was prepared to sell the field, which contained about five acres, for £2,000. The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary to confirm that access could be made available and the necessary services provided before a final decision could be taken. The Council agreed that subject to satisfactory Reports regarding the provision of access and services the site should be acquired.

Item No. 8—Housing Sites at Newtownmountkennedy—Valuation of Plots proposed to be acquired.

The County Secretary stated that a Valuation had been obtained from Messrs. James Adam and Son, Auctioneers and Valuers, of the value of each of the plots at Newtownmountkennedy which the Council proposed to acquire from cottage tenants for use as building sites. The Valuers placed a valuation of £75 on each of the plots, or a total of £450 for the six plots, containing 2.24 acres in all. The Council agreed that offers be made to the tenants on the basis of the Valuation received.

Item No. 9—Housing Scheme at Carnew — Report on Fencing and Cleaning of surroundings.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, complained that the plots attaching to the new houses at Carnew had been left in a very bad

condition and that there was no proper fence provided. He stated that the tenants could not be expected to occupy the houses in the condition in which they had been left by the Contractor. Councillor Miss Walsh urged that arrangements be made to ensure the proper completion of the Scheme, and that proper boundary walls be provided. The County Engineer stated that the Contractor had not cleaned up sites and that he had been instructed to attend to this immediately. The fences erected were in accordance with the Specification, but he agreed that they did not appear to be adequate. In regard to the suggestion that boundary walls be provided the County Manager pointed out that this would add considerably to the costs of the houses and, consequently, affect the rents to be charged. He stated that it had not been the practice of Local Authorities to provide walls for cottages and suggested that a type of stud-farm fencing might be considered. It was agreed that the County Engineer, County Manager, and the local Members would meet to inspect the site on Thursday, the 7th October, and to arrange for any necessary work.

Item No. 10—Housing Site at Tinahely—Advice of Council's Solicitor.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had advised that there would be no difficulty in obtaining possession of the Dispensary Residence and the field attached thereto on the retirement of Dr. Beausang, District Medical Officer at Tinahely, under the Age Limit Order, as the property was held by him only by virtue of his appointment.

The following Report had been received from the Council's Architect in regard to housing sites at Tinahely:—

County Engineer.

Courthouse,
Wicklow.

Re: Housing Site at Tinahely—Lands known as "Doctor's Field."

As indicated in my report of the 20th October, 1964, the use of this site for housing purposes is subject to a number of drawbacks. Due to the urgency of the housing need and the supposed availability of this site at that time, it was possible to overlook those drawbacks. However, as it appears now that it is necessary to avail of the Powers of Compulsory Acquisition to acquire this site, there are a number of other sites convenient to the existing village and services which could be compulsorily acquired instead.

The objections to Dr. Beausang's field are as follows:—

(a) **Inaccessibility.**

The site is located almost half a mile from the existing village and is not convenient to public transport.

(b) **Public sewerage does not exist to serve the site. It would be necessary to provide a temporary septic tank, pending the provision of a public sewer.**

(c) **From a Town Planning point of view it is undesirable to locate this form of community development and investment where its visual, social and economic contribution to the village is minimised or divorced.**

The enclosed map indicates some possible alternative sites suitable for acquisition and development.

Site A—Shows the location of Dr. Beausang's field relative to the town.

Site B—Shows the area described as the Fair Green, which now appears to be used largely for the storage of derelict machinery, and some allotments. The area of this site is 2.504 acres and would be suitable for the erection of twenty houses. It is an excellent site with two access points to the Market Square. The main sewer passes nearby so that there should be no difficulty in connecting to existing services. This part of the village has a somewhat decayed and neglected air, so that the development of this site would make a valuable contribution to the appearance of the village.

Site C—This is a site adjoining the Fair Green, but with access to the road serving the Fair Green. It has a total of 8.723 acres and would be suitable for the erection of approximately 70 houses. It is convenient to the village and could be served by the main sewer. It has excellent aspect and elevation, and even if not required immediately, is worth acquiring to serve the long term needs of the village.

A right-of-way for a road connection should be acquired to Pound Lane, adjoining the dispensary, and also to the other by-road, as indicated in RED.

Signed: P. J. BERMINGHAM,
County Architect.

30th September, 1965.

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Councillor Miss Walsh stated that the proposal to use the Fair Green as a housing site was altogether unacceptable as this area was used for Fairs, for Circuses, and other purposes, and would not be a desirable site for houses. As regards the site adjoining the Fair Green she felt that if new houses were built on this site they would not be easily seen and that a more prominent site would be preferable. She did not agree that the field in the occupation of Dr. Beausang was too far from the village and pointed out that there were a number of other Council houses in the vicinity. Councillor Miss Walsh stated that she understood that a Mr. O'Keeffe, the owner of a field adjoining Dr. Beausang's field, was prepared to dispose of sites to the Council, and asked that a Report in regard to this site be obtained. The Council deferred the matter pending a Report on the site suggested by Councillor Miss Walsh.

Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Quigley—
"That County Engineer give a Report on the possibility of providing a Water Supply for Four Council Cottages at Fort Falkner, Ballymorris, Aughrim."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the most suitable method of supplying water to these four cottages would be to sink a well and instal a pumping system similar to the arrangement adopted for Group Water-Supply Schemes. The

furthest away cottages were about 600 lineal yards apart and it was estimated that to sink a well, construct small pump-house, and instal electric pump, lay mains, service mains, instal sinks and soakaways, would cost £550. On the proposal of Councillor J. Quigley, seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh, it was agreed that Plans be prepared for the carrying out of this work in accordance with the recommendation of the County Engineer.

Item No. 12—Re-Laying of Watermain to Serve Houses at Ballygannon, Rathdrum.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that some while ago it had been necessary to replace sections of the watermain in the Ballygannon area as they had been found to be badly rusted. It had now been found that another section was affected with rust and required replacement. He estimated that the cost of laying a new 2" P.V.C. pipe behind fourteen houses on the Ballinderry Road would be approximately £120. On the proposal of Councillor J. D. Haughton, seconded by Councillor R. Miley, the Council agreed that the work be carried out.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Quigley—
"That County Engineer give a Report on condition of James Byrne's Cottage at Mucklagh, Aughavannagh."

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that this cottage, which was a very old one, was suitable for one or two old persons, but was not suitable for a family. The house was generally in a sound condition with the exception of one leak in the roof, which was being attended to.

In reply to Councillor Quigley the Assistant County Engineer stated that there never had been eave-gutters or downchutes on this type of house.

Item No. 14—To receive Tenders for Refuse Collection Service for Delgany Area.

Five Tenders received in response to public advertisement for the provision of a Refuse Collection Service in the Delgany Area were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council and resulted as follows:—

Name and Address of Tenderer	Tender for			
	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	
John Connolly, 3, Blacklion, Greystones	£300	£900	£1,500	
Edward Sutton, Windgates, Bray	£338	£960	—	
William Patrick Gammell, 9, New Road, Kilcoole	£600	£1,800	£3,000	
Owen Nolan, Knockroe, Delgany	£780	£2,310	£3,850	
Sean Traynor, Avonmore, Delgany	£780	£2,340	£3,900	

Item No. 15—Purchase of New Boiler for Baltinglass Hospital.

The County Secretary stated that the Boiler at Baltinglass District Hospital had been damaged as a result of an electrical storm and it was necessary to arrange for its replacement. The cost of providing a new Boiler, together with an Automatic Stoker, was estimated at £2,000, and in addition it would be necessary to arrange for temporary heating in the Hospital pending the installation of the new Boiler, and the cost of this was estimated at £366.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of the arrangement proposed for the provision of a new Boiler for Baltinglass Hospital and authorise expenditure of £2,366 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the purchase and installation of the new Boiler and the temporary arrangements for the provision of heating pending its installation.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16—University Scholarship Scheme, 1965—Re-Allocation of Scholarships Consequent on Non-Acceptance of Award.

The County Secretary stated that Miss Bernardine O'Hara, Manor Kilbride, who had obtained first place in the Council's Scholarship Scheme, had indicated that she had received an appointment in the Civil Service and was not accepting the award of the Scholarship. In consequence it would be possible for the Council to increase the value of the Scholarship awarded to the fifth candidate to the full amount of £250 and to award a bursary of the remaining £40 to the sixth candidate (Miss Margaret M. Lonergan of Bray).

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we note decision of Miss Bernadine O'Hara not to accept the award of University Scholarship under the Council's Scheme and in consequence approve of increase in the amount of the Scholarship awarded to Mr. Michael G. O'Brien, Arklow, to £250, and of the award of a bursary in the sum of £40 to Miss Margaret M. Lonergan, Bray.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor H. J. Byrne raised the matter of Mr. Francis J. Lonergan of 2, Castle Tce., Bray, who had been awarded a Scholarship in the 1961 Scheme, but had failed to pass his Second Year Exam. in 1963 due to illness. The Council had agreed to defer his Scholarship for one year for 1963/'64, but on account of having to undergo a major operation he had been unsuccessful in his Exam. in that year. On leaving hospital Mr. Lonergan took a job in order to pay for his fees to repeat the year's Course and had passed the Second Civil Engineering Exam. in 1965. Councillor H. J. Byrne urged that, in the special circumstances, the Scholarship be awarded to him for a further year. The County Secretary stated that it would be a matter for the Council to decide, but since provision had not been made in the current year's Estimates additional moneys would be required. On the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge, the Council approved of the renewal of the Scholarship for Mr. Francis J. Lonergan for the year 1965/'66.

Tenders for Aughrim Housing Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that only one Tender had been received within the prescribed time for the Aughrim Housing Scheme. A second Tender had been handed in during the afternoon, but after the time for receipt of tenders had expired, and, consequently, this Tender could not be considered. Councillor J. Miley inquired as to the position of Contractors who had tendered for the Scheme when it was first advertised, but had not been refunded their deposits. He considered that since the deposits had not been refunded the Council should consider their Tenders again and that it was not necessary for them to have submitted new Tenders. He asked that the advice of the Council's Solicitor be obtained on the matter.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That the Tender received be opened.

As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That we defer opening of Tender pending obtaining advice of Council's Solicitor.

A vote having been called for as to whether the Tender should or should not be opened, the voting resulted as follows:—

In favour of Opening the Tender — Councillors Edward Byrne, J. Gregory, J. Quigley, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh, and J. J. McCrea—SIX.

Against Opening the Tender — Councillors H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, J. D. Haughton, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. Temple, and J. Whelan—TEN.

It was decided, accordingly, to obtain the opinion of the Council's Solicitor on the matter and to defer the opening of the Tender.

Item No. 17—Repairs to Cottages carried out in September, 1965, and Cottages to be repaired in October, 1965.

The Council noted the details of repairs to cottages carried out during the month of September and those to be repaired during the month of October.

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 Bridge at Kidd's, Ballinglen, be put in proper repair by this Council."

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—"That the County Engineer make provision in 1966/'67 Road Estimates for (1) Easing dangerous corner near Mr. Michael Murphy's cottage at Askakeagh; (2) Repair of Kidd's Bridge, Ballinglen; and (3) Acquiring compulsorily land for the improvement of Annacurra Crossroads."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th October, 1965, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors P. McCarthy, John Quigley, 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. D. Haughton and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers R. L. Farrell and P. McGuinness, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell and P. T. Hickey attended.

AGENDA

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 5th and 12th July, 9th and 16th August, and 6th September, 1965.
2. Road Safety Campaign—Letter from Department of Local Government. (Copy of letter addressed to Chairman enclosed herewith).
3. Coast Protection Works—Letter from Parliamentary Secretary to Minister for Finance re Schemes at The Murrrough, Wicklow, and Ballygannon, Kilcoole.
4. Home Assistance—Proposed increase in Allowances.
5. Proposed appointment of Senior Dental Surgeon.
6. Revision of remuneration of Compounder of Medicines.
7. Newcastle Mental Hospital—Proposals for recruitment of Staff and Report on position re opening of Hospital.
8. Blessington and Laragh/Annemoe Water Supply Schemes — To authorise borrowing to defray costs of Schemes.
9. Re-laying of Sewer Outfall at Killincarrig, Greystones—Report of County Engineer.
10. Tinahely Courthouse—Reports of County Engineer and County Medical Officer on works necessary.
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley as follows:—
"That a Report be obtained from Chief Medical Officer or County Engineer about sewage disposal from Redcross village not passing through septic tank and emptying into field owned by Mr. Henry Johnson, Knockenree, Avoca, opposite forge, as he considers it in its present state a danger to public health. The holding was formerly Mates's."
12. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. Deering and J. Miley:—
"That the Graveyard at Market Square, Dunlavin, be put into proper order."
13. Improvements at Greystones Harbour—Report of Consultants re proposed use of Base of Kish Lighthouse at Greystones.
14. Public Conveniences at Greystones.
15. Swimming Pool for Blessington.
16. Local Government, (Planning and Development) Act, 1963—Definition of boundaries of "Scheduled Towns"—(a) Greyston's/Delgany; and (b) Rathdrum.
17. Letter from Hon. Secretary, Fianna Fáil (Comhairle Ceanntair Chille Maíntain Thuaidh) re matters concerning Kilmacanogue district.
18. To fix date for Meeting of Sheep Dipping Committee.
19. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins.

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne.

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 5th and 12th July, 9th and 16th August, and 6th September, 1965.

Passed unanimously.

Treatment of Patients Suffering from Tuberculosis.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to previous complaints he had conveyed regarding the treatment of County Wicklow patients in Peamount Sanatorium and proposed that the Council avail of the Hospital at Blanchardstown, Co. Dublin, instead of Peamount Hospital for such patients. The Council agreed that a Report be obtained from the County Medical Officer in regard to the suggestion.

Representation on Visiting Committee of Dublin Health Authority Mental Hospitals.

In reply to inquiries made by Members the County Secretary stated that representations had been made to the Department of Health in regard to the Council's desire that they should have a representative from the Council as a Member of the Visiting Committee for the Mental Hospitals of the Dublin Health Authority. The County Secretary stated that he had been informed by the Department that the matter was being examined and they hoped to find a solution to the matter shortly. The Council asked that the matter be taken up again with the Department.

Item No. 2—Road Safety Campaign—Letter from Department of Local Government.

The County Secretary stated that a copy of a letter addressed by the Minister for Local Government to the Chairman had been forwarded to each Member of the Council. The letter gave details of the proposed Road Safety Campaign to be organised during the period from December 1st to December 11th, 1965. The County Manager stated that the Minister had suggested that all Local Authorities within the County be represented on a County Committee and that there would be representation from the Garda Síochána and from Voluntary Organisations such as I.C.A., Macra Na Feirme, Muintir Na Tíre, I.N.T.O., etc. It was suggested that Lectures be given in Schools and that during the period of the Campaign a free check would be made by certain Garages on motor cars. Mr. G. Nichols, Staff Officers, was being assigned to assist in the organisation of the Campaign in County Wicklow.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley.

Resolved—That having considered letter from Department of Local Government in regard to Road Safety we approve of the setting up of a Road Safety Committee for the County to consist of representatives of the County and Urban District Councils (Chairman), local Voluntary Bodies and Groups, with a view to organising a Road Safety Campaign covering the period December 1st to December 11th, 1965. Passed unanimously.

Provisional Town Plan for Arklow—Planning Application.

Councillor P. McCarthy raised the matter of an application made by Mr. Michael Butler of Main Street, Arklow, for permission for re-building his premises at the junction of Main Street and Abbey Lane,

and stated that it had been proposed that permission be refused for this work because of a recommendation in the Provisional Town Plan that a new road be provided from the Main Street through Abbey Lane to Abbey Street to divert traffic from the Main Street and relieve congestion. The Urban District Council at their Meeting on the previous week had indicated that they would not be prepared to approve of this road and desired that Planning permission be granted to Mr. Butler. The County Secretary submitted a letter received from Mr. J. P. Caffrey, Assistant County Engineer, and Town Surveyor, Arklow, regarding the proposed new road in which it was stated that the new road would necessitate the purchase of the premises of Mr. Michael Butler, which were recently burned down, and that such new road would have to be declared a Main Road and the work carried out under a Main Road Grant. The Urban District Council asked that the County Council consider the matter at their Meeting on the 11th October. He pointed out that the Urban Council had not approved of the proposed new road. Particulars of a letter addressed to the County Engineer by the Town Clerk, Arklow, on the matter were also given to the Council and the County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from Messrs. Daniel H. O'Leary and Co., Solicitors, on behalf of the Arklow Traders' Association, urging that permission be granted to Mr. Butler for the re-building of his premises. The County Engineer stated that having regard to the decision of the Urban District Council that they were not prepared to proceed with the proposal to make a road to connect with Collins Avenue, there was no objection to Mr. Butler re-building his premises. The County Manager explained that the proposed new road was for the purpose of relieving the traffic congestion in the Main Street and had been recommended because the long-term proposal to construct a new bridge and road would necessarily take some time to take effect. The County Manager suggested that in the circumstances it would seem necessary to make provision at an earlier date than anticipated for the construction of a new bridge and by-pass road at Arklow.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we note the views of Arklow Urban District Council regarding the proposed new road from Main Street through Abbey Lane to Abbey Street and agree that the proposal to provide a new road at this place be abandoned. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Coast Protection Works—Letter from Parliamentary Secretary to Minister for Finance Re Schemes at The Murrrough, Wicklow, and Ballygannon, Kilcoole.

