

## Wicklow County Council

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday 21st January, 1963, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors P. Prennan, T.D., P. McCarthy, Mark Deering, James Miley, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Seamus Ua Tuathail, 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 and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey and P. T. Hickey attended.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors H. J. Byrne, Miss M. Walsh and A. H. Hadden.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, apologised for being somewhat late which he explained was due to the very difficult conditions for travelling as a result of the snowfall. He trusted that all the Members agreed with the decision made to adjourn the Meetings which had been arranged for the 7th and 14th January, due to the difficulty of travelling on those days.

### AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 5th and 12th November, 1962.
2. Applications for Supplementary Reconstruction Grants in respect of houses at Kilcavan, Carnew; Kilquiggan, Coolkenno; and Newpark, Donard.
3. Proposed erection of Cottages at Johnstown and Eadestown and letter from Department of Local Government.
4. Development of Housing Sites for sale or lease for persons providing their own housing accommodation—Circular from Department of Local Government to Members of Council and Report regarding Sites in ownership of Council.
5. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts:—
  - (a) Caravan Site at Fairy Hill, Killarney Road, Bray.
  - (b) Letter from Brittas Bay Development Association.
6. Notice of Motion: Report requested by Councillor J. Quigley regarding repairs to Cottages at Balleeshal, Aughrim, and Ballykilageer, Avoca.
7. Repairs to Cottages carried out during December, 1962, and Cottages to be repaired during January, 1963.
8. To consider provisional Estimate of Expenses of Dublin Health Authority in relation to Mental Health Services.
9. To fill vacancy on County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee.
10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That the Council take over and maintain as a County Road Killeagh Lane from Connolly's Corner, Templelusk Road, to Merrigan's Gate.
11. Arrangements for snow clearance—Report of County Engineer.
12. To arrange date for reception of Deputation to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance in relation to the Burial Ground at Glendalough.



13. Public lighting at Knockieran—Quotation from E.S.B.
14. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.—That the Council consider installing water and sanitary services in the Cottages at Rednagh Road, Aughrim.
15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.—That the Council consider providing a Sewerage Scheme for Redcross.
16. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh—That a New Self-Propelled Fire Engine be provided for Tinahely.
17. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D. — That Assistant Ambulance Drivers be Members of a Trade Union.
18. Letter from Department of Health notifying increase in approved rate of payment in respect of patients in Maternity Hospitals.
19. Proposed re-organisation of Assistance Areas in the County.
20. Letter from Enniskerry and District Development Association requesting that the Council make provision in the coming year's Estimates for certain services in the area.
21. Letter from Hon. Secretary, Kilmainham Jail Restoration Project, inquiring whether old slates could be made available for the project.
22. Resolution from Dublin Health Authority urging an increase in Government Grant for Health Services.
23. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

**Item No. 1.—Minutes.**

The County Secretary stated that in addition to the Minutes referred to in the Agenda the Minutes of the Meeting of the 3rd December, 1962, had been received and circulated to Members.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge.

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 5th and 12th November, 1962, and 3rd December, 1962.

Passed unanimously.

Arising out of the Minutes Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th November, 1961, at which a Report was submitted in regard to the matter of the supply of a suit of clothes for a patient at Newcastle Sanatorium. He stated that he had asked that this matter be further examined by the County Manager. The County Secretary stated that the patient had not been supplied with a suit of clothes belonging to a deceased patient, but it was understood that the patient had purchased a suit of clothes from another patient who subsequently died. Particulars of the clothing supplied to this patient since 1956 were given by the Secretary and which included a suit of clothes supplied in February, 1956, another suit in July, 1958, and a further suit recently supplied. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that it had never been suggested that the Matron of the Hospital had supplied the patient with a suit of clothes belonging to a deceased patient.

**Item No. 2—Applications for Supplementary Reconstruction Grants.**

The County Secretary stated that Mr. M. Kenny, Kilcavan, Carnew, had applied for a Supplementary Reconstruction Grant and the Engineer had reported that the floor area of the house was approximately

300 sq. ft. If approved by the Council the maximum Grant which could be given would be £89.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,  
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

Resolved—That we approve of payment of Supplementary Grant of £89 to Michael Kenny, Kilcavan, Carnew.

Passed unanimously.

The Council considered the application of John Keegan, Kilquiggan, Coolkenno, for a Supplementary Reconstruction Grant. The Assistant County Engineer had reported that corrugated asbestos had been used in the roofing of the dwelling and that the floor area of the house was less than 500 sq. ft. The State Grant of £100 had been reduced to £95 in view of the sub-standard roofing used. The work had been commenced on the 4th October, 1961.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,  
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.

Resolved—That we approve of payment of Supplementary Grant of £72 4s. 0d. to John Keegan, Kilquiggan, Coolkenno.

Passed unanimously.

The Council considered the application of John Grace, Newpark, Donard, for a Supplementary Reconstruction Grant. Corrugated iron roofing had been used on the dwelling and in consequence the State Grant had been reduced by the sum of £12. The work commenced in July, 1962.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Deering,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley.

Resolved—That we approve of payment of Supplementary Grant of £128 to John Grace, Newpark, Donard.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 3.—Proposed Erection of Cottages at Johnstown and Eadestown and Letter from Department of Local Government.**

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

Department of Local Government,  
Custom House  
Dublin.

31st December, 1962

N.27/2/22  
Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
Wicklow.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of 23rd November and to other correspondence regarding the erection by direct labour of two rural cottages at Johnstown and Eadestown and to state that the Minister is advised that the estimated cost of these cottages is extremely high, partly because of the isolated nature of the sites on which it is proposed to build.

It is presumed that the housing authority have considered the effect on rent and rates of such high costs and are satisfied that there is no



more satisfactory or economical means of re-housing the families concerned, e.g., in convenient group schemes or less isolated sites convenient to public services and, further, that there is no danger that the sites are so isolated as to present re-letting problems in the future.

The high level of Tenders received for the cottage has been noted, but it is not clear that the direct labour estimates represent total building cost inclusive of setting up costs, overheads and other expenses properly chargeable to direct labour schemes (see Circular Letter N.67/49 of 15th November, 1949). If such is not the case the gap between the Tender prices and the direct labour estimates would be narrowed and it would be necessary to re-consider the proposals, particularly in the light of the housing authority's previous experience with direct labour estimates, some of which were exceeded by as much as £300 per cottage. In this connection I am to refer to the excess expenditure on cottages erected under the 1952 Agreed Sites Scheme, for some of which final costs have not yet been submitted. Before taking a decision on this proposal the housing authority's observations on the foregoing will be awaited.

Mise, le meas,

L. McDONALD.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer's estimate of the cost of erecting the serviced cottage at Eadestown was £1,735 and that his estimate of the cost of erecting the serviced cottage at Johnstown was £1,910. The lower of the two Tenders received for the cottage at Eadestown was £1,925 and the only Tender received for the cottage at Johnstown was £1,928. Based on the estimated cost and allowing for the full two-thirds subsidy the amount required to be met from rent and rates per week was 20s. 1d. in respect of the Eadestown cottage and 24s. 4d. in respect of the Johnstown cottage. The County Manager pointed out that if these cottages were proceeded with a very substantial contribution would have to be made from rates as a subsidy to the cost of each cottage. Following a discussion on the matter

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley.

Resolved—That we approve of proceeding with the erection of the cottages at Johnstown and Eadestown by direct labour.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 4.—Development of Housing Sites for Sale or Lease for Persons Providing their own Housing Accommodation.

The County Secretary stated that as requested by the Minister for Local Government the following extracts from Circular Letters of 14th May and 12th October, 1960, has been circulated to the Members of the Council.

#### DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING SITES

Extracts from Circular Letters of 14th May and 12th October, 1960

In their approach to outstanding housing problems in their areas local authorities should give special consideration to the position of persons who are anxious or willing to provide themselves with housing accommodation, but who have found it impracticable to obtain suitable sites. The Minister considers that such persons should be assisted by the housing authority in securing sites. Attention is drawn in this connection to the Department's circular letter of 26th June, 1947, which recommended that a number of sites should be reserved for

private housing development in the planning of local authority schemes, and to circular letter H.56/48 of 18th October, 1948, which suggested that due recourse should be had by housing authorities to their powers to acquire land compulsorily and develop it for leasing for private house-building where evidence was forthcoming that such sites were not available at reasonable prices and on fair conditions. The procedure in regard to the development by housing authorities of sites to be leased for private housing was indicated in circular letter N/70/49 of 29th November, 1949. This aspect of the local housing authority's activities should be closely linked with the examination of needs and with the formulation of proposals for local authority housing schemes. As regards private housing needs, action should be taken, as already recommended by the Minister, to provide developed sites, where necessary, and to make available the grant and loan facilities authorised by the Housing Acts for private persons willing to build houses for themselves.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had the following sites in its possession and that some of these might be developed and made available for private house building, if required:—

Kilgarron, Enniskerry.  
Kindlestown, Greystones.  
Laragh.  
Kilcoole.  
Blessington.  
Aughrim.  
Rathdrum.  
Kirikee (Glenmalure).  
Hollybrook, Bray (Site for one house only).

The Council agreed that if applications were received which showed that there was demand for sites for private building in any particular area, consideration might be given to the Council's developing and making available sites on lands owned by the Council. Councillor J. Temple, supported by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, stated that persons in the Bray Electoral Area had difficulty in obtaining suitable sites for private houses at a reasonable figure and asked that this matter be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Local Committee for the Bray Electoral Area.

#### Item No. 5.—Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts. Caravan Site at Fairy Hill, Killarney Road, Bray.

The County Secretary stated that at a previous Meeting of the Council it had been decided to obtain the views of Bray Urban District Council regarding the proposed use of a site at Fairy Hill, Killarney Road, Bray, for caravans, having regard to the fact that the site adjoined the Urban District. The following reply had been received from Bray Urban District Council:—

Town Hall,  
Bray.  
14th December, 1962.

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

Re: Proposed Caravan Site at Fairy Hill, Killarney Road, Bray.

A Chara,

I placed yours of 4th inst., before the Council Meeting of 11th inst., and with two members dissenting, it was decided to raise no objection



to the proposed Caravan Site. They, however, asked that the following points be borne in mind by the County Council.

1. It would not be possible for the Bray Urban District Council to provide a Refuse Collection Service to Fairy Hill. We are at present finding it difficult, especially in the Summer, to keep up with the growing demands of the town itself.
2. Great care would require to be exercised regarding sewage disposal. There is no U.D.C. sewerage system in this vicinity and it would be undesirable that effluent from a large septic tank be allowed in the Bray area.
3. The Council feel also that every care should be taken to see to it that caravans are not allowed remain on the site the whole year round. During the course of a discussion members made adverse comments on the permanent Caravan Site at Shankill.
4. They also expressed their confidence that the County Council would see to it that the site was properly equipped and managed from the point of view of hygiene, sanitation and that amenity values would be preserved.

Mise, le meas.

D. F. McCARTHY.

Town Clerk

DFMcC/JOD.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Temple,  
Seconded by Councillor Hipwell.

Resolved—That we approve in principle of the use of the site at Fairy Hill, Killarney Road, Bray, for the purposes of a Caravan Park.

Passed unanimously.

**Letter from Brittas Bay Development Association.**

The following letter received from the Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd., was submitted:—

**BRITTAS BAY DEVELOPMENT CO., LTD.**

Brittas Bay,  
Wicklow.

19th December, 1962.

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

**Re: Brittas Bay Development Association.**

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 30th November was before my Committee at a recent Meeting of the Association.

My Committee have instructed me to inform you that they are extremely disappointed, and indeed annoyed that the negotiations and discussions had been terminated without this Association been informed and contrary to the arrangement made at the last meeting of the Representatives of the Association and the Officials of the County Council.

My Committee desire me to point out that such treatment of a responsible Association is not conducive to goodwill or the creation of

an atmosphere of co-operation between all interested bodies for the development of this area.

My Committee further desire me to inform you that they are reluctant to consider the matters raised in your letter until the discussions and negotiations can be re-commenced and desire me to point out that they had never been completed and that there were many matters which were never discussed or decisions reached upon at the meeting.

Yours faithfully,

H. C. DELAHUNT.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Officials had met the Architect for the Brittas Bay Development Co. Ltd., and a representative of the Company, who had put forward their amended proposals as regards the Development Plan for Brittas Bay. Following the completion of the survey of the area which had been prepared for the purposes of determining the extent to which sewerage facilities could be provided and the parts of the area which could be served, a Report had been submitted to the Committee representing the County Council and the Urban District Councils, giving the recommendations of the Council's Technical Officers as to the extent to which the Development Plan might be amended having regard to the representations made by the Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd. The Committee had approved of the recommendations made by the Council's Technical Staff and their Report had been circulated to the Members of the Council. Particulars of the recommendations made by the Committee had been conveyed to the Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd., and an inquiry had been made as to whether the owners of the land on the seaward side of the road in the area of the sand dunes were prepared to sell this land to the Council and as to the price required.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That a Special Meeting of the Council in committee be held to meet representatives of the Brittas Bay Development Association Ltd., on 28th January, 1963.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that during the previous month permission had been refused under the Town and Regional Planning Acts in respect of the following items:—

Petrol Filling Station at Roundwood, for Mr. Matthew Keenan.

Bungalow at Brittas Bay for Mrs. F. M. Martin.

Additions to a cottage at Glencormac by Patrick Mooney, 29 Wolfe Tone Square, West, Bray.

In the case of the third item revised proposals had been submitted and permission had since been granted. An Appeal had been made to the Department by Mr. Matthew Keenan and the matter was being considered by the Department of Local Government.

**Item No. 6.—Notice of Motion: Report requested by Councillor J. Quigley regarding Repairs to Cottages at Balleeshal, Aughrim, and Ballykilageer, Avoca.**

The Council decided to defer this matter to the next Meeting in the absence of Councillor Quigley.



**Item No. 7.—Repairs to Cottages carried out during December, 1962, and Cottages to be Repaired during January, 1963.**

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired during December, 1962, and of those to be repaired during January, 1963.

**Item No. 8.—To consider Provisional Estimate of Expenses of Dublin Health Authority in relation to Mental Health Services.**

The County Secretary stated that Dublin Health Authority had forwarded the Provisional Estimate of Expenses for the Mental Health Services for the year 1963/64. The Draft Demand submitted showed that a sum of £49,805 would be required from the Council for Mental Health Services in the coming financial year. The amount paid in the current year was £47,885 so that the Provisional Estimate showed an increase of £1,920 over the current year's figure. This would be equivalent to approximately 1½d. in the pound on the County-At-Large.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,  
Seconded by Councillor O'Toole.

Resolved—That having considered Provisional Estimate of Expenses of the Dublin Health Authority and Draft Demand dated 13th December, 1962, we hereby confirm Provisional Estimate of Expenses and adopt the Draft Demand in the figure of £49,805 in respect of Mental Health Services.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 9.—To fill Vacancy on County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee.**

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Executive Officer, County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, had notified a vacancy on the Committee caused by the resignation of Canon F. St. J. Tamplin, M.A. He asked that the Council take the necessary steps to appoint a successor to Canon Tamplin.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,  
Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea.

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the Reverend Stanley Pettigrew as a member of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Canon F. St. J. Tamplin, M.A.

Councillor M. Deering, supported by Councillor J. Miley, urged that the Council appoint a representative from Dunlavin to fill the vacancy on the Vocational Education Committee, having regard to the fact that a Vocational School was to be built at Dunlavin. Following a discussion on the matter in which several Members referred to the practice which had been followed for many years in regard to the filling of vacancies, Councillors Deering and Miley agreed not to press their proposal. The Resolution, proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., and seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea, was declared passed unanimously.

**Item No. 10.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That the Council take over and maintain as a County Road Killeagh Lane from Connolly's Corner, Templelusk Road, to Merrigan's Gate.**

On account of the absence of Councillor J. Quigley the Council decided to defer this matter to the next Meeting.

**Item No. 11.—Arrangements for Snow Clearance—Report of County Engineer.**

The County Secretary stated that the Report of the County Engineer dated 12th January, 1963, had been circulated to the Members. The view having been expressed by a number of Members that it would be preferable to await a full Report as work on clearing of roads of snow was still proceeding, the Council agreed that this matter be deferred to the next Meeting.

**Item No. 12.—To arrange date for reception of Deputation to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance in relation to the Burial Ground at Glendalough.**

The County Secretary stated that the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance had indicated that he would be happy to meet a Deputation from the Council to discuss the matter of the Preservation Order made by the Commissioners of Public Works in relation to certain land at Glendalough and suggested any Wednesday at Leinster House. He stated that the Dáil usually commences at 3 o'clock on a Wednesday. The Council decided that the Parliamentary Secretary be asked to meet the Deputation on Wednesday, 30th January, 1963 at 4 p.m. at Leinster House. It was agreed that the Deputation consist of those Members who had met the representatives of the National Monuments Advisory Committee at Glendalough, namely, Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., J. Everett, T.D., J. Haughton, R. Miley and J. Quigley, P.C.

**Item No. 13.—Public Lighting at Knockieran.**

The County Secretary stated that the E.S.B. had submitted a quotation in the sum of £104 for the provision of two public lights at Knockieran, Blessington. It was indicated to the Members that this seemed an exceptionally high price for providing two public lights. Councillor J. Miley stated that public lighting was urgently needed at this point and it was proposed by Councillor J. Miley seconded by Councillor M. Deering, that the quotation of the E.S.B. in the sum of £104 for the provision of two public lights at Knockieran, Blessington, be accepted. The Council approved of the provision of the lights.

**Item No. 14.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.—That the Council consider installing water and Sanitary Services in the Cottages at Rednagh Road, Aughrim.**

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that the tenants of a group of cottages at Rednagh Road, Aughrim, wished to have water supply and sanitary services provided in the cottages and were prepared to pay the agreed increase in rent of 3s. 6d. per week to cover the cost of provision of services. The Council agreed that a scheme be prepared for providing a water supply and sewerage services for the cottages and that the tenants be asked to confirm that they were agreeable to the arrangement.

**Item No. 15.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.—That the Council consider providing a Sewerage Scheme for Redcross.**

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that a large number of the houses in Redcross were now provided with private water supplies and asked that the matter of providing a sewerage system be now considered. The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that there was an old 9" drain running along Redcross



Street which had been laid a long time ago and that it might be possible to clear up the drain, continue the pipeline and construct a small septic tank and filter bed. The Council agreed that a scheme on the lines suggested be prepared and a detailed estimate of cost submitted.

**Item No. 16.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh That a new Self-Propelled Fire Engine be provided for Tinahely.**

On account of the absence of Councillor Miss Walsh it was decided to defer this matter to the next Meeting.

**Item No. 17.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D. That Assistant Ambulance Drivers be Members of a Trade Union.**

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that he did not propose to proceed with the Notice of Motion as the Council's Resolution regarding membership of Trade Unions had been complied with.

**Item No. 18.—Letter from Department of Health Notifying Increase in Approved Rate of Payment in Respect of Patients in Maternity Hospitals.**

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Health had notified the Council that the approved rate of payment to Maternity Hospitals had been increased from 31s. to 32s. per day with effect from 1st April, 1962. The additional expenditure involved for the year to 31st March, 1963, was estimated at £350.

It was

Proposed by Deputy Everett,  
Seconded by Councillor Hipwell.

Resolved—That having noted letter of 5th December, 1962, Ref.: 40/62, from Department of Health, in regard to increase from 31s. to 32s. per day in the rate of payment for maintenance and treatment of patients in Maternity Hospitals, with effect from 1st April, 1962, we hereby authorise expenditure of £350 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of the increase in the rate of payment.

Passed unanimously.

The Council decided to defer the remaining items on the Agenda to the next Meeting of the Council.

#### **Tenders for Printing.**

Four Tenders received in response to public advertisement for printing for the year 1963 were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council and referred for examination by the County Secretary. The Tenders received were from Wicklow Press, North Wexford Printing and Publishing Co., Ltd., Arklow Printers, Ltd., and Powell Press, Ltd.

#### **Notice of Motion.**

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors Mrs. Mary Ledwidge and James O'Toole was submitted and accepted by the Chairman:

That we or someone for us will move at the next Meeting of the County Council that a Garbage Collection be provided in the area known as Avondale Park Scheme.



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

As arranged at the Meeting of the Council held on the 21st January, 1963, a Special Meeting of the Council in committee was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 28th January, 1963, at 2.30 p.m. The purpose of the Meeting was to receive a Deputation from the Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd., and to consider the Brittas Bay Development Plan.

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, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Mary Walsh, H. J. Byrne, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, J. D. Haughton and J. Gregory. The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

The County Secretary submitted the following letter received from the Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd., on Saturday, the 20th January, 1963:—

BRITTAS BAY DEVELOPMENT CO., LTD.

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

Brittas Bay, Wicklow.  
25th January, 1963.

Dear Sir,

I wish to acknowledge your letter of the 22nd instant, received on the 24th January, conveying your invitation to this Association to receive a deputation on Monday next, the 28th instant.

I desire to thank the members of your Council for their invitation, but regret due to the short notice and prior commitments on the part of members of this Association, it will be impossible to make the necessary arrangements in time for the meeting.

I would request, therefore, that your Council would consider an alternative date to receive the deputation from this Association.

It should be pointed out, that our Association have not received any details other than of a most general nature, contained in letter dated the 30th November, 1962, of the current proposals before the Council, and which apparently differ very considerably from previous draft plan. I have, therefore, to enquire if the full details of the current proposals could be made known to my Association prior to receiving a deputation.

I am further to enquire if it is the intention of your Council to re-commence the discussions and negotiations which this Association referred to in previous correspondence.

Yours faithfully,

H. C. DELAHUNT.



The County Secretary stated that a letter informing the Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd., of the Council's decision to hold a Special Meeting on the 28th January and to receive a Deputation from the Company at that Meeting, was addressed to Mr. H. C. Delahunt of the Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd., Brittas Bay, on the 22nd January. The previous letter on the matter had been received from this address. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that he had been informed by the County Manager on the 26th inst., that the Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd., had indicated that a Deputation would not be attending at the Meeting on that day, but he felt that even if the Deputation could not attend it would be desirable that the Council consider the Brittas Bay Development Plan and the report of the Committee which had been set up by the County Council and the Urban District Councils.

At the request of the Chairman the County Secretary read the letter of 30th November, 1962, which had been addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd., and which conveyed the recommendations of the Committee appointed by the Council. The letter was as follows:—

M. C. Stone, Esq.,

30th November, 1962.

Hon Secretary, Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd.,  
Brittas Bay, Wicklow.

Re: BRITTAS BAY DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

A Chara,

Further to my letter of the 21st inst., I am to inform you that the Committee appointed by the County Council and Urban District Councils, at their Meeting on the 26th inst., considered the Report of the Sub-committee and the advice of the Council's Technical Officers in regard to the extent to which the Development Plan prepared by the Council might be amended to meet the points put forward by your Company. The Committee accepted the recommendations of the Sub-committee and the advice of the Council's Technical Officers and their recommendations will be submitted in due course to the County Council. As mentioned the Committee's recommendations will have to be submitted to the Council and consequently the information I am now conveying to you is subject to the consideration that the details are subject to approval. I give hereunder a summary of the Committee's recommendations and it would be helpful to know at this stage if these would be acceptable to your Company and also have your Company's views regarding the proposal for the acquisition by the Council of the undeveloped area between the road and the sea from the southern boundary of Mr. Staunton's Caravan Site to Haughton's Bridge.

As regards the area on the seaward side of the road between Brittas Bridge and Haughton's Bridge the Committee is prepared to recommend that permission be given for a further eight houses by way of infilling between the existing housing at Cornagower. The Committee also is recommending that the Caravan Site of Mr. Staun-

ton be allowed to remain and to be licensed for fifty Caravans subject to compliance with the Council's requirements regarding siting of the Caravans and provision of services. On the landward side of the road between Haughton's Bridge and Brittas Bridge the Committee was of the opinion that there would be no objection to Housing Development at about 100 feet contour level, as houses at this level could be served by a Sewerage Scheme with the treatment works at Potter's River.

On the landward side of the public road between Brittas Bridge and the road junction at McDaniel's Hotel, on the land owned by Mr. Higgins, the Committee was prepared to recommend Building Development subject to satisfactory Development Plan being submitted for development in depth and not merely along the roadside. The Committee also felt that building be permitted on the landward side of the road from McDaniel's Hotel northwards to the boundary of the Development Plan area.

The Committee also would be prepared to recommend that Caravan Parks be allowed to remain at the site licensed for Mr. McDaniel, which would be limited to fifty caravans and that a Caravan Site also be allowed on Mr. H. C. Delahunt's lands on the section near the sea at Jack's Hole. The number of Caravans which might be allowed at this point would be related to the total area of land available and suitable for the siting of Caravans.

As regards the provisions of services the Committee felt that the Council might proceed with the provision of a water supply by means of an extension from the Cronroe Regional Scheme which would involve the provision of additional filters at Cronroe and new mains leading to a service tank to be provided on the hill near McDaniel's Hotel. Distribution mains could serve the area to Brittas Bridge. The Committee also noted that the Council could provide a Sewerage Scheme with disposal works at a point adjoining the Potter's River between Brittas Bridge and the sea and which could serve the area north of Brittas Bridge including the Housing Development near McDaniel's Hotel and the area south of Brittas Bridge on or above the 100 ft. contour level approximately. The Committee noted that it would not be possible to sewer the area on the seaward side of the road south of Brittas Bridge, but that sewerage facilities could be provided for Housing Development on the landward side of the road if located at about the 100 ft. contour level.

The Committee were still of the opinion that the area of sand dunes on the seaward side of the road between Brittas Bridge and Haughton's Bridge excluding the existing Housing Development and the eight additional houses by way of infilling, mentioned earlier, and excluding also the licensed Caravan Site of Mr. Staunton, should be acquired by the County Council for public ownership. I would be obliged if you would say whether the owners would be prepared to sell this land to the Council and as to what price would be required.

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K. J. BRANGAN, County Secretary.



Following discussion in regard to the report of the Committee in the course of which the Chairman pointed out that the Committee had on a number of occasions met representatives of the Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd., as had also the Council's Officers, Councillor P. Brennan referred to the six points set out in the report of the Committee as being the developments for which permission was sought by the Development Co., and suggested that the Council consider these points. In reply to Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the County Secretary stated that the Committee had recommended that eight houses be allowed by way of infilling between the existing bungalows on the eastern side of the road between Haughton's Bridge and Brittas Bridge as compared with twelve houses sought by the Development Co., Ltd. Items Nos. 2, 3 and 4 sought by the Development Co., related to twenty-seven new houses, thirty chalets, a motel, a petrol filling station and shops, on the lands owned by the Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd., at Brittas Bay. The Committee considered that these proposed Developments should not be allowed as, if permitted, they would reduce substantially the area of open space required for recreational purposes and might give rise to a public health problem as it would not be possible to provide a public sewerage system for such development economically. The Committee noted that the County Medical Officer did not favour the provision of a large number of septic tanks in the sand dune area. The development covered by these items would house a population of up to 300 persons or more, while the adjoining caravan site of Mr. Staunton would be likely to be accommodating a further 200 persons or more. As regards item No. 5 the Committee had recommended that housing be permitted on the landward side of the road from McDaniel's Hotel northwards to the boundary of the Development Plan area and the Development Plan also allowed for building development on Mr. McDaniel's land along road 160. The Committee had also recommended that the caravan site of Mr. McDaniel be allowed to remain and be limited to fifty caravans. In regard to item No. 6 the Committee had recommended that a caravan site be allowed on Mr. H. C. Delahunt's lands on the section near the sea at Jack's Hole, the number of caravans to be related to the area of land available and suitable for the siting of caravans. The Committee, however, did not favour the erection of houses on the seaward side of the road north of McDaniel's Hotel. The Council noted that the Committee had given careful consideration to the development proposals sought by the Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd., and had recommended amendments to the original Plan with a view to meeting, as far as possible, the views put forward by the Development Co.

The County Manager stated that the distance from Wicklow to Arklow was about sixteen miles and Brittas Bay was located about midway between these two towns. Between the public road at Brittas and the sea was an area of sand dunes stretching for about a mile and a half along the road and some 300 yards in depth. There was a very fine beach and the area was a very attractive one. It was visited in Summer by people holidaying in Bray as well as in Wicklow and Arklow and was a popular resort for persons from Dublin who visited there at week-ends. In recent years the number of people visiting Brittas by car had increased substantially and it was felt that these numbers would increase in the years to come. The Council had received many applications for housing developments at Brittas Bay and considered that it would be desirable that a Development Plan be prepared for the area to ensure its orderly development and that no public health dangers would arise. A development Plan was

prepared by Mr. P. O'Brien, Architect, and submitted to the Council and subsequently the Council appointed a Special Committee which included representatives of Urban District Councils to consider the Plan and to meet representatives of the Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd., with a view to seeing if agreement could be reached on the proposed Development Plan. The Committee appointed by the Council and Sub-committee had met representatives of the Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd., on a number of occasions and had discussed the proposals in detail with the representatives of the Company and Officials of the Council had also met the representatives of the Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd. Following the completion of a survey of the area for the purpose of determining how water supply and sewerage services could be provided the Committee had submitted their final recommendations, copy of which had been circulated to the Members.

The County Manager stated that the area of the sand dunes between the road and the sea from Haughton's Bridge to Brittas Bridge was in private ownership, about 88 acres being owned by Mrs. Maguire, 35 by Mrs. Leahy, 55 by the Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd., and 78 by Mr. Staunton.

The County Manager mentioned that during the past week four proposals for housing development at Brittas Bay on the lands of Mrs. Maguire had been submitted and were being examined by the Council's Officers.

The Council approved of the Report of the Special Committee.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we adopt the report of the Committee regarding the Brittas Bay Development Plan and that this decision be conveyed to the Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd., with an indication that the Council, if the Company wished, would receive a Deputation from the Company.

As an amendment,

It was

Proposed by Councillor O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Haughton:

Resolved—That we defer a final decision on the report of the Committee regarding the Brittas Bay Development Plan until after a Meeting with the representatives of the Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd.

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., M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, John Quigley, P.C., G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh—Thirteen.



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

The Council agreed that the Secretary write to the Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd., conveying the decision of the Council and informing them that the Council would be prepared to meet a Deputation from the Company at their meeting on the 11th February, 1963.

## SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION

Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh, asked that representations be made by the Council to the Minister for Education for the deferring of the examination for Scholarships from Primary to Secondary Schools for one month and also for similar deferring of the examinations in the Technical Schools. Councillor Miley stated that on account of the weather conditions over the past month schools had been closed for up to three weeks or more and that the preparation of children competing for these Scholarships had been hindered. The Council agreed that representations be made to the Minister for Education for the deferring of the examinations.

1. Meeting of Madison County Council for the purpose of dealing with business matters was held at the Madison Chamber. Geo. Bowyer, Madison, presiding. 4th March 1900, 8.30 p.m.

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order of piped water supply to cottages at Hollymount, Lifford, Irish Ballin and Soldiers Land Trust.



## Wicklow County Council

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, the Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, 4th February, 1963, 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, James Miley, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary and Assistant County Engineer J. P. Caffrey were present.

### AGENDA:

1. Application for Supplementary Grant in respect of erection of new house at Newtownboswell.
2. Applications for Loans in respect of reconstruction of houses at Sea Road, Kilcoole, Sparrow Road, Dunlavin and The Green, Dunlavin.
3. Proposed extension of piped water supply to cottages at Ballymoate, Glenealy, on behalf of Irish Sailors' and Soldiers' Land Trust.
4. Proposed extension of watermain from Stratford-On-Slaney to serve cottages at Manger.
5. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
6. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley regarding repairs to cottages at Balleeshal and Ballykilageer, Avoca.
7. Repairs carried out to cottages during month of January and repairs to be carried out during the month of February, 1963.

### Resolution of Sympathy.

The Council passed a Resolution expressing their sympathy with the Hierarchy on the death of His Eminence Cardinal D'Alton, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland.

### Item No. 1.—Application for Supplementary Grant in respect of Erection of New House at Newtownboswell.

The Council considered the application of Mr. William J. Hender, Ballycurry, for a Supplementary Grant in respect of the erection of a new house at Newtownboswell. The Council noted that Mr. Hender was employed by his father, Mr. Michael J. Hender, Ballycurry, as a farm assistant, and was married and had two children. A State Grant of £250 had been allocated, but had been reduced by the sum of £10 for substandard room areas. The Council noted that the applicant's income did not exceed £312 per annum and that under the terms of the Council's Scheme he was eligible for a Grant equal to the State Grant.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh,

Seconded by Councillor Hadden.

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £240 to William J. Hender, Ballycurry, Ashford, in respect of the erection of a new house at Newtownboswell.

Passed unanimously.



**Item No. 2.—Applications for Loans in respect of Reconstruction of Houses at Sea Road, Kilcoole, Sparrow Road, Dunlavin, and The Green, Dunlavin.**

Having considered the application of Mr. R. Keddy for a Loan in respect of the reconstruction of his house which was a vested Council cottage the Council decided to defer the matter with a view to ascertaining if the members of Mr. Keddy's family residing with him could provide the necessary monies.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,

Seconded by Councillor Hipwell.

Resolved — That we approve of the making of Loans available towards the cost of reconstruction of houses to the following applicants in the amounts indicated:—

Christopher Masterson, Sparrow Road, Dunlavin ... £105.

James Browne, The Green, Dunlavin ... £130.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 3.—Proposed Extension of Piped Water Supply to Cottages at Ballymoate, Glenealy, on behalf of Irish Sailors' and Soldiers' Land Trust.**

The County Secretary stated that the Irish Sailors' and Soldiers' Land Trust had asked if the Council would instal a water supply for four cottages at Ballymoate, Glenealy, the property of the Trust, and had indicated that they would be prepared to recoup the cost to the Council. The Department of Local Government had informed the Council that there was no objection to the Council's carrying out the work on behalf of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Land Trust on an agency basis.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley,

Seconded by Councillor Hipwell.

Resolved—That having considered application of the Irish Sailors' and Soldiers' Land Trust we approve of the Council's carrying out the work of installing a water supply in four cottages owned by the Trust at Ballymoate, Glenealy, on an agency basis, the cost of the work to be recouped to the Council.

Passed unanimously.

In reply to inquiries by Members regarding the matter of water supplies for Boghall, Fassaroe, Windgates, Enniskerry and Tinahely, the County Manager stated that a Report in regard to the matter of water supplies would be submitted to the Council at the March Meeting.

**Item No. 4.—Proposed Extension of Watermain from Stratford-On-Slaney to serve cottages at Manger.**

The County Secretary stated that Councillor O'Neill and Councillor Timmins, who were unable to attend the Meeting on that date, had asked that this item be postponed to the next Meeting. The Council agreed that the matter be postponed to the next Meeting.

**Item No. 5.—Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.**

Councillor J. Miley referred to the application for approval to the erection of a factory at Blessington and urged that permission be given for an entrance to the factory from the main Blessington/Baltinglass Road. The County Manager pointed out that the factory was served by a by-road and that it was considered that the entrance should be only from the by-road and that it was undesirable to allow an entrance also from the main Blessington/Baltinglass Road. The County Manager added that the entrance to the Technical School, which was on the adjoining site, was also from the by-road which he felt was the correct arrangement. Councillor Miley stated that the promoter of the factory was anxious that an entrance be available on the Main Road, but that this would be used only on special occasions. He asked that the matter be further considered. The County Manager agreed to obtain a further Report from the County Engineer on the matter.

Councillor Miss Walsh inquired on behalf of a Mr. Tomkins of Inch, Coolgreany, who wished to erect a memorial on the roadside to his deceased brother. Councillor McCarthy stated that he had also received an inquiry on the matter. The County Manager stated that it would be necessary for Mr. Tomkins to give details of his proposal so that the matter could be examined.

**Item No. 6.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley regarding Repairs to cottages at Balleeshal and Ballykilageer, Avoca.**

The County Secretary stated that these cottages had been inspected and repairs to them had been approved. The Council noted the position in the matter.

**Item No. 7.—Repairs carried out to cottages during month of January and repairs to be carried out during the month of February, 1963.**

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out in January and to be carried out in February, 1963.

**Caravan Site at Greystones.**

Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that residents on La Touche Road, Greystones, wished to be heard by the Council before any renewal of licence was granted in respect of the Caravan Site by the road; they considered that it was giving rise to a nuisance.

**Roads in Northern Area of County.**

Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that there had been a lack of attention recently to roads in the Northern part of the County. He stated that during the recent bad weather roads had not been properly treated or treated at all in some instances to enable traffic to pass along them and expressed the opinion that sand should have been used and not chippings which, he felt, were unsuitable for the purpose. He referred particularly to the Long Hill Road at Kilmacanogue which had been in a dangerous condition and on which a 'bus had been stuck until an early hour one morning. He suggested also that the Local Government Auditor who was at present engaged on the audit of the Council's Accounts should investigate certain charges which had been made by Newtown Workings, Ltd., in relation to the County Engineer. The weight of gravel on a lorry had been questioned by the County Engineer and it was claimed that the weight when verified subsequently by the Weights and Measures Officer was correct. He stated also that material had been offered to be supplied to the Council by the firm, but that the offer had been disregarded and material obtained elsewhere at a



higher price. Councillor Temple agreed with Councillor H. J. Byrne regarding the condition of the Long Hill Road and stated it had not been treated with sand or gravel either on the previous day or on the day of the Meeting up to nearly 11 o'clock in the morning. He stated that men and lorries were available at Newtown Workings and should have been asked to treat the roads in the area. Councillor R. Miley who stated that for many years he had been trading in the name Nolan and Miley stated that two of his lorries had reached Dublin on the previous day and also that the St. Kevin's 'bus had reached Glendalough twice on the previous day. Councillor Hipwell suggested that a Report should be obtained from the County Engineer on the matter. The County Manager stated that the County Engineer was unable to be present at the Meeting as he had gone to Baltinglass and Blessington having regard to the critical position existing as a result of the weather conditions. He pointed out that Main Roads had been kept open all the time and that the conditions in the centre and west of the County might not have been fully appreciated by Members from other areas. He felt he must pay tribute to Assistant County Engineer McGuinness for the work he had done in West Wicklow under very difficult conditions. The Engineering Staff and the Council workers had carried out very good work in opening roads in the exceptional circumstances in recent weeks. Discretion had been left to Assistant County Engineers in regard to the hireage of machines. Councillor Miss Walsh pointed out that in the Tinahely area it had been necessary to open roads on three occasions during the past week-end. She paid a tribute to the Engineering Staff, the Council's Roadworkers, and the drivers of bulldozers, for the work they had done. Councillor Hadden also congratulated the Engineering Staff and expressed the opinion that a bulldozer was the only implement satisfactory for clearing roads and without the use of a bulldozer it would not have been possible to open up the road to Knockananna. Councillor J. Miley paid tribute to Mr. McGuinness, Assistant County Engineer, and to the Council workers, for the work done in clearing snow from roads in the Blessington area.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th February, 1963, 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 and J. Gregory.

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

### AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 10th December, 1962.
2. Application from Bray Amusements Committee for closing of roads at Bray for purposes of Circuit of Bray Cycle Race.
3. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley, P.C., for taking over and maintaining as a County Road Killeagh Lane from Connolly's Corner, Templeusk Road, to Merrigan's Gate.
4. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—That a new Self-Propelled Fire Engine be provided for Tinahely.
5. Public lighting at Blind Lane, Dargle Road, Bray—Quotation from E.S.B.
6. Public lighting at Kilgarron Park, Enniskerry—Quotation from E.S.B.
7. Report of County Engineer in regard to clearance of roads of snow.
8. Brittas Bay Development Plan—To receive Deputation from Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd.
9. Glendalough Burial Ground—Report of Deputation to Parliamentary Secretary to Minister for Finance.
10. Burial Grounds—Letter from Department of Local Government regarding improvement of standard of maintenance.
11. Proposed extension of watermain from Stratford-On-Slaney to Manger.
12. Letter from Enniskerry and District Development Association requesting that the Council make provision in the coming year's Estimates for certain services in the area.
13. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Mrs. Mary Ledwidge and James O'Toole—That a Garbage Collection be provided in the area known as Avondale Park Scheme.
14. Letter from Hon. Secretary, Michael O'Neill, Fianna Fáil Cumann, Newtownmountkennedy, requesting Domestic Scavenging Service for Newtownmountkennedy area.
15. Proposed re-organisation of Assistance Areas in the County.
16. Letter from Hon. Secretary, Kilmainham Jail Restoration Project, inquiring whether old slates could be made available for the project.



17. Criminal Court, Courthouse, Wicklow—Report of County Engineer on cost of works.
18. Resolution from Dublin Health Authority urging an increase in Government Grant for Health Services.
19. Letter from Vocational Education Committee regarding an extension of the Wicklow/Beehive Bus Service to Ballinacor Cross.
20. Letter from Mr. J. H. Dudley, Kilbride Lodge, Bray, regarding foot-path at Killarney Road near Ballywaltrim cottages, repairs to cottages, and requesting reception of Deputation.
21. Letter from Hon. Secretary, Wicklow Executive, National Farmers' Association, requesting the reception of a Deputation from the Wicklow Executive, National Farmers' Association, before the Estimates Meeting for 1963.
22. Report of County Engineer regarding matters raised by Newtown Workings Ltd.
23. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

**Item No. 1—Minutes.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell,  
Seconded by Councillor O'Toole.

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 10th December, 1962.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 2—Closing of Roads at Bray.**

The Council considered the application of Bray Amusements Committee for the closing of roads at Bray from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, 19th May, 1963, for the purposes of the Circuit of Bray Cycle Race. The County Engineer had reported that he had no objection to the proposed closure of the roads.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,  
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole.

Resolved—That having considered application of Bray Amusements Committee we approve of public notice being given of our intention to close to public traffic the roads set out hereunder, from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, 19th May, 1963, and to authorise the holding of a Cycle Race on these roads while so closed to public traffic:—

Strand Road from corner of Albert Ave., to corner of Putland Road;

Putland Road;

Vevay Road from corner of Putland Road to Town Hall;

Main Street from Town Hall to junction with Quinsboro' Road, South Side;

Adelaide Road from junction with Florence Road to Albert Ave.;  
Albert Ave.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 3.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley, P.C., for taking over and maintaining as a County Road Killeagh Lane from Connolly's Corner, Templelusk Road, to Merrigan's Gate.**

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that Killeagh Lane was 700 lineal yards in length and led from the Council's Road No. 182 at Killeagh near Templelusk. There were two farms on the road. It seemed doubtful if this road could be regarded as being of general public utility and could be taken over by the Council. The Council referred the matter for consideration by the Local Roads Committee in conjunction with the Roads Estimates for the coming year.

**Item No. 4.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—That a new Self-Propelled Fire Engine be provided for Tinahely.**

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Fire Officer had recommended some while ago the closure of both Blessington and Tinahely Fire Stations with a view to keeping expenditure within reasonable limits. He considered at the time that it was more important to provide better equipment to Stations that received more calls than either Tinahely or Blessington. His recommendations, however, had not been accepted by the Council. In his Report he also stated that the ideal fire coverage would be to provide a Fire Station in every town and village, but such a plan would be completely uneconomic in respect of expense. Since the Council had decided to keep the Stations in operation the Chief Fire Officer had recommended that the obsolete equipment be replaced with appliances that could be of use at fires and submitted estimates for these appliances. He suggested that in view of other recommendations regarding the purchase of new fire equipment in his Estimates for 1963/64, it might be better to defer the matter until the Estimates were being considered. The County Secretary stated that the Estimates received from the Chief Fire Officer for the Fire Service for the coming year showed a substantial increase. Councillor Miss Walsh stated that Tinahely should at least be placed on the same status with Blessington and a proposal to provide a New Fire Engine for Blessington had already been considered by the Council. She pointed out that the Tinahely Station had received twenty-nine calls in recent years as compared with eleven for Blessington over the same period. Councillor Hadden, while agreeing that a New Engine would be desirable, doubted if there was any necessity for a new machine at Tinahely at present.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh.  
Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley.

Resolved—That the Fire Service be continued in Tinahely and that a new machine be provided and that the matter be considered at the Estimates Meeting.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 5.—Public Lighting at Blind Lane, Dargle Road, Bray.**

The County Secretary stated that a quotation had been received from the E.S.B. for providing a new light on pole No. 53 opposite the



Blind Lane, Dargle Road, Bray. The annual charge for operation of the lamp would be £5 17s. 6d.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell.

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge.

Resolved—That having considered quotation from E.S.B. we approve of the provision of an additional public light opposite the Blind Lane, Dargle Road, Bray.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 6.—Public Lighting at Kilgarron Park, Enniskerry.**

The County Secretary stated that a quotation had been received from the E.S.B. for the provision of a new light on pole No. 57 at Kilgarron Park, Enniskerry, at a capital cost of £12. The annual operation charge would be £5 15s. 0d.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge.

Seconded by Councillor Hipwell.

Resolved—That having considered quotation from E.S.B. we approve of the provision of an additional public light on pole 57 at Kilgarron Park, Enniskerry, at a cost of £12.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 7.—Report of County Engineer in regard to Clearance of Roads of Snow.**

The County Secretary stated that a further Report of the County Engineer on snow clearance work had been prepared and circulated to the Members on that date. The following letter had been received from Roundwood and District Development Association:—

ROUNDWOOD AND DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Roundwood,

Co. Wicklow,

Ireland.

5/2/63.

Dear Sir,

We, of the above-named Committee, wish to offer our gratitude to the Wicklow County Council for the wholehearted and magnificent way in which they kept the roads clear during the present snowstorm. Roundwood, the highest village in Ireland, naturally gets a big share of snow and as 1947 left a trail of hardship and horror, it was a great treat to know and see that we were not going to have a repetition.

In this current storm all main points could be reached and at no time were we completely cut off. Bread Vans, Post Cars, Lorries with fuel and supplies, were always able to make their way. This could not have been possible only for the Council workers, the machines, and the management. We trust that this letter conveys the appreciation and gratitude for a job well done.