The Council noted letter from the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance indicating that it was proposed to commence the Preliminary Survey for coast protection work at The Murrrough, Wicklow, next month, and that an examination of the Scheme in relation to Ballygannon would be undertaken as soon as possible.

Item No. 4—Home Assistance—Proposed Increase in Allowances.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of increases in present Home Assistance Allowances similar to those given to recipients of Social Welfare Assistance by the Department of Social Welfare, as recommended by the Superintendent Assistance Officer, and hereby auth-

rise expenditure of £578 10s. 0d. in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of such increases.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Proposed Appointment of Senior Dental Surgeon.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That having considered letter of 23rd September, 1965, from Department of Health, and recommendation of County Medical Officer, we approve of the creation of a post of Senior Dental Surgeon for County Wicklow, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost arising from such appointment.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Revision of Remuneration of Compounder of Medicines.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That having considered letter from Department of Health of 12th September, 1965, we approve of payment of the revised rate of remuneration to the Part Time Compounder of Medicines at Bray, and authorise expenditure of £111 12s. 6d. in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the revision of remuneration.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Newcastle Mental Hospital—Proposals for Recruitment of Staff and Report on Position Re Opening of Hospital.

The County Manager reported that it now seemed from Reports received from the Resident Medical Superintendent and the Consultant Architect that the only part of Newcastle Hospital that could readily be used for accommodating patients were the two Front Units. Some alterations and decoration were being carried out to these Units to make them ready for occupation. It was most disappointing to find that the Main Block of the Hospital did not lend itself readily to use as a Mental Hospital due to lack of adequate sanitation, the number of small rooms, and the lack of recreation space. The possibility of using part of the Nurses' Home for the accommodation of patients had also been examined, but it was found that the necessary alterations would not be economic. A total of seventy-four patients could be accommodated in the two Front Units and it had been suggested to the Department of Health that a further forty patients or more could be accommodated in the main building. Proposals for erecting a new building to accommodate patients had been submitted to the Department but it was understood that the Department was not in favour of additional buildings. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, expressed concern that it should now be found that the buildings were not suitable for the purposes of a Mental Hospital and pointed out that the Council had been led to believe that accommodation could be provided for about two hundred and fifty patients. Councillor Temple suggested that the matter was too serious to be discussed at an ordinary Meeting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That a Special Meeting of the Council be called to consider the matter of Newcastle Mental Hospital, having regard to the County Manager's Report, and that Architect and Resident Medical

Superintendent be asked to attend; the Meeting to be held on Monday, 18th inst.

Pasted unanimously.

Proposals for the appointment of Nursing Staff, a Cook, a Clerical Officer and a Clerk/Typist, which were submitted to the Council, were deferred by the Council to the Special Meeting to be held on the 18th October.

Item No. 8—Blessington and Laragh/Annamoe Water Supply Schemes To Authorise Borrowing to Defray Costs of Schemes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £44,650 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of twenty-five years, to defray the cost of Blessington Water Supply Improvement Scheme.

Pasted unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £56,920 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a later period of twenty-five years, to defray the cost of the Laragh/Annamoe Water Supply Scheme.

Pasted unanimously.

Item No. 9—Re-laying of Sewer Outfall at Killincarrig, Greystones—Report of County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had accepted the Tender of the Irish Piling and Construction Co., Ltd., for the Re-laying of the Sewer Outfall at Killincarrig, Greystones. The Company had subsequently informed the County Engineer that they considered it unlikely that timber piles could be driven to the depth required without serious damage to same and had proposed an alternative method of carrying out the work, which would involve an additional cost of £1,190. An inquiry had been addressed to the next lowest tenderers as to whether they were prepared to carry out the work in accordance with the original Specification at their original Tender figure, and a reply was awaited from this firm. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 10—Tinahely Courthouse—Reports of County Engineer and County Medical Officer on Works Necessary.

The County Secretary stated that Councillor A. H. Hadden had indicated that he would be unable to attend the Meeting on that day and had asked that this matter be deferred to the next Meeting for his attendance. The Council agreed to defer the matter to the next Meeting.

Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley as Follows:—“That a Report be Obtained from Chief Medical Officer or County Engineer about Sewage Disposal from Redcross Village Not Passing Through Septic Tank and Emptying into Field owned by Mr. Henry Johnson, Knockenree, Avoca, Opposite Forge, as he Considers it in its Present State a Danger to Public Health. The Holding was Formerly Mates's.”

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had reported that a nuisance did in fact exist at the field owned by Mr. Johnson and it appeared that drainage from the village of Redcross eventually discharged into the field. In order to place responsibility and to determine the extent of the matter it would be necessary to carry out a Survey of the whole drainage system in the village. On completion of the investigation a full Report would be submitted. The Council noted that the matter was being examined.

Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. Deering and J. Miley:—“That the Graveyard at Market Square, Dunlavin, Be Put Into Proper Order.”

The County Secretary stated that he understood that what was required was some repairs to the wall and the painting of railings and that the County Engineer was obtaining an estimate of the cost of this work. The Council noted that an estimate of the cost was being obtained.

Item No. 13—Improvements at Greystones Harbour—Report of Consultants Re Proposed Use of Base of Kish Lighthouse at Greystones.

The County Secretary stated that the Report of the Consulting Engineers had now been received in regard to Improvements at Greystones Harbour, and in particular the proposed utilisation of the Base of the Kish Lighthouse. The proposals involved Three Stages — (1) Extending the Main Pier; (2) Repairing the existing Breakwater; and (3) Providing a new Slipway and improving the existing Boat-Park. The cost of the first two Stages was estimated at £45,800. The Report had been brought to the notice of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their Local Meeting and the Members were of opinion that in view of the cost involved no action should be taken. The Council agreed that no further action be taken on the matter.

Item No. 14—Public Conveniences at Greystones.

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had reported that the public conveniences at Greystones were unsatisfactory. He stated that the convenience for males at the South Beach was shabby and dilapidated and impossible to maintain; that the convenience at the Harbour was also most unsatisfactory; and that the women's conveniences at the North Beach though comparatively modern were also unsatisfactory. He recommended that new male and female lavatories be provided at the North and South Beaches and the existing ones demolished. Councillor E. Byrne pointed out that there were a number of other public conveniences in the Northern Area that required attention and on his suggestion it was agreed to refer the matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their next Meeting.

Item No. 15—Swimming Pool For Blessington.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had examined sites in Blessington with a view to seeing if a suitable site for a Swimming Pool was available. It had been suggested that a site might be available on the land which the Council was acquiring from cottage tenants for the purposes of housing. The County Secretary stated that whether a site would be available on these lands or not would depend on the number of houses likely to be required in Blessington in the future. There was a Standard Plan prepared by the Department of Local Government for Swimming Pools, which was estimated to cost £16,000. The County Secretary stated that the matter of pro-

viding a Swimming Pool for an area was usually organised by a local Development Association, with the aid of local contributions, and the Council might consider making a contribution towards the cost. A Grant was available from the Department of Local Government of up to 50 per cent. of the loan charges. Councillor Miley stated that the Development Committee was prepared to meet the Council on the question of raising a local contribution towards the cost of the Pool. It was agreed that details of the proposals of the local Development Committee be submitted to the next Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 16—Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963—Definition of Boundaries of “Scheduled Towns”—(a) Greystones/Delgany; and (b) Rathdrum.

The County Secretary stated that under the provisions of Section 2, Subsection 6, of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, it was necessary for the Council to formally declare an area to be the area of the town of Greystones/Delgany and of the town of Rathdrum, which were “Scheduled Towns” under the Act. These towns had at present no legally defined boundaries but it was necessary to define the boundaries for the purposes of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act. Maps had been prepared by the County Engineer showing proposed boundaries for each of the towns and were submitted to the Council. The Council decided that the Maps showing the proposed boundaries be submitted to and considered first by the Members of the Council for the respective Electoral Areas.

Planning Applications.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that all Planning applications under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, should be brought before the Housing Committee of the Council. Following a discussion on the matter:

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That all Planning applications where it is proposed to refuse permission be submitted to the Housing Committee of the Council.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager pointed out that the Members of the Council, under the provisions of the Act, determined the Development Plan for the County and indicated in the Plan the manner in which Development should occur in the various parts of the County. Pending the preparation and adoption of the Development Plan applications for permission for Development were considered by the Co. Manager and decided on by him. There was provision for an Appeal to the Minister by any aggrieved party. It would not be practicable to bring all the applications before the Council to deal with them at a normal Meeting having regard to the large number of applications. The County Manager pointed out further that his decisions on Planning applications were made following recommendations of the appropriate Technical Officer, i.e. the County Engineer. The Council decided that the Resolution be forwarded for the views of the Department of Local Government.

Item No. 17—Letter from Hon. Secretary, Fianna Fáil (Comhairle Ceanntair Chille Manntain Thuaidh), Re Matters Concerning Kilmacanogue District.

The Chairman (Councillor J. J. McCrea) stated that this matter should not have been included on the Agenda and that matters relating

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to the Council's functions in any particular part of the County should be raised through the Members of the Council for that Area. The Members of the Council agreed with the Chairman's views.

Item No. 18—To Fix Date For Meeting of Sheep Dipping Committee.

The Council decided to defer to the next Meeting the fixing of a date for a Meeting of the Sheep Dipping Committee.

Item No. 19—Inquiries Arising From County Manager's Orders.

Councillor Temple inquired whether any information had been obtained from Dublin Corporation regarding a supply of water for the Belcourt Housing Scheme at Bray. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had been in touch with the City Engineer on the matter and it appeared that the Corporation required a guarantee from the Council that an alternative water supply would be available by 1968, and the Council was not in a position to give such a guarantee. Councillor Temple stated that the Corporation should be notified of the Council's intention to expedite the provision of an additional water supply for the North Wicklow Area and of the steps already taken towards that end. The County Secretary stated that the matter was being taken up further with the Corporation and with the Department of Local Government.

Ambulance Service.

The County Manager referred to a report which had appeared in a Sunday newspaper concerning the Ambulance Service in West Wicklow, arising out of an accident at Humphreystown, Valleymount. The County Manager stated that the matter had been investigated and it was found that although the accident occurred some time between 10.10 a.m. and 10.20 a.m. the telephone call for the ambulance was not received at Baltinglass Hospital until 11.30 a.m. The ambulance left immediately and arrived on the scene without delay. Councillor J. Miley stated that the ambulance took less than three-quarters of an hour to reach the scene of the accident after receiving the call and he wished to compliment the driver on his efficiency.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley:—“That I, or someone for me, will move that the County Engineer prepare Plans for erection of public sanitary convenience at Aughrim, already approved by Council.”

In the names of Councillors J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory and J. Everett, T.D.:—“That we, or someone for us, will move at the next Meeting of the Council that a Report be given on the cost of walls, fence, entrance to houses, and compensation paid to each landowner for road improvements from Kiltimon to Kilpedder, and the amount of land taken from each landowner.”

In the names of Councillors J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory and J. Everett, T.D.:—“That we, or someone for us, will move at the next Meeting of the Council that water and sewerage be installed in four Council cottages in Newtown.”

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—“That I, or someone for me, will move that the flooding which occurs at Knockeen Lane as a result of surfacing of Main Shillelagh/Tullow Road be diverted into Donohoe's bog, and resulting damage to Knockeen Lane be repaired by this Council.”

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at New-castle Mental Hospital at 3.00 p.m. on Monday, 18th October, 1965, to consider the position regarding the accommodation of patients at the said Hospital.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea (Chairman).

Councillors John Quigley, 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 James Whelan.

Mr. K. J. Brangan, Deputy County Manager, Mr. Vincent Kelly, Architect, Mr. J. Inglis, Architect, Dr. T. Egan, Resident Medical Superintendent, and Mr. E. Dunphy, Chief Clerk, attended.

The Chairman, addressing the Meeting, recalled the history of the Hospital and referred to the difficulty experienced over the years in having County Wicklow patients admitted to the Sanatorium. When they took over the Institution in March, 1964, they were given to understand that 257 patients could be accommodated therein. However, from information received at the October Monthly Meeting it appeared that only 74 patients could now be accommodated and the Chairman went on to say that the members had taken a very serious view of this matter and had demanded a Special Meeting to deal with it. He then requested that the Report on which they had based their original decisions be read to the Meeting.

The Deputy County Manager read the Architect's Report dated 2nd March, 1964, and pointed out that a Summary of this Report had been circulated to the Members prior to the Meeting on the 9th March, 1964, at which Meeting they had adopted a Resolution to take over New-castle Sanatorium for mental health purposes. This Report referred to the difficulties which the Architect considered would arise in connection with (1) provision for patients' pursuits and recreation; (2) Preparation and distribution of meals; (3) Toilet facilities; (4) Reception arrangements for visitors and out-patients; and (5) Living accommodation for Male Nurses. Whereas it had previously been estimated by other advisers that 257 patients could be accommodated he went on to explain that, provided the necessary reconstruction, alterations and repairs were carried out, the Hospital would accommodate approximately 199 patients. The total cost of reconstruction would be in the region of £133,000 allocated roughly as follows:—

1. Reconstruction of Central Block	£30,000
2. Reconstruction and Renewal of End Pavilions	£18,000
3. Heating, Plumbing and Sanitary Services in 1 and 2	£12,000
4. Extension of Chapel	£3,000
5. Reconstruction and Decoration of Front Units	£10,000
6. Rebuilding End Pavilions in fire resisting materials (2 Storey).	Approx. £60,000

The Deputy County Manager pointed out that according to this Report the number of patients which could be accommodated in the End Pavilions was 48. It had been generally agreed that these buildings represented a fire hazard and should not be used in their present state. This reduced the number of beds to 151. In addition the Council's Fire Officer in his Report on the main building had stressed the unsuitability of the top floor for dormitory accommodation. Due to structural considerations it was not considered suitable for Day-Room purposes and

the number of patients which could now be catered for if new buildings were not erected was approximately 120.

Several Members expressed the view that they had been misled in the whole business. While they now accepted that the Hospital was taken over on the assumption that only 199 patients could be accommodated, and then only after expenditure of the sum of approximately £133,000, they were extremely dissatisfied by (1) the delay in having the necessary reconstruction carried out; and (2) the fact that they had not been kept informed by the Council's Officials. It was now over eighteen months since they had taken over the Hospital and they were being told at this late stage that the Hospital could at present accommodate only 74 patients. This was a matter which they could not accept lightly and it might now be necessary to reconsider their decision in relation to the whole affair.

The Deputy County Manager in his reply stated that on taking up duty in November, 1964, the Resident Medical Superintendent had prepared a Report on the Hospital in conjunction with the Council's Architect. Proposals for new buildings were drawn up in April, 1965, and submitted to the Department of Health. In spite of constant reminders no replies were received to these proposals. Council Officials had recently attended at the Department of Health to discuss the whole matter and it had been decided that the Department's representatives would attend at the Hospital on Wednesday, 20th October, 1965, with a view to inspecting the building again and submitting a detailed Report thereon. This Report should be available within the next couple of weeks and would be placed before the next Meeting of the Council. Dr. Egan, R.M.S., stated that he had carried out a thorough examination of the buildings on taking up duty. While he did not claim to be an expert he had made broad proposals regarding alterations which he considered desirable. It was subsequently determined that some of these proposals could not be effected having regard to structural and architectural considerations. Out-Patient Clinics had been organised throughout the County and a Domiciliary Service had been established. As a short-term plan he had advocated the opening of the Front Units to provide an admission ward and a Day Hospital. This would have the effect of stopping any further admissions to the Dublin Hospitals and would provide a sound basis for the Psychiatric Services in Wicklow. It had now been decided upon to open one side of the Front Units as an Admission Hospital and cater for 34 patients, the other side to cater for 40 long-stay patients, and it was proposed in addition to provide a Day Hospital Service. Dr. Egan pointed out that even after considerable renovation the Hospital could not be regarded as modern and up-to-date. However, it should be possible to bring it to a moderate state of suitability. Dr. Egan, in conclusion, stated that perhaps even now a large number of patients could be accommodated in the Hospital in very unsuitable conditions and posed the question as to the type of services desired by the Council.

Mr. Kelly, Architect, explaining his position to the Meeting, stated that when they were engaged by Wicklow County Council to make recommendations with regard to the main building they were faced with a fait accompli. In preparing his Report, which was presented in March, 1964, he did not have the opportunity to consult with the Resident Medical Superintendent as no appointment had been made at that time. This Report provided for the accommodation of 199 patients, and then only after major reconstruction and repairs costing approximately £133,000. He pointed out that the function of an Architect was to submit recommendations. He must then await further instructions and Departmental approval before preparing detailed Plans and Specifications.

The Members agreed that it would be undesirable to open the Front Unit until some more definite information would be made available to them in relation to the Hospital as a whole. Councillor Temple proposed, and it was unanimously agreed, that no further action be taken in relation to the painting of the Front Units or recruitment of Nursing Staff pending receipt of a detailed Report from the Department of Health covering all aspects of the problem.

Representation on Visiting Committee of Dublin Health Authority Mental Hospital.

The Deputy County Manager read a letter from the Department of Health regarding the Council's request for representation on the Visiting Committee of the Mental Hospitals of the Dublin Health Authority. The letter stated that, while the Minister accepted the reasonableness of the Council's request, he was as yet unable to find a means whereby it could be achieved. The letter went on to say that the matter was still under consideration by the Department.

Dispensary Residence for Rathdrum.

Having considered in committee the Report of the Council's Architect, the Council agreed that an offer of £2,500 be made for the house "Knockavon," Rathdrum, which had been advertised for sale.

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, 8th November, 1965, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers, R. L. Farrell and P. McGuinness, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell and P. T. Hickey attended.

AGENDA:

1. Scheme of Supplementary Grants for New Houses and for Repair and Improvement of Houses—To authorise additional borrowing.
2. Application for Supplementary Grant for Reconstruction of House at Baltyboys, Blessington.
3. Housing Sites at Tinahely—Letter from Tinahely Development Association.
4. Housing Site at Ashford—Report of County Engineer.
5. Housing Site at Newtownmountkennedy.
6. Housing Site at Blessington.
7. Housing Site at Ballywaltrim.
8. Aughrim Housing Scheme—Advice of Council's Solicitor re Tenders.
9. To authorise raising of Loan to defray cost of erection of ten houses at Kilcoole.
10. Applications for Loans for Erection of New Houses.
11. To authorise additional borrowing for purpose of making Loans for Erection of New Houses.
12. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory and J. Everett, T.D.: "That water and sewerage be installed in four Council houses at Newtownmountkennedy."
13. Repairs to Cottages carried out in October, 1965, and Cottages to be repaired in November, 1965.
14. To authorise excess expenditure over amount provided in current year's Estimates for Health Services to defray cost of purchase of two Ambulances.

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Item No. 1—Scheme of Supplementary Grants for New Houses and for Repair and Improvement of Houses—To authorise additional borrowing.

The County Secretary stated that it was necessary to raise an additional Loan to meet the cost of payment of Supplementary Grants. The position regarding Grants at the 3rd November, 1965, was as follows:—

Type of Grant	Grants Allocated Number	Amount	Grants Number	Paid Amount
Repair and Improvement of Houses	1,275	£126,846	1,163	£117,730
New House Grants	54	£11,605	46	£9,480
Provision of Private Water Supply and Sewerage Facilities	578	£23,557	577	£23,611
	1,907	£162,008	1,786	£150,821

In addition four Loans for Reconstruction, amounting to £668, had been paid. The total amount of Loans raised to date amounted to £150,800.

It was

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

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £30,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, re-payable over a period of twenty-five years, to defray the cost of making Supplementary Grants for Repair and Improvement of Houses and for Erection of New Houses.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Application for Supplementary Grant for Reconstruction of House at Baltyboys, Blessington.

The County Secretary stated that the floor area of the house was only 488 sq. ft. which was below the minimum standard of 500 sq. ft. The Assistant County Engineer had reported that the house was well re-constructed and payment of a Supplementary Grant was recommended.

It was

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

Resolved—That we approve of payment of a Supplementary Grant of £100 in respect of the reconstruction of house at Baltyboys, Blessington, by Mrs. Bridget Pender.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Housing Sites at Tinahely—Letter from Tinahely Development Association.

The following letter from the Tinahely Development Association was submitted:—

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TINAHELY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

Tinahely,
Co. Wicklow,
22nd October, 1965.

Dear Sir,

Re: HOUSES — TINAHELY.

Arising from publicity given to the proposed erection of houses at Tinahely my Association asked me to invite your County Engineer and Architect, with local County Councillors, to meet four Members of my Association, when suitable available sites near Tinahely can be inspected.

It is hoped this Meeting can be early next week.

Yours faithfully,

PETER MURPHY, Chairman.

The County Secretary stated that Councillor Miss Walsh had informed them that she would not be able to be present at the Meeting, but that she felt that the terms of the letter represented a reflection on the Members of the Council for the Area, who had put so much effort into obtaining sites for houses in the Tinahely Area. She would, however, have no objection to meeting the Members of the Association, if the Council so decided. Following a discussion on the matter the Council agreed that the Members of the Council for the Area would meet the Representatives of the Tinahely Development Association, together with the County Engineer and Council's Architect, on Thursday, 11th November, 1965.

Item No. 4—Housing Site at Ashford — Report of County Engineer.

As the County Engineer's Report had not been completed the Council agreed to defer the matter to the next Meeting.

Item No. 5—Housing Site at Newtownmountkennedy.

The County Secretary stated that offers had been made to the six Council tenants concerned at Newtownmountkennedy and two tenants had accepted the offer of £75, two others had asked for more details, and no reply had been received from the remaining two tenants, whose houses had not yet been vested in them. Councillor Gregory stated that the remaining four tenants would not be agreeable to give their plots for the amount being offered, and because of the area of land which would be taken from them. He pointed out also that the two tenants whose houses had not been vested in them had been offered only £25 each and that since they had applied for vesting they should have been offered the same amount as the other tenants whose cottages had been vested.

It was

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

Resolved—That we acquire a site at Newtownmountkennedy for the purpose of providing Council houses; and take no further action in regard to acquiring portions of plots attached to cottages at Newtownmountkennedy.

Following a further discussion on the matter the Council agreed that an offer of £100 be made in each case and that the Council's Architect or Engineer meet the tenants to indicate to them the area of land which would be taken by the Council and where the new boundary fence would run.

Item No. 6—Housing Site at Blessington.

The County Secretary stated that offers had been made to each of the tenants of the thirty-five cottage plots at Blessington, of which twenty-four were vested in the tenants and applications for vesting had been submitted by seven others. No reply had been received from twenty-six tenants, three tenants had accepted the offer, one sought more details (which had been supplied), three had refused and had been asked to state the price they sought, one who had been offered £15 asked for a payment of £30 and to have the rent reduced, and one who was offered £46 asked for a payment of £150. Councillor J. Miley proposed that the Council follow the same procedure as in the case of Newtownmountkennedy and offer £100 as purchase or compensation in each case. Councillor Miley stated that if the Council's Architect would attend at Blessington and meet the tenants on the basis of this offer he felt that all the tenants concerned would accept. The Council agreed that an offer of £100 be made for each plot.

Item No. 7—Housing Site at Ballywaltrim.

The County Secretary stated that of the four Council tenants involved three had vested their cottages and the fourth had applied for vesting on the 1st May, 1965. On the proposal of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge, the Council agreed that an offer of £100 per plot be made to the tenants in this case also.

Councillor P. McCarthy inquired why a Report in regard to sites for houses at Arklow had not been submitted and the County Secretary stated that the matter would be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting.

Councillor M. J. O'Neill and Councillor G. Timmins inquired as to what progress was being made regarding acquisition of sites at Parkmore, Baltinglass, and suggested that the Council should pay for the sites in this case also at the rate of £100, as in the other Areas. He asked that the matter be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting.

Item No. 8—Aughrim Housing Scheme—Advice of Council's Solicitor Re Tenders.

The County Secretary submitted the Advice of the Council's Solicitor regarding Tenders received for the Aughrim Housing Scheme. The Council's Solicitor in his reply stated that it was established law that Tenders handed in after the time specified could not be considered. In regard to the inquiry of Councillor Miley as to the position concerning persons who had tendered on the first occasion and whose tender fees had not been returned to them, and his suggestion that such Tenders should be considered again without the necessity for them to submit new Tenders following a further advertisement, the Council's Solicitor stated that the first Tenders could not be considered and that the legal position was not affected by reason of the fact that tender fees had not been returned. The Council, accordingly, decided to proceed and open the one Tender which had been received within the prescribed time following the last advertisement. The Tender received was that of Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Aughrim, in the sum of £12,557 15 0. In a note handed in with the Tender Mr. O'Brien stated that the price did not include for water and sewerage connections. The Council agreed that the Tender be referred to the County Engineer for his examination and Report.

Item No. 9—To Authorise Raising of Loan to defray cost of Erection of Ten Houses at Kilcoole.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £20,350 from the Commissioners of Public Works, re-payable over a period of fifty years, to defray the cost of erection of ten houses at Kilcoole.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Applications for Loans for Erection of New Houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor A. H. Hadden:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,000 to Richard Arthur Sheane, Ballymacsimon, Glenealy, in respect of the erection of a new house at Ballymacsimon.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;
Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,000 to Mr. Roland Gray, "The Bungalow," Lower Windgates, Bray, in respect of the erection of new house at Lower Windgates.

Passed unanimously.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor J. Miley the County Secretary stated that Mr. Eamonn O'Connor, Valleymount, had now indicated through his Engineer that the house he proposed to build would have walls in concrete instead of being a timber structure, and that the County Engineer had been asked for a revised estimate of market value.

It was

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

Resolved—That a Loan be advanced to Eamonn O'Connor, Valleymount, in respect of erecting house at Valleymount, the amount of the Loan to be determined in relation to the valuation placed on the house by the County Engineer.

Passed unanimously.

Applications for Loans in respect of Houses at Bentley Park, Bray.

The County Secretary stated that the valuation placed on the houses for the purposes of a Loan was £2,500 and, consequently, the maximum Loan which could be made available in respect of these houses was £1,850. Councillor J. Temple expressed the view that the valuation of £2,500 was much too low and pointed out that Tenders received in Bray recently for the erection of houses had been in the figure of £3,320. If the applicants did not obtain the maximum Loan it would not be possible for them to meet the difference from their own resources. Councillor E. Byrne pointed out that the cost of the houses was £3,000 and he felt that the value placed on the houses by the County Engineer should be increased. Having regard to the absence of Councillor H. J. Byrne from the Meeting, due to his being ill in hospital, the Council decided to adjourn the matter to the

Council Meeting on the following Monday, and in the meantime asked that the County Engineer re-consider the matter of the valuation on the houses.

Item No. 11—To Authorise Additional Borrowing for purpose of making Loans for Erection of New Houses.

The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary to authorise further borrowing for the purpose of making available Loans to persons wishing to erect their own houses. The amount required was estimated at £90,000.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of £90,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, re-payable over a period of thirty-five years, to defray the cost of making Loans available towards the erection of new houses.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory and J. Everett, T.D.: "That Water and Sewerage be installed in four Council houses at Newtownmountkennedy."

The County Secretary stated that three of the four tenants concerned were prepared to pay the contribution of 3/6d. per week towards the cost of installing water and sewerage facilities. Councillor J. Gregory stated that the fourth tenant was an old age pensioner and it would not be reasonable to ask him to pay an extra 3/6d. per week on his rent.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Resolved—That we approve of the installation of water and sewerage facilities in four cottages at Newtownmountkennedy, subject to tenants paying the appropriate contribution by way of increase in rent or annuity.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Repairs to Cottages carried out in October, 1965, and Cottages to be Repaired in November, 1965.

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of October and of those to be carried out during the month of November, 1965.

Councillor Everett complained that he had not received replies to queries he had made at the last Meeting regarding dates on which cottages requiring repairs had been referred to the Engineers, and the dates on which Reports had been made. He pointed out that only two of the houses concerned had been listed for repair. He now understood that the letter requesting the Report on the cottage had been sent to the Foreman and not to the Engineer, and he inquired as to who was in charge of the Engineering Section and responsible for arranging for repairs. The County Secretary replied that the County Engineer was in charge of all Council works.

Item No. 14—To authorise excess expenditure of two Ambulances.

The County Secretary stated that Tenders had been received for replacement of two of the Council's Ambulances, one Tender being

for an Austin Ambulance in the sum of £2,315 and one for a Ford Thames 800 Ambulance (of a smaller type) for £1,165. The latter Ambulance was required to replace the existing Volkswagen Ambulance. The total cost of the Ambulances amounted to £3,480 and the amount included in the current year's Estimates was £2,000, and, consequently, authorisation of the excess expenditure would be required.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure of £1,480 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates for Health Services to defray the cost of the purchase of two new Ambulances. Passed unanimously.

Houses at Laragh.

Councillor R. Miley referred to a previous application for the erection of an additional two houses at Laragh and inquired as to the position in the matter. He asked also that the persons who had been appointed tenants of the new houses at Laragh be allowed occupy the cottages as soon as possible. The County Secretary stated that a Report on the matter would be submitted to the next Meeting.

Houses at Arklow.

Councillor P. McCarthy asked the position regarding the subdivision of plot at Coolbeg, Templaraine, for the purpose of erecting a house on the sub-divided portion and Councillor Quigley asked the position regarding a similar application made by Mr. D. Hannigan, Templaraine. The County Secretary stated the matters would be examined and Reports submitted to the next Meeting.

Refusal of permission under Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

Councillor H. B. Hipwell referred to the refusal of permission for the erection of three houses at Little Newtown for Mr. R. G. Heatley and suggested that it was unreasonable to refuse permission having regard to the type of houses proposed to be erected and the areas of the sites for the houses. Councillor Hipwell stated that he intended to hand in a Notice of Motion for the next Meeting under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to require that permission be granted.

Attendance of Medical Officers at Dispensary in Bray.

Councillor J. J. McCreagh, Chairman, referred to two letters he had received from Dr. M. J. Twomey, District Medical Officer, Bray, regarding a statement made at a previous Meeting of the Council by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge concerning hours of attendance at the Dispensary in Bray and the late arrivals of Doctors. When he had made inquiries from the Secretary on the matter he had been informed that a Meeting had been arranged between the Medical Officers in Bray and the Members of the Council for the Area at which this matter would be dealt with. His recollection was that Mrs. Ledwidge was concerned merely with seeking a re-arrangement of the hours of attendance at the Dispensary to suit both patients and the Doctors. Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge stated she also had received a letter from Dr. Twomey and had replied explaining that her complaint at the Meeting did not reflect in any way on Dr. Twomey, but was for the purpose of showing that the Dispensary hours could, with profit to

all concerned, be changed. Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge said she had received a further letter from Dr. Twomey in which he stated he took grievous exception to her statement and that he would not rest until the matter had been rectified publicly. Councillor Temple pointed out that Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge was quite justified in bringing forward any complaints she received from the public and Councillor Hipwell pointed out that he did not hear Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge making any aspersions on any one of the Doctors. The Chairman indicated that the matter was considered closed.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

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

In the names of Councillors Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:—

"Kindly take notice that it is our intention at the Meeting of the County Council to be held on 15th November, 1965, to move the following Motion:—

"That the Council direct the County Manager to issue Town Planning permission under the Town and County Planning Act, 1963, and the City and County Management Act, 1965 (Section 4), for the erection of Three Bungalows to be built on the lands of Mr. Reginald Heatley at Little Newtown, Bray, as described in Plan submitted on Mr. Heatley's behalf. (No. in Planning Register: 418/65).

HUGH B. HIPWELL.
JOHN TEMPLE.
MARY LEDWIDGE.

Dated: 6/11/'65.

Reasons cited for refusal of permission:

- (1) Development of the kind proposed would be premature by reference to the existing deficiency in the provision of sewerage facilities and the period within which any such deficiency may reasonably be expected to be made good.
- (2) There is no assurance that an adequate supply of potable water can be obtained, and if available, can be maintained."