Yours faithfully,

S. KAVANAGH,

Hon. Secretary.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, expressed appreciation of the terms of the letter from the Roundwood and District Development Association. On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley the Council agreed that consideration of the County Engineer's Reports in regard to snow clearance be deferred until all the work of clearance of roads had been completed. The County Manager informed the Council that full co-operation had been received from Government Departments in connection with the work of clearing roads from snow; the Forestry Division of the Department of Lands had made machinery available to assist the Council and the Department of Defence had arranged for Army personnel to be made available to assist in clearing roads in West Wicklow. The Army had also assisted in saving sheep in the Glenmalure area. The Chief Agricultural Officer had also given much assistance in relation to arrangements for moving sheep from the Glenmalure district.

**Item No. 8.—Brittas Bay Development Plan—To receive Deputation from Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd.**

The Council received a Deputation from the Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd., in regard to the Brittas Bay Development Plan. The following Members attended on the Deputation:—

Messrs. H. J. Delahunt, W. A. Maguire, G. Staunton, J. Cooney and M. Stone.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, referred to the arrangements which had been made by the Council for the setting up of a Special Committee representative of the County Council and the Urban District Councils, which considered the proposed Development Plan for the Brittas Bay Area and to the recommendations made by the Committee following meetings between the Sub-Committee and representatives of the Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd., and between the Council's Officers and the Architect for the Company. The recommendations made by the Committee had been unanimously accepted in principle by the Council. He pointed out that the provision of water supply and sewerage services to the Brittas Bay Area which would be an essential for any development, would cost in the region of £75,000 and as these services would have to be provided by the Council, the Council wished to be sure that development was carried out in a proper manner. The Council considered it desirable that the sand dune area at Brittas should be in public ownership and the Council was prepared to purchase this area. Mr. H. Delahunt, on behalf of the Development Company, thanked the Council for receiving the Deputation and stated that the Company felt that if the Development Plan proposed by the Council were adopted, there would be delay in developments in Brittas Bay. He stated that people would not build a half-mile from the sea and that £300,000 in building projects had been turned down by the Council. The Company felt that it should be possible to arrive at a Plan which would meet the requirements of all parties concerned and be evolved and agreed upon within a space of three weeks, given full co-operation and that work could be started in six weeks to have the area developed in an orderly fashion. The Company made the following recommendations:—

1. That the entire matter of planning for the Brittas Bay Area be re-opened and a new approach to the problems be accepted as not only desirable but necessary.
2. That the principle of limited development proportionate to the areas concerned on the east side of the road be accepted as a fundamental requisite in the new approach.



3. That development on the west side of the road be planned on the principle that proximity to the sea was of paramount importance.
4. That the extension of services to the south of Potter's River be embodied in any Plan for the Area.
5. That the Council accept in principle that timber dwellings of a high standard of design be permitted.
6. That the question of Caravan Sites be further studied in view of recent development and experience on up-to-date Sites.

Mr. Delahunt stated that there were also legal matters which would require consideration. Mr. Delahunt also added that the Association was prepared to meet the Council in the matter of the acquisition by the Council of part of the sand dune area, but subject to certain developments being permitted on the eastern side of the road. Following a discussion on the matter, Mr. Delahunt also suggested that the Members of the Council might go to Brittas Bay and see the area. The Council agreed to meet at Brittas Bay on Monday, 18th February, 1963, and to inspect the area in conjunction with representatives of the Brittas Bay Development Company, Ltd.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had received letters from the Solicitors for the Maguire Estate at Brittas Bay, in regard to the Development Plan for the lands owned by this Estate, which had been approved by the Council in 1948, and recent proposals submitted by the Estate, and asking that representatives of the Estate might meet the Committee of the Council or the Members. The Council agreed that the Officials of the Council meet representatives of the Maguire Estate and report back to the Council.

**Item No. 9.—Glendalough Burial Ground—Report of Deputation to Parliamentary Secretary to Minister for Finance**

The Council noted the following Report of the County Secretary regarding the Deputation to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance in relation to the Preservation Order made by the Commissioners of Public Works concerning certain land at Glendalough:—

**GLENDALOUGH BURIAL GROUND—PROPOSED EXTENSION.**

As arranged at the Meeting of the Council on the 21st January, 1963, a Deputation consisting of Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., J. Everett, T.D., J. D. Haughton and R. Mil' y, together with the County Secretary, met Mr. Donogh O'Malley, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance, at Leinster House, Dublin, on 30th January, 1963, in regard to the Preservation Order made by the Commissioners of Public Works in relation to certain land at Glendalough. Councillor J. J. McCrea and the members of the Deputation urged the need for providing an extension to the Burial Ground and pointed out that the area of land affected by the Preservation Order immediately adjoined the existing Burial Ground and was most suitable for the purposes of an extension to it. It was indicated that the Council had suggested that any necessary archaeological research might be carried out on this land at an early date and if it were then found that the land was not required for such purposes the land should then be made available to the Council for the purposes of a Burial Ground extension. The Council was prepared to agree to a reasonable time for carrying out such research. It had been indicated, however, to the Council that it was not possible to apply any time limit in regard to the period for archaeological research. The Parliamentary Secretary referred to the advice which

had been received by him in regard to the importance of this plot of land and stated that it would not be possible to make it available for the purposes of a Burial Ground extension. He referred also to representations which had been received by the Commissioners from the National Monuments Advisory Council and from An Bórd Fáilte. It had been recommended to him that a Preservation Order should be made covering a large area in Glendalough, but he had agreed only to apply an Order in respect of this particular area of land. He referred to the Inquiry which had been held in 1952 in relation to the Council's application for a Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of land required for an extension of the Burial Ground and pointed out that the Compulsory Purchase Order had been refused, the reasons including that the proposed extension, while in accord with local interest, was not in the national interest and that it was desirable that a Burial Ground be provided near Roundwood, the Parochial Centre. Following further discussion on the matter, the Parliamentary Secretary indicated that he would arrange for an Inspector from the Department to visit Glendalough and examine the lands in the immediate vicinity of the Burial Ground with a view to seeing if any portion of such lands would be regarded as suitable for a Burial Ground extension.

**Item No. 10.—Burial Grounds—Letter from Department of Local Government regarding improvement of standard of maintenance.**

The County Secretary stated that in letter of 2nd February, 1963, Ref.: L3/63, from Department of Local Government, reference was made to previous Circular Letters stressing the need for improving the standard of maintenance of Burial Grounds and that while considerable progress had been made in some areas, the Minister was not satisfied with the present position generally and called on all Sanitary Authorities to adopt a positive approach to the continuing problem of the neglected appearance and condition of the majority of Burial Grounds throughout the country. It was suggested that action to be taken by Sanitary Authorities should include a better system of Burial Ground inspection, co-operation with Diocesan Authorities in encouraging and organising voluntary effort, action in regard to closing of overcrowded Burial Grounds, where necessary, maintaining closed Burial Grounds in decent order, landscaping of disused Burial Grounds in appropriate cases and ensuring that the design, layout and regulation of new Burial Grounds would result in efficient maintenance at minimum cost. The Department asked that the letter be brought before the Council at an early date and that the Minister was anxious that individual Councillors should interest themselves in the problem, assist in reviewing the position in their own areas and help to encourage and organise community effort in putting remedial measures into effect. He wished to be informed of any line of action which had been found successful in particular areas which might usefully be brought to the attention of other Sanitary Authorities. It was stated that the Minister would be glad to be informed by the 31st March, 1963, of the lines of action taken by the Sanitary Authority on the Circular Letter. In reply to inquiries from Members the County Secretary stated that the Council maintained sixty-two Burial Grounds in all. The Council agreed that the Assistant County Engineers be asked to report on the condition of all Burial Grounds in their respective areas and to submit recommendations for any necessary improvements.

**Item No. 11.—Proposed Extension of Watermain from Stratford-On-Slaney to Manger.**

The County Secretary stated that some time ago the tenants of six Council cottages at Manger had been asked to sign an undertaking



to pay 1s. 9d. per week in addition to the present rent as a contribution towards the cost of the extension of a watermain to serve their houses and the installation of the necessary fittings in their houses. The tenants were not prepared to pay this contribution. At a later stage the tenants were asked to give an undertaking that in the event of the main being extended they would instal water at their own expense, but were not prepared to give this undertaking. As it was considered that this was a type of Scheme which might be dealt with by the Department of Local Government as a Group or Co-Operative Water Supply Scheme, a letter was addressed to the Department on the subject and a reply had been received from the Department indicating that the tenants were not interested in a Co-Operative Scheme, but considered that the Council should extend the main. The cost of extending the watermain would amount to £1,282. The County Secretary stated that in other cases in the County tenants of Council cottages had agreed to pay the contribution of 1s. 9d. per week where water supplies were extended and installations provided in their cottages. It was suggested that if the Council decided to extend the main in this instance the tenants should contribute 1s. per week towards the cost of extension of the main and if other persons wished to connect to the main that they should contribute a sum of, say, £50 towards the cost of the work.

Councillor O'Neill stated that the persons in the area depended on an old well for a water supply and when this went dry had to travel to Stratford for water. He considered that the Council should bring the water to a certain point to serve the houses and that the tenants could then arrange to take a supply into their houses and pay for it on a meter system. He stated that there were farmers in the area who were also willing to take a supply. The County Manager stated that if the Council were to expend the sum of nearly £1,300 on extending the watermain, they would need an assurance that the people concerned would take the supply into their homes. The Council had offered to put in pipes, provided the tenants contributed to the cost involved, as had been done in other cases. The Council had sought to have the Scheme carried out by a Co-Operative Scheme, but it had not been possible to reach agreement on this. If the Council spent money on extending the main it might be found that the water was not used subsequently. The Council agreed that it should be confirmed that the tenants were all prepared to take a connection from the water supply and instal water in their houses if the main were extended.

**Item No. 12.—Letter from Enniskerry and District Development Association requesting that the Council make provision in the coming year's Estimates for certain services in the area.**

The Council decided to defer this matter for consideration at the Estimates Meeting and by Members of the Council for the Area.

**Item No. 13.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. O'Toole—That a garbage collection be provided in the area known as Avondale Park Scheme.**

The Council agreed that this item be deferred for consideration at the Estimates Meeting and by the Members of the Council for the Area concerned.

**Item No. 14.—Letter from Hon. Secretary, Michael O'Neill, Fianna Fáil Cumann, Newtownmountkennedy, requesting domestic scavenging service for Newtownmountkennedy Area.**

The Council agreed that this matter be deferred to the Estimates Meeting and considered also by the Members of the Council for the Area concerned.

**Item No. 15.—Proposed re-organisation of Assistance Areas in the County.**

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been before the Council on a previous occasion and full details of the arrangements proposed had been given to the Members. It was proposed to re-organise the Assistance Areas so as to provide five Areas instead of the present six Areas. It was proposed that the Coollattin and Tinahely Dispensary Districts form one Area with Avoca Dispensary District and that the present Assistance Officer's Area of Wicklow and Dunganstown Dispensary District be extended to include Arklow Dispensary District. There would be no change in the remaining three Assistance Officers' Areas. The Assistance Officers, who were agreeable to the alteration in the Areas, and the Department of Social Welfare, had made no objection, but it was necessary that the County Council's agreement to the proposed reduction in the staff be obtained. Councillor J. J. McCrea stated that this matter had been before the Council previously and that he did not agree with the suggestion. He felt that an Assistance Officer was needed for the Area containing the Coollattin and Tinahely Dispensary Districts. The Council indicated that they were not prepared to agree to the suggested reduction in the number of Assistance Officers and the re-organisation of the Areas.

**Item No. 16.—Letter from Hon. Secretary, Kilmainham Jail Restoration Project, inquiring whether old slates could be made available for the Project.**

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Hon. Secretary to the Kilmainham Jail Restoration Project, referring to the restoration to the jail which is being carried out by voluntary effort and stating that the main compound was at present being re-slatted, but that sufficient slates were not available. The Trustees of the Kilmainham Jail would be grateful to know if there was any possibility of obtaining old slates from the Council which would be suitable for use for the project. The County Engineer had reported that there was a quantity of old slates from buildings in Wicklow and Rathdrum and he recommended that some slates be made available for this project. The Council agreed that slates be made available.

**Item No. 17.—Criminal Court, Courthouse, Wicklow—Report of County Engineer on Cost of Works.**

The Council decided to defer this matter to the next Meeting.

**Item No. 18.—Resolution from Dublin Health Authority urging an Increase in Government Grant for Health Services.**

The County Secretary submitted Resolution received from the Dublin Health Authority urging that the Minister increase the Government Grant for Health Services from 50 per cent. to 75 per cent. Members of the Council having referred to the Special Committee of the Dáil which was at present considering the matter of the Health Services, the Council decided to mark the letter "Read."



**Item No. 19.—Letter from Vocational Education Committee regarding an extension of the Wicklow/Beehive 'Bus Service to Ballinacor Cross.**

The following letter from the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee was submitted:—

**COUNTY WICKLOW VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Technical School,

Wicklow

10th January, 1963

Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
Wicklow.

A Chara,

I would be glad to have the support of your Council in seeking to have the present school 'bus service Wicklow/Beehive extended to Ballinacor Cross.

Many children from Barndarrig-Kilbride areas avail of the present limited service, but, in doing so, have to walk or cycle several miles to the Beehive terminus. It is considered that a great many more children would avail of post-primary educational facilities in Wicklow town if the bus service were extended as suggested. An extended service would also greatly convenience adult shoppers in the areas concerned.

Should your Council approve, I would be glad if you would press the matter as strongly as possible with C.I.E., so as to secure an extension of the service to Ballinacor as soon as possible.

Mise, le meas.

A. O. CROGAIGH,

Príomh Oifigeach Feidhmiúchain.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D. seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh, the Council agreed that representations be made by the Council to the Traffic Manager, C.I.E., for an extension of the 'Bus Service.

**Item No. 20.—Letter from Mr. J. H. Dudley Kilbride Lodge, Bray, regarding footpath at Killarney Road near Ballywaltrim Cottages, repairs to cottage and requesting reception of Deputation.**

The County Secretary stated that Mr. J. H. Dudley, Kilbride Lodge, Bray, had written concerning the condition of the footpath at the approach to Ballywaltrim Cottages which, he stated, was completely eroded in some places; regarding a leaking roof in a cottage at Ballywaltrim; and asking that the Council receive a Deputation of about four interested parties, to discuss these matters. The Council agreed that Mr. Dudley be informed that the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area would be prepared to receive the Deputation at their next Local Meeting.

**Item No. 21.—Letter from Hon. Secretary, Wicklow Executive, National Farmers' Association, requesting the reception of a Deputation from the Wicklow Executive National Farmers' Association, before the Estimates Meeting for 1963.**

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Hon. Secretary of the Wicklow Executive National Farmers' Association, requesting the reception of a Deputation from the Wicklow Executive, National Farmers' Association, before the Estimates Meeting for 1963. The Estimates Meeting would be held on the 25th February, 1963. The Council agreed to receive the Deputation at the Estimates Meeting and agreed that a copy of the Estimates be sent to the Wicklow Executive, National Farmers' Association, when available.

**Item No. 22.—Report of County Engineer regarding matters raised by Newtown Workings, Ltd.**

In reply to Councillor H. J. Byrne the County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had not had sufficient time to prepare a Report on this matter. Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that Newtown Workings had a bulldozer which could have been made available to assist in road clearance if they had been asked at the time. He stated that the Company were prepared to allow the machine to work throughout the night, if necessary, without any increase in the rate of charge. The firm, however, had been instructed to cease work at normal finishing time. He referred also to representations which had been made for the clearance of a private road at Calary and stated that the Manager, Newtown Workings, had subsequently arranged to clear the road as far as the house. He felt it was pity that Mr. Nolan's help had not been sought earlier and that he was prepared to co-operate with the Council. He regretted that his services had not been availed of. Councillor H. J. Byrne asked that the County Engineer co-operate with these people who would give him full and satisfactory service. Councillor Byrne also referred to the matter of a dispute in regard to the weight of material on lorries. Councillor Temple suggested that in view of the statements which had been made it was desirable that the statements from Newtown Workings be put in writing and the Chairman agreed that this was desirable.

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

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



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 25th February, 1963, 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. Gregory and James D. Haughton.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Accountant, Chief Fire Officer and Mr. A. O'Connor, Staff Officer, attended.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor C. W. Hudson.

### Deputation from National Farmers' Association.

The Council received a Deputation from the County Wicklow Branch of the National Farmers' Association. Mr. Michael Byrne, Chairman of the Wicklow Branch, thanked the Council for receiving the Deputation and stated that the past year had been a difficult one for farmers. The harvest in 1962 had not been good and the weather since that time had been very difficult. He pointed out that the cost of production by farmers was rising whereas their incomes were static and he urged the Council to endeavour, if possible, to avoid any increase in rates. Mr. Byrne also stated that in the opinion of the Federation Health Charges and Main Roads should be defrayed from the National Exchequer and should not be charged on local rates. Miss E. Bobbett supporting referred to the recent Resolution of the Central Council of the N.F.A. urging that there be total derating of the first £20 valuation of agricultural land. She suggested that the Council might omit provision for Scavenging Services and defer the purchase of New Fire Appliances. Major J. P. Kelly, Secretary of the Federation, who also spoke, pointed out that the farmers were the largest employers of labour in the County. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, thanked the Deputation for attending and assured them that the Members of the Council would bear their representations in mind when dealing with the Estimates.

The Council then proceeded to consider the Estimates for the year 1963/64, details of which had been circulated to the Members, together with the Statement of the County Manager in regard to the Estimates.

### Roads.

Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that he was not satisfied that the Council was receiving good value in the expenditure on Road Works.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Hadden.

Resolved—That the Estimate for Road Services be adjourned until satisfied that satisfactory service is being provided for the monies.

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

In Favour: Councillors H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, A. H. Hadden, Miss M. Walsh—Four.



**Against:** Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, P. McCarthy, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, J. Quigley, J. Temple, G. Timmins, J. J. McCrea—Sixteen.

The motion was declared defeated by sixteen votes against to four in favour.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley.

Resolved—That the same amount be allowed for Road Works as in the current year, 1962/'63.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., pointed out that Councillor McCarthy's proposal would involve a reduction in the amount of the Estimate as submitted. In reply to inquiry by Councillor A. H. Hadden, the County Manager stated that no provision had been made in the Estimates in respect of additional expenditure on clearance of roads of snow. Following discussion Councillor McCarthy withdrew his motion and

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole.

Resolved—That we adopt the Estimate for Roads for 1963/'64 as submitted.

The motion was declared passed, Councillors H. J. Byrne, A. Hadden and M. Deering dissenting.

#### Health Services.

Having examined the details of the Estimate for Health Services and further information supplied by the County Manager

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins.

Resolved—That we reduce the provision for General Hospitals by £2,000.

Passed unanimously.

The Council approved of the remaining items in the Estimate for Health Services.

#### Mental Health.

The Council approved of the provision for the Mental Health Service being the amount payable to the Dublin Health Authority.

#### Assistance.

The Council decided to reduce the provision for Home Assistance by £1,000. The County Manager stated that there had been a tendency for Assistance payments to reduce in consequence of increases in Disabled Persons' Allowances. The Council approved otherwise of the provision in the Estimates for Assistance.

#### Sanitary.

##### Domestic Scavenging.

The County Manager stated that a sum of £2,000 had been provided for Domestic Scavenging Services in respect of the coming year. Tenders had been received for a Domestic Scavenging Service for the Greystones Area and were under consideration and in view of the amounts of the Tenders received for the Services at Blessington and Baltinglass the County Engineer had been asked to investigate the possibility of providing a Service at a lower cost by the employment of carters. Applications had been received for the provision of a Scavenging Service at Enniskerry, Newtownmountkennedy, Rathnew and Avondale Park, Bray. Following a discussion on the matter in which reference was made to the arrangements under which streets in Carnew, Shillelagh and Tinahely were cleaned and refuse removed, the Council agreed to the Estimate for Domestic Scavenging and asked that the County Engineer investigate the cost of providing Domestic Scavenging Services in all villages in conjunction with the cleaning of streets and villages. It was agreed that the matter of Blessington and Baltinglass Scavenging Services be considered by Members of the Council for the Area at their next Meeting. The matter of Scavenging Services for Enniskerry and Avondale Park were referred for examination by Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their next Meeting and the applications for Services for Newtownmountkennedy and Rathnew for examination by the Wicklow Members at their Local Meeting. The Council approved of the provision in the Estimates for Sanitary Services.

##### Clearance of Roads of Snow.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.

Resolved—That having noted the Reports of County Engineer in regard to the clearance of roads of snow and the cost involved in the hireage of machinery and payment of labour, which costs were incurred in the public interest and to alleviate hardship, we request the Government to allocate a Grant from the Road Fund to defray the full costs of this essential work.

Passed unanimously.

At this stage the Council adjourned having decided to continue the examination of the Estimates at a Meeting to be held on the 4th March, 1963, at 2.30 p.m.

The adjourned Estimates Meeting of the Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 4th March, 1963.

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.



An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor C. W. Hudson.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Accountant, Chief Fire Officer and Mr. A. O'Connor, Staff Officer, were present.

#### Resolutions of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Quigley, seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with Miss Rose O'Neill, Clerk/Typist, on the death of her mother.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the Council passed a Resolution expressing their sympathy with Mrs. Teevan and family on the death of Dr. H. Teevan, District Medical Officer, Wicklow.

The County Manager asked that he and the members of the staff be joined in the Council's expressions of sympathy.

#### Housing Services.

Following a discussion in regard to the provision for Housing Services, in the course of which Councillor H. J. Byrne stressed the need for providing houses for young people getting married, the Council agreed on the proposal of Councillor E. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, to provide the same sum for Repairs to Cottages as in the previous year with the addition of the necessary loan charges on the Loan for Cottage Repairs. The effect of the Resolution was to reduce the provision for Cottage Repairs in total by £4,175. The amount available for actual Repairs to Cottages exclusive of loan charges, was £10,000.

#### Recovery of Possession of Vested Cottages.

In reply to inquiries made by Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, and other Members, in regard to certain Vested Cottages which were unoccupied, the County Manager explained the legal difficulties in recovering possession in cases where the tenant/purchaser had died without making a Will. It was agreed that the matter be followed up with the Council's Solicitor with a view to seeing what action could be taken to recover possession in these instances.

#### General Purposes.

On the proposal of Councillor Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor Hipwell, the Council approved of the provision in the Estimates for Libraries.

#### Fire Brigade Services.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Resolved—That a New Fire Engine be provided for Blessington.

It was proposed also by Councillor Miss Walsh that a New Fire Engine be provided for Tinahely.

Councillor A. H. Hadden suggested that the servicing of the Fire Engines was not up to satisfactory standard and that the Fire Engine which had been transferred to Tinahely from Wicklow was only in need of new wiring and was now reasonably satisfactory. The Chief Fire Officer stated that the Engine in question was originally purchased in 1942 secondhand and had been produced as a wartime machine.

ine. It had been in use in Bray for a lengthy period and then transferred to Wicklow where it was in operation for several more years and finally was transferred to Tinahely. For a secondhand machine of a wartime type, he considered it had given good value, but he regarded it now as unreliable. As regards the standard of service the Chief Fire Officer pointed out that the Rathdrum Engine which had been purchased new in 1942 as a Fire Brigade Appliance was still, after over 20 years, in first class order and he could not accept that the condition of the Engine at Tinahely was due in any respect to unsatisfactory servicing. On the proposal of Councillor H.B. Hipwell, seconded by Councillor J. Miley, the Council agreed to adopt the Estimates for the Fire Brigade Service which included provision for the necessary loan charges for New Fire Engines at Blessington and Tinahely.

#### Civil Defence.

On the proposal of Councillor E. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Temple, the Council approved of the provision in the Estimates for Civil Defence.

It was

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

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

Resolved—That the Department of Defence be assigned full responsibility for the organisation and operation of Civil Defence.

Passed unanimously.

#### Credit Balance.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that the Council had a Credit Balance of £181,456 at the 31st March, 1962. He considered that the Council should avail of portion of this Credit Balance to permit of the Council's determining a Rate in the £ for the year 1963/'64 at the same figure as in the current financial year. The County Manager stated that the figure quoted by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., did not allow for unpaid bills, that is, accounts due and payable by the Council at the 31st March in that year and that consequently the net Credit Bank Balance would be only £145,000 approximately. During the early part of each year the Council received no income from Rates, but had to defray the expense of the Council's Services. Expenditure on Roads during that part of the year could be very heavy and the Council had to pay instalments of Demands to the Dublin Health Authority in respect of Mental Hospitals, to the Vocational Education Committee and the Committee of Agriculture. If heavy charges for overdraft interest were to be avoided it was necessary that the Council have a fairly substantial Credit Balance at the beginning of each financial year. The County Manager pointed out that in 1958/'59 the Council had to pay over £7,000 in Overdraft Interest. The Council decided to avail of Credits in order to determine the Rate for the year 1963/'64 at the figure as in 1962/'63.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

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, 1964:-



Roads	...	...	9/10.99
Health	...	...	10/2.61
Mental Health	...	...	3/0.75
Public Assistance	...	...	1/3.85
Sanitary	...	...	2/11.57
Housing	...	...	4/0.55
General Purposes	...	...	5/2.68
Separate Charges:—			
Vocational Education	...	...	1/7.59
Rathdrum and Wicklow Burial Board	...	...	0/0.37
Criminal Injuries:—			
County-At-Large	...	...	0/0.42

TOTAL GENERAL RATE: 36/9d. in £.

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

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, 1964, as follows:—

	ARKLOW	BRAY	WICKLOW
	£	£	£
Roads	1,980	8,617	1,623
Health	6,343	27,602	5,195
Mental Health	1,901	8,273	1,558
Public Assistance	1,020	4,437	835
General Purposes	943	4,113	773
Separate Charges:—			
Vocational Education	1,122		919
Malicious Injuries	17	76	14

Passed unanimously.

#### Turf Production.

The County Manager stated that the cost of turf produced by the Council for the Council's Institutions in 1962/'63 had worked out at £6 8s. 4d. per ton, delivered. He pointed out that the quality of the turf produced by the Council was not as high as that which could be procured from Bord na Mona and this was only to be expected having regard to the levels of the bogs on which the Council produced the turf. There was still a substantial quantity of turf stored at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, and which had been produced in previous years, but had deteriorated and was unsuitable for burning in the boilers. He suggested that a saving in costs could be made if the Council used coal instead of turf in St. Colman's Hospital and purchased machine won turf from Bord na Mona for the Boilers at Baltinglass and Wicklow District Hospitals. Councillor J. Miley stated that the turf produced by the Council at Ballinagee was quite satisfactory, but he agreed that there was greater difficulty in producing satisfactory turf from the Sallygap Bog. The Council, on the suggestion of the Chairman, agreed that Members of the Council would inspect the turf at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, at the District Hospital, Baltinglass, and at the Wicklow Hospital, and appointed a Committee consisting of Councillors J. Gregory, P. Brennan, T.D., J. Miley and J. Temple, to inspect and report on the turf.

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

Courthouse, Wicklow.

15th February, 1963.

#### Estimates for Financial Year 1963/64.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Estimates of Expenses and Receipts of the County Council for the year ending 31st March, 1964, together with Tables giving details of how the totals for each Service are made up, are attached.

The total expenditure for the coming year is estimated at £1,036,128. Receipts are estimated at £481,289. The net amount to be provided from Rates would be £554, 839.

The corresponding figures in the Estimates for the current year were Gross Expenditure £973,681; Receipts £442,684; Net amount to be met from Rates £530,997.

If the Estimates now submitted were approved the total Rate required for the coming year would be 38/4d. in the £, which would be an increase of 1/7 over that levied in the present year, which is 36/9d.

The Rates in the £ for the various Services, resulting from the Estimates now presented to you compare as follows with those for the present year:—

Service	1962/'63	1963-'64	Inc.-Dec.
Roads	9/6.05	9/10.99	4.94 inc.
Health	10/5.38	10/3.35	2.03 dec.
Mental Hospitals	2/11.06	3/0.75	1.69 inc.
Public Assistance	1/5.23	1/4.58	0.65 dec.
Sanitary	2/9.56	2/11.57	2.01 inc.
Housing	3/8.08	4/4.59	8.51 inc.
General Purposes	5/11.64	6/4.17	4.53 inc.

The increase in Rate of 1/7 which the Estimates now submitted would involve is due, it will be noted from the details already given, mainly to Housing (8½d.) and General Purposes (4½d.) but there are also rises of 2d. in respect of Sanitary Services and over 4d. for Roads, whilst Mental Hospitals show a rise of over 1½d. In the case of Housing the rise is due to both additional provision for repairs and new loan charges to be met so that the Council can continue to make Grants for Housing Repairs and Improvements being carried out by private persons. Under the heading of General Purposes the additional costs are attributable mainly to the Fire Brigades and the Committee of Agriculture Demand. There also is an increase of 2d. in the Sanitary Services Account because of the provision being made for Domestic Scavenging, but as it happens this is offset by a reduction of almost a similar amount under Health Services. These items briefly explain the rise of 1/7d. in the Rates which would be entailed by the estimated costs for the coming year. It must, however, be mentioned that the Health Services would have shown an increase of over 5d. in the coming year if it were not for the fact that last year the Council had to bring in a debit balance of an amount equal to 7d. in the £ in order to meet new hospital charges which had retrospective application. In addition to the General Rate of 38/4d. in the £ account also must be taken of the levy for Separate Charges and this could be about 1/10d. which is almost completely for Vocational Education.



## ROADS

For the coming year the Rate for Roads is estimated at 9/11d.; in the present year it was slightly over 9/6d. The total outlay on Roads is estimated at £316,672 of which £172,167 will be met by State Grants. Last year the Council were notified of an increased allocation of £30,000 from the Road Fund for Main Road Improvements. In addition the Grant for the Maintenance of Main Roads has been increased from 40 per cent. to 50 per cent. These State Grants, which as mentioned now come to £172,167, are paid from the Road Fund which is built up from the receipts of motor taxation.

Normal road maintenance such as tar surface dressing, surface repairs and drainage, was carried out in the current year and in addition a number of new Improvement Works were completed or started. Some of the larger Improvement Schemes which were in hands during the present year were:-

Baltinglass/Rathvilly Road—Realignment of dangerous corners at Bawnogue.

Baltinglass/Blessington Road—Realignment of road at Ballinacrow and Saundersgrove.

Bray/Wicklow/Arklow Road—Widening and improving road north of Glen of the Downs; surfacing new length of road at Kiltimon; widening of road at Kilpedder.

Enniskerry/Glencree Road—Removal of dangerous corner at Annacreevy.

Greystones/Killincarrig Road—Completion of realignment of roadway.

Kilmacanogue/Roundwood Road—Removing dangerous corner at approach to village.

Wicklow/Newcastle Road—Removal of dangerous corners and improvement of approaches to Bridge at Newcastle.

Wicklow/Brittas Bay Road—Widening and improving of Coast Road for one mile at Rockfield.

Works which have not yet been started because of bad weather are: Blessington/Dublin Road—Realignment at Tinode; Blessington/Lackan/Ballyknockan Road—Widening and improving one mile of roadway.

Whilst the foregoing are some of the more important Improvement Works to be undertaken by the Council in the present year, there were many other small improvements also carried out. There was expenditure also on the laying of new footpaths at Greystones, Bray, Delgany, Newtownmountkennedy, Wicklow, Avoca, Rathnew and Shillelagh.

Satisfactory progress again was made in the reconstruction of County Roads. The Scheme for improving County Roads was started somewhere over twelve years ago and in the meantime a large mileage of County Roads has been improved. There are 914 miles of County Roads in Wicklow and of these over 70 per cent. will have been reconstructed by the end of the present year. When the programme was started less than 10 per cent. of the County Roads had tarred surfaces. The costs involved, if measured as a standard charge per mile, were quite satisfactory and in fact notwithstanding the steep rise in wages, materials and other charges in the past twelve years or so, the standard cost has not in fact risen. The reason for this is that the Council was in a position to achieve greater productivity through the use of modern plant and new techniques.

The employment given by the Council through Road Works has been maintained again at quite a satisfactory cost and efforts once more were made to secure a constant level of employment throughout the year to avoid the marked variations in numbers employed, which used to occur in former times due to the fact that surfacing operations were confined to a very short period in the year.

In the coming year the provision for Superannuation will involve additional expenditure equivalent to a Rate of about 3d. Another addition to expenditure is the necessity to provide for a debit balance of £2,000 resulting from expenditure last Christmas on special works to provide employment and for the cost of which provision had not been made in this year's Estimates.

If account were to be taken of the costs of clearing the roads from heavy snowfalls the effect on the Rate for the coming year would be a marked one. So far almost £30,000 has been spent in the past six or seven weeks on the clearing of roads. For this purpose the Council not only used ordinary machinery they had themselves, but in addition hired special machinery such as bulldozers, traxcavators, loading shovels and blade graders, from many sources. In many instances roads have had to be cleared of snow for the third time. So far about 800 miles of roads have been dealt with and this represents almost two-thirds of the road mileage in the County. With the aid of heavy machinery and as a result of the praiseworthy service given by the Council's Engineering Staff and Workmen at all hours, it has been possible to keep almost all the roads open for at least one-way traffic. Work which in duration would have been measured in weeks fifteen or twenty years ago has been carried out this year with the aid of plant, in a smaller number of days. The keeping of roads open for traffic and for food, fuel and essential supplies, has meant that serious hardship for the community has been avoided. It is felt, however, that it scarcely would be reasonable to expect the Council to meet any part of the cost of these abnormal works from their own resources. The keeping of roads open has meant that motor vehicles could use them at almost all times and consequently persons who pay road tax, especially commercial users, were in a position to avail of them for the greater part of the period. Again if the Council had not undertaken snow clearance on this very extensive scale, there would have been much hardship and distress, towards the alleviation of which undoubtedly Government assistance would have been sought.

## HEALTH SERVICES

In the coming year the total expenditure on the Health Services again shows a rise, but the actual Rate to be levied will not be greater because of the fact that last year it was necessary to make special provision for a debit balance. The position briefly is that Health Services would require an additional Rate of 5d. if it had not been for the inclusion last year of a debit balance of 7d. to meet increased hospital and other charges. Consequently whilst the impression may be given from the figures shown in the Table inserted at the outset of this Statement, that there was some reduction in the cost of Health, the position is that it will be costing about £11,000 more than last year. Furthermore the Mental Hospitals for the coming year will require an additional Rate of over 1½d.

If Mental Hospitals be omitted the total cost of the Health Services comes to £350,619. After taking into account Receipts from Government Grants of £162,706 and from other sources of £20,752, the net requirement will be £167,161. The Rate required for Health Services other



than Mental Hospitals will be 10/5d. but if the latter, which involves almost 3/- be added, the total Rate for Health Services comes to 13/4d.

Once more it is felt advisable to include a brief outline of the Services which are being provided by the Council under the heading of Health as at times the viewpoint is advanced that it is difficult to find what value is being afforded for all this expenditure.

The Council provides treatment through the Dispensaries and Clinics and also in their own homes, together with hospital treatment, for patients who come within the category called the Lower Income Group. These are persons who from their own resources could not be expected to meet any part of the cost of treatment. They are usually recorded in the General Medical Register kept by the Council.

A wide range of Services is moreover being afforded to persons in the Middle Income Group, these being persons and their dependents whose yearly means do not exceed £800 or farmers whose valuations do not exceed £50. For the persons in this Group and their dependents medical care is provided free of charge in the case of mothers and infants. Free specialist services, subject to nominal charges, are also available. Hospital treatment is provided at a charge not exceeding 10/- per day which is only a fraction of the full cost of maintenance nowadays in a public hospital. But in practice, however, very many persons in this Group do not contribute anything towards the cost of hospital treatment and whenever it is considered that seeking a contribution would impose hardship the Council meets the full cost.

It also often happens that persons outside the Lower or Middle Income Groups may have to bear heavy costs in connection with hospital treatment and if again it is felt that hardship would ensue the Council may meet part of the cost.

Children attending National Schools are provided with treatment free of charge in respect of defects found during the course of School Medical Inspections; B.C.G. Vaccination and Immunisation against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough are also arranged without charge.

Infectious Diseases are treated free of charge. Tuberculosis is a disease which accounts for by far the greater part of the cost under this heading. In addition to arranging for free treatment, Maintenance Allowances are paid by the Council to persons and their dependants where it is found that the circumstances may require them.

It is found that the number of persons included in the General Medical register kept by the Council and which shows those entitled to Medical Cards, which are evidence of their eligibility for free treatment for themselves and their dependants, is somewhat higher in Co. Wicklow than in other areas. For the year 1962 the proportion of the population in the country as a whole which was registered for free Health Services was 28 per cent. whereas in County Wicklow it came to 35 per cent.

#### General Medical Services.

The amount required under this heading is £41,561 and is £2,500 higher than for the present year. The additional cost is completely due to the outlay on Medicines which show an increase from £8,000 to £10,500.

Each year the cost of Medicines has tended to rise. An examination of the matter shows that this, to a certain extent, is attributable to the tendency to use new Medicines which, if they be efficacious in treatment are, however, sometimes very costly. Still it could be claimed

that it is possible with the aid of these new drugs to provide treatment at home which otherwise would have to be afforded at much greater cost in hospital. It will be mentioned, moreover, that rising outlay on Medicines is a general trend and it is notable that in some other countries where the matter has been probed it is felt that there might be an undue resort to advertising measures with their attendant high costs.

#### Institutional Services.

These are two types:-

- (a) Those provided by the Council in their own Institutions; and
- (b) Those afforded in Hospitals in Dublin.

Treatment in Sanatoria and Tuberculosis Hospitals is included under this heading. The total cost of treatment in Hospitals and other Institutions is estimated at £200,717; in the present year the provision made was £202,170.

#### County Institutions.

The costs of running Institutions everywhere has shown a rise in recent times. The latest costs for the Council's own establishments, being those for the year ended 31st March, 1962, worked out as follows:-

County Hospital, Wicklow—£8 17s. 4d.

District Hospital, Baltinglass—£12 3s. 2d.

St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum—£3 12s. 9d.

The cost of the Hospital in Baltinglass is higher than that in Wicklow because of (1) the wider range of Services provided; and (2) the fact that substantial loan charges have to be met arising out of the Improvements and Extensions carried out about ten to twelve years ago. In the coming year the cost of the Council's own Hospitals will show a rise of £4,467 and this is due to the introduction of shorter working hours for Nursing and Domestic Staffs which automatically entails the employment of additional numbers. The Council already has been appraised of this and in fact the extra monies to meet the necessary staffing costs have been voted in respect of the current year.

The former Fever Hospital at Wicklow is now in use as a District Hospital. When it was reconstructed some years ago it was found that owing to the falling off in the incidence of fevers it no longer would be required for infectious diseases and consequently it was decided that it should be used as a General Hospital. The change over was affected some months ago and it is felt that it is a building which can provide better and more comfortable conditions for patients. It is accepted that conditions in St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, which is used as a Home for the Aged and Infirm, require improvement and an Outline Scheme was prepared by the Council's Architect some years ago. Doubt, however, was expressed as to whether the attempt to provide improved standards by way of additions and extensions to the existing buildings and new installations would be quite satisfactory. There was also the question of priority to be given to these measures or to proposals for improved facilities for mental treatment. The present position is that a decision regarding the improvements at Rathdrum is dependent on the outcome of negotiations relating to the making of special provision for mental patients in County Wicklow.



**Fuel for County Institutions.**

It has been the policy of the Council for many years past to endeavour to provide fuel for County Institutions as far as possible from bogs in County Wicklow. This, however, is a measure which has very seldom been attended with success. The quality of the turf in most years has not been satisfactory. It would be true to say that in the past fifteen years or so there have been only four or five occasions on which the quality of the turf could be regarded as meeting the requirements of the Council's Institutions. On occasions it was not at all suitable for use in open fires and only with difficulty could it be used in boilers for heating plants. Furthermore there was a great deal of waste and much additional handling. Its inferior quality was completely due to adverse weather conditions which made it impossible to save turf at the high mountain levels at which the Council has to procure it. Because of the inferior quality of the supplies it was necessary to buy large quantities of turf in recent years from Bord na Mona—machine-won turf of good quality which gave satisfactory results whether used in open fires or boiler plants. The plants in the Institutions in Rathdrum, Wicklow and Baltinglass, have been specially adapted to the use of turf, but the Council might give consideration to the advisability of purchasing from outside sources rather than continuing with their own production under such unfavourable weather conditions as have been experienced in most years. Apart from the better results which could be expected to be obtained in heating standards, it was felt that such a proposal could lead to some reduction in costs.

**Extern Institutions.**

These include General Hospitals in Dublin City and County; Maternity Hospitals in Dublin; Newcastle Sanatorium and a few other Tuberculosis Hospitals; Special Homes for Mental Defectives; Special Institutions for treating Children's Ailments; Homes for Deaf and Dumb Persons and a variety of other Institutions which nowadays provide special forms of treatment. The Estimate of these Extern General Hospitals is £118,900 which shows a decrease of £5,920 over that for 1962/63.

For the coming year treatment in Hospitals and Homes outside the County will entail additional costs of about £6,000, but this is more than offset by a reduction in the costs of hospital treatment for cases of tuberculosis. The costs of treatment in the latter cases show a reduction of over £13,000 and this is attributable to the marked falling-off in the incidence of the disease. As a result of better hospital facilities and the advent of new drugs and improvement in case-finding the incidence of tuberculosis has shown a steady decline in the past fifteen years or so. Whereas at one time the number of patients in this County undergoing hospital treatment ran from about 120 to 130 it is now down to between 40 and 50. Almost all the patients from this County are being treated in Newcastle Sanatorium and the number in that Institution in January, 1963, was 44. The estimated cost of hospital treatment for tuberculosis is £18,000, a sum which shows a reduction of over £13,000 on the Estimate for the present year. It is frequently, however, stressed by the County Medical Officer and other persons associated with Preventive Health, that it would be very inadvisable to view with complacency the reduced incidence of recent years. On the contrary they stress that under present circumstances the public should avail to a much greater extent of Mass-Radiography which has been such a help towards early case finding of chest diseases and also preventive services such as B.C.G. Vaccination.

**Maternity and Child Health Services.**

The items under this heading show little change. Medical care and hospital treatment is provided for:-

- (a) Mothers and infants (up to 6 weeks);
- (b) Children until they reach school-going age (i.e. 5 or 6 years) through Clinics, Dispensaries and Domiciliary visits from Nurses and Doctors; and
- (c) Children attending National Schools by periodic inspections in such Schools by the Council's Medical, Nursing and Dental Staff and the subsequent provision of any necessary treatment.

Mothers both in the lower and Middle Income Groups can obtain medical care with choice of Doctor. This means that the existing Health Services provide Maternity Services for almost all Mothers as the number outside the Lower and Middle Income Groups is comparatively small. The fees payable to Medical Practitioners for this Service in the coming year is again estimated at £6,000. The other items which come under the heading of Maternity and Child Health Services are—Midwifery and Nursing Services; obstetrical requisites; milk for Mothers and children; Maternity Cash Grants; Child Welfare Service and School Health Service. Almost all these show a slight upward trend with the result that the cost of the Maternity and Child Health Services for the coming year is estimated at £24,410 as against £23,670 in the current year. The cost of Maternity Hospitals is shown under the heading of Extern Institutions apart from the cost of the Maternity Unit at Baltinglass.

**Tuberculosis and Other Infectious Diseases.**

The Services which come under this heading and the cost of which at £11,525 show little variation from the present year include: Dispensary and Clinical Services for Tuberculosis; Special Domiciliary Visits by Medical and Nursing Staff to Tuberculosis patients; Mass-Radiography Examinations; B.C.G. Vaccination Service; and Maintenance Allowances.

During the past calendar year B.C.G. Vaccination which has helped as a protective measure in reducing the incidence of Tuberculosis, especially amongst young people, was continued. The number of preliminary tests carried out came to 844 in 1962, and the number of vaccinations came to 540. The Council's Medical Staff are also engaged in other preventive measures such as Inoculation against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough and the Vaccination of children against Poliomyelitis.

**Dental, Ophthalmic and Aural Service.**

The cost for the coming year is estimated at £5,350 which shows an increase of £600 over the present year.

At present the Council employs one whole-time Dentist who is almost altogether engaged on the Schools Service. The number of children for whom school dental treatment was provided in 1962 was 2,477. In addition the Council employs a number of part-time Dentists who are engaged in connection with both the Schools Service and the Health Service generally. Up to the present the concentration has been on extractions and conservative work. For ophthalmic work the Council engages the services of a number of specialists on a sessional basis, who attend Clinics throughout the County. In addition a number of patients also resort to the specialist services, provided by special arrangement, through Hospitals and Clinics in Dublin. During the year



1962 the number of schools at which inspections were carried out by the Council's Medical and Nursing staff came to 62. It has been reported by the County Medical Officer that children attending National Schools are now being inspected once in every eighteen months and he regards this as being a satisfactory frequency for such medical inspection.

#### Specialist Services.

The amount expected to be spent on these Services during the coming year is £6,850 which is an increase of £500. These Specialist Services are almost altogether afforded through Out-Patient Clinics attached to Hospitals in Dublin. Every year Medical Practitioners in the County are sending a greater number of persons to such Clinics and in the year ended 31st March, 1962, the number of attendances was 4,826. Medical Practitioners in the County, it should be mentioned, find this Service a very valuable one.

#### Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Disabled Persons.

The number of Disabled Persons to whom Special Allowances are being made by the Council has shown a continuous rise each year since Allowances were first introduced about seven years ago. This rise in numbers affects the cost. For the coming year the cost is estimated at £15,300 which is £1,000 more than in 1962/'63.

#### Ambulance Services and Transport of Patients.

The total cost of Ambulances and Transport of Patients for the coming year is estimated at £8,750 which is an increase of £1,050 over the outlay in the current year.

The Council owns four ambulances, three of which are in continuous use and are stationed at Wicklow, Rathdrum and Baltinglass. In addition a Special Ambulance Service for Bray and Arklow Areas is made available through arrangement with contractors. Vouchers are issued also to patients so that they may avail of public transport to Dublin to attend Clinics and Hospitals where specialist services are provided.

Due to the increasing resort by patients to specialist services which are provided in Hospitals and Clinics, mostly in the Dublin Area, the costs of the Ambulance and Transport Services continue to rise. The general pattern of hospital treatment is that whereas stays in hospital may not be as long as formerly, admissions tend to rise. This tendency will be reflected, of course, in the use made of the Ambulance Service. Furthermore there has been a notable increase over the years in road accidents for which the Council's Ambulances are requisitioned. Recently as a result of negotiations with the Union involved it was agreed by the Council that the hours of the Ambulance Drivers be reduced and this entailed the employment of Reserve Drivers with additional costs.

#### Supervision of Food and Drink.

The provision required here does not show any change from the present year and the cost again is estimated at £2,530. The two Health Inspectors employed by the Council serve both the rural areas and the Urban Districts. Continuous inspections are being carried out by them in relation to their sanitary duties which would include water supply and sewerage and outbreaks of infectious diseases which might occur and also Housing Acts. The Food Hygiene Regulations involve inspections by Health Inspectors of so-called food premises, including cafes,

hotels and also places where food is prepared. Formerly the duties of Food and Drugs Inspectors were carried out by the Garda Síochána, but about three years ago they were assigned to the Health Inspectors, and in the year 1962 110 samples were taken by them.

#### Fluoridation of Water Supplies.

This new outlay of £1,000 results from the obligation placed on the Council by the Health (Fluoridation of Water Supplies) Act, 1960, to arrange for the fluoridation of water supplies with a view to preventing dental decay in children. For the coming year the Council consequent on this obligation has decided to add fluorine to the water supplies in Arklow, Enniskerry and Cronroe (Wicklow). In addition it is necessary to make a contribution towards the cost of adding fluorine to the Vartry supply which has been undertaken by Dublin Corporation. The Vartry System gives a supply of water to Bray, Newtownmountkennedy, Delgany, Greystones, and in other districts in the North Eastern part of the County.

#### Contributions to Societies.

Subsidies towards District Nursing Services are paid by the Council to Associations which run them in the six following areas: Arklow, Bray, Powerscourt, Greystones, Newtownmountkennedy and Wicklow. Some time ago it was agreed by the Council because of the rising costs of running these Associations to increase the subsidy to each of them by £100 per year. The total cost of the subsidies in the coming year will be £1,850.

#### Receipts.

Of the total Receipts of £183,458 the amount estimated as coming from the Health Grant given by the State is £162,706. It will be seen that the State Health Grant does not reach 50 per cent. of the total cost of the Health Services as these come to £350,619. Loan charges and some other costs are excluded when arriving at the Health Grant.

#### Treatment in Hospitals and Other Institutions.

It has been the practice each year upon submitting the Estimates to show the number of patients admitted to Institutions so that the Council may have an idea as to the extent to which the Health Services are being availed of in the matter of Institutional treatment. Figures for the year ended 31st March, 1962, are set out below:-

Year Ended	Council's Own County Institutions	General Hospitals (Extern)	Fever Hospitals	Tuberculosis Hospitals	Maternity Hospitals (Extern)
31/3/'62	2,395	2,656	57	76	731

The foregoing figures go to show that hospital treatment is being widely availed of and it must, however, be borne in mind that the number of persons included who would be contributing anything towards the cost involved would be very small.

#### Costs of the Health Services.

The cost of treatment in Mental Hospitals must be added to the other Health Services if the total cost of all the Health Services is to be taken into account. In the coming year it will be found that the gross outlay on Health, if Mental Hospitals be included, comes to £459,224.



If receipts other than those from Health Grant (and in which Receipts the three main items are deductions for staff emoluments, contributions by staff to Superannuation, and contributions from patients towards cost of maintenance) be deducted, the net cost of the Health Services is £424,566. Of this net cost somewhat less than 50 per cent. however, is met from State Grant as some items are excluded for the purpose of assessing State recoupment such as loan charges and improvements which are regarded as not being of the character of maintenance and repairs. The exact percentage of the costs of Health which has to be met from Rates is 51.1 per cent.

The Rate required for Health for the coming year (including Mental Hospitals) is 13/4d. and this is more than one-third of the total Rate levy.

Sometimes the view is put forward that a great part of the cost of the Health Services must be in respect of administration, but experience and an analysis of costs for this County does not show this to be the case. The cost of the administration of the Services provided by the Council themselves reaches only about 2 per cent. of the total outlay of almost £300,000. The balance of the cost involved is in respect of treatment, whether provided in Hospitals, Clinics, or in the patient's home, and for the various preventive measures which have served in recent years towards achieving improved standards of health.

Earlier information was given about the number of admissions to Hospitals during the last financial year. An analysis of the figures for that year also shows that the average daily number being maintained in Hospitals of all types was 204, whilst in addition 44 were being maintained in long-stay Institutions such as Homes for the Deaf and Dumb and for children suffering from various defects. In addition, however, 324 persons were on average being treated in Mental Hospitals, whilst about 200 on average were being maintained in St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, (Home for Aged and Infirm). It will be seen consequently in round figures 450 persons on average were being maintained each day by the Council in various Institutions. The analysis also has shown that in General Hospitals the average stay was about 28 days. In Maternity Hospitals the average stay was found to be 10 days and from recent details received from the Department of Health this seems to be slightly about the national average which roughly is 9. It is noted that in the same year the average stay of patients undergoing treatment for tuberculosis came to 344 days or almost a complete year; it must be said that this period of stay seems surprisingly lengthy and recent examination of the list of patients receiving treatment for tuberculosis shows that a number of them have been in hospital for quite a number of years. The duration of stay in Fever Hospitals was found on average to be about 32 days. Again the analysis showed that the average stay in General Hospitals for persons who were receiving treatment without any charge whatever being made was 22 days. In the case of persons who were contributing something towards the cost of hospital treatment the average duration of stay was found to be 13 days.

#### MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Demand in respect of maintenance in the Mental Hospitals which are run by the Dublin Health Authority is £49,805. This is the amount remaining after the Health Grant has been deducted and would require a Rate of 3/1d. in the £ which is about 2d. more than last year.

The gross cost of maintaining patients from County Wicklow in St. Brendan's Hospital (Grangegorman), St. Ita's (Portrane), and St. Loman's (Ballyowen), is £108,605. After deducting Receipts of £58,800 the greater part of which would be the State Grant, the net cost of Demand to be made on the Council is £49,805.

The number of patients from County Wicklow who were being maintained in these Institutions last year was on average 324, which is practically the same as that for the previous year. It is noted that in recent times this number has shown very little variation. It has been claimed that in some other Counties the number requiring institutional treatment for mental illness has tended to show a downward trend in recent years—in one or two cases it has been said that the trend has been quite marked, but it must be said that this so far has not been a feature of mental treatment for Wicklow County. Recent comparisons with other countries shows that the number of mental cases receiving institutional treatment is relative to population a good deal higher in this country than in other Western European Nations. At one time it was thought that the high figures for this country might bear a special relation to the population structure, but close investigation of the matter did not bear out this surmise. Treatment in Mental Institutions can be very costly and consequently it would be most desirable that the numbers being maintained should if at all possible be reduced.

In the past twelve months the Council has given special attention to this matter of institutional treatment for mental cases. A Special Committee of the Members visited a number of Mental Hospitals and investigated condition in them. It was found that it was their conclusion that much overcrowding existed in the Institutions maintained by the Dublin Health Authority and that consequently it would not be possible to arrange for better segregation of patients and it would be difficult to take full advantage of up-to-date forms of treatment. By way of contrast this Committee found that in two of the Mental Hospitals which they visited there was in recent times a trend towards a reduction in numbers. The absence of restraint was very noticeable and indeed the concentration was on creating a special atmosphere suitable to recovery with the aid of new forms of treatment rather than on custodial care. It was noted that patients generally were allowed a large measure of freedom and contact with the rest of the community, whilst there was increasing resort to out-patient treatment through Clinics.

Many Members of the Committee strongly recommended that the Council should set up its own Mental Hospital within the County. They felt that in this way better facilities for maintenance of the patients would be available, whilst it would also be possible to avail fully of out-patient treatment in Clinics through a locally based staff. Towards this end it is felt that the buildings at Newcastle Sanatorium might be acquired and without any special costs for conversion, be used as a Mental Hospital. The present position is that the Council is making further inquiries with a view to ascertaining if the proposal for a separate Mental Hospital for the County could be arranged on suitable financial terms.

#### PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

The Services included under Public Assistance are of a welfare character, i.e., they represent social benefits not necessarily associated with Health conditions. The amount required for the coming year is



estimated at £23,960 and shows little change from last year. The Rate for this Service at 1/4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>d</sub>. also shows little change.

In addition to Assistance there is also included here the Footwear Scheme under which footwear may be provided for families in need; the cost of Burials; and the Scheme for supplying Fuel to necessitous households. Finally there is the cost of Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages which is defrayed from Rates.

As the Members of the Council will be aware Public Assistance is being used nowadays to an increasing extent by way of subsidy towards other Social Welfare Benefits.

#### SANITARY SERVICES

In the coming year the gross cost of these Services is estimated at £46,598 which is more than £2,000 in excess of that for last year. The largest item in this expenditure would be the loan charges for water supply and sewerage schemes and these reach almost £20,000. Special provision is being made on this occasion for Domestic Scavenging in a number of districts and whilst exact costs are not yet available an Estimate of £2,000 is being included. The Receipts from Sanitary Services, which in the main are made up of the contributions by the State towards loan charges, come to £9,747, and this leaves the net cost at £36,851, which would require a Rate of 2/11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>d</sub>. an increase of 2d. over last year.

#### Public Lighting.

The Estimate for the coming year is £3,900 and is slightly higher than last year because of a number of additional lights having been provided.

The number of towns, villages and hamlets which now have public lighting is 48 and every year applications are being received for extensions of existing lighting systems.

#### Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes.

The surveys for new water supplies and the preparation of schemes for extending existing ones have been held up considerably because of the difficulty in getting engineering staff. The Council had agreed that special assistance for this purpose could be got, but in the past year there was never more than one Temporary Engineer engaged at any time on the work and at many periods there was nobody available. It is found, however, that this is a general experience of Local Authorities and seems to be due to the fact that there are so many projects at the present time for which engineering services are required. Notwithstanding the absence of the necessary staff it was found possible, however, to proceed with a number of schemes; a water supply to twenty-two cottages at Sea Road, Kilcoole, has been completed; a scheme for supplying cottages at Newtownmountkennedy already is in hands; and it is expected to start shortly with a similar type of scheme for Kilpedder. In addition plans for water and sewerage installations to Council houses at Rathnew, will shortly be completed. Consultants have been engaged for a large-scale regional scheme for East Wicklow and also for preparing plans for improvements to a number of existing water supplies. There have been discussions with the Department of Local Government and with local interests with a view to arranging Group Schemes in a number of instances.

#### Dumping Grounds and Domestic Scavenging.

Further efforts were made during the year to secure suitable dumping grounds in some areas. It is hoped that it will be possible shortly to come to a definite arrangement for a dumping ground for Enniskerry, but difficulty is still being found in securing sites in other localities. The Council's experience generally has been that whenever it is thought a suitable site has at last been found almost immediately local objections are raised or other last-minute difficulties arise. Domestic Scavenging Services have been sought for a number of towns and villages in the County. Some of these are Greystones, Enniskerry, Blessington, Baltinglass and Newtownmountkennedy. At one stage it was felt that if this type of Service were to be provided the cost should be defrayed by a separate charge, but it was found that policy generally was nowadays against the practice of levying separate charges in respect of any type of Sanitary Service. If the Council, however, are required to proceed with the provision of a Household Refuse Collection Service in the towns and larger villages the cost eventually could be quite considerable. In one instance Tenders for the Service was sought, but so far, for special reasons, it has not been possible to reach a decision on them. It is difficult at present to frame an estimate of the cost for the coming year for this type of Service, but on the basis of the information so far available, an amount of £2,000 has been included.

#### Amenity Schemes.

During the past year further work was carried out on improving roads in the County which run through areas with special scenic attractions, e.g., over a mile of the roadway alongside Brittas Bay was widened and realigned with the result that it should in future be in a much better position to cope with the heavy flow of traffic in this area. A scheme for improving a stretch of the Blessington/Lackan/Ballyknockan Road beside Blessington Lake was also approved and work would have been started before this but for the heavy snowfalls which made it impossible.

Apart, however, from road works included in the Roads Scheme, the Council also has been continuing their policy of endeavouring to provide better amenities in some places for visitors and tourists. A plot at the Meeting of the Waters, Avoca, has recently been acquired with the aid of a Grant from An Bórd Fáilte and at present plans which will serve to make this plot more attractive are being prepared. In Greystones one area was acquired with a Special Grant for development through the provision of tennis courts and putting green. Another piece of land in this district also was acquired by the Council to be used for sports and other amenities.

During the year a Special Committee set up by the Council held many Meetings and had consultations with local interests regarding a Development Plan for the Brittas Bay Area. The Committee submitted a special report to the Council giving their views on development in this district which will have regard to long-term interests. It was felt that their proposals would serve towards making possible a type of development which would contribute in the long-term not only towards the wellbeing of the district, but also would be in the interests of the County and the Country as a whole. The type of development envisaged would result in the avoidance of conditions which could present in future years special problems to the Council as Sanitary Authority. Furthermore it is felt that if Local Authority and State Funds were to be used for providing Services such as water



supply and sewerage which are obvious essentials for any type of large-scale development, then there should be special regard to securing satisfactory and reasonable standards and to the preservation of the valuable scenic attractions of the area. Negotiations with local interests are still in progress and it is trusted that there will be an outcome which will be satisfactory to all parties.

### HOUSING

The total cost of Housing is shown in the Estimates at £129,331. After deducting Receipts estimates at £74,850 the net requirement would be £54,481. Last year the gross amount allowed for Housing by the Council was £120,839 so that it will be seen that the amount now included in the Estimates is about £8,500 greater. The excess outlay in the main is due to about £4,000 extra for Repairs and £3,200 for additional loan charges.

The amount included for Repairs in the Estimates is £16,415 and of this sum £2,240 will be necessary to meet the charges on a loan which was borrowed for Housing Repairs some years ago. It will be seen that the amount remaining for actual repair work is £14,175 which compares with a sum of £10,000 allowed by the Council last year.

Much difficulty again has been found in the present year in arranging for repairs. It has been a matter of policy with the Council to give priority in repairs to persons who are arranging to purchase their houses. The result is that the greater part of the expenditure is absorbed in Repairs for intending tenant/purchasers. It seems that the reason why it is so difficult to secure contractors in some areas is that they have been in recent times very much occupied in carrying out repairs and improvements to private houses for which special State and Council Grants are available.

The total number of houses provided by the Council over the years is 3,515 and of these up to the present 1,382 have been vested in the tenants as owners under the Cottage Purchase Schemes. In the past ten or eleven months over 200 further cottages were vested in owners. The proportion of Council cottages now vested in tenants as owners reaches over 40 per cent. and this must be regarded as quite a satisfactory outcome seeing that it was only in the past eight or nine years that vesting generally came to be arranged.

### Housing Reconstruction Grants.

Much useful work has been done in the past 5 or 6 years in repairing and improving dwellings with the aid of special State and Council Grants. This has had the effect of keeping in good condition existing dwellings which otherwise in the course of the coming years might in many instances have so rapidly deteriorated that they could have become unfit for occupation. But in addition to maintaining existing dwellings in good condition these Grants have enabled owners to provide better accommodation by way of extra rooms and to instal facilities such as water supply and sewerage which very materially add to the value of the houses.

The total number of grants approved up to this date by the Council now reaches the high figure of 1,121 and even still applications are being received. There seems to be no falling-off in applications for these Grants and at the moment there is quite a number in hands.

So far the Council has borrowed £90,000 for the purpose of making these Grants and in the coming year this will result in a loan charge of £7,675. As already mentioned these loan charges show an excess of £3,200 on last year. The Rate required for this purpose is consequently now over 7d. in the £. In assessing the value derived from these Grants and the costs involved to the Council it must also be borne in mind that if it had not been for the improvements and repairs which have been carried out through them quite a number of persons might have by this time been asking the Council to erect new houses for them.

The total indebtedness of the Council in respect of the provision of new houses and the making of Grants for improvements and repairs now comes to £919,175. With these monies 3,315 new houses were built and up to a further 1,000 existing dwellings were improved.

### Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts Loans.

The total number of Loans made under these Acts up to the present time now comes to 101. Of these, however, 19 so far have been repaid. The loan charges to be paid in the coming year are £6,700, but did not involve any levy on the rates as the repayment by borrowers fully cover them.

### GENERAL PURPOSES

Under this heading are shown the costs of the Committee of Agriculture, Public Libraries, Secondary and University Scholarships, Fire Brigades, Blind Welfare Schemes, Drainage Schemes, Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Schemes, Electoral and Jurors' Lists, Coroners and Inquests, Reformatory Schools, Weights and Measures, Conveyance of Prisoners, Diseases of Animals Acts (Sheep Dipping, Bovine T.B., etc.) Courthouses and other expenses which might be taken as illustrating the great variety of Services which a County Council nowadays has to administer.

The net charges after deducting Receipts are: Chargeable to County-At-Large, including Urban Districts—£24,745; Chargeable to County Health District—£60,594. The corresponding charges in the Estimates for the present year were £23,861 and £57,577. The Rate required would be 6/4.17 as compared with 5/11.64, and this is an increase of 4½d. This increase of 4½d. is due mainly to the Committee of Agriculture Demand and Fire Brigades.

### Committee of Agriculture.

The Demand for the coming year is up by almost £2,000, and the total Rate required for the Service will be 11d. in the £.

### Fire Brigades.

The cost of the Fire Brigades has continued to rise for some years and the provision included in the present Estimates is more than twice that made ten years ago. The Estimate next year at £15,086 is £1,630 more than that for the present year. The reason for the increase is that provision is being included for new self-propelled Fire Engines for Tinahely and Blessington which will cost £1,600 each. In addition a new Fire Engine at a cost of £2,700 is being purchased for Rathdrum. New Fire Stations at Arklow, Baltinglass and Dunlavin are estimated to cost £1,500 each. The purchase of five light portable



pumps to deal with forest fires would cost £1,500. Breathing Apparatus recommended by the Fire Officer would cost £400. These items if defrayed by Loan would involve loan charges of £1,830.

At present the Council maintains ten Fire Stations throughout the County. These are at the following places and the number of fire calls answered in 1962 by each of them is also shown below:

Station	No. of Calls in 1962.
Bray	105
Greystones	61
Arklow	25
Wicklow	21
Rathdrum	15
Baltinglass	12
Dunlavin	5
Carnew	4
Tinahely	4
Blessington	2

It will be seen that the number of fire calls to the Stations at Dunlavin, Carnew, Tinahely and Blessington are very small; in all they only come to 15 which is a very low figure for four Stations. Moreover the number of calls to Baltinglass Station in the previous nine years had been very small and the total for the period was only 33, giving a yearly average of less than 4. In a number of reports the Chief Fire Officer had indicated that in his view the number of Fire Stations was excessive and suggested that two of them, Tinahely and Blessington, should be closed. At present these two latter Stations cost about £400 each year to run, but if new equipment be bought for them the costs for each will go up to over £700 a year.

#### Scholarships.

For the coming year the total Estimate for Scholarships is £7,420 of which £4,798 will be spent on Secondary Schools Scholarships and £2,625 on University Scholarships. The State Grant available will be £2,720 leaving the net cost to the Council £4,700. The Rate required will be 4d. in the £. The State Grants are being allocated on a progressive basis and it is expected that eventually they will reach almost £6,000 or the equivalent of a Rate of somewhere about 5d. in the £. In the present year, as already mentioned, the Grant is £2,720. As a result of the advent of this new measure of State assistance and the increased allocation from Rates the number of Scholarships is rising each year. For the coming year the Council will be assisting over 100 pupils in Secondary Schools and 15 in the Universities. The number to be awarded each year from now on will be about 35 Scholarships for Secondary Schools and about 4 for Universities. Under the new Schemes, moreover, one-fourth of the Scholarships will be awarded without the application of any means tests. At the same time the limits as to means have been eased.

#### Public Libraries.

The Estimate for Public Libraries is £7,649 which shows a rise of £718. The rise in cost is mainly due to provision being made for an increase in book stocks. The time of opening of some of the more important branches is also being extended and this involves some extra payment to Branch Librarians. It is felt that if the wider range of books which is now in the Library are to be of value to the public, the hours of opening in some of the branches should be longer. New presses are also being procured for some of the schools in which there are branches of the Library.

There are a number of places in which it is felt suitable Library Centres are essential. Two of these are Blessington and Dunlavin. In the latter cases it is now becoming a matter of some urgency seeing that Vocational Schools are being built in these towns. It will, one feels, be accepted that full value cannot be derived from new educational services if sufficient reading material to supplement them is not provided. Indeed it seems that any efforts towards providing better educational services should move hand in hand with improvements in Library Centres. In the case of Blessington and Dunlavin it had been suggested that the new Vocational Schools could be used as Library Centres, but on looking into the matter it was found that no part of these buildings could be adapted to such use. There were no rooms which would be available and the placing of book stacks in corridors would mean that adequate space could not be found and persons could not use the Library unless with serious interference from other users of the buildings. Alternative suggestions to the use of Vocational Schools were that additions could be made to the Council Office in Blessington without undue difficulty which could accommodate a Library Branch, whilst in the case of Dunlavin part of the existing Court-house, a building of archaeological interest, could be adapted to use as a Library. Still another suggestion was that if an addition to the Council Office in Blessington were not acceptable accommodation for a Library could be included in the new Dispensary building which it is proposed to erect. If the Council were to proceed with a Scheme for providing any new Library Centres or improving existing ones it is to be expected that half of the cost would come under the arrangements recently advised by the Library Council of Ireland and would be met by a State Grant.

#### Civil Defence.

The cost of Civil Defence for the coming year is estimated at £4,682 (which is an increase of £897 over the present year). Of this £3,116 or 70 per cent. will be recouped by the Department of Defence. The net increase in cost to the Council of the Civil Defence Services for next year will be £344. The Rate required for Civil Defence next year is about 1½d. in the £. The additional expenditure is necessary for the training of Instructors and in connection with the expansion of the Warden Service. At the present time the strength of the Service in numbers is about 340. Under the direction of an enthusiastic and energetic Civil Defence Officer the total numbers in the Service, as a result of recent recruiting campaigns, has risen to 340 and whilst it would be desirable that the number should even be greater, especially in the Warden Service, it is felt nevertheless that the position is fairly satisfactory. One of the main difficulties at the moment is arranging for an adequate number of Instructors in some of the Services. In recent weeks the Civil Defence Services did some praise-



worthy work in helping to relieve hardships caused by heavy snowfalls in parts of the County,

#### Interest Charges.

The charge for Overdraft Interest has shown a progressive decrease for some time past. Some years ago, because of the extent of the accommodation by way of Overdraft which had to be procured from the Council's Bankers throughout most of the year the Interest Charges on Overdraft were very heavy. At one time they reached £7,000 in the year. Since, however, Bank Overdraft is nowadays only sought for a much shorter period of the year, the outlay on Interest has been much reduced. For the coming year the provision which it will be necessary to make is estimated at £2,000, a reduction of £1,750.

#### Miscellaneous.

Whilst the provisions under this heading does not show any change at £300 it is thought, however, that it might be adequate (in addition to other miscellaneous items) if the Council were to approve of the outlay for a subscription of £50 to the Institute of Public Administration. This matter has been discussed on a few previous occasions and Members, it is expected, will have seen references to the work of this Institute in the newspapers from time to time. It is a body which has as its objects the improving of standards of public administration, the conducting of research, the running of training and education courses, and the provision of published material on the public services, including local government. Those Members of the County Council who are also Members of the Association of Municipal Authorities and the General Council of County Councils, will probably be better acquainted with its objects and activities. The work of the Institute is in great part performed voluntarily by persons who are associated with the public services and State-sponsored bodies and by representatives of the Universities. The view is submitted for the consideration of the Members that these activities are deserving of encouragement and support to the extent of the modest contribution which has been mentioned.

#### SEPARATE CHARGES.

##### Vocational Education Committee.

The cost of Vocational Education is levied by means of a Separate Charge on the County exclusive of Bray Urban District; Bray Urban Council operates its own Service. The total cost of Vocational Education for the coming year is made up of (a) Demand from Committee, £21,159; (b) Repayment of Loans £6,965, and (c) Retiring Allowances £3,418, making a total of £31,542. The recoupment available to the Council from the Department of Education towards the cost of Loan Charges comes to £3,482 and there are other Receipts of £2,059, making in all £5,541. The net cost which has to be levied from Rates is £26,363 and this will require a Rate of 1/9½d. Last year the Rate was 1/7½d. so that it will be seen that there is an increase of 2d.

As mentioned the Rate for next year would be 1/9½d. but it must be expected that this will show a steep rise when the loan charges on the new Schools at Blessington and Dunlavin have to be defrayed in full and when the costs of staffing and equipment have also to be met. The extension of Vocational Education has involved considerable additional costs in the past ten years or so. The Rate is now about four times what it was in 1950. The manner in which this Service has expanded is, however, quite noteworthy, for apart from providing

a large new School in the town of Wicklow, the Committee has already provided new Centres of education at Rathdrum and Blessington and is getting ahead rapidly with the completion of a School at Dunlavin. At the same time almost all the existing Centres have been improved and it is understood that further extensions are being sought to existing buildings at Carnew.

#### Malicious Injuries.

Whilst the levy for Malicious Injuries at £362 shows a slight reduction on last year it has been noticeable of late, however, that there has been a steep rise in the number of claims. Fortunately the claims are not for very large sums and many of them are in the class of minor damages to motor vehicles and damage to shop fronts. Still it is upsetting to find that these claims are so numerous and there is always the grave danger that as happened a few years ago the Council may find itself liable for quite extraordinary sums by way of compensation for Malicious Injury.

#### Cost of Local Services.

As already mentioned the Estimates now submitted to you would entail an additional General Rate of 1/7d. if approved. The major items in this increase will appear under Housing, which is responsible for 8½d., but while the additional provision being made for Repairs may be regarded as a debatable item, the additional levy for Loan Charges to meet Loans for Improvement and Reconstruction of dwellings is an obligatory item. However, the Council can feel assured that the outlay by way of Grants for improving dwellings has been not only of value to their owners, but also to the community as a whole as in the absence of essential repairs and improvements some of these dwellings might have, even in the near future, become unfit and possibly involved the Council in the erection of new houses which would require much heavier subsidy from the State and from local Rates. Under the heading of General Purposes the Committee of Agriculture Demand and the proposed new outlay on the Fire Brigades account for an increase of about 4d. Expenditure on the latter Service will, however, be subject to review when the Estimates are under consideration. In assessing the cost of this Service it is to be noted that it has risen more steeply in the past ten years than that of others, and that it has been found that the outlay here is once and a half as much as that in another County with comparable population. Undoubtedly the presence of a fire-fighting service in the immediate vicinity will help to allay feeling about fire risks, but it might also be opposite, taking the long-term view, to have regard to what might eventually be achieved with similar expenditure on, say, education, scholarships, or the library service which can be so helpful in promoting both knowledge and skills.

The insistent demand in some areas for a Household Refuse Collection Service has led to the Council accepting it in principle and the Estimate included for it next year represents a Rate of about 2d. in the £, but if the Service is to be provided on a widening scale it must be expected that the costs will be much greater in a few years time than the initial provision now being made.

Once more it is felt necessary to stress that the Rates which the Council are levying reflect in the first instance the general trend of all costs. The Council cannot administer their Services immune to



rising prices or altered remuneration levels which apply everywhere. But regard must also be had to the expansion of existing Services and the provision of new ones in recent years. Most people realise that Health now costs more to the ratepayer if measured in terms of the Rate struck, but the type of Service provided to-day is very different from that of, say, fifteen or twenty-five years ago. Hospital treatment, specialist skills and new drugs—even if they are costly—are available to the patient with results that confer much benefit on the community. It is only necessary to look at the changes in relation to tuberculosis or child welfare—better infant care, the virtual disappearance of diphtheria, for example—to become aware of what has been achieved in improving health standards. Some years ago Housing was mainly limited to the building of new houses for a limited part of the population, but of late all sections of the community have been benefiting by Grants from the Council to help meet the costs of repairs to their dwellings and the carrying out of improvements. These Grants in particular have been of much help to rural dwellers who are installing water and sewerage—conveniences limited formerly to a great extent to the towns and larger villages. At present in addition to water and sewerage, domestic scavenging is being sought in many places, and if this is to become a general Service in the towns and villages it will entail further outlay in the future.

All items in the Estimates have been carefully checked and any further details required by Members in addition to the information given in this report will be furnished when they are being considered at the Estimates Meeting of the Council on Monday, 25th February, 1963.

Once more the opportunity is taken to express my sincere appreciation and thanks for the assistance and guidance that the Council have given at all times in the past year.

Yours faithfully,

M. FLANNERY,

Wicklow County Manager.

Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the Local Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1964.

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>ROADS.</b>	£	£	£	£
<b>Ordinary Road Works:</b>				
Maintenance and Reconstruction	82,534	82,534	69,783	69,783
Loan Charges	1,648	1,648	2,701	2,701
Contingencies	500	500	500	500
<b>Special Grant Works:</b>				
Road Fund	74,850	74,850	56,050	56,050
<b>Other Purposes:</b>				
Salaries, etc., of County Engineer and Assistants	4,040	4,040	5,504	5,504
Travelling Expenses of Co. Engineer and Assistants	950	950	1,800	1,800
Salaries — Clerical Staff—County Engineer's Office			2,634	2,634
Superannuation Allowances and Gratuities—Officers	3,471	3,471	545	545
do. Servants	3,461	3,461	2,701	2,701
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	100	100	500	500
Postage and Telephone	200	200	200	200
Stamp Duty—Paying Orders	100	100	100	100
Road Opening and Reinstatements	100	100	100	100
Miscellaneous	100	100	1,500	1,500
	£172,054	£172,054	£144,618	£144,618



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
	£	£	£	£
Road Fund—Maintenance Grant	41,267	41,267		
do. Special Grant	74,850	74,850	56,050	56,050
Other Receipts:				
Road Openings and other re-funds	100	100	100	100
Miscellaneous Receipts (inc. re-fund of Insurance Claims)	100	100	1,500	1,500
Proportion of salaries and Travelling expenses of Co. Engineer and Assistant Engineers chargeable to Health, Housing and Sanitary Services	2,495	2,495	3,652	3,652
Refund of Road Fund Bonus	140	140	200	200
Weighbridge Receipts	400	400		
Railway Overbridges	75	75		
Superannuation Contributions	750	750	1,500	1,500
	£120,177	£120,177	£63,002	£63,002

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1964.

Purpose of Expenditure:	To which Urban Areas Contribute.	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
<b>HEALTH:</b>		
<b>GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES</b>		
Salaries—District Medical Officers	£ 24,350	£ 24,350
Fees for professional assistance	50	50
Medicines	10,500	10,500
Medical and surgical appliances	2,000	2,000
Dispensary, Clinic or Health Centre Expenses	2,711	2,711
Insurance etc.	450	450
Loan Charges	1,500 (£41,561)	1,500 (£41,561)
<b>INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES:</b>		
District Hospital, Wicklow	16,030	16,030
District Hospital, Baltinglass	26,790	26,790
Home for Aged and Infirm—St. Colman's, Rathdrum	38,997 (£81,817)	38,997 (£81,817)
<b>Extern Institutions:</b>		
General Hospitals	74,000	72,000
Maternity Hospitals	10,800	10,800
Tuberculosis	18,000	18,000
Fever Hospitals	5,000	5,000
Homes for mental defectives, deaf and dumb, etc.	9,600	9,600
Homes for other persons	1,500 (£118,900)	1,500 (£118,900)
<b>MATERNITY AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES:</b>		
Medical Care for Mothers and Infants:		
Fees to medical practitioners	6,000	6,000
Fees for professional assistance	50	50
Midwifery and nursing services	6,360	6,360
Obstetrical requisites	1,300	1,300
Milk for Mothers and children	3,350	3,350
Maternity Cash Grants	2,500	2,500
Child Welfare Service	1,650	1,650
School Health Service	3,200 (£24,410)	3,200 (£24,410)
c/fwd.	£266,688	£264,688



Health—(Contd.)	To which Urban Areas Contribute.	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Purpose of Expenditure:	£	£
b/fwd.	266,688	264,688
<b>TUBERCULOSIS AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES:</b>		
Tuberculosis:		
Salaries	3,055	3,055
Dispensary, clinic or health centre expenses	1,950	1,950
Domiciliary Welfare Service:		
Food, clothing, bedding	1,000	1,000
Mass Radiography Service	1,350	1,350
B.C.G. Service	1,120	1,120
Provision of extra rooms (Chalets)	50	50
Other Expenses:		
Fees to District Medical Officers	50	50
Other Infectious Diseases:		
Diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease	500	500
Immunisation, Vaccination and Disinfection of clothing, bedding	300	300
Notification and prevention of disease	150	150
Maintenance allowances to persons suffering from infectious diseases.	2,000 (£11,525)	2,000 (£11,525)
<b>DENTAL, OPHTHALMIC AND AURAL SERVICES:</b>		
Salaries and travelling expenses	2,300	2,300
Fees for professional services	1,550	1,550
Dental, optical and aural appliances	1,350	1,350
Extern Institutions—Out Patients services	50	50
Furniture and Equipment	50	50
Clinic or Health Centre expenses	50 (£5,350)	50 (£5,350)
<b>SPECIALIST SERVICES:</b>		
Salaries and Fees	50	50
Dispensary Clinic or Health Central expenses	6,000	6,000
Other Expenses:		
Analysis of Specimens	800 (£6,850)	800 (£6,850)
<b>REHABILITATION AND MAINTENANCE OF DISABLED PERSONS</b>		
Cash Grants and other expenses	15,300 (£15,300)	15,300 (£15,300)
<b>BOARDING OUT, ETC., OF CHILDREN</b>		
Maintenance, clothing and education	6,130	6,130
Approved Schools	450 (£6,580)	450 (£6,580)
<b>AMBULANCE SERVICES AND TRANSPORT OF PATIENTS</b>		
	8,750 (£8,750)	8,750 (£8,750)
b/fwd.	£321,043	£319,043

Health—(Contd.)	To which Urban Areas Contribute.	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Purpose of Expenditure:	£	£
b/fwd.	321,043	319,043
Supervision of Food and Drink	2,530 (£2,530)	2,530 (£2,530)
Fluoridation of Water Supplies	1,000 (£1,000)	1,000 (£1,000)
Contributions to Societies: (District Nursing Associations)	1,850 (£1,850)	1,850 (£1,850)
<b>General Administration:</b>		
Salaries—County Medical Officer and Staff	4,200	4,200
do. General Office Staff	5,100	5,100
Travelling Expenses	610	610
Stationery, Printing and Advertising	1,450	1,450
Postage and telephone charges	1,250	1,250
Other Expenses—Heating, Lighting, etc.	200	200
Insurance	100 (£12,910)	100 (£12,910)
Assessment—Nurses Act, 1950	30 (£30)	30 (£30)
Retiring Allowances and Gratuities	8,677 (£8,677)	8,677 (£8,677)
<b>Other Expenses:</b>		
Fees and travelling expenses: Mental Treatment Act	400	400
Proportion of salaries of Engineers, Law Agent and Analyst	1,679	1,679
Loan Charges:	500 (£2,579)	500 (£2,579)
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	£350,619	£348,619

  

Health:	In which Urban Areas participate.	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Nature of Income:	£	£
Government Grants—Health Grant		
Contributions from patients for Institutional Services:	162,706	161,706
Council Institutions		
Extern Institutions	8,750	8,750
Other Receipts:	1,500	1,500
Hire of Ambulances		
Sale of Farm Produce	250	250
Sale of offal and old stores	1,500	1,500
Rents and Insurance refunds, etc.	50	50
Officers emoluments	272	272
Contributions to Superannuation	6,720	6,720
Miscellaneous	1,210	1,210
	500	500
	£183,458	£182,458



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31st March, 1964.

## MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE.

Purpose of Expenditure:	To which Urban Areas Contribute.	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Money supplied to Dublin Health Authority	£ 49,805	£ 49,805

## PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

Purpose of Expenditure:	To which Urban Areas Contribute.	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Home Assistance	18,360	17,360
Footwear Scheme	1,550	1,550
Cost of Burials	450	450
Registration Expenses	550	550
Salaries	6,130	6,130
Retiring Allowances	220	220
Fuel Schemes and other Expenses	1,700	1,700
TOTAL:	£28,960	£27,960

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
Repayment of Burial Expenses	10	10
Refund of Fees	300	300
Superannuation Contributions	66	66
TOTAL:	£1,251	£1,251

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on 31st March, 1964.

SANITARY Purpose of Expenditure:	From which Urban Areas are exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Salaries—Office Staff	1,430	1,430
Caretakers—Water and Sewerage Schemes, Dumping Grounds, and Sanitary Conveniences	3,086	3,086
Burial Grounds	1,112	1,112
Engineering Staff—proportion of salaries and travelling expenses	2,612	2,612
Shops Acts—Inspectors	8	8
Analyst—proportion of salary	50	50
Superannuation	200	200
Water Supplies, Sewerage Schemes and Public Sanitary Conveni- ences—Repairs and Maintenance	8,000	8,000
Dumping Grounds—Repairs and Maintenance	800	800
Domestic Scavenging	2,000	2,000
Burial Grounds—do.	1,750	1,750
Public Lighting	3,900	3,900
Maintenance of Open Spaces	750	750
Clearance of Derelict Sites	600	600
Loan Charges:		
Water, Sewerage Schemes and Burial Grounds	19,850	19,850
Contribution to Water Safety	50	50
Other Expenses	400	400
	£46,598	£46,598

SANITARY Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas do not participate.	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
State Grants—Contributions to Loan Charges	5,637	5,637
do. Derelict Sites.	300	300
Water Undertakings	2,900	2,900
Burial Fees	700	700
Miscellaneous	180	180
Contributions to Superannuation	30	30
	£9,747	£9,747



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31st March, 1964.

HOUSING:	From which Urban Areas are exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Purpose of Expenditure:	£	£
<b>Labourers Acts:</b>		
Salaries	2,387	2,387
Retiring Allowances	757	757
Superannuation—Employees	100	100
Remuneration of Engineers and Law Agent (portion)	4,796	4,796
Rent Collectors Poundage	5,375	5,375
Cottage Repairs	16,415	12,240
Loan Charges	68,171	68,171
Insurances	1,400	1,400
Rates on Cottages	14,650	14,650
Other Labourers Acts Expenses	305	305
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	6,700	6,700
Grants under Section 19, Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948	100	100
Office Expenses	500	500
<b>Loan Charges:</b>		
Housing (Reconstruction) Grants	7,675	7,675
<b>Total for Housing Charges:</b>	<b>£129,331</b>	<b>£125,156</b>

HOUSING	In which Urban Areas do not participate.	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Nature of Income:	£	£
<b>Labourers Acts:</b>		
Rents of Labourers Cottages	38,550	38,550
Housing Subsidy	29,000	29,000
Other Receipts	400	400
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	6,700	6,700
Recoupment by State of Grants under Section 19, Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948	50	50
Contributions under Local Gov- ernment (Superannuation) Act	150	150
<b>Total for Housing Receipts:</b>	<b>£74,850</b>	<b>£74,850</b>

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31st March, 1964.

## 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 Com- mittee of Agriculture			11,341	11,341
Public Libraries			7,649	7,649
Town and Regional Planning Acts			220	220
Tourist Development	500	500		
Scholarships—Secondary	4,795	4,795		
University	2,625	2,625		
Public Works—Local Authorities (Works) Act—Drainage Scheme			5,000	5,000
<b>Other Purposes:</b>				
Salaries and Travelling Expenses	4,955	4,955	11,445	11,445
Cost of Rate Collection— Commission on Assessment			12,494	12,494
Cost of Rate Collection— Superannuation			1,502	1,502
Irrecoverable Rates, Discounts and Remissions			1,200	1,200
Tramway Employees Pensions			470	470
Pensions: Late Union Officers Late R.D. Council's Officers	380	380		
Co. Officers and Servants	380	380	1,725	1,725
Franchise and Jurors Lists	2,000	2,000		
Valuation	175	175		
Legal Expenses			200	200
Coroners and Inquests	500	500		
Postage and Telephones	450	450	900	900
Printing Stationery and Advert- ising	75	75	800	800
<b>Assessments:</b>				
(i) Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act	416	416		
(ii) Local Authorities (Com- bined Purchasing) Act	304	304		
c/fwd.	£17,555	£17,555	£54,946	£54,946



## General 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.	17,555	17,555	54,946	54,946
Fire Brigades			15,086	15,086
Drainage of Land	100	100		
Reformatories and Industrial Schools	1,600	1,600		
Conveyance of Prisoners	100	100		
Weights and Measures	400	400		
Food and Drugs	120	120		
County Analyst	200	200		
Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Schemes	2,000	2,000		
Milk and Dairies and Slaughter of Animals Acts			836	836
Road Fund Expenses	500	500		
Blind Persons Acts	1,160	1,160		
Prosecutors' and Witnesses Expenses	200	200		
Civil Defence—A.R.P. Acts	4,682	4,682		
Diseases of Animals:				
Veterinary Inspectors	1,066	1,066		
Sheep Dipping Scheme	1,826	1,826		
General Cattle Diseases Fund	1,400	1,400		
Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	1,000	1,000		
Courthouses and Offices:				
Repairs and Renewals	700	700	700	700
Rents and Expenses	500	500	500	500
Courtkeepers and Office Attendants	230	230	443	443
Loan Charges	834	834	312	312
Expenses of Pounds			75	75
Audit Fees			550	550
Travelling Expenses: County Councillors	1,860	1,860		
Harbour Guarantees	332	332		
Interest on Overdraft: General Account			2,000	2,000
Miscellaneous	30	30	300	300
Materials Expenses (Balance)				
Machinery Expense (Balance)				
	£38,395	£38,395	£75,748	£75,748

## General 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			5,000	5,000
Local Authorities (Education Scholarships (Amendment) Act, 1961	2,720	2,720		
Contribution to Retiring Allowances	74	74		
Licence Fees:				
Poison	6	6		
Cinematograph			7	7
Fines under Food and Drugs Acts	50	50		
Public Libraries			226	226
Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme: Repayments	2,000	2,000		
Recoupments:				
Franchise and Jurors Expenses	500	500		
Prosecutors and Witnesses Expenses.	200	200		
Civil Defence	3,116	3,116		
Fire Brigades—Contributions by Urban District Councils			3,776	3,776
Diseases of Animals:				
Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	1,000	1,000		
Milk and Dairies Acts:				
Contributions from Urban District Councils.			97	97
Fees refunded by Co. Secretary:				
Franchise and Jurors	250	250		
Motor Registration Recoupment:	2,500	2,500	3	3
Valuation Certificates				
Proportion of Law Agent's Salary chargeable to Assistance, Health and Housing Services			720	720
Proportion of Analyst's Salary chargeable to Health and Sanitary Services	100	100		
Contribution from Urban District Council's to Co. Checker's Salary			50	50
Bounty in lieu of Rates.			4,155	4,155
Rents from County Property	140	140	120	120
Contribution to Harbour Guarantees	94	94		
Contributions to Superannuation	800	800	700	700
Miscellaneous	100	100	300	300
	£13,650	£13,650	£15,154	£15,154



Explanatory Table of the Estimates for Financial Year ending  
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## SEPARATE CHARGES

Expenditure:	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute.		From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Vocational Education Committee:				
Demand	21,159	21,159		
Repayment of Loans	6,965	6,965		
Retiring Allowances	3,418	3,418		
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board			335	335
Criminal Injuries: County-At-Large	362	455		
<b>Total for Separate Charges:</b>	<b>£31,904</b>	<b>£31,997</b>	<b>£335</b>	<b>£335</b>

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 Department of Education—One half Expenses of Loans for Vocational Education Schools	3,482	3,482		
Recoupment proportion of Pensions	1,709	1,709		
Superannuation contributions	350	350		
	<b>£5,541</b>	<b>£5,541</b>		

## CALCULATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND FOR COUNTY CHARGES.

Services	Estimated Gross Expenditure of the County on each Service for the ensuing Financial Year.		Estimated Income of the County in respect of each Service during the ensuing Financial Year, other than those included in the Rate Account.		Net Expenditure on each Service being the difference between the sums in columns 2 and 4, and 3 and 5.		Net Amounts Chargeable to Districts.				Calculation of net sum required to be raised.			
	Chargeable to the whole County	Chargeable to the Co. Health District	Applicable to the whole County	Applicable to the Co. Health District	Chargeable to the whole County	Chargeable to the Co. Health District	Urban District of Arklow	Urban District of Bray	Urban District of Wicklow	Co. Health District	Estimated Balance (if any) in favour of Co. Health District at close of financial year (10)	Estimated Balance (if any) against Co. Health District at close of current financial year (11)	Amounts Leviable off Co. Health District (12)	Rate in the Pound in Co. Health District (13)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8a)	(8b)	(8c)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
Roads	£ 172,054	£ 144,618	£ 120,177	£ 63,002	£ 51,877	£ 81,616	£ 1,980	£ 8,617	£ 1,623	£ 121,273		£ 2,000	£ 123,273	9/10.99
Health	348,619		182,458		166,161		6,343	27,602	5,195	127,021			127,021	10/2.61
Mental Health	49,805				49,805		1,901	8,273	1,558	38,073			38,073	3/0.75
Public Assistance	27,960		1,251		26,709		1,020	4,437	835	20,417	4,000		16,417	1/3.85
Sanitary Housing		46,598		9,747		36,851				36,851			36,851	2/11.57
General Purposes		125,156		74,850		50,306				50,306			50,306	4/0.52
	38,395	75,748	13,650	15,154	24,745	60,594	943	4,113	773	79,510	14,575		64,935	5/2.68
	636,833	392,120	317,536	162,753	319,297	229,367	12,187	53,042	9,984	473,451	18,575	2,000	456,876	36/0

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 £247,886 3s. 6d.

proved Schools, 1963—To consider Applications received.