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley: "That I or someone for me will move that the Council make provision in 1966/'67 Estimates for the removal of ditch opposite Housing Site at Aughrim and replace it by a concrete wall."

Wicklow County Council

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 15th November, 1965, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, 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, J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory, H. W. Hopkins and James Whelan.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers R. L. Farrell and P. McGuinness, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell and P. T. Hickey, attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors H. B. Hipwell, J. Temple and Mrs. M. Ledwidge as follows:—

"That the Council direct the County Manager to issue Town Planning permission under the Town and County Planning Act, 1963, and the City and County Management Act, 1965 (Section 4), for the erection of Three Bungalows to be built on the lands of Mr. Reginald Heatley at Little Newtown, Bray, as described in Plan submitted on Mr. Heatley's behalf. (No. in Planning Register: 418/65)."

2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 13th September and 4th and 11th October, 1965.
3. To fill vacancy on County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee caused by resignation of Very Rev. T. Power, P.P.
4. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory and J. Everett, T.D.: "That a Report be given on the cost of walls, fence, entrance to houses, and compensation paid to each landowner, for road improvements from Kiltimon to Kilpedder, and the amount of land taken from each landowner."
5. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley: "That provision be made in the 1966/'67 Road Estimates for easing a dangerous corner near Mr. Michael Murphy's cottage as Aska-keagh and for acquiring compulsorily land for the improvement of Annacurra Crossroads."
6. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley: "That Council make provision in 1966/'67 Estimates for removal of ditch opposite Housing Site at Aughrim and replace it by a concrete wall."
7. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh: "That the flooding which occurs at Knockeen Lane as a result of surfacing of Main Shillelagh/Tullow Road be diverted into Donohoe's Bog and resulting damage to Knockeen Lane be repaired by this Council."
8. Letter from Department of Local Government allocating Special Grant of £12,000 for improvement of Ballyknockan/Lackan/Blesington Road.
9. Main Road Improvement Grant, 1964/'65 — Letter from County Engineer re Scheme for Kilcavan Gap.
10. Drainage at Donard — Report of County Engineer.
11. Turf Production — Ballinagee Bog: Report of County Engineer.

12. Engineering Staff — Recommendation of County Engineer for appointment of permanent Assistant County Engineer (Design) and permanent Assistant County Engineer for supervision of Road Works.
13. Graveyard at Market Square, Dunlavin — Report of County Engineer.
14. Joint Sewerage Scheme for Bray Urban District and part of County Health District — Report of Consulting Engineers and letter from Bray U.D.C.
15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley: "That County Engineer prepare Plans for erection of public sanitary convenience at Aughrim, already approved by Council."
16. Swimming Pool at Blessington.
17. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge: "That I, or someone for me, will move a motion requesting the Council to provide two extra lights in the village of Enniskerry and put footpaths from village to Catholic Church in proper repair."
18. Newcastle Mental Hospital — Letter from Department of Health.
19. Proposed installation of electrical generators in Council's Hospitals.
20. Letter from Hon. Secretary, Newtownmountkennedy and District Nursing Association re termination of Association's activities on 31st December, 1965.
21. Applications for Loans from persons purchasing houses at Bentley Park, Bray.
22. Dilapidated building at Dunlavin.
23. Pensions Increases — To authorise necessary expenditure.
24. To arrange date for Meeting of Sheep Dipping Committee.
25. Tinahely Courthouse — Sanitary and toilet facilities.
26. Greystones Harbour — Consulting Engineer's Account for Fees and Expenses.
27. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors H. B. Hipwell, J. Temple and Mrs. M. Ledwidge as follows: "That the Council direct the County Manager to issue Town Planning permission under the Town and County Planning Act, 1963, and the City and County Management Act, 1956 (Section 4), for the erection of Three Bungalows to be built on the Lands of Mr. Reginald Heatley at Little Newtown, Bray, as described in Plan submitted on Mr. Heatley's behalf. (No. in Planning Register: 418/65)."

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we require that the County Manager grant Outline Permission under Section 26 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Reginald Heatley, "Seaview House," Glencormac, Bray, for the erection of Three Bungalows on his lands at Little Newtown, Bray, in accordance with Plans submitted by him with letter of 29th August, 1965. (Ref. No. 418/65 in Planning Register).

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the County Manager had made an Order deciding to refuse permission on the 28th October and the applicant had a period of one month from that date in which to make an Appeal to the Minister for Local Government. If no Appeal were lodged a further Order refusing permission would be made. The period for the Appeal would not expire until about the 29th November in this instance. The Opinion of the Council's Solicitor as regards the operation of Section 4 of the Act in this instance had been obtained and he advised that as the period for appealing to the Minister had not expired the Council were not entitled to invoke Section 4 and, accordingly, "at the moment the matter must be left in abeyance until the statutory period has expired." In a previous instance it had been indicated by the Department of Local Government that Section 4 might be invoked by the Council in relation to any application for a permission or approval which was properly before the Manager at the time the relevant Resolution was passed, and that the Manager would be obliged to comply with such Resolution. It would appear from the Advice of the Council's Solicitor that once the Order deciding to refuse permission had been made the matter was no longer before the Manager. The Resolution was put to the Council and passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 13th September and 4th and 11th October, 1965.

Passed unanimously.

Patients in Peamount Sanatorium.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to complaints which he had received from patients in Peamount Sanatorium, and which he had raised at a Meeting on the 5th July, and requested a Report from the County Medical Officer. He had mentioned the matter again at the Meeting in September, and as no Report had been received from the County Medical Officer, he had proposed that no more patients be sent to the Hospital at Peamount and that instead they be sent to the Hospital at Blanchardstown. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that he had raised the matter again in October, but there was still no Report from the County Medical Officer. The County Secretary stated that he understood that the Council had agreed that the Report from the County Medical Officer would first be obtained. Councillor Everett suggested that the Council appoint a Visiting Committee consisting of Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge and Councillor Miss Walsh to visit the Sanatorium at Peamount and investigate conditions. The County Manager pointed out that since the Sanatorium was a private institution a Local Authority could not appoint a Visiting Committee to it. The Council was required by the Department to avail of Peamount Sanatorium and if it were proposed to send patients instead to the Hospital at Blanchardstown the approval of the Department would be required. The County Manager pointed out that the Council could not carry out an investigation of this institution, or any other Hospital to which they sent patients in Dublin. The Council would have to depend on a Report from the County Medical Officer. The views of the Council regarding the sending of patients to Blanchardstown instead of to Peamount would be conveyed to the County Medical Officer and to the Department.

of Health. Ctrs. J. Miley and J. Whelan stated that they had both spoken to patients who had been treated at Peamount Sanatorium but had received no complaints. The Council agreed to await a Report from the County Medical Officer, to be submitted at the next Meeting.

Item No. 3—To Fill Vacancy on County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee caused by Resignation of Very Rev. T. Power, P.P.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Rev. Walter Kane, C.C., Annacurra, as a Member of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Very Rev. T. Power, P.P.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory and J. Everett, T.D.: "That a Report be given on the cost of Walls, Fence, Entrance to Houses, and Compensation paid to each Landowner, for Road Improvements from Kiltimon to Kilpedder, and the amount of land taken from each Landowner."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that no separate costs were kept of the works referred to. Works carried out were necessary for the proper construction of the road. Any work of fencing carried out over and above this was incorporated in the Land Agreement Form signed by the landowner, who was only prepared to give the land under these conditions. The County Secretary pointed out that full details of the Road Works concerned had been submitted to the Council at a Special Meeting in April, 1963, and the Report which was circulated to the Members gave details of the compensation payable to each landowner, and also indicated that it was necessary to remove one cottage. It was pointed out in the Report by the former County Engineer that there were in general in connection with all the negotiations with landowners Agreements concerning the type of fencing, etc., to be erected. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that Members should be supplied with all the details requested and asked that these be circulated to the Members prior to the next Meeting.

Item No. 5—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley: "That provision be made in the 1966/67 Road Estimates for Easing a Dangerous Corner near Mr. Michael Murphy's Cottage at Askeagh and for Acquiring Compulsorily Land for the Improvement of Annacurra Crossroads."

On the proposal of Councillor Quigley, seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh, it was agreed that these items be included in the County Engineer's Estimates for Road Works, which would be submitted for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Area for the coming year.

Item No. 6—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Quigley: "That Council make provision in 1966/67 Estimates for removal of Ditch opposite Housing Site at Aughrim and replace it by a Concrete Wall."

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had been unable to investigate the matter in time to have a Report

available for the Meeting. Councillor Quigley indicated that what he was seeking was the provision of a concrete wall between the new Housing Scheme at Aughrim and the public road, instead of a wire fence.

Item No. 7—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh: "That the Flooding which occurs at Knockeen Lane as a result of surfacing of main Shillelagh/Tullow Road be diverted into Donohoe's Bog and resulting damage to Knockeen Lane be repaired by this Council."

The Council agreed to defer the matter for Report from the County Engineer.

Item No. 8—Letter from Department of Local Government allocating Special Grant of £12,000 for Improvement of Ballyknockan/Lackan/Blessington Road.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Department of Local Government indicating that a Special Road Fund Grant of £12,000, subject to the usual conditions, had been allocated to the Council towards the estimated cost of completing the improvement of the Ballyknockan/Lackan/Blessington Road. It was stated in the letter that it should be clearly understood that the Grant was being made available as an entirely exceptional measure and represented the final and maximum allocation which the Minister was prepared to make available to the Council for similar Road Improvements. In reply to inquiry from Councillor M. J. O'Neill, the County Engineer stated that the section of road from Annacurra to Valleymount was not included in the Scheme. The Council noted that the County Engineer would submit the necessary detailed plans and Estimates for the Works proposed under the Special Grant.

Item No. 9—Main Road Improvement Grant, 1964/65 — Letter from County Engineer re Scheme for Kilcavan Gap.

The following letter from the County Engineer was submitted:—

Ref. TJD/AD. County Engineer's Office,
Court-house, Wicklow.
County Secretary. 27th October, 1965.

Re: Main Road Improvement Grant, 1964/65.
SM 2 — Kilcavan Gap.

A Chara,

With reference to my letter of the 1st July, 1965, and previous correspondence I would be obliged if you would let me know if a decision has yet been reached in regard to this Scheme. The Department in their letter of the 8th December, 1964, (ref. R.27/2/12), agreed to transfer the money allowed for Kilcavan Gap to complete Scheme SM/1 Tinahely-Togher. SM/1 is now held up pending a decision by the Council allowing the transfer to complete it. If the Council are not agreeing to the transfer from Kilcavan Gap it will be necessary to allocate money from the current Main Road Improvement Grant to complete the scheme, as in its present condition it constitutes a road hazard.

I am at present allocating the Main Road Improvement Grant, but I am held up in finalising it — this is the position arising due to the Council's attitude in regard to the transfer of money from

Kilcavan Gap. An early decision on the matter would be appreciated.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,
County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the original amount provided for this Scheme was £3,000 and the County Engineer had previously reported to the Council that it was not possible to prepare a Scheme which would comply with the Road Standards for such an amount and that a Scheme to the proper Standards would cost £35,600 and would not be justified. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that the money had been earmarked for works at Kilcavan Gap and he could not understand why the money should not be spent at that place. He added that four or five Council workers had been laid off work in the Carnew Area and that he objected to the money being transferred.

Item No. 10—Drainage at Donard — Report of County Engineer.

The County Engineer reported that the matter of the piping of the stream which flows through Donard village had been further examined by the Assistant County Engineer, who reported that part of the open culvert flowing through the village had already been piped with twin 18" concrete pipes and covered in. An open section remained through the village 150 yards in length and the cost of piping this section and concreting it, together with the re-building of walls and the provision of the necessary entrances, was £425. He considered the work desirable, but no funds were available to do so in the current year.

It was

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

Resolved—That we note Report of County Engineer regarding piping of stream flowing through Donard village and approve of the necessary provision of £425 being made in the Estimates for the coming year to enable this work to be carried out.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Turf Production — Ballinagee Bog: Report of County Engineer.

The County Engineer reported that owing to the very bad Season it had not been possible to save more than 180 tons of the approximate 400 tons which were cut on the Bog, and that in fact the 180 tons saved was of very poor quality. In his Report the County Engineer stated it would be necessary to purchase approximately 200 tons of turf from Bord Na Mona, or some other outside source, and that arrangements should be made for the purchase of the turf immediately. At the Meeting the County Engineer stated that since submitting his Report a further quantity of turf had been saved, but this turf also was of very poor quality. The amount of turf required to be purchased could be reduced to 120 tons.

It was

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

Resolved—That having noted Report of County Engineer of the 25th October, 1965, regarding Turf Production on Ballinagee Bog in

the current Season, we approve of the purchase of 120 tons of turf from Bord Na Mona for use at Baltinglass Hospital.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12—Engineering Staff—Recommendation of County Engineer for Appointment of Permanent Assistant County Engineer (Design) and Permanent Assistant County Engineer for Supervision of Road Works.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that he considered that for the efficient design of Main and Arterial Road Grant Scheme the Council would get much better value to have a permanent Assistant County Engineer (Design). The cost to the Council would be very little greater than for a temporary Assistant employed. There was no continuity of service with temporary staff and they were no sooner trained in the work and becoming of value to the Council when they changed employment. The road design on the Arterial Route was, due to the configuration of the Route and the high value of the property being interfered with, a rather complex and complicated Scheme, and it was very desirable that there should be continuity in the service of the staff engaged on it.

The County Engineer considered also that a full-time Engineer of Assistant County Engineer status should be engaged on the actual supervision of the work. Setting-out, supervision, organisation and control of the work demanded the full-time services of such an Engineer. He felt, therefore, that the appointment of a permanent Assistant County Engineer (Design) and a permanent Assistant County Engineer for supervision was necessary to ensure that the works were planned in advance and proper supervision exercised in their execution. He pointed out that the Chief Assistant County Engineer (Mr. P. McGuinness) was very much handicapped at present due to the changing of the Temporary Engineering Staff in his efforts to get the planning of the Main Arterial Route Schemes up to date. The County Manager stated that he had examined the County Engineer's Report very thoroughly before he agreed to recommend the appointments to the Council. He felt that the County Engineer had made a very good case for the appointment of two permanent Engineers. Temporary Engineers had been employed from time to time on these duties. The money for carrying out major Road Works was made available from the Road Fund and the entire cost was met from such Grants and, consequently, it was expected that the cost of the employment of the Engineers would be met from the Road Fund and would not cost the Council much extra. The Council had experienced difficulties in connection with negotiating with persons for the purchase of land for Road Improvements and these negotiations occupied a lot of time of the Engineering Staff and also of the County Secretary.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;
Seconded by Councillor A. H. Hadden:

Resolved—That we reject the application of the County Engineer for extra Engineering Staff, as submitted in his Report of 27th August, 1965.

As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole:

Resolved—That having considered recommendation of the County Engineer we approve of the creation of an additional post of Assistant

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County Engineer (Design) and of the creation of an additional post of Assistant County Engineer for supervision of major Road Works, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of these appointments.

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, H. W. Hopkins, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh—ELEVEN.

AGAINST—Councillors J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton, H. B. Hipwell, J. Quigley, J. Temple and J. J. McCrea—SEVEN.

Councillor A. H. Hadden did not vote.

The amendment was declared passed by eleven votes in favour to seven against and on being put as a substantive motion was declared passed on the same voting.

Item No. 13 — Graveyard at Market Square, Dunlavin—Report of County Engineer.

The County Engineer reported that the wall at Dunlavin Graveyard was crumbling and recommended that it be stripped, pointed and plastered, and that the cast-iron railings be re-painted. The estimated cost was £45 and approval was requested.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer for stripping, pointing and plastering wall at Graveyard at Market Square, Dunlavin, and re-painting cast-iron railings, at estimated cost of £45.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Joint Sewerage Scheme for Bray Urban District and Part of County Health District—Report of Consulting Engineers and Letter From Bray U.D.C.

The following letter from Bray U.D.C. was submitted:—

Telephone—Bray 20c6

Town Hall,

Bray.

21st October, 1965

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmantin Hill,
WICKLOW.

re: Joint Sewerage Scheme—Report
from Messrs. McCabe and Delaney.

A Chara,

Reference the report from Messrs. McCabe and Delaney received by both Bray Urban Council and Wicklow County Council last week, I enclose herewith copy of Mr. Healy's observations thereon.