21. Letter from Department of Education re Council's application for postponement of Post-Primary Scholarship Examination and Technical Schools Examinations.



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## Wicklow County Council

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th March, 1963, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended: Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman; Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; John Quigley, P. McCarthy, G. Timmins, Alan H. Hadden, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D.; Roger Miley, J. D. Haughton and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers N. D. Farrell and P. McGuinness were present.

### AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 17th December, 1962, 21st January and 4th February, 1963.
2. Overdraft Accommodation on General Account and Capital Account for year to 30th June, 1963.
3. Applications for Supplementary Grants for Reconstruction of Houses.
4. Proposal to erect Cottage at Kilcarra—Letter from Department of Local Government regarding site.
5. Carnew Housing Scheme—Present position re Applications for Houses.
6. Inquiries re Sites for Private Dwellings at Blessington and Kindlestown.
7. Proposed provision of Water Supply and Sewerage Facilities at Cottages at Rednagh Road, Aughrim.
8. Repairs to Cottages during month of February, 1963, and Cottages to be repaired during month of March, 1963.
9. Report of County Engineer regarding Tenders received for Repairs to Cottages for the year 1963-'64.
10. Closing of Roads at Bray for purpose of Circuit of Bray Cycle Race.
11. Application from Irish Motor Racing Club, Ltd., for closing of Road at Enniskerry, on 4th May, 1963, for purposes of Annual Hill Climb.
12. Application from Motor Enthusiasts' Club, Ltd., for closing of Roads at Rathdrum, on 18th May, 1963, for purposes of Motor Races.
13. Application from the M.G. Car Club for closing of portion of Long Hill Road, Kilmacanogue, on 19th May, 1963, for purpose of Hill Climb.
14. Application from Dublin Metropolitan Regatta Council for closing of Road at Blessington, on 13th July, 1963, in connection with Dublin Metropolitan Regatta at Blessington Lake.
15. To fix dates for Meetings of Members of Council for Electrical Areas to consider Road Works Programme for 1963-'64.
16. Reports of County Engineer regarding snow clearance.
17. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill for repairs to road leading to Corrough, Hollywood.
19. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley re repair of fence damaged by bulldozer at Macreddin, Aughrim.
20. Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other Approved Schools, 1963—To consider Applications received.
21. Letter from Department of Education re Council's application for postponement of Post-Primary Scholarship Examination and Technical Schools Examinations.



22. Letter from Bray and District Trades Union Council regarding provisions in Application Form for Scholarships.
23. Report on alterations to Criminal Court, Courthouse, Wicklow.
24. Authorisation of expenditure.
25. Scheme for Conciliation and Arbitration for Officers in Local Government Service—Agreement with Unions.
26. To adopt Scheme under Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Act for year 1963-64.
27. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

#### Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor Hipwell, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the family of the late Mrs. Mulligan, mother of Mr. T. Mulligan Rate Collector.

#### Item No. 1—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 17th December, 1962, 21st January and 4th February, 1963.

Passed unanimously.

#### Requests for Promotion of Clerk-Typist.

Councillor P. McCarthy referred to representations which he had made at a previous Meeting that Miss R. O'Neill, Clerk/Typist, be appointed to fill a vacancy as Clerical Officer. He pointed out that Miss O'Neill had qualified at an examination for Clerical Officers and had given very satisfactory service. Councillor McCrea and Councillor Miss Walsh also urged that Miss O'Neill be promoted. The County Manager stated that he had considered the matter carefully but regretted that he could not agree to the suggestion. He pointed out that all appointments to the service of the Council were made on open competitive examination and there was an existing panel for appointments of Clerical Officers. Councillor McCarthy having referred to the recent appointment of a Staff Officer, the Co. Manager pointed out that the person appointed, who was from Wicklow town, had entered the service of Wicklow County Council as a Clerical Officer following open competitive examination, had subsequently obtained appointments in other Counties, also through open competition, and was now obtaining the post of Staff Officer with the Council following open competition.

#### Brittas Bay Development Plan.

Councillor Hipwell inquired if the Council intended to consider the matter of the Brittas Bay Development Plan following the inspection of Brittas Bay on the 18th February. The Council agreed to hold a Special Meeting on Monday, 25th March, 1963, at 2.30 p.m. to consider the matter further.

#### Item No. 2—Overdrafts.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

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

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, 1963, shall not exceed £100,000.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

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

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 Capital Account as may be required and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the Quarter to 30th June, 1963, shall not exceed £50,000.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 3—Applications for Supplementary Grants for Reconstruction of Houses.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. James Doyle, Kilkashel, Avoca, had reconstructed his house at an estimated cost of £292 4s. and received a State Grant of £97. The house was under 500 square feet in floor area.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £97 to James Doyle, Kilkashel, Avoca in respect of the reconstruction of his house.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., raised the matter of the applications of Mr. Kevin Brennan and Mr. Patrick Brennan, Churchlands, Tinahely, for Grants for extensions to their houses. The County Secretary stated that in the case of Mr. Kevin Brennan permission had been granted by the Council for the work with the extension to be roofed with tiles to match the existing roof. It had been found since that a flat roof had been used. As the extension, however, was to the rear of the cottage it was intended to inform the Department of Local Government that the Council had no objection to the work as carried out. In the case of Mr. Patrick Brennan it had been proposed originally to carry out this extension at the rear of the house and permission had been granted by the Council for the work. Mr. Brennan now sought to carry out the extension at the gable of the house with a flat roof. The roof of the cottage, however, had hipped ends and the Council's Engineer had pointed out that an extension by means of a flat roof to a hipped roof cottage would take from the appearance of the cottage. There would be no objection if the extension were carried out by altering the roof of the present cottage and extending it. It was noted that there was a difficulty in providing the extension at the rear of the cottage as the watermain passed close to the back of the cottage. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., pointed out that the applicant could not get a contractor to undertake the work of extending the existing roof of the cottage and in addition this would be a much more costly work. He asked that in the circumstances permission might be given for the extension with a flat roof. The County Manager stated that the matter would be re-examined.

#### Item No. 4—Proposal to Erect Cottage at Kilcarra — Letter from Department of Local Government regarding Site.

The County Secretary stated that a reply had been received from the Department of Local Government in regard to the proposed erection of a cottage at Kilcarra for Mr. Patrick O'Reilly. It was stated



in the letter that while the decision to build the cottage was one for the Housing Authority in the first instance the Department noted that the site was located three miles from the nearest Church, school, or shopping centre and that the nearest water supply was 400 yards away so that only an unserviced cottage was feasible. The Department also noted that applicant for whom cottage was proposed was a married man with 3 young children for whom the location in regard to schools was of vital importance. In the circumstances the Department considered that the Report of the County Medical Officer which referred to the unfairness to the mother and children of isolating them to this extent, and stated that a more convenient site should be chosen was reasonable. In the circumstances the Minister would be very reluctant to approve of the erection of a cottage on this site unless there were other cogent reasons not already stated. The Council noted the terms of the Department's letter and asked that the views of the Department regarding the site be brought to the notice of the applicant.

#### Item No. 5—Carnew Housing Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that of the seven original applicants for houses at Carnew it had been found that two no longer resided in Carnew and that three others had now obtained other accommodation which seemed suitable. Of the remaining two applicants one was still a sub-tenant in a Council cottage of which the total number of occupants was five and the other still resided in an unfit house. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that a Mr. Michael Furlong was an original applicant for one of the houses at Carnew and that he had to leave his present house and was going to live in the old schoolhouse and consequently would be in need of housing. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that the applicants who had obtained other accommodation were still in need of satisfactory housing having regard to the rents that they had to pay for their present accommodation. He also gave the names of three other persons in the area who were in need of housing and stated that in his opinion there were others also who would be in need of accommodation. He asked that the matter of the housing needs in the area be re-examined. The County Secretary pointed out that if the houses to be erected were built for £1,350 being the limit of cost of subsidy, the economic rent would be 44s. 9d. per week. Where the maximum subsidy was payable the amount to be met from rent and rates was 18s. per week and in cases where only 33½ per cent. of loan charges was given as subsidy, the amount to be met from rent and rates would be 31s. 5d. per week. It would seem necessary, therefore, that the Council reconsider the minimum rent to be charged in connection with the Scheme and it was felt that the minimum rent would have to be from 18s. to 20s. per week if the Council were not to be involved in very heavy subsidy towards the costs of the scheme.

Councillor E. Byrne stated that there was an urgent need for extra houses at Grattan Park, Kindlestown, and suggested that the Council should consider providing ten houses on this site. Councillor H. J. Byrne and Councillor Hipwell supported the suggestion that additional houses be provided. Councillor E. Byrne suggested that a Scheme be prepared showing the estimated costs of providing the houses at Grattan Park, the amount of subsidy which would be available and the rents which would require to be charged by the Council.

#### Item No. 6—Inquiries re Sites for Private Dwellings at Blessington and Kindlestown.

The County Secretary stated that an inquiry had been received for the provision of a housing site for an applicant at Greystones and also an inquiry in relation to a site at Blessington. It was suggested that portion of the site at Grattan Park might be made available to

provide sites for private housing and also that sites might be made available for this purpose on the Council's Housing Site at Blessington. The Council agreed that portion of the site at Grattan Park could be reserved for private building. In regard to the site at Blessington Councillor Miley questioned if it would be desirable to allow any private building on the site owned by the Council which he suggested might be needed for further Council houses. The Co. Secretary stated that tenders had been invited for four houses on this site and in addition there would be adequate space for a further six houses which would still leave available room to accommodate at least two private houses. Councillor Miley stated that he would hand in a list of names of persons who were in need of housing at Blessington and also asked that further applications for Council houses be invited.

Having considered Reports of the County Secretary in regard to ground rents which might be charged for sites at Kindlestown or Blessington, the Council agreed that a ground rent of £10 be fixed in either case.

#### Item No. 7—Water Supply and Sewerage Facilities for Cottages at Rednagh Road, Aughtim.

The County Secretary stated that there were eleven cottages on this road, three of which were vested in the tenants. Only four of these had signed an Agreement to pay the contribution of 3s. 8d. per week towards the cost of the provision of water supply and sewerage services in their cottages. On the proposal of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Quigley, the Council agreed that the cottages occupied by the tenants who were agreeable to the contribution to the cost be connected to the watermain and sewer and the necessary fittings installed. It was agreed also that particulars of the circumstances of the other tenants be reported to the Council.

#### Item No. 8—Repairs to Cottages during Month of February, 1963, and Cottages to be Repaired during Month of March, 1963.

The Council noted the list of repairs to cottages carried out during February, 1963, and the list of those to be repaired during the month of March, 1963. Councillor P. McCarthy referred to representations he had made regarding urgent repairs required to cottages of John Lacey and John Harte at Johnstown where tiles had come off the roof and asked that these cottages be repaired immediately. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., referred to three cases of roof repairs in respect of which he had made representations and pointed out that these should be dealt with as otherwise the roofs would deteriorate. Councillor Timmins suggested that the matter of repairs to cottages in the various areas be considered by the Members of the Council at their Local Meetings.

#### Registration of Title.

Councillor Haughton enquired whether it could have happened that land had been acquired in past years by the Council for the erection of cottages and that title had not been registered. The County Manager stated that difficulty had been experienced in certain cases where the lands had been acquired by the former Board of Health and title not registered or the maps of the land acquired were incorrect. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, suggested that it would be desirable to check that all lands acquired by the Council had been registered.

#### Item No. 9—Report of County Engineer regarding Tenders Received for Repairs to Cottages for year 1963-'64.

The report of the County Engineer on his examination of Tenders received for Cottage Repairs for the year 1963-'64 was submitted. In



his Report the County Engineer recommended the acceptance of Tender of Thomas J. Keenan, Aughrim, for part of Area No. 4, Area No. 5 and Area No. 7, all at Standard Rate Plus 25 per cent.; the Tender of James Byrne, Coolkenno, for Area No. 6 at Standard Rate Plus 25 per cent.; the Tender of John Norton, Baltinglass, for Area No. 9 at Standard Rate Plus 20 per cent. The County Engineer also recommended that the Tender of Patrick Walsh, Ballinglen, for Area No. 7 at Standard Rate Plus 25 per cent., be accepted and that the Area be divided between this Contractor and Mr. Keenan. In regard to Area No. 4 the County Engineer suggested that Mr. David Lee, Ballinacarrig Upper, who had tendered for this Area at Standard Rate Plus 30 per cent., be asked to reduce his price to 25 per cent. and if he were agreeable to this that his tender be accepted for the other portion of Area No. 4. It was recommended that Tenders be again invited for Repairs to Cottages in Areas Nos. 1, 2 and 3, for which no Tender was received.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh:

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendations of the County Engineer for the acceptance of Tenders for Repairs to Cottages during the year 1963-64.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 10—Closing of Roads at Bray for purposes of Circuit of Bray Cycle Race.**

The County Secretary stated that the necessary public notice had been given and no objections had been received. Councillor H. J. Byrne referred to the undertaking given by the promoters in the previous year that persons wishing to cross the roads or to use the road would be facilitated, and pointed out that these facilities were not given to him. He did not wish to oppose the application, but considered that the promoters should be asked to ensure that the facilities promised were made available.

It was

Proposed by Councillor O'Toole;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the roads set out hereunder at Bray from 2.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. on Sunday, 19th May, 1963, and authorised the holding of a Cycle Race on these roads while so closed to public traffic:—

Strand Road from Corner of Albert Ave., to corner of Putland Road; Putland Road;

Vevay Road from corner of Putland Road to Town Hall;

Main Street from Town Hall to junction with Quinboro' Road South side;

Adelaide Road from junction with Florence Road to Albert Ave., Albert Ave.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 11—Application from Irish Motor Racing Club, Ltd, for Closing of Road at Enniskerry on 4th May, 1963, for purposes of Annual Hill Climb.**

The Council agreed that the necessary public notice be given.

**Item No. 12—Application from Motor Enthusiasts' Club, Ltd., for Closing of Roads at Rathdrum on 18th May, 1963, for purposes of Motor Races.**

The Council agreed that the necessary public notice be given.

**Item No. 13—Application from the M.G. Car Club for Closing of portion of Long Hill Road, Kilmacanogue, on 19th May, 1963, for purposes of Hill Climb.**

The Council agreed that the necessary public notice be given.

**Item No. 14—Application from Dublin Metropolitan Regatta Council for Closing of Road at Blessington, on 13th July, 1963, in connection with Dublin Metropolitan Regatta at Blessington Lake.**

The Council agreed that the necessary public notice be given.

**Item No. 15—To Fix Dates for Meetings of Members of Council for Electrical Areas to Consider Road Works Programme for 1963-64**

The Council decided to fix the dates for the Meetings of the Members of the Council for the various Electoral Areas to consider the Road Works Programme for 1963-64 as follows:—

**Arklow Electoral Area**—At 5.00 p.m. on Friday, 15th March, 1963, at Shillelagh.

**Baltinglass Electoral Area**—On Thursday, the 14th March, 1963, at 11.30 a.m. At Baltinglass.

**Bray Electoral Area**—On Wednesday, 13th March, 1963, at 7.30 p.m. at the Town Hall, Bray.

**Wicklow Electoral Area**—On Thursday, 14th March, 1963, at 8.00 p.m. at County Council Offices Wicklow.

**Footpaths at Bray.**

Councillor Temple referred to the provision made in the Estimates for the re-laying of a footpath at Bray and inquired if it was the intention to carry out this work. He pointed out that a cutting had been made by the Electricity Supply Board in the footpath for the greater part of the Main Street and that it was necessary that the path be re-laid. The County Engineer referred to the application which had been made to the Court by certain of the shopkeepers at Bray objecting to the Council's carrying out the re-laying of the footpath prior to Christmas and stating that a new footpath was not necessary.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That the County Engineer proceed with the re-laying of footpaths in Bray.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 16—Reports of County Engineer regarding Snow Clearance.**

The Reports of the County Engineer dated 12th January, 1963, and 11th February, 1963, in regard to clearance of roads of snow had been circulated to the Members. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., objected to the reference in the Report to all workmen having been taken on and also to the reference to the Council's liability to clear traffic routes. He agreed that the Council had nothing to complain of otherwise in regard to the efforts made by the Council's staff to clear the roads as quickly as possible. He felt that arrangements should be made for the future to ensure co-operation between the Department's Engineers and Council Engineers so that all necessary machinery would be available. Councillor Deering stated that permission had been given by the new owner of the O'Mahony Demesne for buses and traffic to pass through the Demesne; he inquired if the Council could provide any sand for the filling of potholes in the Demesne road which was occasioned by this traffic. He stated also that a small portion of the Wicklow Gap Road had become closed to traffic as a result of some snow sliding from the side of the road. He suggested that a notice to the effect that the road was closed might be provided. Councillor R. Miley stated that he had visited



the Wicklow Gap on that morning and agreed that portion of it was closed, but felt that this could be cleared without undue trouble. Councillor H. J. Byrne asked that the thanks of the Council be conveyed to Mr. David Frame and Mrs. McCormick, The Aske, who made land available to accommodate sheep moved from the Glen-cree area. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., suggested that the County Engineer should submit recommendations as to the arrangements which should be made in future in the event of heavy snowfalls and suggested that the Assistant County Engineers from their experience on the present occasion, with the County Engineer, might draw up Plans for dealing with heavy snowfalls in their respective areas. Councillor J. Miley paid tribute to the work carried out by the Assistant County Engineer and roadworkers and by the Gardai and the postmen in the West Wicklow Area. On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor Deering, the Reports of the County Engineer were adopted.

#### Item No. 24—Authorisation of Expenditure.

The County Secretary stated that the authorisation of the Council was required for expenditure under certain headings in excess of the amounts provided in the current year's Estimates. Even though expenditure in such instances might be fully offset by Grants as applied in the case of road works and to an extent in respect of Health Services, a formal authorisation by the Council of the additional expenditure was required.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor Quigley:

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Accountant we hereby authorise expenditure in excess of the amounts provided in the current year's Estimates under the following headings:—

#### Housing Services:

Reconstruction Grants—Loan Charges	£200	
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#### Health Services:

General Medical Services	£1,050	
Institutional Services	£1,500	
Specialist Services	£1,000	
Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Disabled Persons	£1,000	
Ambulance Service and Transport of Patients	£900	
Supervision of Food and Drink	£350	
Other Purposes	£4,000	£9,800

#### Road Services:

Ordinary Road Works	£2,000	
Special Grant Works	£30,000	£32,000

#### General Purposes:

Drainage of Land	£200	
Other Purposes	£2,400	£2,600

Passed unanimously.	£44,600
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The Council decided to adjourn the remaining items on the Agenda to the next Meeting.

#### Notices of Motion:

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That I or someone for me will move a motion asking the Council to supply gravel to Council tenants' yards at Sruhaun and Bawnogue, Baltinglass.

In the names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins—That we or someone for us will move a motion requesting the Council to commence repairs to the Council cottages due for repairs over a long period.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of considering the Brittas Bay Development Plan was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow on Monday, 25th March, 1963, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended: Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman; Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; John Quigley, P. McCarthy, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D.; Roger Miley, J. D. Haughton and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer were present.

As requested by the Council at the Meeting on 11th March, 1963, the following Report had been circulated to the Members of the Council:

#### BRITTAS BAY DEVELOPMENT.

At the Meeting of the Council held on the 11th February, 1963, the Council received a Deputation from the Brittas Bay Development Company in regard to the Plans for development of Brittas Bay. The representatives of the Company submitted the following recommendations in regard to the Development Plan for the Brittas Bay Area:—

1. That the entire matter of planning for the Brittas Bay Area be re-opened and a new approach to the problems be accepted as not only desirable but necessary.
2. That the principle of limited development proportionate to the areas concerned on the east side of the road be accepted as a fundamental requisite in the new approach.
3. That development on the west side of the road be planned on the principle that proximity to the sea was of paramount importance.
4. That the extension of services to the south of Potter's River be embodied in any Plan for the Area.
5. That the Council accept in principle that timber dwellings of a high standard of design be permitted.
6. That the question of Caravan Sites be further studied in view of recent development and experience on up-to-date sites.

In addition it was stated that there were also legal matters which would require consideration. It was agreed at the Meeting that Members of the Council would visit Brittas Bay on the 18th February, 1963, and inspect the area with representatives of the Company. The Members of the Council with the County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer visited Brittas Bay on the 18th February, 1963, and made an inspection of the area covered by the Development Plan with members of the Brittas Bay Development Company. The Council decided at the Meeting on 11th March, 1963, to hold a Special Meeting on Monday, 25th March, 1963, to consider the matter of the Brittas Bay Development Plan.



The principal recommendations in the Plan are as follows:—

1. That the areas of sand hills to the sea side of the Coast Road be in public ownership.
2. That access to the shore be provided from the Coast Road over this area.
3. That future permanent housing and other development take place on the inland side of the Coast Road.
4. That priority be given in proposals for provision of sewerage and water supply services for development areas at McDaniel's Hotel, Brittas Bridge and Cornagower and that the area at Brittas Bridge be served in the first instance.
5. That further permanent development on certain land bordering the Coast Road should not be permitted so as to leave open areas between the suggested "village areas" and to facilitate the provision of services.
6. That car parking facilities be provided on the inland side of the Coast Road.
7. That public conveniences be provided at certain points, the first being near Brittas Bridge, in conjunction with the Sewerage Scheme.
8. That roads Nos. 108 160 and 161, leading inland to the Dublin-Wexford Main Road be improved.

Following consideration of the proposed Development Plan by the Special Committee representative of the County Council and the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow, and discussions between the Committee and Officers of the Council with representatives of the Brittas Bay Development Company, with a view to seeking agreement on a Development Plan for the area, the Committee submitted their final Report and recommendations. The Committee recommended approval of the Development Plan, subject to certain amendments and a further copy of the summary of the recommendations of the Special Committee is attached hereto. As regards the areas on the eastern side of the road the Committee recommended that the area of the sand dunes between Haughton's Bridge and Brittas Bridge, excluding the existing Caravan Site of Mr. Staunton near Brittas Bridge, be acquired by the Council as a public recreation space; that eight houses be allowed as infilling between existing houses in the area between Haughton's Bridge and Brittas Bridge, but that no other housing development be allowed in this area. The Committee also recommended that Caravan Sites be allowed on the lands of Mr. Staunton, Mr. McDaniel and Mr. Delahunt. As regards the provision of services for the area, the Committee recommended that a water supply scheme be provided to serve the area around McDaniel's Cross Roads and Brittas Bridge and that a sewerage scheme be provided with treatment works located at a point adjacent to Potter's River between Brittas Bridge and the sea, to provide sewerage facilities for the area around McDaniel's Hotel southwards to Brittas Bridge and also to serve housing development at or above the 100 ft. contour level south of Brittas Bridge.

Proposals made by the Brittas Bay Development Company and by landowners at Brittas Bay for development of lands in the area, are set out hereunder:—

#### Lands of Mr. H. C. Delahunt at Ba'linacarrig:

Petrol Station and Shop, approximately 42 Houses, 5 Caravan Sites each to accommodate approximately 24 Caravans. The Committee had recommended that Caravan Site be allowed.

#### Lands of Mr. A. McDaniel:

Caravan Site and Housing Development. The Committee had recommended that the Caravan Site be allowed to remain.

#### Lands of Mr. J. Higgins:

One or two Bungalows.

#### Lands of Mr. Staunton:

Caravan Site. The Committee had recommended that the Caravan Site be allowed to remain.

#### Brittas Bay Development Company:

Shops, Petrol Service Station, 27 Houses, Caravan Park for 138 Caravans, 30 Chalets and Motel.

#### Lands of Mrs. Leahy:

Additional Houses as infilling. The Committee had recommended that 3 Houses be allowed by way of infilling.

#### Lands of Maguire Estate:

9 Houses on eastern side of road, 22 Houses on western side of road between Cornagower road junction and Haughton's Bridge, 3 Houses on western side of road north of Cornagower road junction and a Hotel on western side of road at Cornagower East. The Committee had recommended that five Houses be allowed by way of infilling.

At the Meeting of the Council on the 11th February the Council was informed that letters had been received from the Solicitors for the Maguire Estate, regarding a Development Plan approved by the Council for the Estate lands in 1948 and that recent proposals had been submitted by the Estate. The Council agreed that Officers of the Council meet representatives of the Estate to discuss the matter. Following discussion with the representatives of the Estate approval has been given to five Houses on the eastern side of the road as infilling and to the other proposals, subject to provision of adequate water supply and satisfactory sewerage facilities, etc.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that the Report which had been circulated to the Members gave an idea of what was sought by the Brittas Bay Development Company and also what the Council had been prepared to concede. A discussion followed in which many Members expressed the view that approval might be given to a certain amount of development on the eastern or sea side of the Coastal Road as was sought by the representatives of the Brittas Bay Development Company.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., agreeing that some development on the eastern side of the road might be allowed, while still leaving plenty of the sand dunes available for the public, pointed out that this might cause a problem in regard to the provision of services, but expressed the view that this could be overcome with a pumping system.



Councillor H. J. Byrne felt that the Council should take a long term view of the matter and that a proper Development Scheme was very much in the interests of the people of Brittas Bay. He felt that a certain amount of building might be allowed on the eastern side of the road.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, pointed out that it should be a primary consideration that an agreed area of the sand hills be in public ownership.

In reply to inquiries from Members the County Manager stated that the Development Plan had been prepared by Mr. P. O'Brien, Consultant Architect, and pointed out that the Reports submitted by the Council's Officers in regard to development proposals in the Brittas Bay Area were made in the interests of the Council and community generally. The large number of houses proposed to be erected in the area would constitute an urban type of development for which public services, i.e., water supplies and sewage disposal systems, were necessary. In regard to the suggestion that a sewerage scheme could be provided to serve the sand dune area if pumping were used, the County Manager pointed out that such a scheme would involve annual pumping charges and normally a scheme which involved pumping would be provided only in an area already developed where a sewerage scheme was essential in the interests of public health. If public funds were to be used in providing services regard must be had to the interests of the community generally and the Council would need to be assured that no public health nuisance would arise from any proposed developments.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

- Resolved: (1) That the entire matter of planning for the Brittas Bay area be re-opened and a new approach to the problems be accepted.
- (2) That the principal of limited development proportionate to the areas concerned on the east side of the road be accepted as a fundamental requisite in the new approach.
- (3) That development on the west side be planned on the principle that proximity to the sea was of paramount importance, subject to its being possible to overcome the engineering difficulties.
- (4) That the extension of services to the south of Potter's River be embodied in any Plan for the Area, subject to overcoming engineering difficulties.
- (5) That the question of Caravan Sites be further studied in view of recent development and experience on up-to-date sites.
- (6) That agreed areas of beach and sand hills to the sea side of the Coast Road be in public ownership.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager stated that the views of the Council as expressed in the Resolution would be conveyed to the Council's technical officers who would be asked to re-examine the Development Plan and submit their Reports. The Council agreed that the Reports of the Council's Officers on the matter be considered by the Council at a Special Meeting to be held on 22nd April, 1963.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, the Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, 1st April, 1963, 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, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Ed. Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey and P. McGuinness were present.

### AGENDA:

1. To receive Tenders for erection of houses at Carnew and Blessington.
2. Application for closing of Roads round Fair Green at Dunlavin on 27th April, 1963, for purpose of Kart Racing.
3. Inquiry regarding use of road circuit, including Wicklow Gap and Sallygap, for Annual Cycle Race.
4. Vacant Vested Cottage at Tombrean, Carnew—James Kearney, deceased.
5. Caravan Site at Greystones—Memorial from residents at New Road, Greystones, and Report of County Medical Officer.
6. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
7. Report of Committee regarding Turf for Council's Institutions.
8. Baltinglass Water Supply—Replacement of pipe in Church Lane.
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill re supply of gravel to Council tenants' yards at Sruhaun and Bawnogue, Baltinglass.
10. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins—That repairs be commenced to Council Cottages due for repairs over a long period.
11. Repairs carried out during month of March, 1963, and repairs to be carried out during month of April, 1963.

### Item No. 1.—Tenders for Erection of Houses at Carnew and Blessington.

The County Secretary stated that in response to public advertisement three Tenders had been received for the erection of houses at Carnew and also three Tenders for the erection of houses at Blessington. The Tenders were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council and were as follows:—

### Erection of Five Houses at Carnew.

Name and Address of Tenderer	Amount
John Halpin, Mullawn, Tullow	... £9,550 0 0
C. Byrne & Sons, Hacketstown	... £8,822 10 0
Patrick Furlong, Bunclody	... £9,950 0 0



**For Erection of Four Houses at Blessington.**

	Amount
C. Byrne & Sons, Hacketstown ...	£7,160 0 0
John Lynch, Naas ...	£7,348 0 3
Tutty & Fleming, Hollywood ...	£6,434 0 0

The Council noted that the Tenders would be referred to the Council's Consultant Architect and County Engineer for examination and recommendation.

**Tenders for Arklow Bridge.**

The County Secretary stated that in response to public advertisement three Tenders had been received for work at Arklow Bridge. The Tenders were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council and were as follows:—

Name and Address of Tenderer	Amount
Cementation Company (Ireland), Ltd., Dublin	£48,344 0 0
John Paul & Co., Ltd., Dublin ...	£52,588 8 6
A. F. Hastings & Co., Ltd., Dublin ...	£59,836 10 3

The Council noted that the Tenders would be referred for examination and Report to the Consulting Engineer and County Engineer.

**Tenders for Water Supply and Sewerage Services at Rathnew.**

The County Secretary stated that in response to public advertisement five Tenders had been received for the Water Supply and Sewerage Services at Rathnew. The Tenders were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council and were as follows:—

Name and Address of Tenderer	Amount
Messrs. Tierney & Maguire, Ltd., Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo ...	£9,751 9 0
John F. Butler, Dublin ...	£14,625 1 0
C. P. Murphy, Dublin ...	£9,989 0 0
Messrs. Treacy Bros., Rathangan, Co. Kildare	£11,305 0 0
Messrs. McMahon & Regan, Tallaght, Co. Dublin	£10,944 1 0

The Members noted that the Tenders would be referred to the County Engineer for examination and Report.

**Tenders for Cottage Repairs.**

The County Secretary stated that Tenders had been invited for the carrying out of Cottage Repairs in Districts Nos 1, 2 and 3, i.e., in the Bray/Wicklow Areas. Only one Tender had been received and this was opened in the presence of the Members of the Council. The Tender received was from Anthony Doherty, Wicklow, at 25 per cent. over Standard Rate for the Wicklow Area only. The Council noted that the Tender would be referred to the County Engineer for examination and Report.

**Item No. 2—Application for Closing of Roads round Fair Green at Dunlavin on 27th April, 1963, for purpose of Kart Racing.**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from J. Garrett Yates, Hon. Secretary, Athy Karting Club,

for permission to close the Roads round the Fair Green at Dunlavin on the 27th April, 1963, from 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. for the purpose of holding a Championship Kart Race Meeting. It was stated that the proceeds would be donated to Charities to be named. The County Engineer had indicated that he had no objection to the proposal. The Council agreed that the necessary public notice of intention to close the Road be issued.

**Item No. 3—Inquiry regarding use of Road Circuit, including Wicklow Gap and Sallygap, for Annual Cycle Race.**

The County Secretary stated that an inquiry had been received from the Obelisk Wheelers R.C. for permission to use certain Roads in the County on Sunday, 28th April, 1963, from 2.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. approximately for the purposes of a Cycle Race. It was stated that they had been in contact with the Bray Gardai who had indicated that they had no objection to the running of the event. The Roads to be used were from Roundwood via Laragh, Wicklow Gap, Hollywood Glen, Poulaphuca, Blessington, Sallygap, Luggala and return to Roundwood. Councillor H. J. Byrne inquired whether the Council would have any liability in respect of any accident which might arise in connection with the use of the Roads for Cycle Race even though the Council was not asked to close the Roads. Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Council's Solicitor, who was present at the Meeting, stated that no liability could attach to the Council in respect of indicating that they had no objection to the proposal. The County Secretary stated that the Superintendents of the Gardai at Bray and Naas had indicated that there was no objection by the Gardai to the holding of the Race on the route indicated on the date and between the hours stated. The Council agreed that the Club be informed that the Council would raise no objection to the proposed event. Councillor J. Miley asked that the Club be requested not to paint any directions or signs on road surfaces.

**Item No. 4—Vacant Vested Cottage at Tombrean, Carnew — James Kearney, Deceased.**

The County Secretary referred to the discussion at a previous Meeting of the Council regarding a vested cottage at Tombrean, Carnew, the tenant-purchaser of which had died without making a Will and stated that the Council's Solicitor had pointed out that in such instances it was not possible for the Council to have the Council registered as owner of the cottage. Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, had attended at the Meeting to explain these difficulties to the Members. Mr. McCarroll stated that while there was no difficulty in the Council's obtaining possession of a cottage which had been let to a tenant the position was very different when the cottage was vested in a tenant under the Cottage Purchase Scheme. Under the provisions of the Labourers' Act, 1936, the tenant/purchaser became the owner of the cottage, subject to the statutory conditions which were set out in the Act. As long as these statutory conditions were complied with the tenant/purchaser remained entitled to the cottage. Major difficulty arose, however, where a tenant/purchaser died without having made a Will and where no relative was prepared to take out Administration to the estate or there was a dispute among relatives as to who was entitled to succeed. In the case of the cottage at Tombrean, Carnew, the relatives of the late Mr. Kearney who had died without making a Will, had not reached any agreement as to which of them might be entitled to the cottage and none of them had taken out Administration of the estate. In the meantime the



cottage was lying idle and unoccupied. The Council could not have the ownership registered in the Council without obtaining a Court Order and such an Order would not be granted unless the Council could cite the person legally entitled to ownership. It had been suggested that a Creditor's Grant might be sought by the Council, but this procedure could be followed only when there was at least £30 due in respect of annuity and this did not apply in the case in question and in addition it would be necessary for the Council to submit a complete family pedigree and to have every relative served before a Court would make an order for sale. The Council would appreciate that there would be considerable difficulty in ensuring that all persons concerned were listed and served with the necessary notice. The Council's Solicitor stated that in his opinion it was very necessary that legislation be enacted to cover the position which arose when the tenant/purchaser of a cottage died intestate. The Council's Solicitor also pointed out that Mr. J. Miley, S.C., had advised the Council that failure to occupy a vested cottage was not good grounds for the Council's re-obtaining possession of the cottage and that occupation of a cottage by a person other than the tenant/purchaser did not entitle the Council to recover possession unless there was proof of sub-letting. The Council's Solicitor went on to say that the Council could take possession of the cottage and let it, but the letting would have to be by way of a special Agreement and a new tenant would not be entitled to purchase the cottage. He pointed out, however, that if a person subsequently established ownership of the cottage, such person might be entitled to claim recovery of any rent paid to the Council. The Council agreed that the difficulties pointed out by the Council's Solicitor be brought to the notice of the Department of Local Government with the request that the Labourers' Act, 1936, be amended to enable the Council to deal with cases of this nature. The Council agreed also that in the meantime arrangements be made for the letting of the cottage as suggested by the Council's Solicitor.

**Item No. 5—Caravan Site at Greystones—Memorial from Residents at New Road, Greystones, and Report of County Medical Officer.**

The County Secretary submitted a Memorial which had been addressed to the Council signed by twenty-two persons resident at New La Touche Road, Greystones, protesting against the granting or renewal of a licence for the Caravan Site controlled by Mr. W. Fenelon at Church Road, Greystones. The Memorial listed objections under ten different grounds which were given in detail to the Council. The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer in Report of 6th March, 1963, had submitted a Report of the Health Inspector in regard to his inspections of the site during the year and stated that he fully endorsed the terms of the Report and that he had visited the site on several occasions during the past season and had always found it well kept and of a satisfactory standard. The Health Inspector's Report was as follows:—

Dr. D. F. McCarthy,  
Chief Medical Officer  
Rathdrum.

5A, Quinsboro' Tce,  
Bray.  
5th March, 1963.

Re: Caravan Site off New La Touche Road, Greystones—Wm. Fenelon's A Chara,

I refer to your letter and enclosed representations of Mr. G. M. Griffin on behalf of residents of the New La Touche Road, Greystones,

in connection with the above. At this site suitable facilities have been provided in order that conditions would not give rise to any public health problems. Adequate covered bins have been made available for refuse. During the camping season last year the contents of the bins were removed daily. A very high standard of general hygiene was maintained there and no nuisance from vermin was noticed.

I visited the site frequently when it was occupied last Summer and found no difficulty in negotiating the access lane in a car.

With the exception of Mr. Griffin's dwelling the site is reasonably well screened from the rear garden and other premises at the New La Touche Road by a high hedgerow. To improve this screen further Mr. Fenelon has planted a considerable number of cupressus trees and intends to proceed with further planting as soon as the weather becomes more favourable. He is also waiting the delivery of Super-lap fencing from Messrs. Dean's in order to screen Mr. Griffin's premises from the site.

Last year Mr. Fenelon was busy making available the basic requirements for the site. Henceforth he hopes to make a steady improvement in the amenities there, which include laying out lawns and flower beds.

This site has made available a suitable parking place for caravans and camping ground for organisations, which was considered necessary in the area. In previous years considerable difficulties were experienced in the control of unauthorised camping and caravanning. Accordingly I am of the opinion that it would be a retrograde step if this, the most suitable site in the area, was closed. Without a site of this nature our approach to the problem could only be a negative one.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received also from Townshend and Dickinson, Auctioneers and Valuers, stating that they had been instructed by the co-owners of the La Touche Estate, Mrs. Cecelia McCausland and Major Marcus La T. McCausland, to strongly protest against the Council granting a Licence for a Caravan Site off the New Road. In their letter they drew attention to the fact that the New Road was the property of the La Touche Estate and that the co-owners did not agree to the Road being used in any way for either entry or exit to a Caravan Site. It was stated in the letter that such use of the Road would mean considerable more wear and tear in addition to a complete cause of nuisance to those living nearby and depreciation in the value of the property. The County Secretary stated that the Solicitors had been informed that the Council could not stipulate that the owner of land on which caravans had been placed should not use the roadway. Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that he had received objections from residents in regard to the Caravan Site and stated that complaints had been made of damage having been caused to gardens and fruit trees and to litter being blown about. He suggested that a more suitable site for a Caravan Park would be near the Woodlands Hotel and that it was not desirable to have a Caravan Park in an area such as the New La Touche Road which was a residential area. He suggested that serious consideration should be given to the matter of the renewal of the Licence. Councillor Hipwell stated that the matter of the issue of a Licence had been considered by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electrical Area and that five of the six Members had approved of a Licence being granted. He supported the renewal of the Licence. He suggested, however, that the matters



objected to be brought to the notice of the owner of the site. Councillor O'Toole stated that he also had received complaints regarding the playing of radios and damage caused to fences. He did not, however, propose to oppose the renewal of the licence. Councillor E. Byrne stated that while the difficulties experienced seemed to have been exaggerated, persons living in houses adjoining the western side of the site had some grounds for complaint and that possibly the site could be better screened from that side or caravans set back further from the gardens of the houses. He felt that the difficulties complained of could be overcome. Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge suggested that the owner be informed in particular of the complaint received in regard to noise by persons using the Caravan Site. Councillor Temple stated that while some sympathy must be felt for residents of valuable houses in the area he considered it should be possible to overcome the objections made. He suggested that Members of the Council for the area might meet the owner and representatives of the objectors with a view to reaching an agreement on the matter. The Council agreed that the Members of the Council for the area meet the owner and representatives of the objectors.

**Item No. 6—Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.**

The County Secretary stated that during the previous month permissions had been refused under the Town and Regional Planning Acts in three instances. In the case of an application for approval to the erection of one or two houses on a plot at Church Road, Grey-stones, the applicant had been asked to submit further details in regard to the provision of services in order that the proposal could be examined and pending the submission of these details permission was refused. A proposal for the erection of a Petrol Pump at Market Square, Rathdrum, had been refused as the Pump would be on the public Square and it was felt would cause interference with the use of the Square by the public. An application for the erection of Advertising Signs by the Proprietors of Arklow Bay Hotel, Ferrybank, Arklow, the Signs to be erected adjoining the Main Road from Avoca and Woodenbridge and also the Main Road from Gorey, had been refused. In reply to inquiries from Councillor McCarthy the County Manager stated that it was felt undesirable that Advertising Signs be erected alongside Main Roads as they tended to distract motorists and give rise to traffic difficulties. He considered that Signs alongside roads should be restricted to those necessary for the safety of road users. In another part of the County Hotel owners had in conjunction with Bord Failte arranged for the erection of one suitable Sign for the purpose of directing persons to Hotels in the area and possibly some similar arrangement might be made at Arklow.

**Item No. 7—Report of Committee regarding Turf for Council's Institutions.**

The County Secretary stated that the Members of the Committee wished to discuss the matter further before submitting their Report and suggested that the matter be deferred to the Meeting of the Council on the 8th April, 1963. The Council agreed to defer the matter to the Meeting on the following Monday.

**Item No. 8—Baltinglass Water Supply—Replacement of Pipe in the Road at Church Lane.**

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that a portion of the water distribution main in Baltinglass had been so badly damaged by frost that it would have to

be replaced. The section of pipe was on Church Lane and the length involved was about 160 yards. The cost of replacement in 1" polythene piping would be about £110. As it was a cul-de-sac street he did not think the Council would be warranted in putting in a large main and as there was a fire hydrant at the point where the 1" pipe started there would be no difficulty in regard to provision of water for firefighting. On the proposal of Councillor Timmins, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, the Council agreed to the carrying out of the work immediately.

**Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill re Supply of Gravel to Council Tenants' Yards at Sruhaun and Bawnogue, Baltinglass.**

Councillor O'Neill stated that there were eleven houses at Sruhaun and three at Bawnogue where gravel was needed for the paths from the gate to the house and asked if gravel could be supplied for these yards. The Council agreed that a Report on the matter be obtained from the Assistant County Engineer.

**Item No. 10—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins—That Repairs be commenced to Council Cottages due for Repairs over a long period.**

Councillors O'Neill and Timmins stated that there were a number of cottages awaiting repair for a considerable period and asked that arrangements be made for the contractor to commence repairs to these cottages as soon as possible. It was agreed that arrangements be made priority being given to cottages where applications had been made for vesting.

**Item No. 11—Repairs to Cottages during Month of March, 1963, and to be carried out during Month of April, 1963.**

The Council noted the Report submitted regarding cottages repaired during the month of March, 1963, and those to be repaired during the month of April, 1963. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that repairs be carried out to the cottage of Mr. Glynn, Glenealy, as soon as possible, as already requested by him.

**Acknowledgement of Resolution of Sympathy.**

The following letter from the Titular Bishop of Neve, Vicar Capitular, was submitted to and noted by the Council:—

Bishop's House, Dundalk.

Dear Mr. Brangan, 6th March, 1963.

I would be grateful if you would be kind enough to convey to the Chairman and Members of the Wicklow County Council the sincere gratitude of the Archdiocese of Armagh for the resolution of sympathy on the death of His Eminence Cardinal D'Alton, passed at their meeting on 4th February, 1963. It was very good of the Council to link itself with our sorrow in this way and we are indeed most grateful.

Yours sincerely,

✠ WILLIAM CONWAY,  
Titular Bishop of Neve,  
Vicar Capitular.

Mr. K. J. Brangan,  
County Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.



**Resolution of Sympathy.**

On the proposal of Councillor P. McCarthy the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the wife and family of the late Dr. P. McCartan.

**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 this Council investigate the possibility of providing water for three cottages at Killaveney Upper—and also in the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—That this Council investigate the possibility of providing water for cottage (J. Murphy) at Lugduff and of further extending the main to provide water to three cottages at Fairwood.

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 8th April, 1963, 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. Gregory and J. D. Haughton.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey and N. D. Farrell were present.

**AGENDA:**

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 11th February, 1963.
2. Application for Closing of Roads at Blessington in connection with Metropolitan Regatta.
3. Application for Closing of Road at Kilmacanogue on 25th May, 1963, for purposes of Motor Car Hill Climb.
4. Application for Closing of Road at Enniskerry on 4th May, 1963, for purposes of Motor Car Hill Climb.
5. Application for Closing of Roads at Rathdrum on 18th May, 1963, for purposes of Motor Races.
6. Application for Closing of Roads at Fair Green, Dunlavin, on 27th April, 1963, for purposes of Kart Races.
7. Application from Arklow Traders' Association for Closing of Main Street, Arklow, on Sunday, 16th June, 1963, for purposes of Kart Races.
8. Application for Closing of Roads at Altidore on 8th June, 1963, for purposes of Motor Car Hill Climb.
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley re repair of fence damaged by bulldozer at Macreddin, Aughim.
10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—"That the County Engineer submit the new Plans for the realignment of Road from Kiltimon to Newtownmountkennedy, and his reason for not submitting this Plan for Council's approval before decision taken to acquire lands from cottage tenants; also for the demolition of cottage and rebuilding new cottage at another site."
11. Report of County Engineer re monies allocated for Crab Lane-Park Bridge Road in 1961/'62, and monies allocated for Kilcavan Hill Road in 1962/'63.
12. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That immediate repairs be carried out on Road leading to Corrough, Hollywood.
13. Proposed replacement of Lorries and purchase of new machinery—Recommendation of County Engineer.
14. Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1936—To consider applications received.
15. Letter from the Department of Education re Council's application for postponement of Post-Primary Scholarship Examination and Technical School Examinations.
16. Letter from Bray and District Trades Council regarding provisions in Application Form for Scholarship Schemes.
17. Report of Committee in regard to Inspection of Turf at Council's Institutions.



18. To authorise the borrowing of £3,100 to defray cost of purchase of Fire Engine for Rathdrum.
19. To adopt Scheme under Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Act, 1963/'64.
20. Scheme of Supplementary Grants for Reconstruction and Improvement of Dwellings—To consider extending Scheme for further year.
21. Report on Alterations to Criminal Court, Courthouse, Wicklow.
22. Scheme for Conciliation and Arbitration for Officers in Local Government Service—Agreement with Unions.
23. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—That the Council investigate the possibility of providing water for three cottages at Killaveney Upper.
24. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—That the Council investigate the possibility of providing water for cottage (J. Murphy) at Lugduff, and of further extending the main to provide water to three cottages at Fairwood.
25. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

**ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.**

It was  
Proposed by Councillor Hipwell;  
Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh.  
Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 11th February, 1963.  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 2—APPLICATION FOR CLOSING OF ROADS AT BLESSINGTON IN CONNECTION WITH METROPOLITAN REGATTA.**

It was  
Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole;  
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;  
Resolved—That notice having been given by public advertisement of the proposal, 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 on Saturday, 13th July, 1963, between the hours of 12 noon and 8.00 p.m. for the purposes of the holding of Rowing Championships and Metropolitan Regatta at Blessington Lake:—  
Road from Red Lane, Blessington, via Blessington Bridge to Woodend, Blessington.  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 3—APPLICATION FOR CLOSING OF ROAD AT KILMACANOGUE ON 25th MAY, 1963, FOR PURPOSES OF MOTOR CAR HILL CLIMB.**

It was  
Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole;  
Seconded by Councillor J. 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, 25th May, 1963, from 2.30 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.

**ITEM No. 4—APPLICATION FOR CLOSING OF ROAD AT ENNIS-KERRY ON 4th MAY, 1963, FOR PURPOSES OF MOTOR CAR HILL CLIMB.**

It was  
Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole;  
Seconded by Councillor J. 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, 4th May, 1963, 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.

**ITEM No. 5—APPLICATION FOR CLOSING OF ROADS AT RATH-DRUM ON 18th MAY, 1963, FOR PURPOSES OF MOTOR RACES.**

It was  
Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole;  
Seconded by Councillor J. 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 Roads described hereunder be closed to public traffic on Saturday, 18th May, 1963, between the hours of 9.45 a.m. and 12 noon, and between the hours of 1.30 p.m. and 6.15 p.m. for the purposes of practice for and holding Motor Car Races:—  
Portion of Road T.7 (Rathdrum/Arklow/Waterford)—0.2 miles.  
Portion of Road L.32 (Rathdrum/Aughrim)—0.3 miles.  
Link Road joining these Roads from Corballis Cross Roads to intersection with Main Rathdrum/Ballinaclash/Aughrim Road—0.2 miles.  
That we hereby authorise the holding of practice for and Motor Car Races on the Roads while so closed to public traffic.  
Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 6—APPLICATION FOR CLOSING OF ROADS AT FAIR GREEN, DUNLAVIN, ON 27th APRIL, 1963, FOR PURPOSES OF KART RACING.**

It was  
Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole;  
Seconded by Councillor J. 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 Roads described hereunder be closed to public traffic on Saturday, 27th April, 1963, from 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. for the purposes of Kart Racing:—  
Roads at Dunlavin being Part Main Road 314, 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.  
We hereby authorise the holding of Kart Racing on these Roads while so closed to public traffic.  
Passed unanimously.



**ITEM No. 7—APPLICATION FROM ARKLOW TRADERS' ASSOCIATION FOR CLOSING OF MAIN STREET ON SUNDAY, 16th JUNE, 1963, FOR PURPOSES OF KART RACING.**

The following letter from Arklow Traders' Association was submitted:—

ARKLOW TRADERS' ASSOCIATION,  
56 Main Street,  
Arklow,  
Co. Wicklow.  
2nd April, 1963.

County Manager,  
County Council Offices,  
Courthouse,  
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

It is the intention of the above Association to run Go-Kart Races on the Main Street of Arklow on Sunday, the 16th of June. We hereby ask your permission to have the Main Street closed to all motor traffic from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on that date.

When we hear from you we will let you have full particulars of our intentions.

Yours faithfully,

D. BOYLE,  
Chairman,

Arklow Traders' Association.

The County Secretary stated that it seemed undesirable that the Main Street in Arklow be closed on a Sunday afternoon in June. The Council decided to defer consideration of the matter and in the meantime to obtain the views of Arklow Urban District Council in regard to the application.

**ITEM No. 8—APPLICATION FOR CLOSING OF ROADS AT ALTIDORE ON 8th JUNE, 1963, FOR PURPOSES OF MOTOR CAR HILL CLIMB.**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Motor Enthusiasts' Club for the closing of Roads at Altidore for the purposes of a Motor Car Hill Climb to be held on Saturday, 8th June, 1963. Similar applications had been approved by the Council in the past.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of public notice being given of our intention to close to public traffic the Road described hereunder on Saturday, 8th June, 1963, from 2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m., and to authorise the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb on the road while so closed to public traffic:—

Portion of County Road No. 39, between 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.

**ITEM No. 9—NOTICE OF MOTION IN NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. QUIGLEY RE REPAIR OF FENCE DAMAGED BY BULL-DOZER AT MACREDDIN, AUGHIRIM.**

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that a length of fence 160 lineal yards near Macreddin, bounding the lands of Mr. A. W. Strahan, had been damaged in the course of snow clearance. At this place during the snowstorm the snow had been packed against the fence and there was great difficulty

to clear it to make even a narrow passage. The fence was an old stake and barbed wire fence not in very good condition but, nevertheless, effective. The traxcavator in clearing snow of necessity had damaged it a lot and as a result Mr. Strahan's field of turnips had been trespassed by sheep. The cost of the materials for the repair of the fence would amount to £9 2s. 2d., and the owner was willing to put up the fence himself. On the proposal of Councillor Quigley, seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh, the Council agreed that the materials be supplied to the owner for restoring the fence.

**ITEM No. 10—NOTICE OF MOTION IN NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. EVERETT, T.D.—THAT THE CO. ENGINEER SUBMIT THE NEW PLANS FOR THE REALIGNMENT OF ROAD FROM KILTMON TO NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY, AND HIS REASON FOR NOT SUBMITTING THIS PLAN FOR COUNCIL'S APPROVAL BEFORE DECISION TAKEN TO ACQUIRE LANDS FROM COTTAGE TENANTS; ALSO FOR THE DEMOLITION OF COTTAGE AND REBUILDING NEW COTTAGE AT ANOTHER SITE.**

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that about two years previously the County Engineer had submitted proposals for the realignment of the road at Kiltimon towards Newtown, including the provision of a By-Pass at Newtown and the Council did not accede to the proposal for this By-Pass Road. He stated that arrangements had been made for acquiring land from an Englishman and an agreement reached so as not to disturb this man's land and, instead, to take land from the opposite side of the road by encroaching on cottage plots. The proposal also involves the demolition of one cottage. Councillor J. Everett stated that the matter had not been brought before the Council and he considered the Council should have been consulted before any such arrangements were made. He stated that the Council should insist on examining the Plans for the road improvement and refuse to agree to the proposals. The County Secretary stated that during the past financial year the Council had been notified of a special extra Grant of £30,000 for the purpose of carrying out improvements to the Main Arterial Road T.7 on sections at the Glen of the Downs and between Killadreenan and Kiltimon. The Grant was subject to the Council contributing a similar amount by way of allocating part of the Main and County Road Improvement Grants towards these works. The Council had referred the matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray and Wicklow Electoral Areas in relation to the Schemes to be carried out in their respective areas, and at the meetings of the Members particulars of the sections of roadway to be improved were supplied by the County Engineer. The Members of the Local Committees for the Bray and Wicklow Electoral Areas had agreed to re-allocate the Main Road Improvement Grant and portion of the County Road Improvement Grant so as to provide the necessary contribution in order to qualify for the additional grant. The Scheme to be carried out north of Kiltimon was explained to the Members for the Wicklow Electoral Area, who noted that the Scheme involved the easing of the very dangerous turn at Mount John, where a number of fatal accidents had occurred in recent years. The members approved of allocation of the grant for this particular work. It was not possible, however, to give at that time an exact layout of Road Improvement Scheme, as a survey had to be carried out before the new road alignment could be determined. When the survey was completed it was found that the most economical and effective line of the road would be towards the eastern side approaching the corner and swinging to the western side, cutting off the existing corner. The Scheme involved the demolition of one cottage and its being rebuilt further back on the same site. Small



plots of land were being acquired from tenants of cottage plots, all of whom had agreed to the arrangements. About 2½ acres of land was being acquired from Mr. Kennedy-Kisch and about 1½ acres from Col. Cowper, owner of the adjoining land. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., felt that the Members of the Council should be informed as to the Main Road Improvements which it was hoped to carry out within the County during the next five or ten years. He agreed that the Members should have been informed in detail of the work to be carried out in this case. Councillor J. Temple agreed with Deputy Brennan, and stated that in future any Scheme of this nature should be submitted to the Council for approval. The County Manager stated that the Scheme in general had been approved by the Council, but he regretted that details of the present Scheme had not been submitted to the Members. There had been a considerable amount of negotiation and discussion with landowners in order to reach an agreement on terms for acquiring the necessary lands. He stated that if the Council wished they would be informed of all such works in advance in future.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That no further developments take place on Road T.7 until Scheme approved by Council and that the details of the Kiltimon Scheme be submitted to a Special Meeting of the County Council.

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed to consider the matter of the Road Improvement Scheme at Kiltimon and also the Scheme north of Newtownmountkenney at the Meeting to be held on 22nd April, 1963, in connection with the Brittas Bay Development Plan.

**ITEM No. 11—REPORT OF CO. ENGINEER RE MONIES ALLOCATED FOR CRAB LANE/PARK BRIDGE ROAD IN 1961/'62 AND MONIES ALLOCATED FOR KILCAVAN HILL ROAD IN 1962/'63.**

Councillor J. J. McCrea stated that monies which had been allocated by the Local Committee of the Council for work on the Crab Lane/Park Bridge Road in 1961/'62 had not been spent on that road, and also monies allocated for work on the Kilcavan Hill Road in 1962/'63 had not been expended on that particular road. He stated that the instructions of the Members of the Council had not been adhered to. The County Secretary submitted the following Report from the County Engineer on the matter:—

PM/JH.

County Secretary.

A Chara.

With reference to Item number 11 on the Agenda for the Meeting of the Council on the 8th April, 1963, I desire to offer the following observations:

In the Road Works Scheme 1961/'62 an allocation of £1,275 was provided for improvement of Road No. 240, Crab Lane to Aghowle, and approved by the Local Roads Committee; the work was carried out on Road No. 240 between the points Crab Lane and Killinure.

For the year 1962/'63 an allocation of £1,700 was provided for improvement of Road 236, Crab Lane to Aghowle. A length of one and a half miles has been improved and shaped with sand gravel, but due to bad weather, surface dressing will not be carried out until April or May of this year.

The proposals for 1963/'64 include for a second surface dressing

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8th April, 1963.

for the section included in the 1962/'63 programme, together with a further one and a half miles towards Parkbridge for reconstruction; it is believed possible that the full distance to Parkbridge will be completed in the current year, and in this event the full distance from Killinure to Parkbridge will have been completed.

With regard to the allocation by the Council for the improvement of the Kilcavan/Hillbrook road during 1962/'63 road programme, an allocation of £1,100 was provided and included for the reconstruction of footpaths in Shillelagh. The footpaths in Shillelagh were in fact reconstructed and portion of the hedge was lowered at Kilcavan, using all the available monies. Representations were made to An Bórd Fáilte for a special grant to provide scenic view at Kilcavan Hill, but due to adverse weather since December, 1962, it was not possible to avail of this Grant. It will be forthcoming in the current financial year when the removal of the ditch and the erection of the appropriate fence will be completed as quickly as possible.

In the 1962/'63 Road Works Scheme a further £1,000 was allocated and is being expended on Road No. 218, Kilcavan/Hillbrook Wexford boundary.

I trust the above observations will be found helpful.

Mise, le meas,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

Councillor J. J. McCrea stated that the work referred to in the Report had nothing whatsoever to do with the manner in which the monies were allocated. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., agreeing with Councillor J. J. McCrea, stated that monies had been allocated for these particular roads and that the cost of work on the footpaths in Shillelagh was to have been defrayed from Maintenance.

**ITEM No. 12—NOTICE OF MOTION IN NAME OF COUNCILLOR M. J. O'NEILL—THAT IMMEDIATE REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT ON ROAD LEADING TO CORROUGH, HOLLYWOOD.**

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

PMcG/PB.

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,

County Secretary,

Courthouse,

Wicklow.

Blessington,

Co. Wicklow.

5th April, 1963.

Re: Road at Corrough.

Dear Sir,

I wish to refer to above item on Council Agenda. The complaint refers to County Road 349. The south end of this road for a length of about two miles and serving two families was the subject of damage during the frost and again during the thaw. Repairs were carried out about a fortnight ago so as to make it reasonably passable. Further repairs will be carried out within the next two weeks, although it will still remain a gravel road.

There was considerable damage to roads in this area during the snow and one road at Wooden Cross was completely impassable. The policy was to do initial repairs to all roads quickly and then follow up with a second repair to a higher standard. This stage is still in progress.

Yours faithfully,

P. McGUINNESS,

Assistant County Engineer.

Councillor M. J. O'Neill stated that he was quite satisfied with the terms of the Report.



**ITEM No. 13—PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF LORRIES AND PURCHASE OF NEW MACHINERY—RECOMMENDATION OF COUNTY ENGINEER.**

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had submitted recommendations in regard to the replacement of Lorries and road machinery and recommended that fourteen of the Council's Lorries be replaced. He recommended also that five Loading Shovels be replaced. The County Engineer had also reported regarding the replacement of Rollers, Bulldozers, Tar Sprayers and other plant, but wished to give the matter further consideration before submitting his final recommendations to the Council on these other items. He considered, however, that it was essential that fourteen Lorries be replaced and also five Loading Shovels. The County Secretary stated that the Council had in all twenty-two Lorries, which included the eight Commer Lorries purchased in 1960. Of the remaining Lorries, six Fords had been purchased in 1951, six Chevrolets in 1953 and two Commer Lorries in 1954. While these fourteen Lorries purchased prior to 1960 were in working condition, they were no longer economical to maintain and the County Engineer recommended that they be replaced with Lorries of larger capacity and with modern Diesel engines. As regards Loading Shovels, the Council had seven, two having been purchased in 1948, one in 1949 and two in 1952, the remaining two having been purchased in 1954. The Co. Engineer recommended that the five Shovels purchased prior to 1954 be replaced. The estimated cost of replacing the Lorries, allowing for trading-in the present Lorries, was £28,000, and the estimated cost of replacing the Shovels, allowing for trade-in, was £10,000. Colr. H. B. Hipwell enquired if the Council could have the Report in regard to Quarries before making a final decision in regard to the purchase of Lorries and Loading Shovels. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that if the Members of the Quarries Committee came together, a Report could be made available for the next Meeting. Councillor J. Temple suggested that the Council might arrange to produce more tar bitumen surface dressing at Ballinclare, and that possibly the Council would require even larger Lorries than the seven cubic yard Lorries recommended by the County Engineer. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., suggested that the Council should proceed with the invitation of Tenders for Lorries and Loading Shovels.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole;

Resolved—That we approve of Tenders being invited by public advertisement for the supply of Lorries and Loading Shovels in accordance with recommendations of the County Engineer.

Passed unanimously.

The Council asked that the County Engineer report on the question of the desirability of producing tarmacadam with the Council's own plant.

**ITEM No. 14—SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1963—TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS RECEIVED.**

The County Secretary stated that the total number of applications under the Scheme was 192, being 115 from boys and 77 from girls. The corresponding figures for the previous year were total 131, with 83 boys and 48 girls. The Council considered in committee details of certain of the applications to compete under Clause 1 (b) of the Scheme, i.e., as being within the income limits. In the case of the following applicants to compete under Clause 1 (b), the Council agreed that the parents be allowed to the 30th April, 1963, to submit con-

firmation of income:—

Denis Kavanagh, Harbour Road Arklow;  
Marie Frances Gaffney, Mullinaveige, Roundwood;  
Mary C. Haughton, Fairgreen, Rathdrum;  
Geraldine Murphy, 78 Main Street, Bray;  
Justin J. M. O'Brien, 14 Harbour Road, Arklow.

It was

Proposed by Deputy J. Everett;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we approve of applications received under the Council's Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, to compete under Clause 1 (b) of the Scheme, subject to the exceptions indicated hereunder:—

The following applications are accepted under Clause 1 (a) only:—

John Gerard Dowds, "Ard Aluinn," Rathdrum;  
Kathleen E. Dowds, "Ard Aluinn," Rathdrum;  
Ciera S. Driver, Albert Terrace, Meath Road, Bray.  
Albert Gorman, Rocky Valley, Bray;  
Thomas Patrick Kelly, "St. Anthony's," Silvervale, Enniskerry;  
Robert William MacKay, "Boumahon," Newcourt Ave., Bray.

The following applications are deferred for submission of confirmation of income by 30th April, 1963:—

Denis Kavanagh, Harbour Road, Arklow.  
Marie Frances Gaffney, Mullinaveige, Roundwood.  
Mary C. Haughton, Fairgreen, Rathdrum.  
Geraldine Murphy, 78 Main Street, Bray.  
Justin J. M. O'Brien, 14 Harbour Road, Arklow.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 15—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RE COUNCIL'S APPLICATION FOR POSTPONEMENT OF POST-PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.**

The Council noted the following letter received from the Department of Education:—

Department of Education,  
Primary Branch,  
Marlborough St.,  
Dublin, 1.  
21 Feabhra, 1963.  
R.O. (2) 103300.  
An Runai,  
Comhairle Chontae Chille Manntain,  
Teach na Cuirte,  
Cill Manntain.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Education to refer to your letter of the 29th January, 1963, relative to the postponement of the post-primary scholarship examination and the Technical School examinations this year. While the Minister appreciates fully the circumstances which gave rise to your Council's request, the administrative and other difficulties involved in a postponement of the examinations would be such as to rule out any possibility of this being done.

I am, accordingly, to express on behalf of the Minister his regret that it is not possible to accede to the request.

Mise, le meas,

S. O. Mathuna.

**ITEM NO. 16—LETTER FROM BRAY AND DISTRICT TRADES COUNCIL REGARDING PROVISIONS IN APPLICATION FORM FOR SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES.**

The County Secretary read letter of 5th March, 1963, from the Bray and District Trades Council, which included the following Reso-



lution passed by the Trades Council at their Meeting on 24th Feb., 1963:—

"That this Trades Council welcomes the considerable improvement in the Scholarships Scheme of Wicklow County Council for Secondary and Vocational Schools; at the same time, we deplore the nature of certain statements which applicants are required to make in the official Application Form on the grounds that these, by implication, cast doubts on the natural abilities of working-class children; furthermore, this Trades Council also objects to the condition in the Scheme requiring the production of a 'medical certificate as to fitness,' as we are not aware of any connection between physical fitness and mental ability. We, therefore, call on Wicklow County Council to withdraw these objectionable conditions from its otherwise admirable scheme."

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Scholarships Committee for consideration in connection with the Scholarship Schemes for 1964.

#### ITEM NO. 17—REPORT OF COMMITTEE IN REGARD TO INSPECTION OF TURF AT COUNCIL'S INSTITUTIONS.

The following Report was submitted:—

The following Members visited St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, and the District Hospital, Baltinglass, on 29th March, 1963, to inspect turf at the Institutions in accordance with the arrangement made by the Council:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors J. Gregory, J. Miley and J. Temple.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., was unable to attend due to illness.

The County Secretary also attended.

#### ST. COLMAN'S HOSPITAL, RATHDRUM.

The Members inspected the stacks of turf from previous years and also the Bord Na Mona machine-won turf at present being used in the Institution. The Members noted that the turf produced by the Council and remaining at the Institution had accumulated over some years and had disintegrated and was now completely unsuitable for use. The Bord Na Mona turf being used was quite satisfactory as regards quality. Having discussed the matter of the heating of the Institution with the Matron, the Members noted that machine-won turf had proved satisfactory in open fires, but was not entirely suitable for the type of boiler at the Institution, and in consequence there was difficulty in getting sufficient heat unless coal were used with the turf. The Members agreed that it would be desirable in future to use coal for the boiler, but that machine-won turf might continue to be used for open fireplaces. It was noted also by the Members that the heating at St. Kevin's, the former Sanatorium section, had not been satisfactory and that it would be necessary to use coal for heating of this section.

The Members also suggested that modern fireplaces, for example, of the Nu-fire type, be installed in certain of the Dayrooms where existing grates were unsatisfactory.

#### BALTINGLASS DISTRICT HOSPITAL.

The Members inspected the stock of hand-won turf from Ballinagee Bog stored at the Institution and also the boilers, and discussed the matter of the heating with the Head Nurse. The Members noted that it had been possible to obtain adequate heat from the boilers using the turf from Ballinagee Bog, but that a reduction in costs could be achieved by using machine-won turf from Bord na Mona. It was noted that the average cost of turf from Ballinagee Bog, delivered to the Hospital over the past three seasons, was £4 16s. 0d. per ton, and that machine-won turf cost £3 on the Bog and the cost of delivery would be unlikely to exceed £1 per ton. There would thus be a saving

of 16/- per ton, apart from any question of the difference in quality of the respective fuels. It was accepted that Bord Na Mona machine-won turf was of better and more consistent quality than the turf which could be produced by the Council. A final decision on the recommendation to be made was deferred pending consideration of the details of the extent of employment provided in the production of turf at Ballinagee.

The Members noted that the last stoking of the boiler at night time was done at 7.00 p.m., and that the boilers were re-lit early in the morning, and that in consequence the temperature in the Hospital deteriorated during the night time. The Members recommended that an additional workman be engaged to stoke the boiler at night and also to assist generally in the Hospital during the night.

The County Secretary stated that the cost of production of turf at Ballinagee Bog, including haulage to Baltinglass Hospital and clamping of turf there, amounted to £2,508 in 1962/'63. Of this total cost, £1,816 represented the work of cutting, saving and loading turf on the Bog. The period of employment was from 19th April to 27th August and, of the twenty-three men employed, four ceased work during the last week in June. Of the men employed twelve were included in the Register of Pensionable Servants. Councillor J. Miley said that the quality of the Council's turf might not be as good as that produced by Bord Na Mona but, nevertheless, was satisfactory and there had been no complaints from the staff in Baltinglass Hospital in regard to the heating during the day. He felt that a man should be available at night to keep up the heat of the boilers during the night. He pointed out that a number of men in Dunlavin depended on the Turf Production Scheme at Ballinagee for employment during the Summer period. Councillor M. Deering also urged that the Council continue the production of turf at Ballinagee Bog. Councillor J. Temple said that even though it would cost the Council more, he felt that the employment at Ballinagee Bog should be continued. He considered that there was no comparison between turf produced by the Council and that produced by Bord Na Mona which was of a far higher quality. He considered that a new shed should be provided at Baltinglass Hospital so that the turf could be stored under cover. He urged that another man be employed at the Hospital during the night to stoke the boiler.

It was proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Deputy Everett;

Resolved—That, having considered Report of Committee appointed by the Council, we approve of the use of coal for the boiler at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, and the purchase of machine-won turf from Bord Na Mona for use in open fires at St. Colman's Hospital.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we continue production of turf for Baltinglass Hospital at Ballinagee Bog.

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM NO. 19—TO ADOPT SCHEME UNDER SEEDS AND FERTILISERS SUPPLY ACT FOR 1963/'64.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Deputy Everett;

Resolved—That we hereby adopt Scheme under Section 2 of the Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Act, 1956, to apply during the year 1963/'64 and being in similar terms to the Scheme operated in 1962/'63.

Passed unanimously.



**ITEM NO. 20—SCHEME OF SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF DWELLING-HOUSES—TO CONSIDER EXTENDING SCHEME FOR FURTHER YEAR.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we hereby continue the Scheme of Supplementary Grants under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, in respect of the Reconstruction, Repair and Improvement of Dwellinghouses, to apply in respect of works completed prior to 31st March, 1964.

Passed unanimously.

The Members of the Council decided to defer Items Nos. 18, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 to the next Meeting.

**S.D.A. LOAN APPLICATION.**

Councillor A. H. Hadden inquired regarding an application for a Loan for the erection of a house submitted by Mr. R. B. Haskins and inquired if it was intended to provide a loan. The County Secretary explained that normally the Council did not advance Loans for the building of a house to persons over the age of about forty-five, and usually Loans were advanced to young married couples. It was intended that Loans under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts would be reserved for those who were unable to obtain accommodation otherwise. In the case of this application, the house was to be erected on Mr. Haskins' land, and, not being situated in a town or village, there might be difficulty in selling the house should such ever be necessary.

It was

Proposed by Councillor A. H. Hadden;

Seconded by Councillor J. Everett;

Resolved—That we recommend that a Loan be granted to Mr. R. Haskins under the S.D.A. Acts.

Passed unanimously.

**ROAD AT THE TAP, BALLARD.**

Members of the Council referred to an accident which had occurred near The Tap, Ballard, and Councillor J. Haughton suggested that the road at this place was not well enough defined. Councillor A. H. Hadden, agreeing, suggested that it would be necessary to define more clearly the entrance to the Deputy's Pass Road.

**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. Gregory, James D. Haughton and Roger Miley—That we the undersigned Councillors request that the County Engineer make arrangements for the removal of Hutchinson's Corner and J. Byrne's residence at Newtownmount-kennedy to be included in present scheme.

In the name of Councillor J. D. Haughton—Representations having been made to me by the Irish Countrywomen's Association and Rathdrum Development Association that a Scavenging Service be provided for Rathdrum, I or someone on my behalf will move that such a Scheme be provided.

In the name of Councillor J. Miley—That I or someone for me will move that the vesting of Michael Farrell's cottage at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, and of Simon Byrne's cottage at Annalecky, be carried out.

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**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

As arranged at the Meeting of the Council held on the 25th March, 1963, a Special Meeting of the Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 22nd April, 1963, for the purpose of considering the Brittas Bay Development Plan and also the matter of the Road Works proposed to be carried out.

The following Members attended: Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman; 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, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, J. Gregory and J. D. Haughton.

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

**Brittas Bay Development Plan.**

The following Reports of the County Medical Officer dated 10th April, 1963, the County Engineer dated 22nd April, 1963, and of Mr. P. O'Brien, Consultant Architect, dated the 20th April, 1963, were submitted to the Meeting, the Reports of the County Medical Officer and of the County Engineer having been circulated to the Members:

**Report of County Medical Officer:**

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

Public Health Department,  
Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow.  
10th April, 1963.

**Re: Brittas Bay Development.**

**A Chara,**

Having yet again considered the Brittas Bay development problem I am of the opinion that orderly and satisfactory development can only be obtained on the basis of the Development Plan and by adhering to the recommendations of the Consultant Architect, the County Engineer and myself.

My particular concern as Chief Medical Officer is with regard to the adequacy of water supply and sewage disposal. No satisfactory proposals regarding water supply have emerged other than those given in the County Engineer's letter of 18/10/62 and as for sewage disposal the only suggestion of the developers has been for a multiplicity of septic tanks.

A word re septic tanks may not be out of place. These must be regarded as very much of a second best to main drainage and are only acceptable for single houses where it is not practicable to provide main drainage. At most two or three adjacent houses might be permitted to use this form of sewage disposal. This method of sanitation should only be used where development is negligible or slow. Septic tanks require periodic de-sludging which they are most unlikely to get. Thus the tank gradually becomes less efficient and where a number of them are gathered together in an area are likely to give rise to nuisance and thus be dangerous or injurious to the public health. Instances of this have to my knowledge occurred both in this and in another county. Accordingly septic tanks cannot be regarded as acceptable for groups of houses. Schemes for the building of groups of septic tank serviced houses should be rejected by the Local Author-



ity on the grounds of the inadequacy of main drainage. Such schemes should only be considered where the developers undertake to provide main drainage to the Local Authority's satisfaction or, with the latter's permission, to connect to existing sewage disposal systems.

Wicklow, because of its scenic beauty and proximity to Dublin, will become increasingly attractive to the speculative builder. I am not one of those who regard "speculative" as a pejorative word; such persons can if development is orderly do much both for the people they serve and the area which they help to develop. However, those who desire to take the maximum of profit from the minimum of expenditure must be firmly resisted, as they skimp on sanitation and amenities and eventually it falls to the taxpayers and ratepayers to clear up, at considerable expense, the mess they have left behind them.

In conclusion I can, as Chief Medical Officer, only approve of development in areas where water and sewage disposal are adequate and am opposed to groups of houses serviced by septic tanks. I am not in favour of development on the seaward side of the Brittas Bay area other than that embodied in the County Engineer's letter of 18/10/62. Apart from the question of amenities I cannot see how adequate main drainage can be provided.

Mise, le meas,

D. F. McCARTHY,

Chief Medical Officer.

# Report of County Engineer:

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

County Secretary.

County Engineer's Office,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.  
22nd April, 1963.

## Re: BRITTAS BAY DEVELOPMENT

A Chara

I wish to refer to previous correspondence in this matter and to submit my report on the situation as I see it at present. The proposals made by the Brittas Bay Development Company and by certain land owners in Brittas Bay for the development of lands in that area were already submitted to the Council. Certain land owners have since been requested by me to submit further details as to their proposals for the development of their respective lands in the future:

(1) Lands of Mr. J. Higgins—This land owner has now requested his Architect to prepare a comprehensive plan for his area and in a letter submitted to you, I understand he suggests that some further time be allowed so as to complete his proposals and he asked for further discussions with us on the subject. He also has indicated that he is concerned with the type of development which he is informed is likely to be promoted on adjoining lands and its effect on his own development and his valuation. He will I believe submit further comments on these points.

(2) Lands of Mrs. Leahy—A plan was submitted by this owner some years ago and was approved of by the Council but she has been

requested to submit details of any further proposals which she wishes to make in that area.

(3) Lands of Mr. A. McDaniel—This owner has also been written to with a request to submit a comprehensive plan of his future development and it is understood that he has engaged his Architect and so instructed him to make the necessary submission.

It is understood from interviews that he requires extensive permission for a number of caravans and also for permission for the erection of dwellings. In an interview with his Architect the principle that permanent dwellings shall be sited so that the view of the sea will not be affected and that these dwellings will be sited in positions from which adequate and suitable drainage can be made to a main system with an outfall and suitable purification works at some point between Brittas Bridge and high water mark at the Potter's river is agreed.

(4) Lands of Mr. H. C. Delahunt at Ballinacarrig—I have interviewed the Architect acting on behalf of this owner and it has been ascertained that he will also accept the above general principle. The plan already submitted to the Council showing a very elaborate lay-out plan for caravans along the sand dunes near the beach is still offered for approval by the land owner together with a number of houses. This plan also indicated that a number of houses would be erected around the perimeter of the old Coastguard Station but following the acceptance of the principle of the non-obstruction of the view of the sea these houses would be resited in accordance with that agreement so as to drain southwards towards Mr. McDaniel's lands and thereafter to the purification works.

(5) Lands of Brittas Bay Development Company—A plan indicating the proposed lay-out of 50 acre site was submitted by the Company some time ago and it indicated that 27 dwellings were proposed together with chalets and a number of caravan sites amounting to about 175. I understand from the Architect acting on behalf of the Brittas Bay Development Association that the proposal now is for 27 dwellings with the elimination of the caravan sites but to substitute for these latter an entertainment centre consisting of swimming pool, kiosks, car parks, etc. No details or plan have as yet been submitted in connection with this entertainment centre. In general may I say that my opinion is in conformity with that of the Chief Medical Officer that the Council should only approve of development in areas where water and sewage disposal systems are adequate. This whole district is an undeveloped area and the owners are visualising a very vast increase in the number of dwellings whether permanent or temporary and unless the Council seriously controls this, the result will lead to grave difficulties in the not far distant future.

In my opinion if the potentialities of the Brittas area are such as described so forcibly and repeatedly by the land owners it is necessary to make provision for such development in an orderly and commonsense manner. It should be suggested to all those concerned that proper plans to illustrate the full future development of each area should be prepared by the individual concerned and that adequate technical assistance should be employed by them to deal with and to be responsible for the provision of adequate purification works to be



approved by the Wicklow County Council and until this done the Council will have no option but to hold firmly to the accepted principles of area development in the interests of public health and the Ratepayers of this County.

Mise, le meas,

JTO'B/JH.

J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Engineer.

**Report of Mr. P. O'Brien, Consultant Architect:**

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

162, Lower Kilmacud Road,  
Stillorgan, Co. Dublin.  
20th April, 1963.

Re: Brittas Bay Development Plan.

Dear Mr. Brangan,

I have your letter and enclosures of the 20th ult., re above, and I have now seen the C.M.O.'s report on this matter. I have also seen the County Engineer's report on his endeavours to obtain and present a comprehensive picture of what the landowners' proposals for the various critical sections of land in the area are and his views on the difficulties of providing sanitary services over this large area.

It does seem to me that your Council's resolution of a new approach to the development problems of Brittas Bay must hinge on the interpretation of Section 2 of your Council's resolution of the 25th ult. — "the principle of limited development proportionate to the areas concerned on the east side of the road be accepted as a fundamental requisite in the new approach." If one ignores the sanitary services difficulties and contemplates a development on the east side of the road on the scale generally indicated in the County Engineer's report it would seem to me that one need worry very little over development on the west side of the road in the foreseeable future and the problem of actual acquisition of even limited areas of beach and sandhills could come increasingly difficult and costly. It is clear that in the approval of individual development proposals now and in the future certain principles must be adopted and adhered to. If these principles involve the approval of proposals which provide for the proliferation of private sanitary systems over the whole area and are equitably administered over this area, which is by implication an area of rapid development growth, then it would seem to me to be clear that a decreasing area of beach and sandhills would be made available for public use and, more serious, your Council would have to face up to a major sanitary problem. However the County Medical Officer's report is clear and it would seem to follow that development on any scale must be connected to a central sewage system and disposal unit designed and constructed to the approval and supervision of your Council.

It is here that the problem of "limited proportionate development" becomes increasingly difficult. It is assumed that since these developments would be private developments the design and installation of water and sanitary services would be undertaken by the various landowners in proportion to the use which these separate developments make of these services and it would not be unreasonable to expect that, since the installation cost of these services would be high, maximum use would be made of all lands on the east side of the road with

an even further decreasing area given over to public use. In these circumstances the interpretation of "limited proportionate development" could become increasingly haphazard in relation to the east of the coast road area and the orderly development of the bigger area in the Brittas Bay Development plan frustrated.

The original Development Plan and Report had envisaged most of the future development taking place on the inland side of the coast road. A limited deviation or amendment of this plan was under consideration arising from the various submissions and proposals as indicated in the statement accompanying your letter of the 29th ult., and these in fact did involve limited development on certain sections of the land to the east of the coast road. It would seem to me that a radical departure from the terms of the original plan would bring major problems for your Council in the future. The interpretation of "limited proportionate development on the east side of the road" is at the heart of this problem and a clearer definition of this resolution would be of assistance in the further study of the implication of these problems. I think that this further study is necessary if a responsible recommendation is to be made to you.

Yours sincerely,

P. O'BRIEN.

In reply to Councillor P. Brennan, T.D. the County Engineer stated that he and the County Medical Officer and Consultant Architect had met the Architect for the Brittas Bay Development Company for a discussion and subsequently he had had a further Meeting with the Architect for the Company. Councillor P. Brennan said that he felt that the Officers of the Council and the Architect of the Brittas Bay Development Company should meet and endeavour to work out a compromise. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that he felt as a result of the Reports of the Technical Officers submitted that there had been no further progress in reaching any agreement in the matter. The County Engineer stated that the proposals which had been submitted to the Council to date had been investigated and the views of the Council's Officers regarding them were contained in the Reports submitted. He pointed out that new proposals were being put forward by the Brittas Bay Development Company, but that these had not yet been received and also that he understood that development proposals were being submitted by other landowners in the area. The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received that morning from Mr. James M. Higgins of Brittas Bay, stating that he had engaged an Architect who was in course of preparing Plans for development of his lands, but that his Architect could not be expected to have these Plans available at such short notice. He requested that the Council postpone any final decisions regarding development at Brittas Bay until his proposals and those of all interested parties had been submitted.

The County Manager drew attention to the terms of the Report of the County Medical Officer and pointed out that a person wishing to develop their lands for housing had to provide the necessary services such as water and sewerage. He pointed out that when the Greystones area was developed the owners of the land had provided for all services to the standards required by the Council. A Plan had been prepared for the development at Brittas Bay, but this Plan had not been accepted by the owners of the lands in the area and if the lands were being developed by the owners in accordance with their



own Plans the necessary services would have to be provided by the landowners. Mr. M. Stone, Hon. Secretary, Brittas Bay Development Company, who was present in the public gallery, stated that landowners in Brittas understood that a main water supply and sewerage scheme was being provided by the Council in Brittas in the future and that landowners were preparing their Plans on those lines. They were not aware of a requirement that landowners provide their own water supply and sewerage services. The County Manager pointed out that it would scarcely be reasonable to expect that water supply and sewerage services should be provided at the expense of the ratepayers throughout the County and the general body of taxpayers without any contribution being made by the owners of the lands who would benefit from the provision of these services. Councillor J. Temple stated that it had been indicated by the Council as one of the points agreed in relation to the Development Plan that an agreed area of the sand dunes be in public ownership. He stated that landowners concerned should when putting forward proposals also indicate the area of sand dunes which they were prepared to dispose of to the Council and the price sought. Councillor Hipwell suggested that owners of lands which might benefit if water supply and sewerage services were provided by the Council should indicate what amount they were prepared to contribute if the Council provided these services. The Council noted that further proposals from landowners were to be submitted and agreed that these proposals when received should be examined by the Council's Technical Staff and further Reports submitted to the Council when all proposals had been dealt with. It was suggested that a further Meeting to consider the matter be held on the 27th May, 1963, provided that all development proposals had been received and examined by that date.

#### IMPROVEMENT OF WICKLOW-BRAY ROAD

The following Report of the County Engineer had been circulated to the Members of the Council:—

#### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

County Engineer's Office,  
Courthouse,  
Wicklow.  
19th April, 1963.

County Secretary.

Re/ Bray-Wicklow Main Arterial Road Development.

A Chara,

I wish to submit a record of the investigations and works which have been and are involved in the development of this route. During the last few years the Council has allocated comparatively small amounts out of the "Special Road Improvement Grant" made available by the Department of Local Government each year. The first major job undertaken was the alignment and improvement of the road through Kiltimon Glen and this was carried out by allocations in each of three financial years. In the year 1961/62 improvements were carried out at the Glen-o-Downs corner financed also out of the Special Road Improvement Grant as allocated by the Council. The Department of Local Government, however, in April, 1962, by special

Circular called attention to the urgent necessity for improvement of the Arterial Road system in Ireland and asked the Wicklow County Council to allocate the sum of £30,000 from Special Grants already notified prior to that date and stating that a further £30,000 would be made available to County Wicklow if this agreement was given.

The County Council very wisely agreed to this arrangement and accordingly there was available in 1962/63 the sum of £260,000 for expenditure on the Wicklow-Bray Arterial Road. Notification has not yet been received of the Grants to be given during the present financial year 1963/64 but it has been assumed that the allocations of the funds will be similar to those in 1962/63. The available funds, therefore, approved by the Council were allocated as follows: £20,000 to be expended approximately between Kilmurray Dispensary and into the Glen-o-Downs and £40,000 for expenditure along the route between Coyne's Corner and Killadreenan and the Members expressed particular concern about the dangerous corner at Mountjohn. I may say that in the present financial year 1963/64 similar allocation of funds has been made in anticipation of the same Grants, namely, £20,000 for improvement through the Glen-o-Downs section and £40,000 for improvement on parts of the road between Devereux's and Newtownmountkennedy village.

Following the re-arrangement of the financial conditions negotiations were opened up with the land owners concerned between Kiltimon and Killadreenan. The Council appreciated that a preliminary sketch plan is usually made and should be prepared and follow the conditions laid down by the Local Government Department's Road Standards. These standards deal with the speed and volume of the anticipated traffic and the design also visualises a dual carriageway in the future development. In the preparation of the final documents regard is also had to the matter of economics of any scheme put forward that is the matter of appropriate alignment having regard to amount of excavation and the amount of fill required; investigations also involve discussions with land owners on the question of compensation and in order to arrive at a mutual agreement satisfactory to all parties. Wicklow County Council is fortunate as it has never yet to call on its compulsory powers to acquire land for road improvement purposes.

The negotiations in regard to Kiltimon-Killadreenan section were initiated by an approach to the principal land owner, Mr. Kennedy Kisch, without having first surveyed or measured the lands in detail but merely to indicate to him in general what our proposals might be.

Following discussions with this land owner regarding our proposals the survey eventually was done with his permission and co-operation. A very detailed survey was made of those lands and the adjoining lands of the area as a whole and an economic line was selected giving a reasonable balance of cut and fill through.

It has been found that one of our very old cottages built in 1911 approximately should be removed and a new cottage resited on the same plot which measures one acre statute. The tenants of the cottages on the eastern side of this section were approached and after discussion agreed to cede to the Council a portion of the plots and an amount of compensation for "disturbance" was reached based on approximately the rate of £1 per perch statute. In one or two cases the tenants, having represented that the compensation was low, having regard to the value of the plots in question, agreement was reached for an additional small amount. One cottage tenant who lives in England but whose father, it is understood, resides in the cottage (Thomas Nevin),



has not yet been contacted but it is presumed that he will fall into line with the remainder of the tenants. In regard to the compensation to Mr. Kennedy Kisch, he has indicated his agreement to give the land at a nominal charge of £1 for an acreage of 2 acres, 1 rood, 16 perches. It has been made clear to the owner, of course, that at a later stage the second half of the dual carriageway will run further into his lands on the eastern side of the road. This whole operation also involved crossing the river at Mountjohn and building a new bridge across the stream and extending through the main avenue leading to Col. Cowpers of Timore. This owner also has agreed to the operation after prolonged negotiations but the compensation in that case would be £1 per statute perch for 1 acre, 3 roods, 18 perches. There are, of course, in general in connection with all these negotiations, agreements regarding the type of fencing, etc., to be erected. Further in connection with the Kiltimon-Killadreenan section, all arrangements have been completed and the Department of Local Government has sanctioned the work and with the approval of the County Council work can proceed immediately. I suggest that it would be desirable to start as soon as possible so that works could be well on before the Winter of 1963.

In connection with the works carried out on the Arterial road at Kilpedder (known as the Kilpedder Straight), the Council approved of the allocation of funds towards this work out of Reconstruction Funds and has been proceeding. Here again agreements were made with the various cottage tenants and based on the usual rate of compensation regarded as "disturbances" and an accommodation road was constructed giving access to each of the various plots and making the alignment much safer than heretofore, eliminating individual direct entrances to the main road.

The continuation of the section Kilpedder toward Newtownmountkennedy is proposed to be undertaken during the present financial year and with that in view plans were prepared for the new alignment and the land owners have been approached with a view to agreement.

In one case the lands, which are the property of Baron Raben, it was proposed to run the road right through the lawn in front of the existing house and within 300 feet of the same house, thus cutting off about 6 acres of land between the new road and the old road.

The owner is agreeable to this at the rate of £1 per statute perch with the condition that a wall be built along the new road in substitution of the existing wall on the old main road. Further towards Newtownmountkennedy on the lands owned by Mr. Hull, agreement has also been reached in compensation for approximately 8 acres, 1 rood, 7 perches at £1 per perch but here an ordinary type of timber post and railing only is required.

The next section towards Newtownmountkennedy is in the property of the Department of Lands and it is not anticipated that any obstacle will be raised to the acquisition in this case. To the north of the village of Newtownmountkennedy it will be necessary to move the road in towards the east and go through the village and here we may be involved in the re-erection of a substantial masonry wall but no negotiations have been started for this as yet.

Taking the section at Mountjohn consideration has been given to what alignment should be proper towards the village of Newtownmountkennedy only this plan has been prepared and land owners have not been approached but it may so happen that the route will be sited

at the rear of the eastern or western side of the Willadreenan cottages so as to eventually come out at a point near Mr. Shortt's shop on the way into the village.

With regard to the village of Newtownmountkennedy itself some considerable time ago when we were dealing only with short section of roads consideration was given to the removal of the corner at Synnott's near the Protestant Church and negotiations were opened up with the land owners concerned. There were three units for consideration and agreement was reached with one but the other two, a Mrs. Hutchinson, has not yet been finalised. Her property consisted of an old two-storey dwellinghouse and workshop. The third owner is a man named Timothy O'Byrne and an offer was made to him at the time which he did not accept amounting to £3,000. It does seem to me, now, that the latter property is not altogether necessary for the limited improvement required of this corner, rather should the alignment involve only Mrs. Hutchinson's property and a portion of the Protestant School wall on the far side of the road leading towards Bray.

The County Council, as you will recall, gave consideration to my suggestion based on local Government standards that the proper alignment of this Arterial road should be sited along the valley on a line to the eastern side of the village. The Council, however, have not as yet approved of this proposal.

The removal of the corner at the northern end of the village will certainly be substandard and I am of the opinion that the Department will not be likely to provide funds from the Arterial Road Grants unless the improvement is in accordance with their standards. If the Council decided that the corner should be removed in addition to the carrying out of the bye-pass route the Department might be persuaded to regard it as part of a reasonable approach to the main artery and I suggest that this might be the best plan to adopt. In considering the question of the improvement of the Arterial road between Bray and Kilpedder, I have investigated this matter also and I am led to the conclusion that the best route for re-alignment might be via the Glen-o-Downs, Barry's Bridge and to the rear of the eastern side of Devereux's publichouse. I would respectfully remind you that always we have to keep in mind the ultimate dual carriageway for this road. We have not entered into any negotiations about the lands on this route as yet but a tentative plan is being prepared prior to approaching these parties.

Taking the Arterial Road still further towards Bray the Council will recall that some years ago a plan was put forward for the re-alignment of the road between Kilmacanogue and Old Conna and plans were prepared for the alignment and reconstruction of the St. Valerie Bridge. The route here would involve alignment at Jameson's Corner and a diversion of way towards the Dargle from the main road before reaching the existing Hollybrook Garage.