At a Meeting of Bray Urban Council held during the week, it was decided that your Body be asked to send representatives to a joint meeting to be held in Bray on this subject. It was also decided to ask the Consultant Engineers to attend, as well as the County Engineer and Town Engineer.

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While my Council fee, that the Wicklow County Council will nominate the Councillors from the northern area to attend this meeting, they expressed the wish that your Chairman, Mr. McCrea, would, if it was possible, attend also.

When replying conveying the decision of your Council, you might indicate a date which would be suitable for this meeting.

Mise, le meas,

D. F. MCCARTHY,

Town Clerk.

The County Secretary stated that the estimated cost of the Scheme recommended by the Consultants amounted to £366,316. Councillor Temple suggested that a Report be supplied to each Member giving details of the Scheme and that the matter be discussed between the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area, together with the Chairman, and the Members of Bray Urban District Council, and a Report subsequently submitted to the County Council. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed that the Meeting with the Members of Bray Urban District Council be arranged for the 30th November and Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, indicated that he would not be able to attend, but that the matter could be dealt with by he Members for the Area with Bray Urban District Council Members.

**Item No. 15—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:—
"That County Engineer Prepare Plans for Erection of Public Sanitary Convenience at Aughrim, Already Approved by Council."**

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we approve of arrangements being made for the acquisition of site recommended by the County Engineer for the purposes of a public convenience at Aughrim and of the preparation of Plans and Specification for the erection of a public convenience there.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary pointed out that since the work of providing a sanitary convenience would have to be defrayed from a Loan the Council would have to obtain the approval of the Department of Local Government to the works and, consequently, it would be necessary to have a Report from the County Medical Officer as to the necessity for a sanitary convenience at Aughrim. The County Medical Officer had in a previous Report indicated that he did not consider that a sanitary convenience was necessary. The Council agreed that the County Medical Officer be asked for a further Report on the matter.

Item No. 16—Swimming Pool at Blessington.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole;

Resolved—That we approve of providing a Swimming Pool at Blessington.

The County Secretary stated that the Chairman of the Blessington Development Association in a letter to the Council had indicated that the Association considered that the Pool should be of the type based on the Plans published by the Minister for Local Government, at an estimated cost of £16,000. The Association was prepared to

make a local contribution towards the cost. The County Secretary stated that the Council would have to borrow a total of £16,000 and 50 per cent. of the loan charges would be recouped by the Department of Local Government. The net annual cost to the Council would be about £600, or about 1d. in the £. Councillor Miley stated that the Development Association had £300 in cash available at present, which they were prepared to contribute towards the cost of the Pool, and that, in addition, there should be an income from the Pool. The Association considered that the Pool could best be maintained by the Council. Councillor O'Neill stated that while he would be glad to see Swimming Pools at Blessington, Baltinglass, and other places in the County, he felt there were so many other more essential Schemes to be dealt with that the provision of Swimming Pools might be deferred for a while. Councillor Timmins suggested that where a Swimming Pool was sought for a particular locality there should be a local contribution of at least £1,000. He suggested that the matter be deferred to the Estimates Meeting. Following a discussion on the matter the Council agreed that the proposal be deferred for consideration at the Estimates Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 17—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge: "That I, or someone for me, will move a Motion requesting the Council to provide two extra Lights in the village of Enniskerry and put Footpaths from village to Catholic Church in proper repair."

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge stated that lights were needed between Troy's Corner and the Forge, and at the entrance to the village from the Dublin side. She stated also that the footpaths from Troy's Corner to the Catholic Church were in need of repair. It was agreed that estimates of the cost of providing the additional public lights be obtained, but it was noted that there was no provision in the current Road Works Scheme for repairing the footpaths.

Item No. 18—Newcastle Mental Hospital — Letter from Department of Health.

The following letter from the Department of Health was submitted:

Department of Health,
Custom House, Dublin 1.

L.9/148

A Chara,

5 Samhain, 1965.

I am directed by the Minister for Health to refer to the correspondence and discussions which have taken place about Newcastle Hospital.

The Minister is considering the question of the bed complement of the hospital in the light of all the information now available including the report of the Special Committee of the health authority, of Dr. Blake, Resident Medical Superintendent of Carlow Mental Hospital, who inspected Newcastle at the request of the health authority, of the Council's Architects and of the Resident Medical Superintendent, as well as the reports of officers of this Department who have visited the hospital.

The Minister will have the examination concluded as soon as possible but it will not be possible to do so before the health authority's next meeting, to be held on 8th inst. A decision on the matter will, however, be conveyed as soon as possible.

On the understanding that his decision on the ultimate bed complement will be conveyed at the earliest possible date, the Minister requests that the health authority should now agree to press ahead with the measures, including staff recruitment, which will be necessary to open the two single-storey units which were constructed in 1949. These units will provide accommodation for approximately 74 patients and by using them it will be possible to provide the necessary bed backing for the excellent out-patient and domiciliary care services which the health authority have developed throughout the county. The Minister understands that these two units can be brought into use with relatively little expense and in a comparatively short time, in advance of the rest of the accommodation to be provided. When this is done it will be possible to take into these units patients who must be admitted to hospital and who must now go to the Dublin hospitals. Having regard to the present rate of admission, to the extensive care which can be provided in these units and to the after-care which can be given by means of the domiciliary services, it can be anticipated that the units could cater for the needs of the county's admissions, including re-admissions for some considerable time and certainly until such works as may be agreed to for the remainder of the hospital will be carried out.

The Minister is fully aware that by making a commencement with the admission of patients on a limited scale the cost per patient will appear to be relatively high. He would point out, however, that the cost of intensive care of the type which will be provided is high in all mental hospitals but that this is not readily apparent from the financial statements of the existing hospitals where the cost is apportioned over all the patients, including the many long-stay chronic patients. The advantage of intensive care is, of course, that a high proportion of the patients need to remain in the hospital only for a relatively short time and that a much lower proportion proceed to a chronic state requiring hospitalisation for a long time, even for their life-time.

The Minister trusts that the health authority's co-operation in this matter will be forthcoming.

Mise, le meas,

M. O Muineacadhan.

Following a discussion on the matter the Council decided to defer any decision in regard to Newcastle Hospital until a full Report from the Department of Health in regard to the eventual number of patients who could be accommodated in the Hospital was available.

Mental Health Clinics.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that a very good service was being provided by the Mental Health Clinics throughout the County, but he pointed out that there was insufficient privacy for the patients at the Clinics being conducted at Arklow. He asked that improved facilities be made available. The County Manager stated that the matter would be examined.

Item No. 19—Proposed Installation of Electrical Generators in Council's Hospitals.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

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Resolved—That we approve of the installation of electrical generators at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, the District Hospital, Balinglass, and the District Hospital, Wicklow, at an estimated cost of £2,000, and hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £2,000 from the Council's Treasurer, re-payable over a period of ten years, to defray the cost of the provision and installation of the generators. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 20 — Letter from Hon. Secretary, Newtownmountkennedy and District Nursing Association, re Termination of Association's activities on 31st December, 1965.

The County Secretary submitted the letter received from the District Nursing Association in which it was indicated that while the Committee noted the Council's regret at their earlier decision to terminate their activities they could not see their way to reversing that decision and that the Association would terminate its activities on the 31st December, 1965.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory;

Resolved—That we note with regret that the Newtownmountkennedy and District Nursing Association have decided to terminate their activities on the 31st December, 1965. We hereby approve of the creation of an additional post of Public Health Nurse for Newcastle and part of Annamoe Dispensary District.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 21—Applications for Loans from persons purchasing Houses at Bentley Park, Bray.

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been adjourned from the previous Meeting as Councillor H. J. Byrne had been unable to attend owing to illness, and Councillor H. J. Byrne was still in hospital. Councillor Temple suggested that this matter be discussed by the Members of the Council for the Area at the Meeting to be held in Bray on the 30th November. The Members of the Council asked that their best wishes for a speedy recovery be conveyed to Councillor H. J. Byrne.

Item No. 22—Dilapidated Building at Dunlavin.

The County Manager stated that the owner of a dilapidated building in Dunlavin, which had been referred to at previous Meetings, had asked the Council if they would be prepared to acquire the site for the purpose of housing. The County Engineer and Architect had examined the matter and had reported that the site would be suitable for three houses. It would cost from £300-£400, however, to demolish the existing dangerous building on the site and clear the site. A small plot adjoining the site would also be needed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That having noted Report of Council's Architect of 5th November, 1965, we approve of the purchase of building at Dunlavin (in the ownership of Mr. Edward O'Brien) and of the clearance of the site for use for Housing. We approve also of the acquisition

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of the area marked 'B' on the Site Plan submitted by the Council's Architect.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 23—Pensions Increases—To authorise necessary expenditure.

The County Secretary stated that a Circular Letter had been received from the Department of Local Government indicating that Regulations were being made providing for the grant of further increases in certain State and Local Authority pensions, and that since it would be some time before the Regulations were made Local Authorities might wish to grant increases in anticipation thereof. The Department's letter indicated the limits within which increases could be given.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of increases in pensions in accordance with the terms of letter of 7th October, 1965, from Department of Local Government, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of these increases.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 24 — To arrange date for Meeting of Sheep Dipping Committee.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That we hereby fix 3.00 p.m. on Monday, 22nd November, 1965, as the time and date for a Meeting of the Sheep Dipping Committee appointed by the Council.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 25—Tinahely Courthouse — Sanitary and Toilet Facilities.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the Courthouse was used regularly for Dances, Films and Meetings, and that there was only one toilet for use by the public and no wash-hand basin available at these or other functions. The toilet was in a poor state of repair and the toilet facilities were entirely inadequate. He estimated the cost of providing proper adequate toilet facilities at £600. In addition to this sum a sum of £1,010 would be required to be spent on the Courthouse to put it in a proper state of repair. An estimate in this amount had been submitted to the Council in November, 1961.

It was

Proposed by Councillor A. H. Hadden;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £1,610 from the Council's Treasurer, re-payable over a period of ten years, to defray the cost of providing proper adequate toilet facilities at Tinahely Courthouse, and the carrying out of necessary repairs to the building.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 26—Greystones Harbour — Consulting Engineers' Account for Fees and Expenses.

The County Secretary stated that an Account in the sum of £767 7s. 10d. had been received from Messrs. McCabe and Delaney, Civil Engineers, in respect of the Survey and Report on Greystones Harbour. In a letter received from the Consultants they stated that they regretted to learn that the Council had decided not to proceed with the work, which they considered urgent on account of the serious erosion problem confronting Greystones Harbour. The Consultants suggested that perhaps the Council would re-consider the matter, if only to carry out, at this juncture, a portion of the Scheme recommended in the Report, i.e., transporting the Kish Base from Dun Laoghaire and placing in position in the manner shown. The County Secretary stated that the cost of this work would be about £12,000. The Council indicated that they were not prepared to proceed with a Scheme of this extent at present.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of fees and expenses of £767 7s. 10d. to Messrs. McCabe and Delaney, Civil Engineers, in respect of Survey and Report on Greystones Harbour, 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. 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.

Tenders for Fuel for Hospitals.

Tenders received for the supply of coal were opened in the presence of the Chairman of the Council and referred to the County Secretary for examination.

Notices of Motion:

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

In the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea: "That in view of the dismissal of Roadworkers in the Carnew and Coolboy Area that the County Engineer be instructed to proceed with the original agreement at Kilcavan Gap."

In the name of Cllr. J. Everett, T.D.: "That we recommend County Manager to make Supplementary Grant available to Mrs. Monteith, Kilmacullagh, Newtownmountkennedy, as she has already received Government Grant."

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill: "That the Council expedite the extension of the water supply to the houses at Saundersgrove Hill."

In the name of Councillor J. Miley: "That the Council deplore the refusal of septic tank less than 60 feet distance from houses in cases where it is not possible to have such distances, and request the Local Government Department to over-rule such distance."

In the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.: "I hereby give notice that County Manager report at next Meeting the number of Engineers, Architects and Planners under all headings, and their respective duties."

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill: "I or someone for me, will move a Motion requesting the Council to expedite the supplying of water to the Council tenants at Doody's Bottoms, Donard."

In the names of Councillors G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill: "That we, or someone for us, will propose at the next Council Meeting that additional lights be provided in (a) Baltinglass; and (b) Kiltegan."

In the name of Councillor H. B. Hipwell: "That provision be made in the 1966/67 Estimates for acquisition of necessary land for the purpose of removing dangerous corner at Boghall Road, Bray."

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley: "That a Report be obtained from County Engineer on condition of cottages occupied by:—

1. Mr. William Moules, Ballishal, Aughrim;
2. Mr. Patrick Moules, Killacloran, Aughrim;
3. Mr. William Newsome, Ballishal, Aughrim;

and that a Report be submitted on best means of granting a water supply to cottages at Kilqueeney and Ballymoneen, Avoca."

In the names of Councillors J. Quigley and Miss M. Walsh: "That we, or someone for us, will move that Council grant permission for sale of the following cottages under the provisions of the 1965 Labourers' Act:—

1. Mr. Thomas Byrne, Aughavannagh, to Mr. Dermot Bucher-Hayes.
2. Mr. Joseph Mullen, Whiterock, Tinahely, to Nurse Mullen.
3. Mrs. Kearns, Redcross, to Miss Avril de Massey."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh: "That the Cross at Castlemacadam Cemetery, which is Council property, be put into proper repair, and that a stile be erected at the old Castlemacadam Cemetery so as to admit relatives of deceased to honour their friends therein."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh: "That a jutting prominence onto the road, which disfigures an otherwise complete job on the Car Park at St. Kevin's Church, Ballycoogue, be removed, and that the entrance to the County Council Graveyard at Ballycoogue, which is now from the side, be placed in the centre."

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 December, 1965, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended:-

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman. Councillors P. McCarthy, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, 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, J. Gregory, H. W. Hopkins and James Whelan.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers R. L. Farrell and P. McGuinness, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell and P. T. Hickey attended.

AGENDA

1. Notification from Department of Local Government of increase to 7 per cent. in rate of interest on issues from Local Loans Fund as from 15th November, 1965.
2. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—“That we recommend County Manager to make Supplementary Grant available to Mrs. Monteith, Kilmacullagh, Newtownmountkennedy, as she has already received Government Grant.”
3. Supplementary Grant for Erection of New House: House at Woodlawn, Tinahely.
4. Housing Scheme at Aughrim—Report of County Engineer on Tender received.
5. Housing Sites at Ballywaltrim—Acquisition of Sites.
6. Housing Sites at Dunlavin.
7. Acquisition of Site at Dunlavin under Derelict Sites Act—To make Provisional Order.
8. Housing Scheme at Laragh—Proposal that two extra houses be built.
9. Housing Sites at Tinahely—Report on Sites following Meeting with Representatives of Tinahely Development Association.
10. Housing Site at Arklow.
11. Report of County Engineer on Bridges and Roads damaged by floods.
12. Applications for consent to sale of Vested Cottages at (1) 7 St. Patrick's Road, Newtownmountkennedy; and (2) Killacoran, Aughrim.
13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—“That Council grant permission for sale of the following cottages under provisions of 1965 Labourers' Act:-
 - (1) Mr. Thomas Byrne, Aughavannagh, to Mr. Dermot Bouchier-Hayes;
 - (2) Mr. Joseph Mullen, Whiterock, Tinahely, to Nurse Mullen; and
 - (3) Mrs. Kearns, Redcross, to Miss Avril de Massey.”

14. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—"That this Council deplore the refusal of septic tanks less than 60 feet distance from houses in cases where it is not possible to have such distance, and request the Local Government Department to overrule such distance."
15. Report of Chief Assistant County Engineer re proposed extension of water supply to houses at Killegar.
16. Repairs to Cottages carried out during November, 1965, and Cottages to be repaired during December, 1965.

Item No. 1—Notification from Department of Local Government of Increase to 7 per cent. in Rate of Interest on Issues from Local Loans Fund as from 15th November, 1965.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had been notified that the rate of interest payable in respect of issues from the Local Loans Fund made on or after 15th November, 1965, would be 7 per cent. per annum. The rate of interest chargeable to borrowers in respect of Loans for the erection of New Houses would be $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. and repayments on foot of such Loans would be at the rate of £8 2s. 4d. per £100. The effect of the increase in the rate would be that an additional annual payment of £12 13s. 4d. would arise on a loan of £2,000.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole;

Resolved—That we note letter of 17th November, 1965, 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 15th November, 1965, will be at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—"That we recommend County Manager to make Supplementary Grant available to Mrs. Monteith, Kilmacullagh, Newtownmount-kennedy, as she has already received Government Grant."