The line would eventually reach the County Dublin bounds after passing St. Valerie Bridge at a point near Palermo and linking up with the Dublin County Council proposals and their alignment through Shankill into Dublin.

On the eastern side of the road it was necessary to acquire 1 rood, 6 perches of land from Mr. J. O'Toole, Timore, together with a partially built house and outoffices. The compensation was in the sum of £550.

I think I have covered very fairly the general picture of the



proposals which it is suggested should be carried out in the next few years but if the Council require any further detailed information I should be only too pleased to describe it on request.

Mise, le meas,

J. T. O'BYRNE

County Engineer.

JTO'B/JH

The County Secretary submitted the following letter which had been received by the Chairman of the County Council from Mr. A. Kennedy-Kisch and which had been published in the "Wicklow People":

Mount John House,  
Newcastle

Co. Wicklow.

Eire.

April 15th, 1963

J. J. McCrea, Esq.,

The Chairman,

Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir,

I have read a newspaper report of what is alleged to have been said at a meeting of the County Council held on Monday, April 8th. When dealing with the question of the re-alignment of the road between Kiltimon and Newtownmountkennedy one member of the Council, by implication, said—

(a) That I had in some unspecified manner brought some pressure to bear on County Council officials to promote a secret agreement which would result in some grave injustice to my neighbours.

(b) that the fact that Council Officials should be influenced in this way was particularly disgraceful because the person said to have exercised such influence was an ENGLISHMAN and not an IRISHMAN.

As my name has been mentioned publically in this connection I trust that you will not think it unreasonable of me if I reply to you and to the Press on the above two specific matters. My purpose in so doing is solely to put my side of the issue in order that you, Sir, and your Council may have a balanced and not a prejudiced view of the situation at the next County Council meeting.

In answer to (a) above I have never at any time attempted in any way to influence or bring pressure on County Council officials. It would be absurd for a person in my position to imagine that they could do such a thing. Discussions I have had from time to time with such officials have been directed solely to suggestions for preserving the beauty of a very lovely part of the County of Wicklow. Particularly in relation to a road which can always be expected to carry a high proportion of tourist traffic. I felt, moreover, that I was entitled to make these suggestions as over the past seven years my wife and I have spent a great deal of time and money in making Mount John into one of the finest small estates in the County. It is now a property in which the County itself should take pride and I have, admittedly, expressed these views to the County Council officials from time to time, but no more than this.

As to the implication at (b) I feel this to be particularly unkind and would not readily be subscribed to by any fair-minded and im-

partial member of a County Council. My nationality may be English, but as an Englishman living in Ireland and spending nearly all my time here I am completely loyal to Ireland and its people. Ever since I have lived in Wicklow I have given a great deal of good employment to many local people and I have never failed to help local religious and charitable institutions without regard to denomination whenever asked to do so and in the wider scope I have introduced through institutions abroad hundreds of thousands of pounds into Ireland because I have faith in Ireland's future which money should help in some way to promote Ireland's economic strength and the continued well-being of her people.

Many of us who love and admire Ireland will be sad if such expressions as "Are we paying for it to facilitate this Englishman" are permitted to go unchallenged in this enlightened day and age.

Yours faithfully,

A. Kennedy-Kisch.

The following letter, which was handed in by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., from the Mount John Cottage Tenants' Association was also submitted to the Council.

# MOUNT JOHN COTTAGE TENANTS' ASSOCIATION.

Timore,

Newcastle

Greystones,

Co. Wicklow.

18th April, 1963.

## Re: NEW ROAD AT MOUNT JOHN.

Dear Deputy,

After reading the report of the County Council Meeting held on 8th April, I wish to make it quite clear to you that the undersigned Cottage Tenants at Mount John agreed to give part of the gardens, after long consultations with Mr. J. Byrne, County Engineer. Mr. Byrne gave the following promises:—

1. A proper driveway.
2. A graded tarmacadamed entrance.
3. A retaining wall on side of road.
4. Suitable compensation for ground taken.
5. To request County Agricultural Inspector to inspect fruit tree in ground to be taken.
6. That water mains to be laid, to supply water to Cottages at Mount John, mains to be laid down same time as new road.

If those promises are not fulfilled, I wish to make it quite clear that the undersigned tenants will withdrawn any consent given. After all, it was the above promises helped us to agree to our gardens being drastically reduced.

Each County Councillor has received a copy of this letter.

Signature of Tenants

John O'Brien.

Patrick Byrne.

John Murphy.

William Gregory.

Yours faithfully,

Patrick Murphy, Secretary.



Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that the Report was not complete in regard to the discussions with Mr. Kennedy Kisch. He also pointed out that the County Engineer's Report referred to the by-passing of Newtownmountkennedy and that the Council had not agreed to the construction of a by-pass. Councillor Gregory stated that he had no objection to the proposed Scheme if the tenants' wishes in regard to the provision of a water supply were met. In regard to the County Engineer's reference in his Report to easing of the corner at the North end of Newtownmountkennedy he considered that there would not be proper vision for traffic unless the house of Mr. Byrne were removed. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that he was glad to learn of the proposals for the future development on this road to be carried out over the next five years. The County Manager pointed out that before the exact line of a Road Improvement Scheme of this nature could be determined it was necessary for the County Engineer to have an intensive examination carried out of the route and surveys made.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell.

Resolved—That we approve of the County Engineer's report in regard to Road Improvements on the Bray/Wicklow Road, subject to the omission of the proposals for the by-passing of Newtownmountkennedy and Bray.

Passed unanimously.

#### Notices of Motion,

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

In the name of Councillor John Quigley—That I or someone for me will move that (1) the Council extend the watermain as far as last Cottage in Ballishal from Rednagh Road Corner, Aughrim; (2) extend watermain to three cottages on Annacurra Road from main on Railway Bridge, Aughrim; (3) that Council take steps to have road from Ballycoogue to Clone re-aligned in order to prevent water damaging avenue laid down under Farm Improvement Scheme by Mr. James Byrne, Coolahullen, or alternatively to take it over as far as Mr. George Hill's and maintain it as a County Road.

In the name of Councillor Edward Byrne—That time be allotted me will move that the watermain be extended from Lackan to Carrig in conjunction with the reconstruction of the road.

In the name of Councillor Edward Byrne—That time be allotted at our next Meeting to consider the implementing of the water scheme for Kilmacanogue as already agreed on at Local Area Meeting.

In the name of Councillor R. Miley—That I or someone for me will propose that the Council provide a water supply to Annamore and Glendalough and that Tenders be invited for the erection of New Cottages at Laragh.

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That I or someone for me will move a motion requesting the erection of a house on the vacant plot at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, for John Fogarty.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, the Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, 6th May, 1963, 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, Mark Deering, James Miley, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley and J. Gregory.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors H. J. Byrne, G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill.

The County Secretary, County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey and P. McGuinness attended.

#### AGENDA:

1. Housing Schemes at Carnew and Blessington—Reports of Consultant Architect and County Engineer on Tenders received.
2. Housing Scheme at Laragh—To consider Plan for Housing Scheme and Estimate of Cost.
3. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill, requesting erection of house on vacant plot at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, for John Fogarty.
4. Application for Supplementary Grant in respect of a New House at Cooldross, Kilcoole.
5. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—That Vesting of Cottages of Michael Farrell at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, and of Simon Byrne, Annalecky, be carried out.
6. Application for renewal of Licence for Caravan Site off New La Touche Road, Greystones.
7. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
8. Proposed installation of Water Supply and Sewerage Services in Cottages at Rednagh Road, Aughrim.
9. Repairs to Cottages carried out during April, 1963, and Repairs to be carried out during the month of May, 1963.

#### Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the relatives of the late Miss Mary Murphy who had been employed for many years as Cleaner at the Child Welfare Centre, Bray.

#### Item No. 1.—Housing Schemes at Carnew and Blessington.

The County Secretary stated that the Report of the Consultant Architect had been received on his examination of the Tenders submitted for the erection of five houses at Carnew. The acceptance of the lowest Tender being that of Messrs. C. Byrne and Sons, Hacketstown, Co. Carlow, in the figure of £8,822 10s. 0d. was recommended and it was considered that this was a reasonable price for the houses. The cost per house, after allowing £40 per house contingency, was £1,724. The Consultant Architect considered, however, that before accepting the lowest Tender confirmation should be obtained from the tenderer that his figure provided for the full development cost as specified.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple.

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the Con-



sultant Architect and County Engineer for the acceptance of the Tender of Messrs. C. Byrne and Sons, Hacketstown, in the sum of £8,822 10s. 0d. for the erection of five houses at Carnew, subject to confirmation by the tenderer that provision has been made for full development and subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the economic rent of the houses based on the Tender price was 48s. 6d per week and the amount to be met from rent and rates if full subsidy was available would be 21s. 9d. per week, or if subsidy at 33½ per cent. were available, 35s. 3d. per week.

#### Blessington Housing Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that the Report of the Consultant Architect on his examination of the Tenders received for the erection of four houses at Blessington had been received and it was recommended that the Tender of Messrs. Tutty and Fleming at £6,434 being the lowest Tender received, be accepted. The cost per house, having allowed for £50 contingency, was £1,558 and this was considered to be a reasonable figure for the construction of the houses.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple.

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the Consultant Architect and County Engineer for the acceptance of the Tender of Messrs. Tutty and Fleming in the sum of £6,434 for the erection of four houses at Blessington, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the economic rent of the houses would work out at about 43s. and if subsidy were available at 66½ per cent. the amount to be met from rent and rates would be 16s. 7d. per week, while if subsidy were at 33½ per cent. the amount to be met from rent and rates would be 29s. 10d. per week.

#### Item No. 2.—Housing Scheme at Laragh.

The Co. Secretary submitted Plan prepared by the Council's Architect for the Housing Scheme at Laragh. The estimated cost of the house would be £1,760, but in addition there would be the cost of services. The Plans were being submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval in order that Tenders might be invited. The Council noted the position in the matter.

#### Houses at Johnstown and Eadestown.

In reply to inquiries from Members the County Secretary stated that arrangements were being made for proceeding with the erection of houses at Johnstown and Eadestown by direct labour. Councillor J. Miley asked that the site at Eadestown be marked as a matter of urgency.

#### Rural Cottages Scheme.

In reply to Councillor P. Brennan, T.D. the County Secretary stated that Reports had been obtained regarding the sites for Rural Cottages and the Council asked that a Report on this Scheme be submitted to the next Housing Meeting.

#### Housing near Bray and at Greystones.

The Council asked that Reports in regard to the proposed provision of houses near Bray and at Greystones with an indication of the approximate cost be submitted to the next Housing Meeting.

#### Item No. 3.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill requesting Erection of House on Vacant Plot at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, for John Fogarty.

In the absence of Councillor O'Neill it was agreed to defer this item to the next Meeting.

#### Item No. 4.—Application for Supplementary Grant in respect of New House at Cooldross, Kilcoole.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. Herbert W. Hill, Cooldross Kilcoole, for a Grant in respect of the erection of a New House at Cooldross. The Engineer had reported that the work had been carried out in a satisfactory manner. Mr. Hill was eligible under the Council's Scheme for a Grant of £275, equivalent to the State Grant.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge.

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £275 to Mr. Herbert W. Hill, Cooldross, Kilcoole, in respect of the erection of a New House.

Passed unanimously.

#### Application for Supplementary Reconstruction Grant.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received for a Supplementary Reconstruction Grant from Thomas Byrne, Talbotstown, Kiltegan, in respect of the Reconstruction of his house. The amount of the State Grant had been reduced by £10 and it had been found that corrugated asbestos sheeting had been used on the new extension roof, that the walling consisted of 6" walling, uninsulated, there were sub-standard ceiling heights and a sub-standard glazed area and also a window without a sill. It seemed that the work carried out was very much below the proper standards. The Council noted the Report.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley.

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £68 to Thomas Byrne, Talbotstown, Kiltegan, in respect of Reconstruction of House.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 5.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—That Vesting of Cottages of Michael Farrell at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, and of Simon Byrne, Annalecky, be carried out.

The County Secretary stated that as regards the Cottage of Michael Farrell, at Bawnogue, when the plot had been acquired by the Council the owner was not in a position to submit evidence of Title and this evidence was not submitted until several years after the house had been erected. The arrangements of payment of purchase money were now in hands and also arrangements for registration and when the registration was completed it would be possible to deal with the application for purchase. In regard to the Cottage of Simon Byrne Annalecky, the County Secretary pointed out that Mr. Byrne was a single man and it was not the policy of the Council to vest Cottages except where the Cottage was occupied by a family. Councillor J. Miley and other Members pointed out that Mr. Simon Byrne was a widower and had lived in the Cottage with his late wife and that consequently he should not be treated in the same way as a single man.



It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley.

Resolved—That Simon Byrne's Cottage at Annalecky be vested in the tenant.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 6.—Application for Renewal of Licence for Caravan Site off New La Touche Road, Greystones.**

The County Secretary stated that following the last Meeting of the Council a Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area had been held at Bray and the Members had met representatives of the Residents on the New La Touche Road, Greystones, who were objecting to any renewal of the Licence for the Caravan Site off New La Touche Road and also representatives of the Greystones Civic Association and the La Touche Estate and the owner of the Caravan Site, Mr. W. Fenelon. Councillors H. J. Byrne, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Temple had attended the Meeting. Mr. G. M. Griffin, on behalf of the residents had referred to the Memorial submitted by them in which they indicated the grounds on which they objected to the granting of a Licence or renewal of any Licence for any Caravan or Camping Site off the New La Touche Road. He pointed out that in the view of the residents it was not possible to arrive at any compromise in regard to the matter. Following a lengthy discussion on the matter it was agreed that a Meeting of the residents on the New La Touche Road with Mr. W. Fenelon, the licensee, be held under the Chairmanship of Mr. J. W. Kearon, Chairman of the Greystones Civic Association, with a view to seeing if any agreement could be reached on the matter. The following letter, received from Mr. G. M. Griffin on behalf of the residents, was submitted:

Sunrise, New La Touche Road.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

Greystones, Co. Wicklow.  
30th April, 1963.

Re/ Caravan Site off New La Touche Road, Greystones.  
Licensee: W. Fenelon.

Dear Sir,

We are writing this letter to you for the consideration of the whole Council, as we wish to express the deep dissatisfaction and resentment of the residents of the New La Touche Road at the attitude, and apparent lack of responsibility, which the Council have shown to date.

Following the Council meeting of 1st April, 1963, the residents read the report of the debate in the "Wicklow People." They checked with the Reporter who confirmed that the account was basically accurate. Hence it was quite apparent that the matter did not receive the consideration it deserved as only trivial items of complaint were discussed, those specified in the Petition being apparently ignored.

At the Council meeting it was agreed that the six northern members should meet the interested parties and discuss the problem with them. In replying to the invitation to this meeting we made it quite clear that we were only willing to meet the Councillors if they were prepared to examine realistically the residents' serious and reasoned grievances, and not merely to endeavour to effect a compromise.

Present at the meeting in the Town Hall, Bray, on Friday, 19th April, were representatives of the residents of the New La Touche Road, a representative from the La Touche Estate, representatives from the Greystones and District Civic Association, the licensee, Mr. W. Fenelon, and his wife, and four of the Councillors for the northern area.

The representatives of the residents expressed their disappointment at the apparently frivolous manner in which their objections had been treated at the Council meeting on the 1st April, and requested

that the Councillors present discuss the objections now so that they might have an opportunity of being impressed with their seriousness. To this the answer was that, despite appearances to the contrary, the Councillors had given the Petition their full consideration, that this meeting had been convened for the purpose of arranging a compromise, hence there was no need to review the objections in full. To this the residents replied that their objections were as stated in the Petition, and the nature of these was so serious that no compromise was possible; the licensing of a caravan site in such an area had been a bad error of judgment on the part of the Council and should be remedied by refusal to grant a renewal. A confused and rather aimless debate followed. Despite repeated statements that the Councillors had an open mind on the matter it was quite clear to the residents that they were in the same position as an appellant having his case re-heard by the same judge who had previously decided against him. Accordingly, a suggestion was made that some of the other Councillors outside the area should be asked to examine the problem and report to the Council. This excellent suggestion met with a hostile reception and, despite attempts to explain that no reflection on the northern Councillors was intended, it was quite clear that the Councillors considered their honour had been seriously impugned.

It was finally decided that the residents and the Licensee should meet again under the Chairmanship of Mr. J. Kearon of the Greystones and District Civic Association to see if a compromise could be reached. Although failing to see what useful purpose could be served by such a meeting the representatives of the residents agreed with great reluctance to attend, and agreed pending further instructions from the residents in general.

Accordingly a general meeting of the residents was held in the Trenarren Hotel (by kind permission of the Proprietor) on 24th April. The whole situation was fully discussed, and a formal resolution was passed—and passed unanimously—that the residents were not prepared to compromise on the question of the Caravan Site. Resentment was also strongly expressed at the Council's attitude, particularly as this matter was being left to the six northern members and not being fully considered by the Council as a whole.

Dissatisfaction was also expressed at the reliance of the Council on the reports of the Medical Officer and the County Engineer, both of which were read at the meeting in the Town Hall, Bray. These deal only with the technical requirements, and satisfy the conditions for the occupants of the Site, but do not touch upon the position of the residents.

It was commented upon adversely that only four of the northern members met the deputation despite the fact that the date of the meeting had been altered to suit the Council members.

The representatives of the residents were given a further mandate to resist in the name of the residents the granting of this licence and to take whatever steps were necessary in the furtherance of this object.

Thus briefed we attended a meeting with the Licensee, Mr. W. Fenelon, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. Kearon, on 29th April. We stated the view of the residents with regard to compromise. On the plea of the Chairman, we agreed to hear and note suggestions for improvements to the Caravan Site and in the administration thereof. The suggestions made by the Licensee were so puerile as to be unworthy of serious consideration. Hence our repeated assertion that no compromise is possible on this issue has been indubitably proved.

The position is, therefore, that all sections of the community, the local Civic Association, the Estate owners and the residents have most serious grounds for objection. It was agreed by the Council



members and the Civic Association that the Site is unsuitable, but the Council members seemed to adopt the attitude that, despite its unsuitability, the licence, having been granted last year, should be granted again.

The fact that the Civic Association, who are actively interested in the proper development of Greystones and work closely with Bórl Fáilte, are themselves against this Site should, in itself, be sufficient for the Council to refuse renewal of this licence.

We request immediate notification of the Council's decision on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

George M. Griffin, p.p the Residents.

The County Secretary stated that he had got in touch with the Secretary of the Greystones and District Civic Association to inquire if they were submitting a Report in regard to the Meeting held under the chairmanship of Mr. Kearon and the following letter had been received:

**GREYSTONES AND DISTRICT CIVIC ASSOCIATION.**

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Court House, Wicklow.

3rd May, 1963

Dear Sir,  
With reference to our telephone conversation yesterday in which you asked for the official view of the Greystones and District Civic Association on the question of Caravan Sites.

I am instructed by my committee to request that the County Council do not grant licences in respect of Caravan Sites in Greystones and District.

After deliberation it was decided that the provision of Caravan Sites would not be in the interests of the future developments of Greystones.

Yours faithfully,

Patrick D. Finnegan, Joint Hon. Secretary.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, commented on the tone of the letter from Mr. G. M. Griffin, which, he said, was open to objection. Councillor J. Temple also expressed disappointment at the terms of the letter and stated he was surprised at the tone adopted. He had attended the Meeting at Bray with an open mind on the matter and felt that the Members of the Council for the Bray Area had considered the matter very fairly and impartially. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that representatives of the residents on the New La Touche Road had interviewed him on the matter and he had explained that it was the practice of the Council to accept the views of the Members of the Council for a particular Electoral Area in relation to a matter concerning their Area and of which they had special knowledge.

Councillor E. Byrne expressed surprise at the statement of the Civic Association that they did not approve of Caravan Sites in a tourist resort like Greystones. He stated that the Members for the Bray Electoral Area had done their best to reach an amicable agreement on the matter and in view of the Reports of the Council's Technical Officers he felt the Council should renew the Licence.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell.

Resolved—That we approve of the renewal of the Licence for the Caravan Site of Mr. W. Fenelon off the New La Touche Road, Greystones, for a further year.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 7.—Applications Under Town and Regional Planning Acts.**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Reverend Father Canning, C.C., Rathdrum, for approval to the provision of a Rifle Range at a premises at Brewery Place, Rathdrum, for the Rathdrum Rifle Club. The Council's Engineer had indicated that he saw no objection to the proposal and the Garda Authorities also raised no objection. The Council agreed that permission be given.

The County Secretary stated that during the past month permission had been refused for the erection of a toilet by James Goss at Ballyrairie, Woodenbridge. Mr. Goss had been occupying a caravan on the site periodically and had been proceeding with the erection of a toilet, the effluent from which would discharge untreated into the river. There was no piped water supply on the site nor had any Licence been granted for the use of the site for a caravan. Permission had also been refused for extensions to property of Mr. F. K. Scuffil Church Road, Greystones, as the extensions on the upper floor were unrelated to surrounding buildings and would not fit in to the street pattern and would tend to hamper future development. The Council noted the Report in regard to refusals of permission during the month.

**Item No. 8.—Proposed installation of Water Supply and Sewerage Services in Cottages at Rednagh Road, Aughrim.**

The County Secretary stated that of the eleven tenants residing on Rednagh Road four had agreed to pay the charge of 3s. 6d. per week in respect of the provision by the Council of water supply and sewerage facilities to the Cottages. The remaining seven tenants were not prepared to pay the contribution. It was suggested that the Council might proceed with the provision of the services for the tenants who had indicated agreement to pay the charge required by the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh.

Resolved—That we approve of proceeding with the provision of Water Supply and Sewerage Services to the four Cottages at Rednagh Road, Aughrim, where the tenants have indicated their agreement to payment of an additional 18s. 6d. per week in respect of the provision of these Services. Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 9.—Repairs to Cottages carried out during April, 1963, and Repairs to be carried out during the month of May, 1963.**

The Council noted the list of Repairs to be carried out during the month of April, 1963, and of those to be carried out during the month of May, 1963.

**Cottage Repairs Contracts.**

Councillor J. Miley stated that he understood that Mr. Norton, who had submitted a Tender for carrying out Cottage Repairs in the Baltinglass Area did not propose to complete the Contract Agreement. He asked that repairs be carried out by direct labour if Contract Agreement was not completed.

**Revision of Rents under Graded Rents Scheme.**

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., inquired why the rents of certain Cottages had been increased and pointed out that there had been no increase in the rates in the present year and that consequently there should not be any reason for an increase in rents. The County Secretary stated that certain rents had been revised on the usual annual revision in accordance with the Graded Rents Scheme. Members of the Council referred to cases where rents had been increased and queried whether the increases were in order. The Council asked that for the next Meeting and that particulars be available of alterations the matter of the Graded Rents Scheme be included on the Agenda.



made in rents.

#### Erection of Cottage at Mount John.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., and Councillor Gregory asked if the Cottage at Mount John could be erected by direct labour rather than by contract. The County Secretary stated that it had been felt desirable that the Cottage be erected by contract in view of the limited number of tradesmen available to the Council and the likelihood of the tradesmen being required for other work such as Cottage Repairs Repairs to Institutions, etc.

#### Provision of Water and Sewerage Services for Cottages at Boghall.

Councillor J. Temple asked that inquiries be made from the tenants at Boghall Road as to whether they would be prepared to pay the required contribution towards the cost of providing water supply and sewerage services to the Cottages.

#### Meeting of Members of Bray Electoral Area.

On the suggestion of Councillor J. Temple it was agreed that a Meeting of the members for the Bray Electoral Area be held on Thursday, 16th May, 1963, to consider certain matters relating to Health Services.

#### Provision of Water Supply to House at Aughrim.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., inquired why a charge of £10 was being sought from Mrs. Mary Byrne in respect of the provision of a water supply to her house at Aughrim. The County Secretary stated that Mrs. Byrne had purchased the Cottage from the Meath Estate and had refused to pay water rates and it was considered reasonable that she should pay a contribution towards the cost of providing a water supply and sewerage service to the Cottage. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that Mrs. Byrne was the wife of an old age pensioner and would not be able to pay this sum.

#### Tenancy of House at Edward Street, Baltinglass.

Councillor J. Miley inquired why the key of house at Edward St., Baltinglass, which had been allocated to a tenant had not been issued. The County Secretary stated that it had been decided to provide a water supply and sewerage service to the cottage and that it was intended that this be carried out before possession be given to the new tenant. The Assistant County Engineer stated that the supplies required had been ordered in October or November from the Official Contractor and despite several reminders and telephone calls they had still not yet been supplied. The Council agreed that the matter be taken up with the Combined Purchasing Section of the Department of Local Government. Councillor J. Miley urged that possession of the house be allowed to the tenant.

#### Notices of Motion.

The following Notices of Motion were handed and accepted by the Chairman—In the name of Councillor J. Miley—That I or someone for me will move that the sewerage main on the North side of Blessington be extended.

In the name of Councillor James Everett, T.D.—That the County Engineer supply the following particulars for next Council Meeting—Total payments made to Roadstone Ltd., for hire of Plant and Machinery for years 1960/61, 1961/62 and to the latest date for 1963, and also payments for the supply of materials for the same period.

In the names of Councillors Edward Byrne, Patrick McCarthy and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge (the representatives on Dublin Health Authority)—That in view of the disappointing figures returned for County Wicklow in the Mass X-Ray Campaign carried out during 1962 that time be allowed for a discussion on the matter.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 13th May, 1963, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., P. McCarthy, John Quigley, G. Timmins, James Miley, 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 Engineer and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell, P. T. Hickey and P. McGuinness attended.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Councillor J. Everett, T.D., on the proposal of Councillor E. Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., took the chair.

#### Resolution of Sympathy

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., referred to the death of Mrs. McCrea, wife of Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, and proposed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the Chairman and his family on her death. He paid tribute to Mrs. McCrea who, he stated, was well known for her hospitality and charitable deeds. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., proposed further that the meeting be adjourned as a mark of respect to the Chairman. Councillor E. Byrne seconded the proposal and the Members of the Council present, followed by the Chairman, Councillor J. Everett, T.D., expressed their sympathy. The Council passed the Resolution, all the Members standing. The County Manager asked that he and the members of the staff be joined with the Council in their expression of sympathy. The Council adjourned the business on the Agenda to a Meeting to be held on the 20th May, 1963.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 20th May, 1963, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., P. McCarthy, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, G. Timmins, 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 Engineer and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey and P. McGuinness attended.

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

#### AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Estimates Meetings held on 25th February and 4th March, 1963.
2. Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools—Applications deferred from previous Meeting.
3. University Scholarship Scheme—To consider applications received.
4. To authorise the borrowing of £3,100 to defray the cost of purchase of Fire Engine for Rathdrum.



5. Proposed acquisition of site for Fire Station at Dunlavin.
6. Letter from Arklow Traders' Association withdrawing application for Closing of Road at Arklow.
7. Application for Closing of Roads at Altidore on 8th June, 1963. for purposes of Motor Car Hill Climb.
8. Arklow Bridge—Letter from Department of Local Government re Tenders received for Widening of Bridge.
9. Road Fund Grants 1963/64—Letter from Department of Local Government dated 7th May, 1963, indicating allocation of Road Fund Grants for 1963/64.
10. Report of County Engineer on Road Works carried out during financial year ended 31st March, 1963.
11. Report of Committee of Council in regard to Production of Materials in Council Quarries.
12. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—That the County Engineer supply the following particulars for the next Council Meeting—Total payments made to Roadstone, Ltd., for hire of Plant and Machinery for years 1960/61, 1961/62, and latest date for 1963 and payments for the supply of materials for the same period.
13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley — That the Council take steps to have Road from Ballycoogue to Clone realigned in order to prevent water damaging avenue laid down under Farm Improvement Scheme by Mr. James Byrne, Coolahullen, or alternatively take it over as far as Mr. George Hill's and maintain it as a County Road.
- 13A. To declare the following Roads to be Public Roads:—
  1. County Road No. 146 at Threewells, Aughrim, eastward for 220 lineal yards to Keenan's farmyard gate
  2. County Road No. 175 at Chapel for a distance of 680 lineal yards north and east to County Road No. 175 at Crone Upper.
14. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. D. Haughton—Representation having been made to me by the Irish Countrywomen's Association and Rathdrum Development Association that a Scavenging Service be provided for Rathdrum, I, or someone on my behalf, will move that such a Service be provided.
15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—That the Council investigate the possibility of providing water for three Cottages at Killaveney Upper.
16. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—That the Council investigate the possibility of providing water for Cottage (J. Murphy) at Lugduff and of further extending the main to provide water to three Cottages at Fairwood.
17. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—That watermain be extended from Lacken to Carrig in conjunction with the Reconstruction of the Road.
18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Edward Byrne—That time be allowed at our next Meeting to consider the implementing of the Water Scheme for Kilmacanogue as already agreed on at Local Area Meeting.
19. Tinahely/Carnew Water Supply Scheme—Report of Consulting Engineer.
20. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. Miley—That the Council provide Water Supply for Annamoe and Glendalough and Report of Consulting Engineer on Proposed Scheme.

21. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—That the sewerage main on the North side of Blessington be extended.
22. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley — That the Council extend watermain as far as the last Cottage in Balleeshal or Rednagh Road Corner, Aughrim.
23. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That the Council extend watermain to three Cottages at Annacurra Road from main on Railway Bridge, Aughrim.
24. Letter from the Pure Water Association of Ireland regarding Fluoridation of Water Supplies.
25. Report on Alterations to Criminal Court, Wicklow.
26. Scheme for Conciliation and Arbitration for Officers in Local Government Service—Agreement with Unions.
27. Revision of Rents under Graded Rents Schemes.
28. Provision of New Dispensary at Blessington—To authorise necessary borrowing.
29. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Edward Byrne, Patrick McCarthy and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge—That in view of the disappointing figures for County Wicklow in the Mass X-Ray Campaign carried out during 1962, that time be allowed for discussion in the matter.
30. Resolution from Corporation of Dun Laoghaire in regard to cost of Health Services.
31. Minutes of Meeting of County Councils' General Council held on 13th December, 1962.
32. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

#### Acknowledgment of Resolution of Sympathy.

The following letter from Councillor J. J. McCrea Chairman, was submitted to the Meeting:—

Carnew, 20/5/63.

Dear Mr. Brangan,

Kindly convey to all Members of the County Council, yourself, County Manager and staffs, my own and my family's deep sense of gratitude for their Resolution of Sympathy and kind references to us in our great sorrow.

Yours very sincerely,  
J. J. McCREA.

#### Item No. 1—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell;  
Seconded by Councillor Quigley.

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Estimates Meetings held on 25th February and 4th March, 1963.  
Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 2—Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other Approved Schools — Applications deferred from previous Meeting.

The County Secretary stated that five applications to compete under Clause 1 (b) of the Scheme had been deferred from the previous Meeting to allow an opportunity of parents of the candidates submitting confirmation of incomes. No replies had been received from Mr. Felix Kavanagh, Harbour Road, Arklow. Mr. John P. Murphy, 78 Main Street, Bray, or Mrs. Elizabeth O'Brien, 14 Harbour Road, Arklow.



Mr. Michael Haughton, Rathdrum, had replied indicating that accounts were in course of preparation, but were not yet available. Mr. Hugh Gaffney, Mullinaveigue, Roundwood, submitted a letter from the Department of Lands confirming his income. The Council approved of the application of Maeva Frances Gaffney, Mullinaveigue, Roundwood, to compete under Clause 1 (b) of the Scheme. The Council decided to allow a further period of time to the Meeting to be held on the 17th June, 1963, for the receipt of confirmation of income from the remaining parents of candidates.

**Item No. 3.—University Scholarship Scheme—To Consider Applications Received.**

The County Secretary stated that twenty-seven applications to compete under the Scheme had been received. Of these eight applications were in respect of candidates competing under Clause 1 of the Scheme, i.e., as being outside the income limits and nineteen as being eligible to compete under Clause 2 of the Scheme, being within the income limits. Of the nineteen applications under Clause 2 of the Scheme seventeen were in order, confirmation of income having been received. Some further information was still required in regard to the other two applicants. The Council approved of the applications coming within Clause 2 of the Scheme and noted that details were still awaited in respect of two cases.

**Item No. 4.—To authorise Borrowing of £3,100 to Defray Cost of Purchase of Fire Engine for Rathdrum.**

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh.

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £3,100 from the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Ltd., Wicklow, repayable over a period of ten years, to defray the cost of purchase of new Fire Engine for Rathdrum.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 5.—Proposed Acquisition of Site for Fire Station at Dunlavin.**

The County Secretary stated that a site at Kilcullen Street, Dunlavin, had been recommended by the Chief Fire Officer and the Asst. County Engineer as suitable for the purposes of a new Fire Station. The site had been purchased recently by Mr. H. J. Coleborn, Dunlavin, who had indicated that he was prepared to dispose of the site to the Council for the same amount as he had paid for it, i.e. £100 plus the legal expenses which he had incurred and which he did not expect would be great.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor O'Neill.

Resolved—That we approve of the purchase of site at Kilcullen Street, Dunlavin, from Mr. H. J. Coleborn, for the purposes of a new Fire Brigade Station, for the sum of £100 and legal expenses.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 6.—Letter from Arklow Traders' Association Withdrawing Application for closing of road at Arklow.**

The Council noted the letter of 30th April, 1963, received from Mr. D. Boyle, Chairman, Arklow Traders' Association, indicating that they had decided not to hold the Soap Box Derby on the 16th of June and would be grateful if their application was withdrawn.

**Item No. 7.—Application for Closing of Roads at Altidore on 8th June, 1963, for purposes of Motor Car Hill Climb.**

The County secretary stated that the necessary public notice had been given and no objections had been received to the closing of the Road.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley.

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the Road described hereunder on Saturday, 8th June, 1963, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. and authorise the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb on the Road while so closed to public traffic:—

Portion of County Road No. 39 between 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.

**Item No. 8.—Arklow Bridge—Letter from Department of Local Government re Tenders received for Widening of Bridge.**

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

Department of Local Government  
Custom House,  
Dublin.

Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil,  
Teach An Chustaim,  
Baile Atha Cliath.  
30th April, 1963.

R.27/6/7

Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
Wicklow.

**Arklow Bridge.**

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 10th inst. on the above subject and to state that while the tenders received for the widening of this bridge are high the prospect of a significant saving on re-advertising is speculative. The danger of serious accident inherent in the occasional mounting of the bridge footpath by heavy wheel loads makes it undesirable to postpone the proposed scheme. These considerations should be taken into account by the County Council in deciding on the action to be taken on the consultant's report.

A copy of this letter is enclosed for the information of the Co. Engineer.

Mise, le meas,  
P. O. RIORDAIN.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.

Resolved—That having considered letter of 30th April, 1963, from Department of Local Government, we approve of the acceptance of the Tender of the Cementation Company, Ltd., in the sum of £48,344 13s. 3d., for the widening of Arklow Bridge, subject to the sanction of the Minister.

Councillor J. D. Haughton referred to the substantial difference between the estimated cost and the lowest Tender, as had been referred to by the Consulting Engineer, and suggested that the matter



should be deferred for further consideration. Councillor J. Temple pointed out that the matter of the Widening of Arklow Bridge had been before the Council on numerous occasions and felt that no advantage would be served by deferring the matter further. The Resolution, having been put to the Council, was declared passed, Councillor Haughton dissenting.

**Item No. 9.—Road Fund Grants 1963/64—Letter from Department of Loan Government dated 7th May, 1963, indicating allocation of Road Fund Grants for 1963/64.**

The County Secretary stated that copies of the Department's letter had been circulated to the Members together with the following Statement indicating the alterations in the Grants as compared with the amounts provided in the Estimates adopted by the Council:—

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.**

Courthouse,  
Wicklow,  
8th May, 1963.

Chairman and Members of  
Wicklow County Council.

Re: Road Fund Grants, 1963/64.

Dear Councillor,

I enclose herewith copy of Circular R.201/4/11A of the 7th inst. from the Department of Local Government, in regard to the allocation of Road Fund Grants to the Council for the current financial year.

It will be noted that in addition to the Main Road and County Road Improvement Grants and Main Road Upkeep Grant an Arterial Road Improvement Grant has been allocated. There has been an increase of £20,000 in the total amount of Grants as compared with 1962/63.

In 1962/63 the Council was notified of the allocation of a Special Arterial Road Grant of £30,000 subject to the Council's providing a similar amount from their allocation for Main and County Road Improvement Grants. In order to meet this requirement it was necessary to transfer the sum of £11,950 from County Road Improvement Grants to Main Road Improvement Grants. The County Engineer, in preparing the Road Works Scheme for the current year, assumed that the Grants to be made available would be similar to those allocated in 1962/63.

The effect of the Grants as now allocated in relation to the provision made in the Council's Estimates is as follows:—

**Provision in Estimates, 1963/64:**

Main Road Improvement Grant	County Road Improvement Grant	Arterial Road Improvement Grant	Total
£44,850	£56,050	£30,000	£130,900
<b>As now allocated:</b>			
£39,500	£46,400	£65,000	£150,900
Minus £5,350	Minus £9,650	Plus £35,000	Plus £20,000

The difference between the figures shown for Main and County Roads as compared with the figures given in the Department's Circular is accounted for by the transfer made by the Council last year of £11,950 from County Road Improvement Grants to Main Road Improvement Grants.

It will be noted that the Arterial Road Improvement Grant of £65,000 is allocated for the improvement of the section of the main Bray/Wicklow Road near St. Valerie Bridge.

Yours sincerely,

K. J. BRANGAN,

County Secretary.

Encl. KJB/JK.

Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil,  
Teach An Chustaim,  
Baile Atha Cliath.

7th May, 1963

R.201/4/11A

A Chara,

(1) I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to inform you that, subject to what follows, he has decided to allocate the following Road Fund grants to Wicklow County Council for 1963/64.

County Road Improvement Grant: £46,400.

Main Road Improvement Grant: £39,500.

Main Road Upkeep Grant: 50 per cent. of approved expenditure.

Arterial Road Improvement Grant: £65,000 for the improvement of section of T.7 near Valerie Bridge.

It will be noted that the County Road Improvement Grant has been reduced by £21,600 on 1962/63 and that this reduction is offset by an increase of £6,600 in the Main Road Improvement Grant and £35,000 in the Arterial Road Grant.

2. One of the most striking features of the greatly increased volume of traffic in recent years here, as in other countries, is the extent to which it is concentrated on the major through traffic routes, or arterial roads, which constitute a limited mileage of the road network. This tendency, coupled with the substantial increase in the numbers of vehicles, renders the improvement of these routes a matter of the utmost importance to the national economy.

Although a certain amount of work has been done on the arterial roads in recent years, many sections are still inadequate in width and alignment even for the traffic they carry at present; many sections also, as is evident from reports received from county engineers and from the Department's Inspectors, are in urgent need of attention due to their inability to stand up to the heavy weight of traffic being carried on them. The improvement of these roads to a proper standard will contribute to road safety and also reduce transport costs which are a significant factor in determining the costs of both agricultural and industrial goods. On this score alone it is urgently necessary to secure that the roads which are important national traffic routes should be brought up to an adequate standard at the earliest date practicable.

It is appreciated that road authorities generally have regard to these considerations in deciding on the distribution of the road resources, including the Road Fund grants, available to them. As an added inducement towards meeting the urgent requirements of the arterial roads system, the Minister last year introduced a scheme of Special Arterial Road Improvement Grants. The scheme has been extended in the current year and, to finance it, it has been necessary to divert moneys from the County Road Improvement Grant. The Minister is satisfied that this course is fully justified in view of the urgency of the arterial road problem and the advanced stage now reached in the county road programme in many areas. The reduction in the County Road Improvement Grant is confined to the counties



in which the dust-free percentage of county roads at 31st March, 1962, was in excess of 50 per cent., and is in each case in proportion to that excess.

3. Councils are again urged to make the maximum use of modern low cost methods and, in particular, of blade grader maintenance rather than full scale improvement on county roads. Proposals under the County Road Improvement Grant should be accompanied by a report by the County Engineer indicating the further steps taken and proposed to be taken to secure completion of the county road improvement programme at the earliest date practicable by the maximum use of these methods. The blade-grader method may, where conditions are suitable, cost as little as £65 per mile initially, subsequent treatment often costing considerably less. Full scale improvement, however, may cost in some cases, where low cost construction methods are used up to £1,500 per mile, and up to £3,500 per mile where traditional methods are used. Furthermore, a county road, improved by normal methods, involves a substantial increase in maintenance (average £70 per mile per annum for surface dressing).

4. As in previous years, the grant allocations are subject to suitable provision for the maintenance of their main and county roads being made by the Council out of their own funds. The minimum provision (inclusive of the Main Road Upkeep Grant) for ordinary road works to qualify for the grants is that provided in 1962/63 for main and county roads respectively. If councils are advised that such a provision may not represent an adequate sum for the work requiring to be done, they should give full consideration to the advice of their officers. In many cases inadequate provision is being made for maintenance surface dressing of roads. The need for such surface dressing has already been stressed in previous circular letters. Neglect to carry out a satisfactory programme leads to deterioration of the roads, with consequent danger to traffic and ultimate costly reconstruction. This will in turn slow down the expansion of the rolled road mileage. The council will appreciate that the preservation of the existing capital assets must be a first charge on their income. While the need for maintenance surface dressing varies according to circumstances, the average requirements are (a) a repeat once in five years for main roads and (b) a repeat once in seven years for improved county roads. Furthermore, as the grants available from the Road Fund for main road improvements are necessarily limited, they should be reserved for the more important works, and provision should be made from local funds (assisted by the main road upkeep grant) for any minor works requiring to be done, such as footpath construction, improvement of sight lines, etc. As part of their maintenance programme councils should consider making full use of the powers vested in them by Section 34 of the Local Government Act, 1925, as amended, to ensure that trees or hedges which are prejudicial to a road, within the meaning of the Act, are trimmed or removed.

5. Councils are reminded that Section 60 of the Civil Liability Act, 1961, provides for a change in the law relating to the liability of a road authority for failure to maintain a public road. Section 60 may not be brought into operation before 1st April, 1967, and road authorities should, in the intervening period, examine fully the implications of the Section in their own circumstances and take such steps as may be necessary to meet the altered obligations.

6. Such portion of the county road improvement grant as the Council consider proper may be transferred to the main road improvement grant. While the proportion that may be transferred is left entirely to the discretion of the council, it is suggested that regard be had not only to the needs of traffic referred to above, but also

to the need for maintaining employment without imposing undue burdens on the rates. In this connection it may be noted that main road improvement work has, generally, a higher labour content than the type of county road improvement work now being done in many counties, and does not involve the increased maintenance costs mentioned in the case of the county road improvement. The Department should be notified immediately of any transfer of funds under these provisions.

7. The Council should take all the steps necessary to ensure completion of works within the year. The formulation of schemes, including planning and the acquisition of any necessary property should be undertaken sufficiently in advance to ensure that approved works can be undertaken without delay and carried out under the most favourable weather conditions. It is desirable in this connection that councils should have a pool of planned works out of which to select the year's programme, so that the works proposed can be submitted for formal approval as soon as the grants are notified. Councils are reminded that only approved works may be charged to grant and that such approval must be obtained before the work is undertaken.

8. The need for economy in the execution of works has also been stressed previously and should continue to have close attention. The improvement grants should not be dispersed over a large number of small works. In regard to main road improvement works in particular, consideration should be given to the desirability of concentrating on a limited number of large schemes, thus ensuring the overall improvement of a route in a relatively short time, as well as a more economical scale of operation.

9. In the case of major works, and especially of works under the Arterial Road Grant, the contract method should be considered unless the County Engineer is satisfied that they can be done as efficiently and economically by direct labour, having due regard to the availability of the necessary plant.

10. The Minister desires that, subject to the overruling principle of securing economy, the county council's road programme for 1963/64 should be devised so that reasonably regular employment will be afforded throughout the year and a substantial drop at the end will be avoided.

11. A statement should be submitted on the lines of the attached form D, showing the various amounts provided by the Council out of their own funds for road works for 1963/64. Consideration cannot be given to any scheme submitted until this form is received. Proposals for works under the various grants notified by this letter should be submitted as follows:—

- (1) **County Road Improvement:** A list (A) of the works proposed for execution, assigning a number to each scheme, together with Forms 11 and 11A and a map on the scale 1" to 1 mile for each scheme. The works should, of course, be selected on the basis of the Five Year Plan.
- (2) **Main Road Improvement Grant:** A list (B) of the works proposed and other particulars as at (1) above.
- (3) **Main Road Upkeep Grant:** A statement (C) of the works proposed to be carried out, showing the section number of each road, the amount provided in respect of each such section, road or group and the nature of the work proposed.

12. The conditions which will apply to expenditure under the grants are set out on attached sheets.

13. The terms of Circular Letter R.201/4/6B of 8 Lunasa, 1958,



apply to the selection of all works towards which it is proposed to allocate any portions of the Improvement Grants now being notified. Early steps should be taken to comply with the requirements of that Circular Letter.

14. A copy of this letter is enclosed for the information of the County Engineer.

Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

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In reply to Councillor Haughton the County Secretary stated that it was presumed that the extra Grants allocated were made available from the Road Fund in consequence of increase in the amounts collected from Motor Taxation. Councillor Haughton expressed the view that it was time some relief was given to motorists and that surplus monies coming to the Road Fund should be utilised to effect a reduction in Motor Taxation. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., pointed out that monies collected by way of Motor Taxation were allocated for Road Improvements and considered that having regard to the great increase in traffic on roads it was desirable that continued improvements be made. Councillor G. Timmins referred to the County Engineer's suggestions which had been circulated to the Members for the apportionment of the Road Grants and pointed out that a reduction of £3,000 had been made in the monies available for County Road Grants in that area. He stated that less than 50 per cent. of the roads in the Western Area were tarred. The County Manager stated that the Department, in distributing funds collected from Motor Taxation, took into account up-to-date figures of traffic density and the interests of the persons paying Motor Taxation. It was considered that the monies could be put to best use by improving the trunk roads throughout the country. In reference to the allocation of £65,000 for work at St. Valerie's Bridge, Bray, the County Manager stated that a Scheme had been prepared some years ago for this particular section of the road, but had not been carried out. The Scheme would provide for the bypassing of the existing Bridge and a new Bridge would have to be built over the stream. The County Engineer stated that the new Bridge would have a 40 ft. span and that the sum of £65,000 would not cover the work on approach roads and the Bridge.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge.

Resolved—That we approve of the County Engineer's recommendation for the re-apportionment of Road Grants.

Passed—Councillor J. Miley dissenting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins.

Resolved—Department of Local Government to be asked to make available for West Wicklow District a Grant for County Roads from Road Fund to same amount as last financial year 1962/63.

Passed unanimously.

St. Valerie Bridge.

The County Engineer suggested that the work on the construction of St. Valerie Bridge be carried out by Contract and advised that Messrs. McCabe and Delaney, Consulting Engineers, be engaged to prepare the design for carrying out the work. The Council approved of the County Engineer's recommendation.

The Council decided to hold Meetings of the Members of the Council for the separate Electoral Areas to consider the revisions to be made in Road Grants as follows:—

Arklow Electoral Area: At Shillelagh at 3 p.m. on 27th May, 1963.  
Bray Electoral Area: At Town Hall, Bray, at 8 p.m. on 28th May, 1963.  
Wicklow Electoral Area: At Wicklow at 8 p.m. on 24th May, 1963.

No date was fixed for a Meeting for the Baltinglass Area pending receipt of reply from the Department to the Council's Resolution requesting an additional Grant for the area.

Item No. 10.—Report of County Engineer on Road Works carried out During Financial Year Ended 31st March, 1963.

The Council noted the Report of the County Engineer which had been circulated to the Members in regard to Road Works carried out during 1962/63. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., asked that the Quarterly Reports on Road Works be submitted at the Meeting following the close of each Quarter.

Item No. 11.—Report of Committee of Council in Regard to Production of Materials in Council Quarries.

The Council decided to defer consideration of the Report for the attendance of Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Item No. 12.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.  
—That the County Engineer supply the following particulars for the next Council Meeting—Total Payments made to Roadstone, Ltd., for Hire of Plant and Machinery for years 1960/61, 1961/62, and latest date for 1963 and payments for the supply of Materials for the same period.

The County Secretary submitted particulars of the amounts paid to Messrs. Roadstone for the supply of gravel, tar and tarmac during the years 1960/61, 1961/62 and 1962/63. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that the details be circulated to the Members.

Item No. 13.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—  
That the Council take steps to have road from Ballycoogue to Clone realigned in order to prevent water damaging avenue laid down under farm improvement scheme by Mr. James Byrne, Coolahullen, or alternatively take it over as far as Mr. George Hill's and maintain it as a County Road.

In reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley, the following Report of the Assistant County Engineer was submitted:—

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

Court House,  
Arklow,  
11th May, 1963.

Dear Sir,

The road that Councillor Quigley proposes that the Council should take over is a lane from the Ballycoog Road to the Coolahullen Road and is in a similar position to the other lanes in the district which were referred to the local Committee and which the Committee did not advise the Council to take over and this should also be referred to the Committee. With regard to realigning the Ballycoog/Clone Road, I wish to say that I see no reason for doing this. The Mr. Byrne referred to opened a new avenue from the road and should have made provision for any drainage necessary. There is an inlet



from the Clone road which allows the water across a field and it eventually makes its way on to Mr. Byrne's lane and there is no way we can stop this. I am having a drain on the side of the road deepened below Mr. Byrne's entrance to help quick drainage on this side, but beyond this I cannot see what more we can do for Mr. Byrne.

JPC/PD.

Yours faithfully,

J. P. CAFFREY.

The Council noted the terms of the Assistant County Engineer's Report.

**Item No. 13A.—To declare the following roads to be public roads—1, County Road No. 146 at Threewells, Aughrim, Eastward, for 220 lineal yards to Keenan's Farmyard Gate. 2—County Road No. 175 at Chapel for a distance of 680 lineal yards North and East to County Road No. 175 at Crone Upper.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh.

Resolved—That in pursuance of Section 2 of the Local Government Act, 1953, we hereby declare the following Roads to be Public Roads:—

1. County Road No. 146 at Threewells, Aughrim, eastward for 220 lineal yards to Keenan's farmyard gate.

2. County Road No. 175 at Chapel for a distance of 680 lineal yards north and east to County Road No. 175 at Crone Upper.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 14.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. D. Haughton Representation having been made to me by the Irish Countrywomen's Association and Rathdrum Development Association that a scavenging service be provided for Rathdrum, I or someone on my behalf will move that such a service be provided.**

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that at present there was a street cleaning service in operation by means of a carter operating in Rathdrum on Saturdays and on Monday mornings and also after Fairs. If the Council agreed the service could be put into operation for one full day each week and the cost would be about £100 per annum. The Council agreed that the service be provided as recommended by the Assistant County Engineer.

**Refuse Collection for Blessington.**

In reply to inquiry from Councillor J. Miley the County Secretary stated that arrangements had been made for a carter to carry out the work, but he had recently indicated that he was not prepared to sign the Contract. Councillor Miley stated that the Conditions of the Contract were too complicated and for that reason he was not prepared to sign. He felt that if the conditions were amended the person concerned would be agreeable to take on the work. The County Manager stated that the matter would be further examined.

**Item No. 15.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh —That the Council investigate the possibility of providing water for three cottages at Killaveney Upper.**

The County Secretary stated that the Scheme proposed by the Consulting Engineer, which was included under Item 19 on the Agenda, would include the area in which these three cottages were situated.

**Item No. 16.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh —That the Council investigate the possibility of providing water for Cottage (J. Murphy) at Lugduff and of further extending the Main to provide water to three cottages at Fairwood.**

The County Secretary stated that the cottages concerned were included in the area covered by the Scheme suggested by the Consulting Engineer under Item 19 on the Agenda.

**Item No. 17.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—That Watermain be extended from Lackan to Carrig in conjunction with the reconstruction of the road.**

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported and pointed out that a Group Scheme was being prepared for this extension of the watermain and was being dealt with by the Department of Local Government. He stated that it was not considered advisable to lay watermains during the reconstruction of a road as there was sure to be subsidence in the portion subject to fill and with the continuous passing of Rollers and heavy machinery the pipes could sustain damage. It was not desirable that pipes be laid until about two months after the completion of Road Works. In regard to the Co-Operative Water Supply Scheme, the Co. Secretary stated that particulars of the existing water supply at Lackan had been supplied to the Department of Local Government in connection with the proposed Group Water Supply Scheme which was being dealt with by the Department for the Sruhaun and Carrig areas. Councillor J. Miley stated that he understood that the Private Scheme was not proceeding and pointed out that the Council had agreed to an extension of the watermain. The County Manager stated that it would be necessary to consult the Department of Local Government in regard to the Co-operative Water Supply Scheme and if the Scheme had been abandoned and it was agreed to lay the watermain it would still be necessary to make arrangements for borrowing and it could not be guaranteed that the pipes could be laid within two months. The Council agreed that an inquiry be addressed to the Department of Local Government regarding the Co-Operative Water Supply Scheme for the area.

**Item No. 18.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Edward Byrne —That time be allowed at our next meeting to consider the implementing of the Water Scheme for Kilmacanogue as already agreed on at Local Area Meeting.**

The County Secretary stated that one of the Schemes given priority at the Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area when considering new Water Supply Schemes was a Scheme for the extension of the Enniskerry supply at Kilmacanogue and Killough which was estimated to cost £13,580. Plans for the Scheme had not yet been completed. Councillor E. Byrne stated that people in the area were anxious to know when the Scheme was likely to commence. He stated that he had since heard that there was a supply which might be suitable for the purpose at Ballybawn and suggested that this source might be examined. The County Secretary stated that arrangements would be made to inquire regarding the suggested source at Ballybawn.

**Windgates Group Water Supply Scheme.**

In reply to inquiry by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge the Chairman, Councillor H. J. Byrne, stated that persons in the area were not satisfied with the quality of the water, which was hard, and they feared it would affect electrical equipment.



**Item No. 19.—Tinahely/Carnew Water Supply Scheme — Report of Consulting Engineer.**

The County Secretary stated that the Consulting Engineer, Mr. J. B. Barry, had submitted a Preliminary Report and Estimate in regard to Water Supply Schemes for the Tinahely-Carnew area. He recommended a Regional Scheme to serve Tinahely and Carnew and to provide a service also for Ballinglen, Preban, Ballyraheen, Coolboy, Deerpark, Balisland, Drummin, Park, Ballingate, Tombrean and Umrigar. The source proposed was the Derry River near Tinahely and the area to be served was 21,000 acres with a total population of 3,572 persons. The consumption was estimated at 257,000 gallons per day. A gravity supply was not possible and pumping would be necessary. The total cost of the Scheme was estimated at £122,000 which would be equivalent to £194 per house. The cost in the Rates would be about 7d. in the £. As an alternative a Scheme to serve Carnew and Tinahely only was estimated to cost £80,500, equivalent to 5d. in the £. On the proposal of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., it was agreed that the matter be further considered by the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area at their Local Meeting.

**Rathnew Water Supply.**

In reply to inquiry from Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Secretary stated that the lowest tenderer had indicated that he was not prepared to proceed with completion of an Agreement at the figure tendered and consequently it was necessary to consider the next lowest Tender and this was being done at present.

**Blessington Water Supply Scheme.**

The County Secretary stated that it was expected that agreement would be reached regarding the matter of compensation for water rights very shortly and also that the approval of the Department to the Plans would be available.

**Sruhaun Water Supply.**

In reply to Councillor Timmins regarding the provision of a water supply for Sruhaun outside Baltinglass the County Manager explained that the Council had found difficulty in getting Temporary Engineers to deal with water supplies. Councillor Timmins protested at the delay in connection with the Scheme and asked that a Report on the matter be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting.

**Item No. 20.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. Miley—That the Council provide Water Supply for Annamoe and Glendalough and report of Consulting Engineer on proposed Scheme.**

The County Manager stated that Mr. John B. Barry, Consulting Engineer, had submitted a Preliminary Report and Estimate in respect of the Laragh/Annamoe Water Supply Scheme. The population to be served was 437 and the Scheme would serve Annamoe, Laragh and Glendalough. The Scheme would provide a reserve to give a boosted supply to Tomriland and Moneystown and also to provide for future tourist development. The demand was estimated at 42,000 gallons per day. The source proposed was on the Glenmacnass River about three miles above Laragh with a service reservoir at Laragh and at Annamoe. The cost per house worked out at £282. The Consultant estimated the cost at £37,000, but the County Engineer felt that it would be wiser to estimate on the basis of £40,000. The County Engineer, while agreeing with the Scheme, wished to investigate further the laying of pipes of 3" and 2" diameter and was taking up this matter with the

Consultant. The Council agreed that the matter be examined further by the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area at their Local Meeting.

The Council decided to defer the remaining items on the Agenda to the next Meeting of the Council.

**Meeting in Relation to Brittas Bay Development Plan.**

The County Secretary stated that proposals for the development of the lands of Mr. McDaniel, Mrs. Leahy and Mr. Staunton had been received on the 18th of May and these plans provided for 120 houses with an ultimate development of 300 houses, 300 Caravans, Hotels and three Car Parks, on the lands of Mr. McDaniel; for 200 Caravans, a Restaurant, Recreation Room, Shop, Cinema and Swimming Pool, on the lands of Mrs. Leahy; and for three houses and 425 caravans with five Kiosks and a Car Park for 600 cars, on the lands of Mr. Staunton. It was estimated that the total population which would be covered in these proposals would amount to about 6,000. A letter had been received from the Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd., in the course of which it was proposed that a Meeting or a series of Meetings be held between the Technical Officers of the Council concerned with the planning of the area with one or two members of the Brittas Bay Development Co., Ltd., with its Technical Consultants and if desired that this courtesy be extended to individual owners and their representatives. Plans were being prepared in respect of the development of the lands of Mr. Higgins, but were not yet available. In the circumstances it would seem that no useful purpose would be served in holding the proposed Meeting on the 27th of May. The Council agreed to defer the proposed Meeting and agreed that arrangements be made for Meetings between the Council's Technical Officers and Technical Officers of the Brittas Bay Development Co., or of other landowners to consider the further proposals submitted.

**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 Council raise a loan for the purpose of erecting a public sanitary convenience at Aughrim.

In the name of Councillor G. Timmins—That I or someone for me will move at the next Meeting that the culvert through Grangecon be lowered so that main drain from Knockrigg can be cleaned by adjoining landowners.

In the names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins—That we, the undersigned, will move a motion requesting the Council to build a house for Michael Curry at Bawnogue, Baltinglass.

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That I or someone for me will move a motion requesting the Council to expedite the supply of gravel for the yards of the Council's tenants at Sruhaun and Bawnogue, Baltinglass, as previously agreed.



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, the Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, 10th June, 1963, 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, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers N. D. Farrell and P. McGuinness attended.

### AGENDA:

1. Cottage Purchase Scheme—Reports on position regarding Cottage No. 75/9 at Tombrean, Carnew (John Kearney, Deceased) and Cottage No. 87/9 at Ballynavortha (Timothy Farrell, Deceased).
2. Reports of County Medical Officer and County Architect on applications for provision of Rural Cottages on individual sites.
3. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill requesting erection of a house on a vacant plot at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, for John Fogarty.
4. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins requesting the Council to build a house for Michael Curry at Bawnogue, Baltinglass.
5. Erection of Cottage at Mount John—Recommendation of County Engineer for erection of Cottage by Direct Labour.
6. Proposed installation of water supply to Council Cottages at Boghall, Bray—Report regarding inquiries made from tenants of Cottages in relation to contribution.
7. Dumping Ground at Delgany.
8. Road Improvements at Barndarrig—Cutting of hedge at Council Cottage.
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill requesting that supply of gravel for yards of Council tenants at Sruhaun and Bawnogue, Baltinglass, as previously agreed, be expedited.
10. Caravan Site at New La Touche Road, Greystones.
11. Revision of Rents under Graded Rents Scheme.
12. Repairs to Cottages carried out during month of May, 1963, and to be carried out during month of June, 1963.

### Resolution of Sympathy on Death of His Holiness, Pope John XXIII.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, referred to the death of His Holiness, Pope John XXIII, and proposed that the deepest sympathy of the Members of the Council be conveyed to the Papal Nuncio. Having paid tribute to the achievements of Pope John during his pontificate and to the good will he had shown to all Christian communities he proposed that the Council adjourn as a mark of respect to his memory. Councillor H. J. Byrne, seconding the proposal, also referred to the late Pope John's call for unity and to the great impact he had made throughout the world. Councillor H. B. Hipwell, as a member of the Presbyterian community, also expressed his sympathy and Councillor Hadden also joined with the other Members in expressing sympathy. The Council passed the Resolution and the Meeting adjourned until Monday, 17th June, 1963.



A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 17th June, 1963, 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, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley and J. Gregory

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

#### AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 28th January, 11th and 25th March, 1963.
2. Overdrafts on General Account and Capital Account for Quarter to 30th September, 1963.
3. To determine and make County Rate for service of financial year ending 31st March, 1964, sign and seal Rate Books and authorise affixing of seal to Rate Collectors' Warrants and sign and seal Demands on Urban District Councils.
4. To fix date for Annual Meeting of Council for year 1963.
5. Cottage Purchase Scheme—Reports on position regarding Cottage No. 75/9 at Tombrean, Carnew (John Kearney, Deceased) and Cottage No. 87/9 at Ballynavortha (Timothy Farrell, Deceased).
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16. Repairs to Cottages carried out during month of May, 1963, and to be carried out during month of June, 1963.
17. Report of Committee of Council in regard to Production of Materials in Council Quarries.
18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—That the sewerage main on the North side of Blessington be extended.
19. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley — That the Council extend watermain as far as the last Cottage in Balleeshal or Rednagh Road Corner, Aughrim.

20. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley — That the Council extend watermain to three Cottages at Annacurra Road from main on Railway Bridge, Aughrim.
21. Letter from the Pure Water Association of Ireland regarding Fluoridation of Water Supplies.
22. Report on Alterations to Criminal Court, Wicklow.
23. Scheme for Conciliation and Arbitration for Officers in Local Government Service—Agreement with Unions (Copy circulated).
24. Provision of New Dispensary at Blessington—To authorise necessary borrowing.
25. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Edward Byrne, Patrick McCarthy and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge—That in view of the disappointing figures for County Wicklow in the Mass X-Ray Campaign carried out during 1962, that time be allowed for discussion in the matter.
26. Resolution from Corporation of Dun Laoghaire in regard to cost of Health Services.
27. Minutes of Meeting of County Councils' General Council held on 13th December, 1962.
28. Letter from Department of Social Welfare re posts of Assistance Officer.
29. Scholarship Schemes—Reports re applications deferred from previous Meeting.
30. Report of Local Government Auditor on Audit of Accounts for two years to 31st March, 1961 (Copy circulated).
31. Rathnew Sewerage and Water Supply.
32. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley — That the Council raise a Loan for the purpose of erecting a public sanitary convenience at Aughrim.
33. Tinahely Dumping Ground.
34. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins—That culvert in Grangecon be lowered so that main drain from Knockrigg can be cleaned by adjoining landowners.
35. Report re Macreddin Burial Ground.
36. Letter from Bray and District Trades Union Council re future use of Newcastle Hospital.
37. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

#### Acknowledgment of Resolution of Sympathy.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 15th June 1963, received from the Apostolic Nuncio, acknowledging the Resolution passed by the Council expressing deep sorrow at the death of Holy Father, Pope John XXIII, and stating that the tribute which the Members of the Council had paid to the late Sovereign Pontiff was much appreciated. The Council noted also an acknowledgment received from the husband and family of the late Mary C. Mulligan expressing appreciation of the Council's Resolution of Sympathy.

#### Item No. 1—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley.

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 28th January, 11th and 25th March 1963.

Passed unanimously.



**Item No. 2.—Overdrafts on General Account and Capital Account for Quarter to 30th September, 1963.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Quigley.

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Limited, 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, 1963, shall not exceed £150,000.

Passed unanimously.

It was

It was proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Quigley.

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Limited, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's Capital Account as may be required and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the Quarter to 30th September, 1963, shall not exceed £5,000.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 3.—To Determine and make County Rate for Service of Financial year ending 31st March, 1964, Sign and Seal Rate Books and Authorise affixing of seal to Rate Collectors' Warrants and Sign and Seal Demands on Urban District Councils.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Deering.

Resolved—That we now adopt the Rates for the service of the financial year ending on 31st March, 1964, 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, 1964.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Deering.

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, 1964, as follows:—

Arklow	...	...	£13,297	2	5
Bray	...	...	£54,307	4	2
Wicklow	...	...	£10,595	2	5

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 4.—Annual Meeting of Council for Year 1963.**

The Council decided to hold the Annual Meeting for the year 1963 on Monday, 24th June, 1963.

The Council decided to adjourn the Meeting at 5.00 p.m. and to defer any items then remaining on the Agenda to a Meeting to be held on the 24th June, 1963, following the Annual Meeting.

**Item No. 5.—Cottage Purchase Scheme—Reports on Position Regarding Cottage No. 75/9 at Tombrean, Carnew (John Kearney, Deceased) and Cottage No. 87/9 at Ballynavortha (Timothy Farrell, Deceased).**

The County Secretary submitted the Advice received from the Council's Solicitor in regard to Cottage No. 75/9 at Tombrean, Carnew, and the Council noted that unless some person took out Administration of the Estate of the late John Kearney the Council would be unable to take action to recover possession of the cottage. The Council noted that a nephew of the late Mr. Kearney, Mr. Thomas Kearney, was arranging to take out Grant of Administration and that he would then be in a position to deal with the matter of the cottage.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That having considered Advice of Council's Solicitor and letter of 1st June, 1963, from Messrs. Samuel Roche and Co., Solicitors, we approve of consent being given to the sale of Vested Cottage No. 87/9 at Ballynavortha, to Mrs. Margaret Brennan, c/o Mrs. Cummins, Ardattin, Carlow, subject to the necessary Grant of Administration being obtained by Mr. John Farrell.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. J. McCrea raised the matter of the proposed sale of a Vested Cottage by a Mr. Michael Gartland and asked that the matter of giving consent to the proposed sale be expedited. The County Manager indicated that he understood that there was some difficulty in regard to granting consent at the moment and that the matter would be examined.

**Item No. 6.—Reports of County Medical Officer and County Architect on Applications for Provision of Rural Cottages on Individual Sites.**

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer and County Architect had reported in regard to nine applicants. In the case of one applicant the application had been withdrawn. The following Report of the Council's Architect was submitted:—

Mr. A. O'Connor.

1st May, 1963.

Staff Officer,  
County Council Offices,  
Rathdrum,  
Co. Wicklow.

Dear Mr. O'Connor,

I enclose reports on sites for rural cottages and I wish to add the following information for each site:

1 and 2. See Form.

3. **James Fennell, Barronstown, Grange Con**—This is an isolated site with neither proper water nor sewerage facilities already available and is only half a mile from the village of Grange Con. I feel that an effort should be made to find an alternative site in the village itself.

4. **Timothy Balfe, Kylebeg, Lackan, Blessington**—Mr. Balfe's own cottage is situated on the side of the hill below Lackan and the site he now proposes can only be reached by a narrow laneway known as "Lodge Lane" and is approximately one mile from the main road. This site is very elevated being about 900 feet above



sea level and there is evidence of rock in the fields adjoining the site he proposes. I am of the opinion that to build a cottage in this very bleak and isolated region would be wrong.

5. **Patrick J. Keogh, Rustyduff, Knockenarrigan**—This site is only about one mile from the village of Donard and has no water or sewerage. I feel that it would not be advisable to construct a new cottage here and I would suggest an alternative site be bought in village of Donard.
- 6 and 7. **Michael Fennell and John Carroll, Lugnagun**—These two applicants live in what was at one time the settlement of about one dozen homes in which there are now only four families. Access to the site is from a long and very narrow laneway which is a cul-de-sac. The land is very poor and the site very exposed and when I examined it there were still drifts of snow in the adjoining fields. The nearest school is approximately four miles away and the same applies to shop and church, although these may be approached by climbing over the mountain, a distance of about one mile. There is no electricity and I feel that it may be a mistake to erect cottages in this district. If three sites could be found in the village of Lackan it would be desirable to accommodate 4-6 and 7 there.
8. **William O'Neill, Ardinary, Brittas**—This is also an isolated site but some case could be made for building a cottage here as it is on a main road and in a district in which one might reasonably expect further development in the future and I would, therefore, recommend approval of this site.
9. **Richard Greene, Ballard, Kilbride**—The site for this cottage adjoins the cottage of Mrs. Green's father, on whose land it is. It will be necessary to sink a well to provide water for the cottage. Nevertheless, the area is fairly well populated and I recommend approval of this site.

Yours faithfully,

J. D. Tallon.

County Architect.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., said that most of the applicants in the cases were small landowners and wished to have a house built for them on their own land. He stated that it was essential that the house be provided on the applicant's land in such cases. Councillors Timmins and Miley also considered that houses should be provided for these applicants on their own holdings. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to the case of a widow who was in receipt of a pension and had applied to have a cottage built for her on her own lands, but had been refused as she held thirty acres of land. He felt that the Council should provide a house in this instance. In reply to inquiries from the Members the County Manager stated that as the State contributed most of the money for the erection of cottages the final decision as to whether the cottages would be provided on these sites rested with the Department of Local Government. He referred to a Circular from the Department in regard to the undesirability of erecting cottages in isolated areas and pointed out that the Council had been unable to let many cottages which had been provided in previous years in isolated areas. While many of the applicants for these cottages were owners of land they did not derive their livelihood from the land and had other sources of income.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins.

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of Rural Cottages for John Barrett, Lowtown, Grangecon, William O'Neill, Ardinary, Brittas Bay, and Richard Greene, Ballard, Kilbride on sites proposed and also of houses for remaining five applicants.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., asked that a Report in regard to the application of Mrs. Byrne, Moylisha, for the erection of a cottage on her lands be submitted to the next Meeting and Councillor Timmins also asked that a Report be submitted in regard to the application of Mr. Patrick Keogh.

#### Erection of Houses at Eadestown and Johnstown.

In reply to inquiries made by Councillor J. Miley and P. McCarthy regarding the erection of cottages at Eadestown and Johnstown the County Engineer stated that work on the erection of a house at Eadestown would commence on Thursday of that week and that the house at Johnstown, Arklow, would be commenced on Friday of that week. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that a Report be submitted in regard to the application of a Mrs. Kinsella for the erection of a cottage including the date of the inspection of her house by the County Medical Officer.

**Item No. 7.**—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill, requesting erection of a house on a vacant plot at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, for John Fogarty.

Councillor O'Neill asked that this Notice of Motion and the following Notice of Motion on the Agenda be considered together.

**Item No. 8.**—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins requesting the Council to build a house for Michael Curry at Bawnogue, Baltinglass.

In regard to the Notices of Motion under items 7 and 8 the County Secretary stated that these related to the building of two cottages on a plot at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, which was in the ownership of the Council. The applicants were John Fogarty who is a married man with three children and was living with his mother, stepfather and uncle, and Michael Curry who is married with no family and lived at Church Street, Baltinglass. The Assistant County Engineer had reported that the plot referred to contained just under two acres and was acquired by the Council in 1917. One cottage had been built on the plot and the plot divided in two. The proposal was that two semi-detached cottages be built on the remaining one acre plot.

It was

Proposed by Councillor O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Timmins.

Resolved—That we approve of the erection of a cottage at Bawnogue, Baltinglass for Mr. John Fogarty.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor O'Neill.

Resolved—That we approve of the erection of a cottage at Bawnogue Baltinglass, for Michael Curry.

Passed unanimously.



**Item No. 9.—Erection of Cottage at Mount John.**

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that the cottage at Timore or Mount John to be built in connection with the Road Improvement Scheme be erected by direct labour. It was suggested, however, that since the Council had only a limited number of tradesmen employed and since these were engaged and would be required for maintenance work on Council Institutions and for assisting in cottage repairs in cases of urgency it was felt that it would be preferable that arrangements be made to have the cottage erected by contract. It was pointed out that the Council was commencing the erection of cottages at Eadestown, Stratford-on-Slaney, and at Johnstown, Arklow, by direct labour.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne.

Resolved—That having considered recommendation of County Engineer we approve of proceeding with the erection of cottage at Timore by contract.

Passed unanimously.

The Council asked that the County Engineer also submit a price for the erection of the cottage by direct labour.

**Item No. 10.—Proposed installation of Water Supply to Council Cottages at Boghall, Bray.**

The County Secretary stated that the tenants of the cottages at Boghall, Bray, had been consulted and of the thirty-three tenants all but one had indicated that they were agreeable to pay a contribution of 1s. 9d. per week towards the cost of installing a water supply. The Chief Assistant County Engineer had estimated that the cost of providing a water supply with sinks and a discharge to a soakpit 60 ft. from each house would amount to £1,800 for the thirty-three cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge.

Resolved—That we approve of proceeding with Scheme for provision of water supply to thirty-two cottages at Boghall Road, Bray, in accordance with estimate submitted.

That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £1,800 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of twenty-five years, to defray the cost of the work.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 11.—Dumping Ground at Delgany.**

The County Secretary stated that the former Board of Health had entered into an Agreement with the then owner of land at Delgany near Barry's Bridge to use the land for a dumping ground, the rent being £5 per annum. This rent had been paid regularly up to two years ago when the present owner, Miss Cherry, refused to accept it and indicated that she required the Council to hand up possession. Since that time efforts had been made by the Council to secure an alternative site for a dumping ground, but to date these efforts had not proved successful. Approaches had been made to the Burnaby Estate, Greystones, in regard to two sites and also to Mr. Devereux of Willow Grove regarding another site and a further site at Bellevue had been investigated. It had not been possible to acquire any of these

sites. It was not possible to trace any written Agreement in regard to the existing dumping ground. The owner was taking proceedings in the Circuit Court to recover possession of the land. The County Manager stated that the Council always experienced difficulty in seeking to obtain dumping grounds in any district in the County and it appeared that the Council did not have adequate compulsory powers of acquisition. Many places were seeking the provision of Refuse Collecting Services, but it would not be possible for the Council to provide these services unless suitable dumps were available.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell.

Resolved—That sanitary authorities be given compulsory powers to acquire land for use as Dumping Grounds.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 12.—Road Improvements at Barndarrig—Cutting of Hedge at Council Cottage.**

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had called on the tenant of a cottage near The Tap, Ballard, in regard to the cutting of the hedge of the cottage plot which obstructed the view at the junction of the Kilbride Road with the Main Arklow/Wicklow Road. The tenant had refused to allow the Council to interfere with the hedge and claimed compensation of "a couple of hundred pounds." The County Engineer had reported that it was essential that this hedge be removed for a distance of 20 feet from the corner so as to ensure adequate vision for drivers of motor vehicles coming from Kilbride onto the Main Road. The County Secretary stated that on the advice of the Council's Solicitor the Council had served a Hedge Cutting Notice on the tenant requiring her to cut the hedge for a distance of 20 feet from the road junction and if the Notice were not complied with the Council would be entitled to proceed with the cutting of the hedge. The Council noted the position in the matter.

**Item No. 13.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill requesting that supply of gravel for yards of Council tenants at Sruhaun and Bawnogue, Baltinglass, be expedited.**

The County Secretary stated that when this matter was previously before the Council the Council had agreed that a Report and recommendation be obtained from the Assistant County Engineer in the matter. The Assistant County Engineer had reported that most of the cottages were situated on the Council's site at Sruhaun outside Baltinglass and that all the cottages on this site were much below the road and though situated well back from the road fence a certain amount of road water flowed off the edge of the road down the avenue towards the houses and that this gave rise to complaints during the Winter time. Councillor O'Neill had suggested that a half load of gravel be supplied in each case and altogether there were fifteen cottages involved. The Assistant County Engineer stated that the cost of supplying gravel would be 45s. per cottage for clean pebble or 25s. per cottage for pit-run gravel. The County Secretary stated that it had not been the practice of the Council to supply gravel for yards of Council tenants and that it would seem to be an undesirable procedure to adopt.



It was

Proposed by Councillor O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins.

Resolved—That gravel be supplied for fifteen cottages at Sruhaun.

Following a discussion on the matter in the course of which Members mentioned that there would be many similar applications from all areas in the County, Councillor O'Neill and Councillor Timmins agreed to withdraw the proposal.

**Item No. 14.—Caravan Site at New La Touche Road, Greystones.**

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Health Inspector had examined the Caravan Site at New La Touche Road, Greystones, and had reported that all the necessary screening which had been required by the Council had been erected and that other items had also been attended to. The Licence had now been issued to Mr. Fenelon and the residents in the area who had objected to the granting of the Licence had been notified so as to give them the opportunity of appealing to the Minister if they so desired. The County Secretary also stated that a letter had been received from two of the residents on the La Touche Road pointing out that the Caravan Site had been in use during the present season prior to the issue of the Licence. It had been asked that the matter be brought to the notice of the Council. Councillor J. Temple pointed out that the matter of the Licence for this Caravan Site had been considered by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at a number of Meetings before they had recommended to the Council that the Licence be granted. The matter had also been discussed very fully by the Council. Councillor Temple also referred to a letter which had appeared in the daily newspapers regarding the Caravan Site at Enniskerry and a reply which had been sent by Bórd Fáilte and had also appeared in the papers. He felt that the action of Bórd Fáilte was not a proper one and that they should have consulted the Council, who had issued the Licence in the first instance, before taking any action in the matter. The Council noted that the Licence in respect of the Caravan Site at New La Touche Road, Greystones, had now been issued.

**Item No. 15.—Revision of Rents Under Graded Rents Scheme.**

The County Secretary stated that Members of the Council had been requested to submit details of any recent revisions of rents under the Graded Rents Scheme which they considered required re-examination, but no replies had been received.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that a number of people had complained to him regarding the increases in rents and that he could not understand why rents had been increased in certain cases. He referred to a cottage at Kilnamanagh and stated that the rent had been increased from 10/- to 11/- per week and that there was no light or water in the house. He also mentioned a cottage which he stated had been condemned, but that the Council was charging a rent of 8/- per week. He claimed that increases in rents had been made where there had been no increase in the wages of tenants. Councillor McCarthy stated that he had opposed the graded rents system throughout. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., suggested that when rents were being revised in the future particulars of the proposed revisions might be made available to the Members of the Council before they were made. In reply to Members the County Secretary stated that increases in rents had been made only in cases where the incomes of tenants had increased since the previous revision. Revisions of rents were

made once a year. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that he believed it was morally wrong that where a worker obtained an increase in wages his rent was increased immediately. The County Manager pointed out that he had explained on many occasions previously the reasons why the Council had introduced the graded rents system. Were it not for the application of the graded rents system the Council would not have been in a position to provide new houses and let them at reasonable rents. The rents being charged in County Wicklow for fully serviced houses were very much lower than those charged in other Counties and this had been achieved because of the application of the graded rents system. In regard to graded rents scales it had been generally accepted that the system should be based on rents being one-fifth or one-sixth of a tenant's income, but in the case of the graded rents system in County Wicklow the rent rarely exceeded one-tenth of the income. The County Manager went on to point out that where tenants became unemployed or suffered a reduction in income the rent was immediately reduced whereas increases in rents as a result of increases in incomes were only applied once a year. The County Manager stated that if the Members would give details of any individual cases which they felt were inequitable he would have them examined.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley.

Resolved—That no further increase in rent be made until new graded rent scales are approved by the Council.

The County Manager pointed out that this motion could not be given effect to since the graded rent scales had been approved by the Minister and could not be altered without sanction of the Minister. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., suggested that Councillor J. Everett, T.D., should submit the details of the cases he had mentioned to the County Manager for consideration.

**Item No. 16.—Repairs to Cottages carried out during Month of May, 1963, and to be carried out during Month of June, 1963.**

The Council noted the details of the repairs to cottages carried out during the month of May, 1963, and of those to be carried out during the month of June 1963. In reply to complaint by Councillor M. J. O'Neill that there had been delay in dealing with repairs of cottages in West Wicklow the County Secretary stated that it would be noted from the Report submitted that some of the works of repairs were substantial and that the Council was doing its best to endeavour to overtake repairs to cottages in the area. Councillor O'Neill stated that tradesmen were available in the Ballyglass area and suggested that the Assistant County Engineer should engage additional workers to carry out repairs. Members of the Council submitted names of tenants of cottages who were seeking repairs and these were noted by the Secretary. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that there were still a number of houses where application had been made for vesting and where maps were required. He stated that last year the Council had employed a student engineer and wondered if it would be possible to employ one or maybe two student engineers in the present year in order to complete the mapping quickly so that these cottages could be vested. Councillor Miss Walsh supported the proposal and the Council agreed that student engineers be engaged for the purpose of preparing the required maps.



The remaining items on the Agenda were adjourned to the Meeting to be held on Monday, 24th June, 1963, following the Annual Meeting.

#### Notices of Motion.

The following Notices of Motion were handed in and accepted by the Chairman—In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That I or some Member for me will move a motion at the next Meeting requesting the Council to have put into operation the provisions of Section 22 of the National Monuments Act, 1930, giving power to a Local Authority to frame Bye-Laws for the protection and preservation of our national monuments throughout the County, as and when the occasion arises.

In the names of Councillors G. Timmins, M. J. O'Neill, James Miley and Mark Deering—That we or someone for us will propose at the next Meeting of the Council that A. Graham of Baltinglass be declared a qualified person for the purposes of the Labourers' Act, 1936, and that we approach the Minister for Local Government for the necessary Order.

In the name of Councillor James Everett, T.D.—That the County Engineer submit Report by next Meeting of all necessary repairs required for Medical Officer's residence at Blessington, Co. Wicklow.

In the names of Councillors Miss Mary Walsh and John Quigley—That a Dispensary be provided at Annacurra.

In the name of Councillor G. Timmins—That I or someone for me will propose at the next Meeting that a Supplementary Reconstruction Grant be paid to Mrs. Doran, Main Street, Baltinglass.

In the name of Councillor John Quigley—That I or someone for me will move that the watermain be extended from Railway Bridge, Aughrim, to serve all houses on and adjoining Arklow Road, Killacoran.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 24th June, 1963, 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 and J. Gregory.

The County Secretary stated that an apology for inability to attend had been received from Councillor C. W. Hudson. The Council noted that Councillor Hudson was still unable to attend due to illness and confirmed their grant of leave of absence pending his recovery.

The County Manager also attended the Meeting.

#### AGENDA:

1. Election of Chairman.
2. Election of Vice-Chairman.
3. Appointment of three representatives on Dublin Health Authority.
4. Appointment of seven representatives on Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.
5. Appointment of three representatives on Co. Council's General Council.
6. Appointment of representative on Irish Tourist Association.

#### ITEM No. 1—ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That Councillor J. J. McCrea be elected Chairman of Wicklow County Council, to hold office until such time as his successor shall have been lawfully appointed and taken up office.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. J. McCrea thanked the Members for his re-election and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

#### ITEM No. 2—ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

It was

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

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

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 expressed his thanks to the Members for his re-election and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.



**ITEM No. 3—APPOINTMENT OF THREE REPRESENTATIVES ON DUBLIN HEALTH AUTHORITY.**

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following Members to represent Wicklow County Council on the Dublin Health Authority:

Councillor E. Byrne;

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Councillor P. McCarthy.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 4—APPOINTMENT OF SEVEN REPRESENTATIVES ON RATHDRUM AND WICKLOW JOINT BURIAL BOARD**

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That the following Members be appointed to represent with the Chairman, Wicklow Co. Council, on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board:

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.;

Councillor E. Byrne;

Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;

Councillor J. Gregory;

Councillor J. Haughton;

Councillor C. W. Hudson;

Councillor R. Miley.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 5—APPOINTMENT OF THREE REPRESENTATIVES ON COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to represent Wicklow Co. Council on the General Council of County Councils:

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.;

Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Councillor G. Timmins.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 6—APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillor J. J. McCrea to represent Wicklow Co. Council on the Irish Tourist Association.

Passed unanimously.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council to consider items deferred from the Meeting of the Council held on 17th June, 1963, was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 24th June, 1963, following the termination of the Annual Meeting.

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.O.; Roger Miley, J. D. Haughton and J. Gregory.

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

**AGENDA:**

1. Report of Committee of Council in regard to Production of Materials in Council Quarries.
2. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley—That the sewerage main on the north side of Blessington be extended.
3. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That the Council extend watermain as far as the last Cottage in Baleshal from Rednagh Road Corner, Aughrim.
4. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That the Council extend watermain to three Cottages at Annacurra Road from main on Railway Bridge, Aughrim.
5. Letter from the Pure Water Association of Ireland regarding Fluoridation of Water Supplies.
6. Report on Alterations to Criminal Court, Wicklow.
7. Scheme for Conciliation and Arbitration for Officers in Local Government Service—Agreement with Unions. (Copy circulated).
8. Provision of New Dispensary at Blessington—To authorise necessary borrowing.
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10. Resolution from Corporation of Dun Laoghaire in regard to cost of Health Services.
11. Minutes of Meeting of County Councils' General Council held on 13th December, 1962.
12. Letter from Department of Social Welfare re posts of Assistance Officer.
13. Scholarship Scheme—Reports re applications deferred from previous Meeting.
14. Report of Local Government Auditor on Audit of Accounts for two years to 31st March, 1961. (Copy circulated).
15. Rathnew Sewerage and Water Supply.
16. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That the Council raise a loan for the purpose of erecting a public sanitary convenience at Aughrim.
17. Tinahely Dumping Ground.
18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins—That culvert in Grangecon be lowered so that main drain from Knockrigg can be cleaned by adjoining landowners.
19. Report re Macreddin Burial Ground.
20. Letter from Bray and District Trades Union Council re future use of Newcastle Hospital.
21. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.



**ITEM No. 1—REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL IN REGARD TO PRODUCTION OF MATERIALS IN COUNCIL QUARRIES.**

On the proposal of Councillor J. J. McCrea, the Council agreed to adjourn consideration of the Report to a Special Meeting to be held on the 15th July, 1963. Councillor J. Haughton asked that particulars be made available of the amount of money expended on the purchase of materials outside the County in the past twelve months. Councillor J. Temple expressed surprise that the Report of the Committee had appeared in the Press before it had been discussed by the Council and felt that the Council should have discussed the matter before publication. The County Secretary stated that the Report had not been issued from the Council's Office.

**ITEM No. 2—NOTICE OF MOTION IN NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. MILEY—THAT THE SEWERAGE MAIN ON THE NORTH SIDE OF BLESSINGTON BE EXTENDED.**

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant Co. Engineer, Mr. P. McGuinness, had reported that the Notice of Motion related to proposal to extend the existing sewer on Main Street, Blessington, to serve four houses at the Dublin end of the town. The distance involved was about 200 yards. He pointed out that the levels of the existing sewer would not permit of this extension, and if main sewerage were to be provided to serve the houses, a completely new line of sewer would have to be laid from a point near the disposal works. The Assistant Co. Engineer recommended that a contoured survey be prepared of the area surrounding the town before any such extension of sewers be carried out. Such a survey would reveal the best location for any new extensions of the sewerage system. The Assistant County Engineer stated that a survey would take some while to carry out. The County Secretary stated that it would be preferable to defer any survey until the new water supply for Blessington was available. The Council agreed that the contoured survey, as suggested by the Assistant County Engineer, be carried out.

**ITEM No. 3—NOTICE OF MOTION IN NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. QUIGLEY—THAT THE COUNCIL EXTEND WATERMAIN AS FAR AS THE LAST COTTAGE IN BALLEESHAL FROM REDNAGH ROAD CORNER, AUGHTRIM.**

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant Co. Engineer had reported that the cost of extending a 4" watermain from the end of Rednagh Road to the last of the cottages at Balleeshal on the Aughavannagh Road would be approximately £1,980 and involved a distance of three-quarters of a mile. If it was proposed to extend the main to two cottages at Crafield, the extra cost would be £660. The Co. Sec. stated that the Chief Assist. County Engineer had suggested that such an extension, if provided, might be carried out instead by using 2" piping. The Council agreed that revised estimates be submitted on the basis of using 2" piping provided this was satisfactory to give an adequate water supply for domestic use.

**ITEM No. 4—NOTICE OF MOTION IN NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. QUIGLEY—THAT THE COUNCIL EXTEND WATERMAIN TO THREE COTTAGES AT ANNACURRA ROAD FROM THE MAIN ON RAILWAY BRIDGE, AUGHTRIM.**

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant Co. Engineer had reported that the cost of extending the watermain to serve three cottages on Annacurra Road would be approximately £1,980. The Council agreed that in this case also a revised estimate be submitted based on the use of 2" piping.

**ITEM No. 5—LETTER FROM THE PURE WATER ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND REGARDING FLUORIDATION OF WATER SUPPLIES.**

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Pure Water Association of Ireland suggesting that the Council might defer proceeding with fluoridation of the water supplies pending the outcome of the Court proceedings in the case of Gladys Ryan v. the Attorney-General. In reply to inquiries from Members, the Co. Sec. stated that some further items of equipment were still awaited from the suppliers and that the water supply had not yet been fluoridated. The Council agreed that in the circumstances it would be desirable to await the decision in the Court proceedings before commencing fluoridation of the water supplies.

**ITEM No. 6—REPORT ON ALTERATIONS TO CRIMINAL COURT, WICKLOW.**

The County Secretary stated that the total cost of the alterations to the Criminal Court, Wicklow, was approximately £1,800. The original estimate was in the sum of £768, but as had already been indicated to the Council there was considerable extra work involved which could not have been anticipated at the time the estimate was prepared. When the work was commenced it was found that the sub-floors under the Courthouse were in a most unsatisfactory condition and had to be entirely renewed; the galleries at either side of the Court were dangerous and also had to be removed. In addition it was found that the foundation under the Judge's bench was dangerous and this had to be rebuilt. The gable wall had to be plastered, etc., and electrical wiring replaced and, finally, the Court had to be painted. This latter work was now in progress. The Council noted the details of the work carried out.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

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

Resolved—That, having considered Report of County Engineer regarding work carried out on alterations to the Criminal Court, the Courthouse, Wicklow, we hereby authorise expenditure of £1,000 in excess of the amount provided in the Estimates for 1963/'63 to defray the cost of this work.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 7—SCHEME FOR CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION FOR OFFICERS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE—AGREEMENT WITH UNIONS.**

The County Manager referred to the Conciliation/Arbitration Scheme, a copy of which had been circulated to the Members of the Council. He explained that the Unions catering for Officials of the Council who had not the right of recourse to the Labour Court, had been urging that some Scheme be provided for Conciliation and Arbitration, and a Scheme had now been prepared which had been approved by the Unions concerned and by the County Managers. The Scheme was not binding on either parties and the rights of the Members of the Council were preserved in that no alteration in the rates of remuneration could be granted without the approval of the Members of the Council to provide the necessary monies. There would be some costs involved in the operation of the Scheme which would be shared among the Local Authorities participating, but it was not expected that the cost to any Local Authority would exceed £100 in any year. The County Secretary stated that a letter had



been received from the Irish Medical Association and the Engineers' Association in the following terms:

**THE ENGINEERS' ASSOCIATION,**

22, Clyde Road,  
Ballsbridge,  
Dublin, 4.  
24th May, 1963.

To each County and City Manager:

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the organisations listed below, we wish to inform you that we have issued a letter to the Chairman of each County Council asking them to defer approval of the scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration proposed by the County and City Managers' Association— if a decision has not already been taken by them—until such time as an acceptable scheme for the Local Authority Service, which is at present under discussion by the said organisations, is ready.

Incorporated Law Society of Ireland,  
Irish Medical Association,  
The Engineers' Association,  
Agricultural Science Association,  
Irish Nurses' Organisation,  
Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland,  
Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors,  
Town Planning Institute,  
Veterinary Medical Association of Ireland,  
Institute of Chemistry of Ireland,  
Society of Radiographers.