In reply to Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Secretary stated that in this case the income of the family was very much in excess of the income limit. It was agreed that the matter be further examined and Councillor J. Everett, T.D., be notified of the position.

Item No. 3—Supplementary Grant for Erection of New House: House at Woodlawn, Tinahely.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £450 to Mr. Alan H. Hadden, Woodlawn, Tinahely, in respect of the erection of a new house at Johnstown, Tinahely. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Housing Scheme at Aughrim—Report of County Engineer on Tender Received.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported on his examination of the only Tender received for the Erection of Six Houses at Aughrim and had pointed out that the Tender did not include for the water and sewerage connections and, therefore,

was not a complete Tender that could be judged on a comparative basis. The County Engineer recommended that the Scheme be re-advertised.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer dated 10th November, 1965, we approve of new Tenders being invited for the Erection of Six Houses at Aughrim.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Housing Sites at Ballywaltrim—Acquisition of Sites.

The County Secretary stated that the tenants of plots at Ballywaltrim, Bray, had agreed to the offer made by the Council of £100 in respect of each plot.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Resolved—That we approve of Layout Plan, Plans and Specification being prepared for the erection of houses on site at Ballywaltrim consisting of plots acquired from tenants.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Housing Sites at Dunlavin.

The County Secretary stated that offers had been made to the owners of sites at Dunlavin which the Council proposed to acquire for housing and one owner (Mrs. Shackleton) had replied stating that the site had been sold for housing, and of the other three owners who had been offered £50 each Mr. Edward Flood stated he would require £100, the Solicitor for Mr. Laurence O'Reilly asked for £110, and Mrs. D. Coughlan replied that her site was not for sale. The County Secretary suggested that the Council might consider acquiring the sites under the Derelict Sites Act. Following a discussion on the matter:

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Resolved—That an offer of £100 be made to Edward Flood, Laurence O'Reilly and Mrs. D. Coughlan for acquisition of sites at Dunlavin. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Acquisition of Site at Dunlavin Under Derelict Sites Act—To Make Provisional Order.

The County Secretary referred to the discussion at the previous Meeting of the Council regarding the proposed acquisition by the Council of a dangerous building at Dunlavin for the purposes of a housing site and stated that the owner had been offered a sum of £100 for the site, but had replied stating that he felt this was too low and had asked the Council to re-consider the amount. In view of difficulties in relation to the Title the site would have to be acquired under the Derelict Sites Act and the cost of demolishing the existing building and clearing the site would amount to about £300. Following a discussion on the matter:

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of notice being given in accordance with Section 7 of the Derelict Sites Act, 1961, of our intention to acquire compulsorily the derelict site described hereunder:—

Location of Site	Owner or Reputed Owner	Area of Site
Market Square, Dunlavin.	Edward O'Brien, 77, Dollymount Park, Clontarf, Dublin.	0.328 acres.

We approve of an offer of £150 being made to Mr. Edward O'Brien (owner) as compensation for the acquisition of the site.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Architect had recommended that the Council also acquire a small strip of garden alongside the site for the purpose of making a better access to the rear of the site. The Council agreed that arrangements be made for the acquisition of this small plot.

Item No. 8—Housing Scheme at Laragh—Proposal That Two Extra Houses Be Built.

Councillor R. Miley urged that two additional houses be provided at Laragh and stated that there were two persons who had applied for houses several years ago, but were not obtaining any of the houses built under the recent Scheme. The County Manager stated that the Scheme had been originally proposed in 1954 and at that time it was arranged that six houses would be built. Subsequently it was found that the required number of applicants were not available and the Scheme was not proceeded with. In 1962 the matter was again considered, at which time there were eleven applicants, and the Council decided to proceed with the Scheme. There was no guarantee given that the houses were being erected for any particular person. Before a further two houses could be built it would be necessary to satisfy the Department of Local Government that there was a need for additional houses. The Council agreed that the possibility of erecting an additional two houses be examined.

Item No. 9—Housing Sites at Tinahely—Report on Sites Following Meeting With Representatives of Tinahely Development Association.

The County Secretary stated that at the Meeting between Members of the Council and Representatives of the Tinahely Development Association it had been indicated that the owners of two sites at Tinahely would be prepared to sell these sites to the Council. One site (lettered 'D' on the Map submitted) was owned by Mr. Darcy and contained 1.269 acres, and the other site (lettered 'E' on the Map) was owned by Mr. Murphy and contained 0.799 acres. The sites were adjoining and provided a total acreage of just over two acres. The Architect reported that they had good natural fall and drainage and were convenient to the village and all services. A small private road ran along one of the boundaries of the sites and this road would require to be taken over, widened, and maintained by the Council to serve the development. The existing water pressure in the main was poor at the point, but this would be rectified when the new Water Supply Scheme was completed in about two years. If the existing pressure proved inadequate to serve the proposed four houses required immediately it would be possible to provide extra water storage capacity as an interim measure. It was recommended that the two sites be acquired for housing purposes and further recommended that a small triangular area containing approximately 50 sq. yards and marked in

Red on the Map, which adjoined the Fire Station, be acquired to improve the access to the site. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that he had received a telephone message from a Miss Darcy stating that the site (lettered 'D') was not owned by Mr. Darcy and that he had no authority to give permission for its sale as a housing site. She stated that it was the property of her mother, who required the land for grazing purposes, and that under no circumstances would she be prepared to sell it to the Council. In the course of a discussion on sites which might be utilised for housing it was suggested that the Council proceed with recovering possession of the "Doctor's Field" and Councillor Miss Walsh mentioned that another site owned by Mr. O'Keeffe, which adjoined the "Doctor's Field," was also available. The County Manager stated that there was little likelihood that the "Doctor's Field" would be approved for housing and pointed out that the Council's Architect had previously reported that the site was too far from the town and that there was no public sewerage available there. Councillor Miss Walsh pointed out that the Council had agreed to provide a Sewerage Scheme for Churchlands and that this would serve the "Doctor's Field." The Council agreed that the matter of obtaining a suitable site in Tinahely be further examined by the County Engineer.

Housing Scheme at Carnew.

In reply to inquiries from Councillor Whelan and from Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, regarding the issue of the keys for the new houses at Carnew the County Secretary stated that it was expected that the keys would be available and could be issued to the tenants prior to Christmas. The County Secretary stated also that it was hoped to issue keys to the tenants for the new houses at Laragh also prior to Christmas.

Item No. 10—Housing Site at Arklow.

The County Secretary stated that following public advertisement inviting applications from persons resident in the rural area outside Arklow Urban District who were in need of housing accommodation a number of applications were received and it was agreed that a Scheme for the erection of six to eight houses in the area would be justified. The Assistant County Engineer was asked to endeavour to secure a suitable site and had suggested a site at Ballyruane. The Council's Architect, however, in a Report on the site pointed out that it was unsatisfactory from a Planning point of view as it was not convenient to any of the communal services of Arklow. The Assistant County Engineer in a further Report stated that Arklow Urban Council had now extended the watermain to the bounds at Moneylands and that a suitable site might be obtained there. It was agreed that the Assistant County Engineer investigate the possibility of obtaining a suitable site convenient to the watermain at Moneylands.

Item No. 11—Report of County Engineer on Bridges and Roads Damaged by Floods.

A Report of the County Engineer in regard to the extent of the damage caused to Roads and Bridges throughout the County by the recent flooding had been circulated to the Members of the Council and the Council noted that the preliminary estimate of the County Engineer for the cost of repairs amounted to £76,355. Councillor H. J. Byrne proposed that the Council adjourn consideration of the Report having regard to the County Engineer having indicated that his estimate was only a preliminary one and that the final figure could not be determined until the waters subsided. He felt that the Council

should await the full Report of the County Engineer. Councillor J. Miley seconded the proposal and the Council agreed to defer consideration of the Report to a Special Meeting to be held on Wednesday, the 15th December.

Item No. 12—Applications For Consent To Sale of Vested Cottages at (1) 7, St. Patrick's Road, Newtownmountkennedy; and (2) Killacoran, Aughrim.

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 William Brady of his interest in Vested Cottage at 7, St. Patrick's Road, Newtownmountkennedy, to James McCabe, Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to Mrs. Margaret Doyle, Killacoran, Aughrim, for the sale of her interest in Cottage No. 341/10 at Killacoran to John O'Neill, Main Street, Aughrim.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—"That Council Grant Permission For Sale of the Following Cottages Under Provisions of 1965 Labourers' Act:— (1) Mr. Thomas Byrne, Aughavannagh, to Mr. Dermot Bouchier-Hayes; (2) Mr. Joseph Mullen, Whiterock, Tinahely, to Nurse Mullen; and (3) Mrs. Kearns, Redcross, to Miss Avril De Massey."

The County Secretary stated that it was proposed in the Notice of Motion that permission for the sale of the cottages be given under the provisions of the 1965 Labourers' Act. While the Act had recently come into operation the Council had not yet received any Circular Letter from the Department of Local Government on the matter and it was understood that such a letter would be issued very soon. He suggested that consideration of the proposal might be deferred until such letter was available. The Council agreed to defer the matter.

Item No. 14—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—"That This Council Deplore The Refusal of Septic Tanks Less Than 60 ft. Distance From Houses In Cases Where It Is Not Possible To Have Such Distance, And Request the Local Government Department To Overrule Such Distance."

Councillor J. Miley referred to the case of an application by a Mr. Charles Clarke of Monaspick and pointed out that the Council had refused to approve of the siting of the septic tank because it could not be placed 60 feet from the house. He felt that if the Department agreed to pay a Grant in this case the Council should do likewise. The County Secretary submitted the Report from the County Medical Officer in which he referred to the Department's Regulations and stated that he proposed to act on the figure of a 60 ft. minimum distance as a general rule. The Chairman suggested that Councillor J. Miley might submit the names of persons who were unable to provide the septic tanks at the required distances from their houses, with the necessary details, and that the matter might then be considered further. It was agreed, accordingly, to defer the matter and Mr. Miley undertook to submit the necessary details.

Item No. 15—Report of Chief Assistant County Engineer Re Proposed Extension of Water Supply to Houses at Killegar.

The County Secretary submitted the Report of the Chief Assistant County Engineer in which he estimated that the cost of extending the existing 4" main to serve the six houses would be approximately £1,465. He pointed out in his Report that the reason for the price being so high was that due to the elevation of the houses there was insufficient pressure in the existing main and it would be necessary to introduce a booster pump to maintain sufficient pressure. If it was considered that the water should be brought into the houses and a sink and soak-away provided it would involve an additional expenditure of £180.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That having noted Report of Chief Assistant County Engineer we approve of Plans being prepared for an extension of the existing 4" main from its termination at the branch road going towards County Brook to provide a water supply for six houses at Killegar, Enniskerry, and authorise the borrowing of a sum of £1,645 to defray the costs of the work.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16—Repairs To Cottages Carried Out During November, 1965, And Cottages To Be Repaired During December, 1965.

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired during the month of November and of those to be repaired during the month of December, 1965.

Employment At Christmas.

In reply to inquiries from Members of the Council the County Secretary stated that provision had been made in the Council's Estimates for a sum of £3,000 to provide additional employment prior to Christmas. The Council noted that arrangements were being made for commencing additional works to provide extra employment.

Belcourt Housing Scheme.

Councillor H. J. Byrne urged that the maximum Loan be made available to the twenty-five applicants for Loans for the purpose of providing houses at Bentley Park, Bray, and stated that the Scheme would be self-supporting and would not involve any loss on the Rates. He understood the difficulty which had arisen in determining the amount of the Loan to be granted and, accordingly, was handing in a Bill of Quantities (as priced by the Builder) for examination by the County Engineer and he trusted that having examined the Bill of Quantities the County Engineer would feel in a position to increase the valuation placed on the houses. It was agreed that the Bill of Quantities be examined by the County Engineer.

Retirement of Dr. Clearkin.

Councillor J. Miley, supported by Councillor M. Deering, referred to the requests made by the Council to Dr. Clearkin to vacate the Dispensary Residence at Blessington and urged that Dr. Clearkin be permitted to remain in occupation of the house until a permanent District Medical Officer was appointed. The County Manager pointed out that Dr. Clearkin was entitled to occupy the Dispensary Residence only while he held the post of District Medical Officer and since he had retired from that post he was no longer entitled to remain in possession

of the premises. He pointed out that Dr. Clearkin had received ample notice that he would have to vacate the premises and had received a substantial Gratuity and a Superannuation Allowance and should have had no difficulty in obtaining alternative accommodation.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Deering, seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the family of the late William T. Cosgrave. All the Members of the Council paid tribute to the work of Mr. Cosgrave during the years when the State was being established and to his personal qualities and sterling character. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, referred to the tributes paid to the late Mr. Cosgrave by every Public Body in the country and by the Members of the Oireachtas as being something to which Mr. Cosgrave was entitled as one of the most outstanding figures in the country.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley:- "That I, or someone for me, will move that the County Engineer make provision for sand-gravelling and tarring of Killacoran Old Road, adjoining Aughrim/Woodenbridge Road, when he is preparing 1966/67 Road Estimates."

In the names of Councillors J. Temple, E. Byrne and H. B. Hipwell:- That I, or someone on my behalf, will move the following Motion at the next Housing Meeting of the Council:-

That in view of the terms of the Housing Bill at present before the Dail we instruct the County Medical Officer to prepare a fixed priority list of tenants seeking houses in view of the dissatisfaction of the system at present operating."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 13th December, 1965, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers R. L. Farrell and P. McGuinness, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell and P. T. Hickey attended.

AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting on 18th October, 1965.
2. Overdraft on General Account for Quarter ending 31st March, 1966.
3. Letter from National Farmers' Association regarding "GO SLOW" **RATES CAMPAIGN.**
4. Financial Scheme of County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee for 1966/67 involving an increase of 3d. in the £ in amount of annual local contribution for that year.
5. Determination of boundaries of GREYSTONES/DELGANY and RATHDRUM, being "Scheduled Towns" under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.
6. To formally authorise expenditure in excess of the Estimates in respect of the years 1963/64 and 1964/65.
7. To consider Declaration as a Public Road of Road known as "Five-Mile Point" Road in townland of Grange North.
8. Report requested by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., regarding the number of Engineers, Architects, and Planning Staff employed by the Council, with their respective duties.
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor H. B. Hipwell—"That provision be made in the 1966/67 Estimates for acquisition of necessary land for the purpose of removing dangerous corner at Boghall Road, Bray."
10. Particulars of costs of works on erection of walls and fences, surfacing of approaches and avenues, etc., in connection with Road Improvement Works on Arterial Road from Kiltimon to Kilpedder, as requested by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.
11. Domestic Refuse Collection for Delgany Area—Recommendation of County Engineer on Tenders received.
12. To approve of the creation of two additional posts of Public Health Nurse for the joint Districts of (a) Dunganstown/Avoca; and (b) Aughrim/Rathdrum.
13. Report of County Medical Officer in regard to complaints concerning maintenance of patients at Peamount Sanatorium, together with letter received from patients in the Sanatorium and letter from Arthur Cox and Co., Solicitors for Peamount Hospital Incorporated.
14. Extensions to Clinic at Bray—To receive Tenders for proposed extensions to the Clinic and consider letter of 25th November, 1965, from Department of Health.
15. Housing Scheme at Kilcoole—Proposed acquisition of plot of land for purposes of additional access to Scheme.
16. Leasing of Housing Sites at Blessington—To consider two additional applications for Sites.
17. Public convenience at Greystones—Recommendation of Members of Council for Bray Electoral Area for erection of new conveniences in Harbour Area.

18. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—
 - (a) That the Cross at Castlemacadam Cemetery, which is Council property, be put into proper repair and that a stile be erected at the old Castlemacadam Cemetery so as to admit relatives of deceased to honour their friends therein.
 - (b) That a jutting prominence on to the road, which disfigures an otherwise complete job on the Car Park at St. Kevin's Church, Ballycoogue, be removed, and that the entrance to the County Council Graveyard at Ballycoogue, which is now from the side, be placed in the centre.
19. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill—"That additional lights be provided in (a) Baltinglass; and (b) Kiltegan."
20. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—"That the Council expedite the supplying of water to Council tenants at Doody's Bottoms, Donard."
21. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—"That the Council expedite the extension of the water supply to the houses at Saundersgrove Hill."
22. Bray Courthouse—Report of County Engineer regarding works of repairs and renovation.
23. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 18th October, 1965.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Overdraft on General Account for Quarter Ending 31st March, 1966.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

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 31st March, 1966, shall not exceed £250,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Letter From National Farmers' Association Regarding "Go Slow" Rates Campaign.

The Council considered letter of 30th November, 1965, from Mr. Thomas Blake, Chairman, N.F.A. Oireachtas Committee, indicating that it had been decided by N.F.A. that farmers would delay payment of the Second Moiety of their Rates for a period of one month beyond the end of the current financial year. It was indicated in the letter that the Campaign was being used for the purpose of obtaining for farmers "their just demands in the same way as Trade Unions may adopt Strike action." It was indicated that the N.F.A. was fully conscious of the present economic difficulties, but stated that unless a realistic approach was adopted towards agriculture these difficulties could not be overcome. The letter stated also that the Association fully acknowledged the responsibilities of farmers in paying their just share

of taxation, but was adamant in adopting on behalf of Irish farmers any reasonable steps that might be necessary to ensure that a fair standard of living could be obtained by those engaged in agriculture. In reply to inquiries from Members of the Council the County Secretary stated that should the "Go Slow" Rates Campaign be implemented in County Wicklow it would result in a reduction in the Council's receipts during the last quarter of the year of about £70,000 or more. The County Secretary stated that the rate in the £ in County Wicklow in the present financial year was the lowest of any County outside of Dublin. As regards the incidence of Rates on the farming community in the present year the effect of the Agricultural Grant was such that farmers generally would be paying only the same amount in Rates as had been paid in 1953/54. In reply to a recent question in the Dail figures had been given as to the percentage decrease in net Rates on a holding of £20 land valuation during the period 1956/57 to 1965/66 and also in respect of the net Rates on a holding of £40 land valuation. The percentage decrease in net Rates in County Wicklow over the period was 34.9 for the land valuation of £20 and 16.5 for land valuation of £40, the reduction in the case of the land valuation of £20 being the second greatest percentage decrease in the country, and in the case of the land valuation of £40 being the greatest rate of decrease in any County. In the course of the discussion Members of the Council pointed out that in determining the Estimates to be adopted each year the Council considered the interests of the farming community and the impact of Rates on farmers and this was shown in the figures quoted in regard to the level of Rates in the present year. Members of the Council expressed concern that the deferring of payment of Rates by farmers might give rise to the Council having difficulty in providing essential services during the Quarter to 31st March, 1966, and expressed the view that the National Farmers' Association should give further consideration to the possible effects of the Campaign, particularly having regard to present economic difficulties. The Council asked that the views of the Members be conveyed to the Association.

Item No. 4—Financial Scheme of County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee for 1966/67 Involving an Increase of 3d. in the £ in Amount of Annual Local Contribution For That Year.

The County Secretary submitted the details of the Financial Scheme for 1966/67 received from the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee. The major increase in the Estimate over that of the previous year was under the heading of "Instruction" and amounted to £12,237. Maintenance of Schools and Classes showed an increase of £2,238 and the total increase in the Estimate over that of the previous year was £17,047.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 (1) (d) of the Vocational Education (Amendment) Act, 1950, as amended by Section 3 of the Vocational Education (Amendment) Act, 1962, we approve of the Financial Scheme for 1966/67 received from the Vocational Education Committee and note that the Scheme is based on an annual local contribution of 2/- in the £.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Determination of Boundaries of Greystones/Delgany and Rathdrum, Being "Scheduled Towns" Under The Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

The County Secretary stated that the proposed boundaries for

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Greystones/Delgany and Rathdrum had been considered by the Members of the Council for the **Bray and Wicklow Electoral Areas**, who had agreed to the boundaries as proposed. Maps showing the proposed boundaries were submitted to the Meeting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That in accordance with Section 2, Subsection 6, of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, we hereby declare the area as shown on Map submitted to this Meeting to be the area of the town of **Rathdrum** for the purposes of the Act.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That in accordance with Section 2, Subsection 6, of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, we hereby declare the area as shown on Map submitted to this Meeting to be the area of the town of **Greystones/Delgany** for the purposes of the Act.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—To formally Authorise Expenditure In Excess of the Estimates In Respect of the Years 1963/'64 and 1964/'65.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the expenditure set out hereunder in excess of the amounts provided under the heads of expenditure listed hereunder in the Estimates for the year 1963/'64:-

Health Services:

General Medical Services	£10,380	
Specialist Services	£1,850	
Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Disabled Persons	£500	
Ambulance Service and Transport of Patients	£2,000	
Supervision of Food and Drink	£1,680	£16,410

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure in the amounts set out hereunder under the headings of the Estimates as indicated in excess of the amounts provided in the Estimates for the year 1964/'65 under such headings:-

Roads:

Ordinary Road Works	£429	
Other Purposes	£15,197	£15,626

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Health Services:

General Medical Services	£2,560	
Institutional Services	£7,557	
Specialist Services	£1,389	
Ambulances and Other Transport	£3,271	
Food and Drink	£319	
Other Expenditure	£2,402	£17,498

Public Assistance:

Other Expenditure	£588	
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General Purposes:

Public Libraries	£724	
Other Expenditure	£366	£1,090

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—To Consider Declaration As A Public Road of Road Known As "Five-Mile-Point" Road in Townland of Grange North.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

Resolved—That we hereby declare the road described hereunder to be a Public Road:-

Road known as "Five-Mile-Point" Road from where it joins Road No. 44 at the junction of Tiglin, Blackditch and Grange North townland, eastwards for a distance of 1,650 yds. through the townland of Grange North, alongside and parallel to its boundary with the townland of Blackditch, and terminating at high-water mark on the foreshore at "Five-Mile-Point."

Passed unanimously

The County Secretary pointed out that the Council had agreed that only the portion of the road serving the existing houses would be repaired in the present year.

Item No. 8—Report Requested by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Regarding The Number of Engineers, Architects, and Planning Staff Employed By The Council, With Their Respective Duties.

The County Secretary stated that he had the Report available for submission to the Council, but suggested that possibly the Council might prefer to have the details circulated. The Council agreed that the Report be circulated to the Members.

Item No. 9—Notice of Motion In Name of Councillor H. B. Hipwell—That Provision Be Made in the 1966/'67 Estimates For Acquisition of Necessary Land for the Purpose of Removing Dangerous Corner at Boghall Road, Bray."

The County Secretary stated that the Solicitors for Mr. Fitzpatrick had indicated that their client was prepared to dispose of the land to the Council, subject to certain conditions, including that the price for the land be at the rate of £400 per acre.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That provision be made in the 1966/67 Estimates for acquisition of necessary land for the purpose of removing dangerous corner at Boghall Road, Bray.

That we recommend purchase of land at rate of £400 per acre.

Passed unanimously

Item No. 10—Particulars of Costs of Works on Erection of Walls and Fences, Surfacing of Approaches and Avenues, Etc., in Connection With Road Improvement Works on Arterial Road From Kiltimon to Kilpedder, As Requested by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.

The information requested by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., had been circulated to the Members of the Council, Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that particulars be also given of the amounts paid in compensation for the acquisition of the lands. The County Secretary stated that these details had been supplied to the Council previously at a Special Meeting held in April, 1963, but they would be supplied again.

Item No. 11—Domestic Refuse Collection For Delgany Area—Recommendation of County Engineer on Tenders Received.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended the acceptance of the lowest Tender received, being that of Mr. John Connolly, 3 Blacklion, Greystones, in the sum of £900 for the undertaking of the Refuse Collection in the Area for a period of three years.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer for the acceptance of the Tender of Mr. John Connolly, 3 Blacklion, Greystones, in the sum of £900, for the undertaking of the Refuse Collection in the Delgany Area for a period of three years, this being the lowest Tender received.

Passed unanimously

Item No. 12—To Approve of the Creation of Two Additional Posts of Public Health Nurse for the Joint Districts of (a) Dunganstown/Avoca; and (b) Aughrim/Rathdrum.

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had recommended that two additional Public Health Nurses be appointed, one for the area containing the two Dispensary Districts of Dunganstown and Avoca and another for an area containing the two Dispensary Districts of Aughrim and Rathdrum. The County Medical Officer was of opinion that either a District or a Jubilee Nurse should be available for all Dispensary Districts, some for single Dispensary Districts and in other cases for combined Districts. There was no Jubilee Nurse in the Dispensary Districts for which the present recommendations were submitted. The County Medical Officer pointed out that in addition to school medical work, child welfare work, visiting new-born babies and cases of tuberculosis, Public Health Nurses should visit all mentally defective children and all persons over sixty-five living alone, or where two old persons were living together.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the creation of two additional posts of Public Health Nurse for the joint Districts of (a) Dunganstown/Avoca; and (b) Aughrim/Rathdrum, as recommended by the County Medical Officer.

Passed unanimously

The County Manager, referring to the Report of the County Medical Officer, mentioned that the present year had been designated by the Irish Red Cross Society as "Old Persons' Year" and that in connection therewith the matter of ascertaining how various Voluntary Organisations could co-operate, together with the Council, in improving services for old persons was being examined.

The County Manager also explained that the appointment of additional District Nurses would assist in maintaining old persons in their own surroundings and avoiding their having to be taken into Institutions. He felt that if people could receive nursing facilities in their homes this would be much more in their interests than accommodating them in Institutions.

Item No. 13—Report of County Medical Officer In Regard To Complaints Concerning Maintenance of Patients At Peamount Sanatorium together with Letter received from Patients in the Sanatorium and Letter From Arthur Cox and Co., Solicitors For Peamount Hospital Incorporated.

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had reported in regard to the complaints made concerning Peamount Hospital and stated that he visited and inspected the Sanatorium and discussed the matter with the R.M.S. (Dr. Logan) and came to the conclusion that they had no foundation. The following letter received from patients in the Sanatorium was submitted to the Council:-

St. Kevin's Pavilion,
Peamount Hospital,
Newcastle,
Co. Dublin.
30th November, 1965.

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith for your information copy of a Memorandum signed by the twelve County Wicklow patients in this Hospital. The original document has to-day been sent to the County Manager.

Yours faithfully,
FRANCIS J. BURBAGE.

The Chairman,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

To: The County Manager,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

We the undersigned patients from County Wicklow receiving treatment in Peamount Hospital, Newcastle, Co. Dublin, understand that a Motion has been proposed at a Meeting of Wicklow County Council to the effect that County Wicklow patients should not in future be sent to this Hospital. The Motion appears to be based on alleged complaints by some person of bad treatment received by him or her in this Hospital.

So far as we are concerned we have no grounds whatsoever for complaint against this Hospital.

Dated 30th November, 1965.

Name:	Pavilion
Frank Burbage	St. Kevin's
Seamus Maher	do.
P. Marah	do.
P. Walsh (Sgt. G.S.)	do.
Peter White	St. Brendan's
Patrick Hipwell	do.
John Brennan	St. Mary's
Patrick Coughlan	do.
Mrs. S. Loughlin	St. Ita's
Jane Teresa Whelan	do.
Mrs. Julia Mannering	The Hostel
James Murphy	St. Brigid's

The following letter had been received from Arthur Cox and Co., Solicitors:-

ARTHUR COX & CO.

Solicitors

Our ref.: McL/BT

42 and 43 St. Stephen's Green,
Dublin 2.

2nd December, 1965.

The County Manager,
Wicklow County Council,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

The attention of our clients, Peamount Hospital Incorporated, has been drawn to a report in the Wicklow People Newspaper of November 20th of a Meeting of the Wicklow County Council on Monday the 15th of November. The report is headed "Complaints from Hospital Patients" and contains references to complaints stated to have been received by one of the Councillors from Patients in Peamount. No details are given as to when or by whom, or for what reason the alleged complaints were made, but the report, if we correctly understand it, indicates that the Councillor concerned had asked that the County Medical Officer of Wicklow be requested to report on the complaints, that no report had been received from the Medical Officer and that, as a consequence of this, Wicklow Patients should in future be sent to another Hospital.

After the Wicklow Patients were transferred to Peamount in September, 1963, the County Medical Officer informed our clients that he had received through the Deputy County Manager a complaint from some Patients who had been transferred. This complaint was investigated and was found to be without substance or foundation and the County Medical Officer was so advised on the 18th of January, 1964. Subsequently the County Medical Officer visited Peamount and satisfied himself that there was no substance in the complaints, and nothing further has since been heard by our clients about the matter. No other complaint either verbal or written has ever been received by our clients, who accordingly know nothing of the complaints to which the Councillor referred. No member of the Staff of the Hospital has received any complaint from any Patient or on behalf of any Patient. Our clients know of no basis on which any complaint could be made. Every care and attention is given to the Wicklow Patients in common with all other patients. Indeed we understand that since the publication of the Newspaper report the Wicklow Patients at Peamount have written you repudiating any suggestion of complaint against the Hospital.

Item No. 17—Public Convenience At Greystones—Recommendation of Members of Council For Bray Electoral Area For Erection of New Conveniences In Harbour Area.

The County Secretary stated that the matter of the provision of a public convenience at Greystones had been considered by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area and the Committee of Members for that Area had recommended that new toilets for men and women be provided at the Harbour, Greystones, in place of the existing toilets which were unsatisfactory. It was agreed also by the Members of the Committee that the new toilets should be erected on the site of the existing toilets which would have to be demolished.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That having considered recommendation of Members of Council for Bray Electoral Area we approve of Plans and Specification and Estimate of Cost being prepared for the erection of new toilets for men and women at the Harbour, Greystones, in replacement of the existing toilets which are to be demolished.

Passed unanimously

Item No. 18—Notices of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:-

"(a) That the Cross at Castlemacadam Cemetery, Which Is Council Property, Be Put Into Proper Repair And That A Stile Be Erected At The Old Castlemacadam Cemetery So As To Admit Relatives of Deceased To Honour Their Friends Therein. (b) That A Jutting Prominence On To The Road, Which Disfigures An Otherwise Complete Job on the Car Park at St. Kevin's Church, Ballycoogue, Be Removed, And That The Entrance to the County Council Graveyard at Ballycoogue, Which Is Now From The Side, Be Placed In The Centre.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that he had received an estimate in the sum of £12 for repairing the Cross at Castlemacadam Cemetery. In regard to the stile the County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that it would be impracticable to provide a stile as the wall was 7 ft high and that arrangements were being made with the Caretaker to leave the gate unlocked. Councillor Miss Walsh pointed out that the gate was a very heavy one and could not be opened because it was choked with grass and weeds.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley;

Resolved—That the Cross in Castlemacadam Cemetery, which is Council property, be put into proper repair and that a stile be erected at the Old Castlemacadam Cemetery so as to admit relatives of deceased to honour their friends therein, or the gate be freed or turntable provided.

Passed unanimously

In regard to Ballycoogue the County Secretary stated that the jutting prominence on to the road at the Car Park was on private lands and was not the responsibility of the Council. The Assistant County Engineer stated that changing the entrance to the Cemetery so as to allow a hearse to enter the Graveyard would cost about £180.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That permission be given by the Council to remove a jutting prominence on to the road, which disfigures an otherwise complete job on the Car Park at St. Kevin's Church, Ballycoogue.

Passed unanimously

Item No. 19—Notice of Motion In Names of Councillors G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill:— "That Additional Lights Be Provided In (a) Baltinglass; and (b) Kiltegan.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That an estimate be obtained for provision of additional lights in (a) Baltinglass; and (b) Kiltegan.

Passed unanimously

Councillor Timmins and Councillor O'Neill asked that the Engineer submit a Report in regard to the lighting system in both Baltinglass and Kiltegan. They felt that an additional light was required at the Catholic Church and Weaver Square and also at Edward Street and that two lights were required between the Cross and the Dispensary at Kiltegan. Councillor Timmins also referred to the provision of four lights at Parkmore and asked when these would be supplied.

Item No. 20—Notice of Motion In Name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:— "That the Council Expedite the Supplying of Water to Council Tenants at Doody's Bottoms, Donard.

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Assistant County Engineer had reported that it was difficult to assess the minimum output of the existing Donard water supply as in the last two years there had been no dry period of any reasonable length, but that perhaps a dry period might occur in the early Spring of next year. Assuming there was sufficient water available to supply the eight houses in question it would be necessary to boost the water over the rise in the ground between Donard and Doody's Bottoms. The main would have to be extended approximately 1,000 lin. yds. and it was proposed to do this in 2" dia. P.V.C. The cost of the work, including electric pump, storage tank, and supplying and fitting sink in each house would be £1,900. Councillor O'Neill stated there were other sources of supply in the area which should be investigated and referred to a source at "Hell's Kettle" and also on the lands of John Hanbidge. It was agreed that these sources be examined.

Item No. 21—Notice of Motion In Name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:— That the Council Expedite the Extension of the Water Supply to the Houses at Saundersgrove Hill."

The County Secretary stated that the Engineer expected to have the work put in hand very soon.

Item No. 22—Bray Courthouse—Report of County Engineer Regarding Works of Repairs and Renovation.

The County Secretary submitted Report received from the Assistant County Engineer in regard to the Courthouse at Bray, in which he pointed out that certain urgent repairs were necessary and that since these would have affected the completing of the painting of the Court-

house he had given instructions to have them carried out. The cost of these amounted to about £100. Other matters which required attention were the provision of ventilation for the Court (estimated to cost £120); the provision of proper sanitary accommodation (estimated at £200); general repairs (amounting to £75); repairs to the entrance porch (amounting to £50); and painting and decorating (estimated to cost £200). Decoration also of the entrance halls, Judge's Room, Solicitors' Room, toilets and stairway was estimated to cost £90. In all the Assistant County Engineer estimated the cost of repairs and decoration at £1,100. Councillor Temple referred to the Resolution which had been passed by the Council asking that the Minister for Justice take over responsibility for the upkeep of Courthouses and for the provision of modern buildings for the purposes of the Courts. He considered that no action should be taken by the Council on the matter of the repairs to Bray Courthouse until the Council's previous Resolution had been dealt with. The Chairman stated that the Resolution would come before the General Council of County Councils at their Meeting that week. The Council accordingly, deferred consideration of Report regarding repairs to the Courthouse.

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.

Applications For Loans In Respect of Housing Scheme At Bentley Park, Bray.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor H. J. Byrne the County Engineer stated that he would have a Report on his examination of the Bill of Quantities for the Special Meeting which would be held on the following Wednesday.

Water Supply For Houses At Ennis's Lane.

Councillor Temple asked that a Report in regard to the water supply for houses at Ennis's Lane be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting.

Traffic Lights At Junction of Main Street and Quinsboro' Road, Bray.

Councillor Temple asked that the matter of the provision of traffic lights for the junction of Main Street and Quinsboro' Road, Bray, be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Council.

Provision of Light Near County Hospital, Wicklow.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that he had been requested by Wicklow Urban District Council to ask that a light be provided by the County Council at the entrance to the County Hospital at Wicklow. The County Secretary stated that the entrance to the Hospital was adequately lit, but it seemed that there was a deficiency of lighting at the Ball Alley at the approach to the Hospital, but that the matter of providing adequate lighting in this place was the responsibility of the Urban District Council.

Subdivision of Plot at St. Brigid's Park, Blacklion.

Councillor Edward Byrne stated that the tenant-purchaser of a house at St. Brigid's Park had applied for permission to subdivide his holding to allow of the erection of a house at the rear of the site for his son, but that the Council's Architect had recommended that permission be granted, subject to a condition that an access road be pro-

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vided through the plot so as to serve any other houses which might at a later date be provided in a similar way at the rear of the other plots. Councillor E. Byrne stated that he felt that this was an unreasonable condition and asked that the matter be re-examined.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That we recommend that permission be given for subdivision of plot at St. Brigid's Park, Blacklion, without any condition for provision of access road.

Passed unanimously

Notices Of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor Alan H. Hadden:- "That the By-Pass Road at Cronelea, Shillelagh, from Murphy's Garage to Hickey's Sawmills, be taken over by the Council and repaired."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That the Council provide a water supply for the cottage at Moylisha, Coolkenno. (Tenant: Mrs. Margaret Brennan)."

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley:- "That the County Engineer report as to the possibility of providing an adequate supply of water for three Council cottages at Ballinapark, Ayoca, as they have no water supply for domestic purposes and have to depend solely on rainwater, and also that a Report be submitted regarding boundary fences at Greenane Cemetery."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of considering the Report of the County Engineer in regard to damage caused by recent floods was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Wednesday, 15th December, 1965, 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, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, J. Gregory and James Whelan.

The County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers R. L. Farrell and P. McGuinness, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N.D. Farrell and P. T. Hickey attended.

The Council considered the following Report prepared by the County Engineer, which had been circulated to the Members:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Courthouse,

Wicklow.

6th December, 1965.

County Secretary.

Re: DAMAGE CAUSED BY RECENT FLOODS

A Chara,

A preliminary Survey has now been made of the damage caused by the recent floods to Roads and Bridges throughout the County. The examination done, due to the short time available, and the time taken up on carrying out emergency repairs, has been very superficial. The following estimates given, therefore, of the damage done cannot be taken as being final. It will be necessary in the case of Bridges to have the existing foundations examined, to see if they are to be replaced or whether they can be repaired. It may be some time before this can be done as the floods have not yet abated. Again, in the case of Road damage, it is possible that foundations in some cases, may have to be replaced as well as the surface. The severity of the weather conditions in the next couple of months will play a big part on the extent of the damage caused. If we experience severe frosts, the foundations and surface may be further damaged, due to frost heave.

BRIDGES

(1) Main Road Bridges (4).

In all four Main Road bridges were damaged or destroyed. Lyon's Bridge will have to be replaced, and Rathdrum, Liffey Bridge, and Croneynhorn have been badly damaged. It is hoped, however, that it may be possible to repair these three. The estimated cost for repairing and replacing the four Main Road Bridges is £9,050

(2) County Road Bridges (16).

Five County Road Bridges at Ballard, Ballisland (2), Davidstown and Stratford have been completely swept away and the following eleven badly damaged:—

Drumin, Mullins, Millands, Loughleitrim, Bell's Lane, Ballinastockan, Ballylow, Downings, Ballinure, Tuckmill and Colvinstown.

It is hoped that it will be possible to repair these latter bridges without having to replace them. This, however, will not be definitely known until a more thorough examination has been made. The estimated cost of replacing and repairing these County Road Bridges is ... £50,325

MAIN ROADS

- (3) Nine sections of Main Roads have been damaged and the estimated cost of repairing these roads is ... £1,710
- (4) Sixty-three sections of County Roads have been damaged. The estimated cost of repairing these roads is ... £15,270.

The total estimated damage summarised, as follows, is:—

1. Main Road Bridges (1 new and 3 repair) ...	£9,050	0	0
2. Co. Road Bridges (5 new and 11 repair) ...	£50,325	0	0
3. Main Road Repairs (9 sections) ...	£1,710	0	0
4. County Road Repairs (63 sections) ...	£15,270	0	0
TOTAL ...	£76,355	0	0

I must again emphasise that this is only a very preliminary estimate. The final sum can only be determined when the floods subside and final investigations are completed.

Mise le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN.

County Engineer.

TJD/SB.

Councillor J. J. McGree, Chairman, stated that Members were aware of the widespread damage which had been caused by the flooding and that the Special Meeting had been called for the purpose of trying to get something done for persons who were in difficulties due to the damage to Bridges and Roads. The County Engineer stated that the water had still not gone down sufficiently to enable the Engineering Staff to examine Bridges satisfactorily. Efforts were being made to replace the damaged Bridges as quickly as possible and he had written to a number of firms inquiring concerning the hire of temporary Bridges, but very few were available. He had also been in touch with the Army Authorities in the matter. In reply to Councillor M. J. O'Neill, who referred to the Bridge at Davidstown, Donard, and the difficulty experienced by schoolchildren in getting to school, the County Engineer stated that the Army Authorities were making available a temporary Bridge for erection at Davidstown. This, however, was the only Bridge which the Army had available at the moment. The temporary Bridge would carry about 12 tons and the new Bridge would be designed to the necessary standards to make it capable of taking any load which the road would carry. In regard to the Bridge at Ballard the County Engineer stated that no prefabricated Bridge was available and he thought that it would be May or June before the full extent of the damage caused to some of the Bridges could be ascertained.

In reply to inquiries from Members of the Council as to what funds would be made available by the Department for the repair of Bridges, the County Secretary stated that the Minister for Local Government had indicated in the Dail that Local Authorities could divert unexpended Road Fund Grants towards the cost of repairing Bridges, but so far no additional Grants had been notified. The Council agreed that representations be made to the

Department of Local Government for the provision of Special Grants to defray the cost of repairs to Roads and Bridges damaged by the flooding.

The matter of repairs to walls adjoining the Main Road at Bray where flooding had occurred from the River Dargle was raised by the Members of the Council for the Bray Area and the County Engineer pointed out that building up these walls would not prevent flooding in Little Bray. The walls referred to were not the responsibility of the Council and were boundary walls of the property. The County Secretary stated that it appeared that the Council had no responsibility for repairing these walls and it seemed very doubtful if the Council could require the owner of the lands to repair them. It was agreed, however, that the Council's Solicitor would be asked to advise on the matter.

In regard to the flooding in Bray generally, Assistant County Engineer P. T. Hickey stated that in his view it would be necessary to deepen and widen the River Dargle from the Harbour to St. Valerie Bridge. The County Engineer pointed out, however, that it would probably be necessary to have a Survey made of the Dargle River Valley entirely to determine the works that would be necessary to prevent flooding.

The following letter from the Aughrim Development Association was submitted to the Council:—

AUGHRIM DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Aughrim,
Arklow,
Co. Wicklow.
30th November, 1965.

The Chairman and Members,
Wicklow County Council, and
Mr. Flannery, Co. Manager.

A Dhaoine Uaisle,

I am to inform you that under the auspices of the above Association a Public Meeting was held in Aughrim on the 26th instant to bring to the notice of the County Councillors for the Arklow Electoral Area and the Officials concerned the fact that the village of Aughrim, especially the Killacoran side of the village, is subject to destructive flooding after heavy snowfalls and periods of abnormal rainfall and that each year the situation gets worse and more damage is done.

Rev. W. Kane, C.C., Annacurra, was elected to take the Chair, and also present at the meeting were Very Rev. P. Phelan, P.P., Aughrim; Miss Mary Walsh, M.C.C.; Mr. Pat McCarthy, M.C.C.; Mr. A. Hadden, M.C.C.; Mr. J. Quigley, M.C.C.; Mr. J. Whelan, M.C.C.; Mr. Sean Geoghegan, U.D.C., Arklow; Mr. J. P. Caffrey, B.E., Assistant Engineer, and at least one representative from each household in Aughrim. Apologies for inability to attend owing to prior commitments to attend similar meetings were received from Mr. J. J. McGree, Chairman of the County Council; Mr. Flannery, Co. Manager, and Mr. O'Donovan, Co. Engineer.

Opening the meeting, the Rev. Chairman, Fr. Kane, welcomed the Councillors present and Mr. Caffrey, and expressed his sincere sympathy with those who had property lost or destroyed during the recent disastrous flood or were forced to leave their homes and take refuge in neighbours' houses for several days. Father Phelan offered his sympathy also, and so did the Councillors

present, who assured the meeting that if the County Council was responsible for the trouble something would be done to remedy matters.

Councillor Pat McCarthy said the flooding of Aughrim was becoming an annual affair and Councillor Hadden said he remembers Aughrim having suffered three major disasters as the result of flooding in recent years. Councillor Miss Walsh said she will never forget the scene of destruction she witnessed in Aughrim on the morning of 25th November. Councillor Quigley said that the recent flood was the worst he ever remembered and Councillor Whelan said he also saw the havoc wrought to private and public property.

Eventually the following Resolution was passed unanimously: "We present at this meeting being held in Aughrim on 26th Nov., 1965, request Wicklow Co. Council to instruct the County Engineer and the Assistant Engineer for the area to make a survey of the Aughrim area subject to severe flooding to ascertain if any measures can be taken to prevent this flooding and when making the survey to consult with a Committee appointed at this meeting."

Those appointed to the Committee are: Messrs. J. Quigley, M.C.C., W.F. Murphy, M. J. Phelan, C. Byrne, H. Fritsee, C. Byrne and T. C. Herr.

Before the meeting concluded the Chairman, Rev. Fr. Kane, thanked the Councillors and Mr. Caffrey for having attended the meeting. He also paid a glowing tribute to the local Overseer and his loyal and devoted staff of Council workers for the magnificent work they did under most adverse weather conditions during the night of the flood and the following days in preventing accidents and thereby saving lives and property and by working day and night with very little sleep and rest to make the roads passable again. Very Rev. Fr. Phelan, P.P., and several other speakers endorsed what Fr. Kane had said about the Council workers and the Councillors present expressed their pleasure that the loyalty and efficiency of the Council workers were acknowledged and added that what was said of the Aughrim Council workers might justly be said of all the Council workers throughout the County.

And the writer of this letter would like to add that the Garda Síochána, the E.S.B. workers and Post Office Linesmen are also deserving of the greatest praise for the splendid work they did during the emergency.

Mise le meas,

T. C. HERR,

Hon. Sec.

Councillor Hadden asked if the Board of Works could be approached to carry out a Survey in Aughrim. He considered that some work on the River would be necessary to prevent the recurrence of flooding. Councillor Quigley thanked the local Overseer and his staff, together with the Gardai and the E.S.B., for the work done during the flooding and also thanked Mr. and Mrs. Hunt of Killacoran for their assistance.

Councillor O'Neill referred to the flooding at Baltinglass and pointed out that some business premises were regularly subject to flooding from the River. Councillor O'Neill and Councillor Timmins urged that a Survey also be carried out on the River Slaney to determine what work should be carried out to prevent a recurrence of flooding.

In reply to Councillor Miss Walsh, the County Engineer stated that the breach in the road between Tinahely and Knockananna was being attended to and the road would be opened early in the following week.

The Council agreed that representations be made to the Commissioners of Public Works that they undertake the necessary Surveys for the preparation of Arterial Drainage Schemes in respect of the Rivers Dargle, Derry, Slaney, and also the Avonmore and Avoca. The Members of the Council for the different Areas paid tribute to the work done by the Council's Engineers and their staff in difficult conditions to restore Roads and Bridges and repair damage caused by the flooding.

HOUSING SCHEME AT BENTLEY PARK, BRAY.

Councillor J. Temple asked if the County Engineer was in a position to report on his examination of the Bill of Quantities which had been handed in in relation to the houses at Bentley Park, Bray. The County Engineer submitted his Report, which was read to the Council by the County Secretary. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer in his Report indicated that generally speaking the unit rates quoted in the Bill of Quantities were reasonable. Some of them may be on the high side, but against that there were probably some smaller items omitted. He considered, however, that most of the items shown on page 18 of the Bill of Quantities were already included in the unit rates. He pointed out that the big discrepancy between his valuation and that submitted (based on the Bill of Quantities) seemed to be the high price included for land. From the calculations submitted by the Assistant County Engineer it would be seen that the approximate cost of the land was £5,000 per acre. The County Engineer contended that this figure was entirely excessive for unserviced and undeveloped land. He pointed out that even though the Builders were proceeding with the Scheme approval had not yet been given due to the lack of provision of a water supply to meet the Council's requirements. In the Report of the Assistant County Engineer (forwarded by the County Engineer) attention was drawn to the high costs of development and site which amounted to £1,227.17.9. The Assistant County Engineer considered that the amount of £406 included for Preliminaries was excessive and that a sum of £150 per house would fairly represent expenditure under that heading, having regard to the provisions in the Bill otherwise. In consequence the valuation for the house would be revised to £2,405 plus the land cost. The land cost was shown at £308 in the Bill of Quantities, but it was noted that in addition a ground rent of £10 was being charged, which if capitalised at 12½ years purchase, would amount to £125, making the total cost in respect of land £433 per house. If such a land value were accepted the revised valuation became £2,838. The Assistant County Engineer suggested that perhaps a separate valuation might be got for the land as in effect this meant that a cost of approximately £5,000 per acre was included for unserviced, undeveloped land. The Assistant County Engineer also suggested certain items which might be omitted or standards reduced which would amount to approximately £100.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple,

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne.

Resolved—That we recommend that Loans of £2,170 (based on

valuation of £2,838) be made available in respect of houses at Bentley Park, Bray.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary pointed out that the valuation of £2,838 was that arrived at by taking into account a figure for land of £433 per house which, as indicated by the County Engineer, was equivalent to about £5,000 per acre for undeveloped and unserviced land, which he considered to be entirely excessive.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins was handed in and accepted by the Chairman:—

"That we, the undersigned, will move a Motion requesting the Council to extend the water supply at Stratford to the Council cottages at Winetavern and Randalstown."

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