Yours faithfully,

Noel O'Reilly,  
Medical Secretary,  
Irish Medical Association.

Colm McCabe,  
Chairman,  
The Engineers' Association.

In reply to inquiries from Members, the County Secretary stated that the adoption of the Scheme for Conciliation/Arbitration submitted to the Council need not be deferred, as the Organisations referred to could either decide to avail of the Scheme or negotiate a separate Scheme on behalf of their members.

It was suggested by Members of the Council that consideration be given to providing for representation of the General Council of County Councils at Arbitration proceedings.

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

Resolved—That we approve of the Scheme for Conciliation and Arbitration for Officers in Local Government Service.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 8—PROVISION OF DISPENSARY AT BLESSINGTON—  
TO AUTHORISE NECESSARY BORROWING.**

The County Secretary stated that the estimated cost of providing a new Dispensary at Blessington was £2,400 and the plans had been submitted to the Department of Health, who had indicated that the

sanction of the Minister was not required to these documents. The Department of Health had indicated that it was not possible to make any Grant available from the Hospitals Trust Fund towards the cost of the Dispensary. Councillor J. Miley suggested that a Library for Blessington might be provided also on this site and that the County Architect might be asked to reconsider the plans with a view to seeing if they could be adapted so as to include the necessary provision for a Library with the Dispensary building. The Council agreed to defer the matter for further examination and Report by the County Architect.

**ITEM No. 9—NOTICE OF MOTION IN NAMES OF COUNCILLORS  
EDWARD BYRNE, PATRICK MCCARTHY AND MRS. MARY  
LEDWIDGE—THAT IN VIEW OF THE DISAPPOINTING  
FIGURES FOR COUNTY WICKLOW IN THE MASS X-RAY  
CAMPAIGN CARRIED OUT DURING 1962, THAT TIME BE  
ALLOWED FOR DISCUSSION IN THE MATTER.**

Councillor Edward Byrne referred to the Report of the National Mass-Radiography Association, Ltd., on the number of persons X-rayed in the various counties during the twelve months ended on 31st December, 1962, which showed that only 2,467 persons in County Wicklow had been X-rayed, representing only 4.2 per cent. of the population. This was the lowest percentage in any county in Ireland. He stated that it was most unfortunate that this very valuable service was not being better availed of and asked what improvements might be made by way of better methods of publicity to obtain more satisfactory results. He appreciated that as regards the Bray area, many people residing in Bray probably took advantage of the service available in Dublin City and also people engaged in industry very often availed of the service when visits of the Mass-Radiography service was made to the factories in which they were employed. Councillor Miss Walsh also regretted the poor response to this service and expressed the opinion that as regards the rural areas there was a great deal of complacency and apathy, and she felt that these were the reasons why the service was not being availed of to a greater extent. Councillor Temple, agreeing with the views of Councillor Miss Walsh, stated that he had had similar experience when the Mass-Radiography service visited parts of Bray. He felt that since the service was a free one it was not appreciated. The Council agreed that a further Report be obtained from the County Medical Officer and his suggestions as to methods by which a better response to this service might be achieved.

**ITEM No. 10—RESOLUTION FROM CORPORATION OF DUN  
LAOGHAIRE IN REGARD TO COST OF HEALTH SERVICES.**

The following letter from the Corporation of Dun Laoghaire was submitted:

CORPORATION OF DUN LAOGHAIRE.  
Town Hall, Dun Laoghaire.  
11th April, 1963.

**COST OF HEALTH SERVICES**

A Chara,

On consideration of letter dated 23rd ultimo from the Department of Health, stating that:

"One item in the terms of reference of the Select Committee of the Dail on the Health Services, which is at present sitting, is:

'To examine the existing arrangements for meeting the cost of the services and alternative arrangements which might be adopted for meeting such costs.'



The Borough Council at its quarterly meeting on Monday evening last adopted the following resolution: "That, in light of the terms of letter dated 23/3/63 from the Department of Health, this Council requests that the Select Committee of the Dail on the Health Services be asked to favourably consider that the charge under the Health Act, at present paid by the ratepayers, be made a charge on Government Central Funds, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to all other local authorities in Ireland."

Mise, le meas,

G. C. MCINTYRE,

Town Clerk.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor J. Haughton:

Resolved—That the Resolution forwarded by Dun Laoghaire Borough Council be adopted.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., pointed out that the Council had some while ago passed a Resolution urging that 75 per cent. of the cost of Health Services be met from central funds instead of the present recoupment of 50 per cent. In these circumstances, he felt that the Council could scarcely adopt the Resolution received from Dun Laoghaire Borough Corporation. He proposed that the letter be marked read. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge.

As a further amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Timmins:

Resolved—That the Corporation of Dun Laoghaire be informed of the terms of the previous Resolution passed by Wicklow Co. Council.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., and Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge having agreed to withdraw their proposal, the amendment in the name of Councillor Hipwell was submitted to the Council and, a vote having been called for, it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., E. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., A. H. Hadden, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, James Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Jas. O'Toole, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh.—(Thirteen).

AGAINST—Councillors H. J. Byrne, J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, J. Temple, J. J. McCrea.—(Seven).

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

#### ITEM No. 11—MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL HELD ON 13th DECEMBER, 1962.

The Council noted the submission of the Minutes of the Meeting of the County Councils' General Council held on 13th December, 1962.

#### ITEM No. 12—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE RE POSTS OF ASSISTANCE OFFICER.

The County Secretary stated that in letter of 14th May, 1963, received from the Department of Social Welfare, the Department had asked that the Council again be urged to agree with the proposal to

reduce the number of Assistance Officers from six to five. The County Secretary stated that details of the proposed alterations had been circulated to the Members in October, 1961, and it was considered that the suggested re-organisation of the areas would effect an economy in the administration of the services provided through the Assistance Officers and would not have any adverse effect on the extent of the services provided. The proposal was that the Dispensary Districts of Tinahely and Coolattin, together with the Districts of Aughrim and Avoca, be assigned to one Assistance Officer, and the Districts of Wicklow nad Dunganstown together with the District of Arklow be assigned to another Assistance Officer; the remaining Districts in the County would not be affected by the re-organisation. The County Manager pointed out that in 1945 the number of assistance cases in the County was 1,159, whereas by 1960 it had been reduced to 324. There were only about forty persons receiving assistance in the Tinahely and Coolattin Dispensary Districts. Councillor J. Haughton referred to the difficulty that some persons had experienced in contacting the Assistance Officer when unable to attend to collect Milk Vouchers on the normal day appointed. The Council decided to adhere to their previous Resolution.

#### ITEM No. 13—SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES—REPORTS RE APPLICATIONS DEFERRED FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The County Secretary stated that as regards the four applications to compete under the Scheme of Scholarships for Secondary Schools, no confirmation of income had been received from Mr. F. Kavanagh, Arklow, Mr. J. Murphy, Bray, or Mrs. O'Brien, Arklow. In the circumstances it was proposed to notify the candidates concerned that their applications were being accepted as being eligible to compete for scholarships for those outside the income limits prescribed by the Scheme only. Accounts had been received from Mr. M. Haughton, Rathdrum, but some further information was required concerning the accounts and this information had been sought. Councillor J. Haughton stated that no part of the amount for salaries or wages shown in the accounts was received by Mr. Michael Haughton or any of his household. The Council agreed that, subject to the necessary information being received and the income being within the limits of the Scheme, the application might be accepted as eligible to compete for a scholarship within the income limits. The Council agreed that the candidates in the other three instances be notified that their applications were accepted as being eligible to compete only for scholarships available for those outside the income limits. The Council noted the Report of the County Secretary that both the remaining candidates under the University Scholarship Scheme were within the prescribed income limits and were acceptable.

#### ITEM No. 14—REPORT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITOR ON AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR TWO YEARS TO 31st MARCH, 1961.

The following report of the Local Government Auditor on his Audit of the Accounts of the Council for the two years ended 31st March, 1961, and of the Reports of the County Engineer dated 16th June, 1963, and the County Accountant dated 18th June, 1963, in regard to matters referred to in the Auditor's Report had been circulated to the Members:—

#### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Minister for Local Government,  
Custom House, Dublin.

I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the Wicklow County Council for the two years ended 31st March, 1961,



Certified copies of the Abstract of Accounts are herewith enclosed.

Particulars of the rates in the £ levied over the County Health District and the amounts provided for the services of the years under audit are set out below:—

Service	1959-60		1960-61	
	Amount £	Rate in the £ s. d.	Amount £	Rate in the £ s. d.
Roads	121,709	9 10-47	122,813	9 10-47
Public Assistance	15,661	1 3-24	15,982	1 3-42
Mental Hospital	32,033	2 7-18	36,683	2 11-39
Health	118,832	9 7-67	113,661	9 1-64
Sanitary	37,337	3 0-34	38,057	3 0-71
Housing	37,379	3 0-38	35,773	2 10-51
General Purposes	63,406	5 1-72	67,238	5 4-83
Separate Charges	14,996	1 1-33	17,769	1 3-30
Totals:	£441,353	35 8-38	£447,976	35 10-30

In addition, there were rates for other Separate Charges levied over specified electoral divisions and other areas.

#### RATE COLLECTION:

The details of the Rate Collection for the two years under review are as follows:—

	1959-60		1960-61	
	£		£	
Collected	317,840	97-60%	322,768	97-52%
Written Off	1,275	0-39%	959	0-29%
Carried Forward	6,404	1-97%	7,261	2-19%
Total for Collection:	£325,519	100%	330,988	100%

#### REVENUE ACCOUNT:

The Revenue Account closed at the 31st March, 1961, with a net credit balance of £121,718. This compares with a net credit balance of £10,244 at the 31st March, 1959.

The actual expenditure incurred is set out below:—

Services	1959-60		1960-61	
	£		£	
Roads	302,895		285,209	
Public Assistance	21,503		20,454	
Mental Hospital	82,699		90,681	
Health	290,548		301,567	
Sanitary	41,227		41,575	
Housing	110,474		108,409	
General Purposes	84,167		88,529	
Separate Charges	19,250		21,761	
Totals:	£952,763		£958,185	

Receipts during the two years ended 31st March, 1961, were as follows:—

Source	1959-60		1960-61	
	£		£	
Rates	348,435		354,562	
Agricultural Grant	109,497		110,010	
Other State Grants	368,842		403,070	
Sundry Receipts	89,547		100,900	
Charges to Urban Areas	67,395		70,164	
Totals:	£983,716		£1,038,706	
Excess of Receipt over Expenditure	30,953		80,521	

#### ROAD SERVICES ACCOUNT:

In the previous reports, it was found necessary to refer to the unsatisfactory state of the stores Records and Stores control. While some of the defects have been rectified, the position is still far from satisfactory as the following observations will bear out:—

- (1) An independent stock-taking was carried out in June, 1961. When the stocktaker's findings were compared with the Stores' Ledger balances, serious discrepancies were disclosed. Little attempt has been made in the intervening year and a half to investigate these discrepancies, and at the date of audit, they remained unexplained. Steps should be taken forthwith to examine the position and to have the required explanations available at the next audit.
- (2) Issues from Stores are made on requisition, but are merely vouched by the signatures of the lorry or van driver who takes delivery of the goods. No attempt is made to verify that the goods issued have been duly accounted for to the Officer who requisitioned them. The elements of Stores' accounting require such verification by means of a certificate from an authorised officer.
- (3) The efficiency of the stores' accounting system could be greatly increased by:
  - (a) Effecting improvements in the lay-out of the stores;
  - (b) The use of suitable cards; and
  - (c) The disposal to the best advantage of obsolete items and stores no longer required for any purpose.

In a large number of cases, I observed that Paysheets lacked the certificates of the appropriate Engineering Staff. This is a serious omission. I have asked the County Engineer to make arrangements to ensure that, in future, all Paysheets are duly certified before being passed to the Accounts Section for payment.

Reference has been made in the previous report to the practice of making claims for travelling expenses for lengthy periods in arrears. No improvement occurred in the period under review, and inquiries revealed that the current position was still most unsatisfactory. In one case, an Assistant County Engineer was paid the sum of £478 in respect of travelling expenses for the period December, 1959, to November, 1960, the details of which were submitted during the period October to December, 1960. Claims for travelling expenses cannot be adequately checked in such circumstances, and immediate steps should be taken to prevent a recurrence of this most undesirable practice.

#### HEALTH SERVICES.

The average daily costs of maintaining patients in the several institutions administered by the Council, together with the average daily number of patients maintained during the years under review, were as follows:

	1959-60		1960-61	
	No. of patients	s. d.	No. of patients	s. d.
St. Colman's, Rathdrum	201	7 10-46	181	8 2-35
County Hospital, Wicklow	26	21 1-44	27	22 6-55
District Hospital, Baltinglass	41	27 2-48	40	27 7-58



During the period under review, overpayments of Salary amounting to £567 17s. 11d. were made to certain Officers. The errors were only discovered by the Council's Staff while the audit was in progress. All these overpayments have been adjusted. A further overpayment of £49 9s. 7d. was disclosed by the audit, and this sum has been lodged to the credit of the Council. I am not satisfied that the Staff Officer in charge of the Health Section gave adequate attention to the checking of the salary computations in which the errors occurred.

As a result of an incorrect interpretation of the Superannuation Acts and Regulations, an overpayment of £54 0s. 1d. was made to a retired Officer. This overpayment has now been adjusted.

During the period under review, an allowance payable in respect of a boarded-out child was overpaid by £12 8s. 10d. I have charged this loss against the Officers responsible therefor, under Section 20 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902.

#### PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SERVICES ACCOUNT.

The amounts expended on the provision of Home Assistance during the years under audit, were as follows:

1959-'60	£12,215
1960-'61	£11,141

The system of accounting for receipts in respect of refunds of Home Assistance was not satisfactory. As a result of recommendations made during the audit, a more suitable procedure has now been adopted.

#### HOUSING SERVICES ACCOUNT.

Particulars of the collection of rents and purchase annuities of houses provided by the Council are set out below:

Year	1959-'60	1960-'61
Number of Houses	3,312	3,312
Total for Collection	£37,437	£37,979
Collected	99.14%	98.99%
Written Off	0.34%	0.37%
Carried Forward	0.52%	0.64%

At the 31st March, 1961, sums amounting to £318 6s. 9d. were due by Borrowers under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, in respect of payment of loans advanced under the Acts. In addition, further amounts of £32 17s. 9d. and £43 19s. 7d. were due in respect of Fire Insurance Premiums and Ground Rents, respectively.

#### URBAN AUTHORITIES ACCOUNTS.

The net debit balances against the Urban Authorities' Accounts as at the 31st March, 1959, and the 31st March, 1961, are compared below:

	31-3-'59	31-3-'61
	£	£
Arklow	640	1,775
Bray	3,638	8,707
Wicklow	1	651

#### CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Expenditure (including transfers) on Capital Works during the period under review, is set out under the headings on which it was incurred:

Purpose	1959-'60	1960-'61
	£	£
Roads and Bridges	1,422	5,691
Hospitals and Dispensaries	282	3,017
Water and Sewerage Schemes	7,623	2,456
Housing	9,727	4,569
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	200	1,420
Supplementary Housing Grants	7,500	15,804
Purchase of Fire Engine	1,330	
Courthouse	1,350	1,712
Purchase of Lorries	—	15,644
TOTALS	£29,434	£50,313

During the period under audit, sums amounting to £6,700 were transferred from the Housing and Sanitary Services Revenue Accounts to the Reserve Stocks Account in order to reduce the balance against this account to the level of the value of the stocks now held.

At the close of the period under audit, the total indebtedness of the Council on foot of loans was £1,264,766 compared with £1,320,126 at the 31st March, 1959.

#### FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

At the 31st March, 1961, the nominal value of securities held for the purposes of this fund was £3,465 19s. 6d. The cost of these securities was £3,331 3s. 0d. In addition, uninvested cash at that date amounted to £343 13s. 7d.

#### INSURANCES.

At the close of the audit, current premiums had been paid on Insurance Policies and Fidelity Guarantee Bonds. However, adjustment of the premiums payable in respect of Employers' Liability Insurance for the years 1959-'60, 1960-'61 and 1961-'62 had not yet been effected as the returns of actual wages paid in these years had not been furnished to the Council's Insurance Brokers. In addition, the list of Officers covered by Fidelity Guarantee Bond requires alteration to accord with recent changes in Staff. These omissions should be attended to without delay.

A. O'CARROLL,

Date: 27th Feb., 1963.

Local Government Auditor.



COUNTY SECRETARY.

16th June, 1963.

A Chara,

With reference to Item 30 on the Agenda for the Meeting of the Council, 17th June, 1963, I wish to offer the following observations on the report of the Local Government Auditor on the Audit of Accounts for two years to 31st March, 1961:

Under the heading "Road Services Account," the Auditor states that an independent stock-taking was carried out in June, 1961, which disclosed serious discrepancies. While it is admitted that some differences existed between the stores record and actual stock, it is not conceded that the differences were serious.

A subsequent check by the storekeeper has shown that many of the apparent differences arose from items being incorrectly described or described differently at different times. In many instances these errors were of a cumulative character.

It must be pointed out that the stores passing through the Council accounts are of an average annual value of £50,000 and that reserve emergency stocks to a total value of about £78,000 have been handled in these accounts and have now been reduced to a figure of about £2,000. After the previous Auditors' report, I recommended that the Council storekeeper should be afforded clerical assistance to enable him to cope with his ever-increasing duties.

The Auditor refers to the requisition of stores and requires that an authorised officer should sign a document to certify that he has finally received the goods. I feel that if an assistant county engineer did not receive stores which he had requisitioned he would very quickly make a protest.

In order to meet the Auditor's requirements I have arranged for the Chief Assistant and the storekeeper to confer on this matter, and as a result a new system for layout of the stores has been devised. Suitable store cards are on order and it is hoped that the new arrangement will be in operation within a few weeks.

The Auditor comments that some paysheets did not show the signature of the appropriate Engineer. It is true that instances have occurred when an Engineer might not be available owing to pressure of outdoor work, to sign paysheets at the time of preparation, and in order to ensure that payment of men's wages would not be delayed, the sheets were submitted for payment with the intention that they would later be signed by the Engineer. Unfortunately, the later signing was overlooked in some cases. I would point out that the paysheets are prepared by overseers under the supervision of an Engineer who has made a day to day check of the overseer's time books and work records. The eventual signing of pay sheets is merely confirmatory.

Regarding claims for travelling expenses, it is agreed that the facts were as stated in the Auditor's report. You are aware of the circumstances in this connection and the steps that have been taken to ensure that claims for travelling expenses are submitted in good time. I feel that there should be no further reason for complaint.

Mise, le meas,

J. T. O'BYRNE,  
County Engineer.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

18th June, 1963.

**Re: Report of Local Government Auditor on Audit of Accounts  
for two years ended on 31st March, 1961.**

A Chara,

I am in receipt of your two letters of the 5th instant herein and would reply as follows:

**Item No. 1—Road Services Account—Stores Records and Stores Control.**

The Local Government Auditor here referred to serious discrepancies. The word "serious" was, I understand, used owing to an apparent shortage of lead; subsequently, when the lead was weighed it proved that there was an actual surplus of some 4 tons, 7 cwts. At the time of stocktaking, lead on hand was estimated and it will be readily appreciated that estimating is made particularly difficult when it is realised that the various rolls of sheet lead vary in weight from 5 cwts to 8 cwts.

Apart from the surplus of lead, the other surpluses and deficiencies are of no great importance in that they refer to minor items of stock such as nuts, washers, screws, bolts, etc. In my opinion, these minor deficiencies and surpluses are equal in value, with the consequent result that there is no loss suffered by the funds of Wicklow County Council.

These minor deficiencies and surpluses have accumulated over a lengthy period of years and are mainly due to the fact that the items when taken into stock were given one description, while when they were issued they were given a different description. I give hereunder a few examples of the manner in which items may be described:

Bolt—Set screws.

Cylinder level—Cylinder Barrel—Cylinder Sleeve.

Tap—Bibcock.

Facing Set—Clutch Plate.

From this it will be observed that different descriptions can easily be applied, particularly over a lengthy number of years when different officers were responsible for the direct handling of stores.

**CERTIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS:**

Approximately 10 per cent. of wage sheets were not certified by the responsible Engineers; they did, however, bear the certificate of the appropriate Road Overseers and were accordingly paid pending certification at a later date by the Engineers. The responsible Engineers were asked to certify these wages sheets on a date subsequent to payment of the wages but did not, however, do so. It will be realised that, during the Summer months, in particular, work on roads is at its peak and our Engineers are actively engaged in the supervision of the work in progress, with the result that it is not always possible for them to certify wages sheets at the appropriate time. If not certified at the appropriate time, certification can be easily overlooked at a subsequent date.



**ITEM No. 2—Health Services Account:**

District Medical Officers were granted a revised salary scale with effect from 1st August, 1960. The letter conveying approval of the Minister to the increase was somewhat difficult of interpretation. The letter of approval was received on the 25th February, 1961. As the proposal to grant increases had been submitted to the Department several months previously it was necessary to arrange payment without delay and, owing to the haste with which the payments had to be calculated, the letter was misinterpreted when the doctors were paid. Subsequently the misinterpretation was discovered by the Council's Staff and the overpayments recovered within a period of a few months.

The overpayment of £54 0s. 1d. to a retired officer concerned former Nurse L. McDaniel, of the County Hospital, Wicklow. The Addition to Service Regulations were misinterpreted. The overpayment was recovered by way of stoppage of payment of pension within a period of a few months.

**BOARDED-OUT CHILD:**

This was the subject of a charge by a previous Local Government Auditor in that the child reached the age of 16 years in January, whereas payment was made until the following July. The previous Auditor raised a charge for the period January to the 31st March. The last Auditor had to raise a charge for the period from 1st April to July.

**ITEM No. 3—Public Assistance:**

The Local Government Auditor did not discuss this matter with me. As far as I am aware refunds of Home Assistance were obtained in all cases.

**ITEM No. 4—Urban Authorities Accounts:**

The balances against the Urban Councils are neither unusual nor perturbing when it is recalled that in the financial year 1960/'61 we had substantial excess expenditure on the following County-at-Large Services:

- (1) Health Services (General).
- (2) Mental Health Services.

The excess expenditure incurred within the year 1960/'61 could not possibly be raised on the Urban Councils until the following year, hence it is apparent that there must be substantial Debit balances against the Urbans at the end of the financial year 1960/'61.

Part of the Debit balances were due to outstanding County-at-Large receipts which came to hand in following year. The Demand on the Urban Councils for the year 1963/'64 reflects their correct position in relation to the County Council. At the 31st March, 1964, there shall, of course, be balances against the Urban Councils, but these balances shall be adequately covered by County-at-Large receipts outstanding.

**ITEM No. 5—Fire Insurance Fund:**

A credit balance was allowed to accumulate in this case in order to defray the part of cost of a cottage in Blessington, which was completely destroyed by fire.

All accumulated Interest was invested in the year 1962/'63.

**ITEM No. 6—Insurances:**

Due to pressure of work wages statements were not furnished for the years referred to. This has now been rectified in that wages statements have been submitted up to date. The final wages adjustment resulted in a rebate of £8.

**FIDELITY BONDS:**

Some few junior indoor officers were not bonded at the time of Audit. They were recent appointees, and steps have since been taken to have them covered by a fidelity guarantee.

Misc, le meas,

M. J. CONBOY,  
County Accountant.

The Council noted the terms of the Report and the explanations given in the Reports of the County Engineer and County Accountant.

**ITEM No. 15—RATHNEW SEWERAGE AND WATER SUPPLY.**

The County Secretary stated that the lowest tenderer for the Scheme, Messrs. Tierney and Maguire, had indicated that they had made an error in their Tender and they wished to increase the amount of the Tender by £3,500. This increase made this Tender the second highest and consequently it could not be accepted. The next lowest Tender was that of Mr. C. P. Murphy, 65 Lower Leeson St., Dublin, and the County Engineer had recommended that this Tender in the sum of £9,989 be accepted.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor Quigley:

Resolved—That, having noted Report of County Engineer, we approve of the acceptance of the Tender of Mr. C. P. Murphy, 65 Lower Leeson St., Dublin, in the sum of £9,989 for provision of sewerage and water supply to houses at Rathnew.

We hereby authorise the borrowing of £10,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of twenty-five years to defray the cost of the Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 16—NOTICE OF MOTION IN NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. QUIGLEY—THAT THE COUNCIL RAISE A LOAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF ERECTING A PUBLIC SANITARY CONVENIENCE AT AUGHIRM.**

The County Secretary submitted letter received from Mr. T. C. Herr, Hon. Secretary, Aughrim Development Association:

**AUGHIRM DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

Aughrim,  
Co. Wicklow.

A Chara, 27th May, 1963.

At a recent meeting of the above Association I was instructed to write to your Council requesting your members to expedite the erection of a Public Convenience in the Village of Aughrim and to point out that such a convenience is an absolute necessity for Aughrim Village owing to the large number of people that come there every Sunday to G.A.A. matches, to the Pig Market every Monday and to the Cattle



and Sheep sales on the last Tuesday of each month. As well as those, quite a number of people come to Aughrim during the Tourist Season.

We are aware that it will be said that the Hotels and Public Houses in Aughrim should cater for their customers. Those establishments do, but many people do not go into Hotels and many others have a decided objection to going into Public Houses.

The erection of a Public Convenience in Aughrim has been discussed many times at meetings of your Council, but the people of Aughrim feel that it is now time that the matter should be finalised.

Mise, le meas.

T. C. HERR,

Hon. Secretary.

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,  
Secretary, Co. Council,  
Courthouse,  
Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer in Report of 31st May, 1963, had stated that he could not see that conditions had in any way changed regarding the proposals for a public convenience for Aughrim Village. He was aware that a Cattle Mart had been established in the village and, in fact, had visited the Mart, but could not carry out a proper inspection and was obtaining a Report from the Health Inspector. In any event, he pointed out that it was the duty of the Cattle Mart proprietors to provide adequate sanitary arrangements to the satisfaction of the Local Authority, and this was done by the Cattle Marts in Ashford and at Blessington.

The County Secretary stated that he understood that the necessary sanitary conveniences had been provided by the G.A.A. for persons attending matches in Aughrim. The County Manager pointed out that in the County there were in all twenty-three public conveniences provided of which fourteen were within the Urban Districts of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow. He pointed out that, apart from the matter of providing a public convenience, it was necessary to see that it was properly maintained and the Council experienced considerable difficulty in having such conveniences adequately maintained.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Quigley:

Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy:

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of a public convenience at Aughrim.

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 17—TINAHELY DUMPING GROUND.

The County Secretary stated that following representations made by Tinahely Development Association, the Assistant County Engineer had reported that the Dump in the Fairgreen at Tinahely was full and should be closed and reinstated. He stated that the only suitable alternative within easy reach of the town was the disused Quarry on the Hacketstown Road, and he agreed with the Development Association that for the present this Quarry could be used until it was filled to ground level, after which it could be reinstated and perhaps treated as a community garden. As it stood at the moment it was very unsightly as it was being used by certain people as a dumping ground. Regular attention by men engaged on street cleaning would prevent this becoming an eyesore.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That, having considered Report of Assistant County Engineer dated 10th May, 1963, we approve of the use of the disused Quarry on the Hacketstown Road near Tinahely for the purposes of a dump for Tinahely until it is filled to ground level, and of the dump near the Fairgreen being closed and reinstated.

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 18—NOTICE OF MOTION IN NAME OF COUNCILLOR G. TIMMINS—THAT CULVERT IN GRANGECON BE LOWERED SO THAT MAIN DRAIN FROM KNOCKRIGG CAN BE CLEANED BY ADJOINING LANDOWNERS.

In reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Timmins, the following Report of the Assist. County Engineer was submitted:—

PMcG/PB.

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

Blessington.

Co. Wicklow.  
5th June, 1963.

#### Re: Land Project—Drainage at Grangecon.

Dear Sir,

I wish to refer to yours of the 5th inst. This matter concerns a stream which drains land situated on the south-east side of Grangecon village. It is required that the stream be deepened by about 3 feet to allow the drainage scheme to proceed. Downstream from the affected land the stream flows from Grangecon in a closed culvert. It crosses under the county road in the village and then continues on the west side of the village through several private yards as a covered culvert and empties into the river near the school. The level at river where the stream enters could be made to conform to the new grade without much difficulty. The landowners are anxious that the Council would help them in having a new and deeper culvert laid where it crosses the road and also where it passes through the private yards.

It is usual for us to extend all possible co-operation to land drainage projects where they pass under any of our roads, but the matter of extending the work through private property would be a new departure for us.

It is suggested that the stream, where it passes through the private yards, is used as a sewerage drain and could not easily be re-channelled on that account. The total length of culvert which requires to be deepened is about 180 yards.

The people whose lands are proposed to be drained under the scheme are:

Michael Keogh,  
Patrick Sleator,  
John Sleator,  
Michael Germaine,  
Stanley Jackson,  
Michael Moore.

Yours faithfully,

P. McGUINNESS,  
Assist. County Engineer.



The County Secretary pointed out that the Council could not carry out works in relation to private property. The Council agreed that a Report be obtained from the District Officer of the Land Project Office of the Department of Agriculture.

#### ITEM No. 19—REPORT ON MACREDDIN BURIAL GROUND.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant Co. Engineer had reported that the approach to Macreddin Burial Ground was by crossing the field from the County Council Road, and in wet times this was very slippery and the hearse and cars attending the funerals were not able to get in and coffins had to be carried down to the graveyard. The entrance from the graveyard was 170 yards from the County Road, and to put a gravel roadway and turning place at the graveyard gate would cost about £225. The Health Inspector had reported that there was an average of six burials per year since the first entry in the Register in February, 1937. There were only approximately five to seven grave spaces still available, but an extension could be provided at a later date when available grave spaces were taken. He suggested that the extension could be provided if the proposed gravel roadway were provided adjoining the roadway. The Council decided to defer the matter in order that the Assistant County Engineer could approach the landowner with a view to seeing if the necessary land could be acquired.

#### ITEM No. 20—LETTER FROM BRAY AND DISTRICT TRADES UNION COUNCIL RE FUTURE USE OF NEWCASTLE HOSPITAL.

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

##### BRAY AND DISTRICT TRADES UNION COUNCIL.

Secretary:  
R. M. Connolly, A.C.I.S.

Secretary's Address:  
27, Oldcourt Park,  
Bray.

Mr. K. J. Brangan, A.C.A.,  
Secretary,  
Wicklow Co. Council,  
Courthouse,  
Wicklow.

28th May, 1963.

Dear Sir,

The above Trades Union Council has had under consideration recent reports in connection with the present position of the Royal National Hospital for Consumption for Ireland in Newcastle, County Wicklow, and the possibility that it may no longer be required as a Tuberculosis Hospital and Sanatorium. We are aware that Wicklow Co. Council has also been considering the possible future use of the hospital as part of the health services provided by the Wicklow Health Authority, whether as a mental institution or as a general hospital.

The County Council will be aware of the disadvantages suffered by the lower and middle income groups under the Health Act in the area of North County Wicklow since the County Council decided some time ago to discontinue payments under the Health Act for County Wicklow residents admitted to St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlins-town. This Trades Council believes that there is a strong case for

the provision of general hospital services for the people of North Wicklow and in particular for the provision of surgical and accident case facilities in their own county. Newcastle Hospital would seem to be well situated for such a purpose and it is felt that it would be a major mistake to dismantle its surgical unit and disband completely the medical team by changing the nature of the institution too radically.

This Trades Council, therefore, wishes to urge that the County Council should give special consideration in its plans for the future of Newcastle Hospital to the possibility of providing at least a surgical and accident unit in the hospital which will cater for all emergency cases requiring surgical or accident treatment in this area.

Yours faithfully,

R. M. CONNOLLY,

Secretary.

The Chairman pointed out that the matter was still the subject of negotiations with the Department of Health. In reply to inquiries from Members, the County Manager stated that discussions were in progress with the Department concerning the future use of Newcastle Sanatorium and the Department also had been in consultation with the Dublin Health Authority on the matter, and it was expected that the further views of the Department would be available soon. The Council agreed to await the further views of the Department on the matter.

#### ITEM No. 21—INQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

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

#### TENDERS FOR FIRE BRIGADE APPLIANCES AT BLESSINGTON AND TINAHELY.

Tenders received in response to public advertisement for Fire Appliances for Blessington and Tinahely were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council. Three Tenders were received as follows:—

H.C.B. Engineering, Ltd., Totton, Southampton £2,019

General Distributors, Ltd., Dublin £2,033

Coolock Motors (P. Roche, Prop.) £1,938 13 6

The Council noted that the Tenders would be referred for examination by the Chief Fire Officer.

#### ARKLOW BRIDGE.

Councillor McCarthy inquired as to the position regarding Arklow Bridge and stated that a part of the footpath had collapsed recently and that there was grave danger of a serious accident occurring. The County Secretary stated that the Council's resolution accepting the lowest Tender had been forwarded to the Department of Local Government who had subsequently inquired whether the Consultant



was satisfied with the Tender apart from the question of the amount. The Consultant had replied stating that he was not satisfied with the Tender as the tenderer proposed to concrete piles in 40 feet of water and he considered this was not satisfactory. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer's observations on the matter were being obtained and that the Consultant's Report with the County Engineer's comments would be forwarded to the Department.

#### BLESSINGTON HOUSING SCHEME.

In reply to Councillor J. Miley, the County Secretary stated that sanction to the acceptance of the Tender for the new houses at Blessington had not yet been received.

#### ERECTION OF HOUSES AT EADESTOWN AND JOHNSTOWN.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., complained that the Co. Engineer had promised that work would commence on the construction of new houses at Eadestown and at Johnstown during the previous week, but work had not been started on the dates promised. He stated that these houses should be commenced without further delay.

#### CLIFF WALK, BRAY/GREYSTONES.

Councillor H. B. Hipwell asked that the Bray/Greystones Cliff Walk be examined and any necessary repairs carried out. He mentioned that the handrail on a stile near Cliff House was broken and the matter was urgent.

#### ROADS MEETING—BALTINGLASS AREA.

It was agreed that a Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area be held on Wednesday, 26th June, 1963, at 3.00 p.m. to reconsider the Road Works Programme in the area for the current year.

#### 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 the Co. Manager submit Report at next Meeting as to his reasons for increasing the rents by 1/- per week on cottages occupied by the following tenants:

- A. Reilly, Kilpool (Agricultural Worker).
- J. Haughton, Newcastle Upper (Agricultural Worker).
- Cosgrove, Ballycrone, Kilcoole (Linesman, C.I.E.).
- Ward, Kilnarnagh, Glenealy (Forestry Worker).
- Nolan, Kilnarnagh, Glenealy (Agricultural Worker).

Rents were increased last year by 1/- per week and occupiers have not received any increase in wages since.

In the name of Councillor J. Miley—That I or some Member of this Council will move for me at your Council Meeting, that Thomas White, Knockieran, be paid Sewerage Grant at distance 42 ft.

In the name of Councillor James Everett, T.D.—I move that Council complete repairs to James Byrne's cottage, 17, Centre Road, Ballygannon, Rathdrum, to enable him to have his cottage vested.

In the name of Councillor R. Miley—That I or someone will discuss at the next Meeting what is happening re the Laragh houses and the Glendalough/Annamoe Water Supply.

In the name of Councillor Mark Deering—That I or some Member of this Council will move for me that the sewerage main on the Milltown Road, Dunlavin, be extended to serve Council cottages.

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That I or someone for me will move a motion requesting that immediate repairs be carried out to road leading to Corrough, Hollywood, and roads leading through Spynans and Brusselstown, due to recent storm damage. Also to have the village of Hollywood cleaned up.

In the names of Councillors Seamus Ua Tuathail and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge—That the road known as Fassaroe Lane be taken over and maintained by Wicklow County Council.

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That I or someone for me will move that County Engineer spend money allocated for Tigroney Road immediately in order to relieve distress in Avoca area by laying-off of a number of employees in St. Patrick's Mines.



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, the Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, 1st July, 1963, 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, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Tempie, J. Everett, T.D.; Roger Miley and J. Gregory. The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers N. D. Farrell, P. T. Hickey and P. McGuinness were present.

### AGENDA:

- 1.—Scheme of Grants for provision of Private Water Supply and Sewerage Facilities—Letter from Department of Local Government regarding new system of Grants.
- 2.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins—That a Supplementary Reconstruction Grant be paid to Mrs. Doran, Main Street, Baltinglass.
- 3.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Miley—That Thos. White, Knockieran, be paid Sewerage Grant at distance of 42 ft.
- 4.—Application of Terence Allison for consent to sale of Vested Cottage at Stratford-on-Slaney.
- 5.—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins, M. J. O'Neill, James Miley, and Mark Deering—That A. Graham of Baltinglass be declared a qualified person for the purpose of the Labourers' Act, 1936, and that we approach Minister for Local Government for the necessary Order.
- 6.—Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
- 7.—Application for Loan under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.
- 8.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—That County Manager submit Report as to reasons for increasing the rent by 1s. per week on cottages occupied by the following tenants:—  
J. Reilly, Kilpool (Agricultural Worker).  
J. Haughton, Newcastle Upper (Agricultural Worker).  
Cosgrove, Ballycrone, Kilcool (Linesman, C.I.E.)  
Ward, Kilnahanagh, Glenealy (Forestry Worker).  
Nolan, Kilnahanagh, Glenealy (Agricultural Worker).  
Rents were increased last year by 1s. per week and occupiers have not received any increase in wages since.
- 9.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—That Council complete repairs to James Byrne's cottage, 17, Centre Road, Ballygannon, Rathdrum, to enable him to have his cottage vested.
- 10.—Repairs to cottages carried out during month of June, 1963, and repairs to be carried out during month of July, 1963.



**Item No. 1—Scheme of Grants for Provision of Private Water Supply and Sewerage Facilities—Letter from Department of Local Government regarding New System of Grants.**

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had indicated that a new scheme of private water supply and sewerage grants would come into effect from the 1st July, 1963, and would replace the existing schemes operated under the Housing Acts and by the Department of Agriculture under their Water Supplies for Farmers Scheme. The latter scheme would still operate for supplies for non-domestic farm purposes. The new scheme of grants would be broadly similar to the existing scheme, that is, a grant equivalent to one-third of the cost with a maximum of £50 in respect of water supply and with a maximum of £25 in respect of sewerage facilities would be given by the Department of Local Government and a similar grant by the Local Authority and one-third of the cost would be met by the applicant. Grants for group schemes would be somewhat higher, the grant for water supply being increased to £60 and for sewerage to £30 in each case. An important provision would be that in future grants would be payable for all approved works where the total cost exceeded £10 and there would be no restrictions such as the 100 ft. requirement which obtained formerly as regards connections to a public supply. This 100 ft. limitation would continue to apply for the purpose of qualifying for the higher rate of new house grant where private services were provided. The Council would be recouped expenditure on supplementary water supply grants paid to persons who would have qualified under the Department of Agriculture scheme. The Council noted the terms of the new scheme and asked that details of the new grant provisions be circulated to the Members of the Council.

**Item No. 2—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor G. Timmins—That a Supplementary Reconstruction Grant be paid to Mrs Doran, Main Street, Baltinglass.**

Councillor G. Timmins stated that the Department of Local Government had approved and paid a grant of £55 to Mr. William Doran, Main St., Baltinglass, in respect of the repair and improvement of his house, but payment of a supplementary grant had been refused by the Council as the premises consisted of a house and shop and there was no separate entrance to the living quarters. He suggested that since the Department had agreed to make the grant available and since there was a separate rear access to the house that the Council might agree to exception from the Council's scheme to allow of the payment of a supplementary grant. The County Manager pointed out that under the terms of the Council's scheme the Council could not, unless an exception were granted by the Council, pay a supplementary grant in this case. The Council, however, could allow an exemption from the provision in the scheme if they agreed that this was reasonable in the case.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of payment of supplementary grant of £55 to William Doran, Main St., Baltinglass, in respect of repair and

improvement of his house and allow exemption from the provision in the scheme requiring that there be a separate entrance to the dwelling.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 3—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor James Miley—That Thomas White, Knockieran, be paid Sewerage Grant at Distance of 42 feet.**

Councillor J. Miley in reference to the Notice of Motion handed in by him, stated that he had received a letter from the Minister for Local Government on the matter and wished to submit it to the Council, but had not the letter available for the Meeting on that date. It was agreed that the matter be deferred to the next Meeting to enable Councillor Miley to have the letter available.

**Item No. 4—Application of Terence Allison for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottage at Stratford-on-Slaney.**

The Co. Secretary stated that Mr. Tee. Allison, tenant-purchaser of cottage No. 239/2 at Stratford-on-Slaney, had applied for consent to the sale of vested cottage to Mr. Anthony Graham Mill St., Baltinglass, who was a school teacher. As Mr. Graham, being a school teacher, was not a qualified person for the purpose of occupying a vested cottage it was not possible for the Council to give consent to the sale of the cottage to him. In accordance with the Notice of Motion on item 5 in the Agenda.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That Mr. Anthony Graham, Baltinglass, be declared a qualified person for the purpose of the Labourers' Act, 1936 and that the Council approach the Minister for Local Government for any necessary Order to give effect to the Council's wishes.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that while the Council had the power to declare a person to whom a cottage had been let by the Council to be a qualified person to enable him to purchase the cottage under a cottage purchase scheme this provision would not relate to a situation where the person wishing to purchase the cottage was not already a tenant of it. There was provision under the Labourers' Act, 1933, to enable the Council, subject to the consent of the Minister, to suspend any of the statutory conditions in relation to a vested cottage in cases of hardship, etc., but there appeared to be some doubt as to whether the relevant section would apply to the present case. It was agreed that the terms of the Council's Resolution be forwarded to the Department with an explanation of the circumstances applying.



The County Secretary stated that application had been made by Mr. Joseph Byrne, tenant/purchaser of cottage No. 214/2 at Dunlavin Upper, for consent to the sale of the cottage to Mr. James Aspel, Gormanstown, Dunlavin, who was an agricultural labourer and who stated he was about to get married. The Council had previously consented to the sale of this cottage to Mr. James Norton, but Mr. Norton did not proceed with the purchase of the cottage and Mr. Byrne now proposed to sell it to Mr. James Aspel.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of consent given to Joseph Byrne, Dunlavin Upper, to dispose of his interest in vested cottage No. 214/2 at Dunlavin Upper, to James Aspel, Gormanstown, Dunlavin.

Passed—Councillor H. J. Byrne dissenting

In connection with the application of Mr. Bernard Gartland for consent to the sale of his vested cottage at Ballard, Shillelagh, to Mrs. Frances Keely, Councillor J. J. McCrea handed in a copy of a Will made by Mrs. Mary Anne Connors, tenant-purchaser of a cottage at Tullowphelim, Tullow, in which she left the cottage to Mr. Gartland and Councillor McCrea stated that Mrs. Connors, who was a relation of Mrs. Gartland, was prepared to allow Mr. and Mrs. Gartland to share her cottage immediately.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Resolved—That subject to confirmation being obtained that Mr. Bernard Gartland has obtained suitable alternative accommodation we approve of consent being given to his disposing of his interest in vested cottage No. 207/9 at Ballard, Shillelagh, to Mrs. Frances Keely, 1, Lower Kilmacoo Road, Stillorgan Road, Dublin.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 5.—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors G. Timmins, M. J. O'Neill, James Miley and Mark Deering—That A. Graham of Baltinglass be declared a qualified person for the purpose of the Labourers' Act, 1936, and that we approach the Minister for Local Government for the necessary Order.**

This matter had been dealt with by the Council in conjunction with Item No. 4 on the Agenda.

**Item No. 6—Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.**

The County Secretary stated that during the previous month an application of Messrs. McNulty Bros., for approval to housing development at Kilpedder had been considered and approval had been given

to the erection of six of the eight houses proposed. It had been indicated that the remaining two houses were likely to be affected by the future road realignment at this point. The Council noted the position in the matter and agreed that Messrs. McNulty Bros. be informed as soon as possible of the final road realignment and whether the two additional houses could be allowed. The Council were informed that permission had been refused for the application of Messrs. McCabe and Delaney, Consulting Engineers, on behalf of the Classic Clothing Co., Ltd., for the erection of a factory at Blessington. In this case plans had been approved previously by the Council, but revised plans submitted by Messrs. McCabe and Delaney were not regarded as satisfactory and the firm had been asked to submit improved elevations for the building and layout and landscaping of the grounds. Revised proposals had not been received to date and consequently it had been necessary to refuse permission. The Council noted the position in the matter.

**Item No. 7—Application for Loan under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.**

The County Secretary stated that one application, i.e. that of Mr. William J. Moran, Tinnahinch, Avoca, had been received for a loan of £1,600 in respect of the erection of a house at Tinnahinch. Some further information regarding income had been requested from the applicant and the Council agreed that the matter be deferred. The Council indicated that subject to the details of income being satisfactory there was no objection to the making of the Loan.

**Item No. 8—Notice of Motion, in Name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—**

**That County Manager submit report as to reasons for increasing the Rent by 1s. per week on Cottages occupied by the following tenants: J. Reilly, Kilpool (Agricultural worker), J. Haughton, Newcastle Upper (Agricultural Worker), Cosgrove, Ballycrone, Kilcool (Linesman, C.I.E.), Ward, Kilnamanagh, Glenealy (Forestry Worker), Nolan, Kilnamanagh, Glenealy (Agricultural Worker). Rents were increased last year by 1s. per week and occupiers have not received any increase in wages since.**

With reference to the Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Secretary submitted the following information in regard to the revisions of rents in the cases listed:—

Tenant	No. of Dependants	Wages from date	Amount	Revised Rent	Date Applicable
Andrew O'Reilly,	6	30.10.1961	£5 19s. 0d.	5s.	1.4.1962
Kilpool (Agricultural Labourer).		4.6.1962	£6 7s. 0d.	6s.	1.4.1963
J. Haughton	1	30.10.1961	£5 16s. 0d.	8/6	1.4.1962
Newcastle Upper (Agricultural Labourer).		4.6.1962	£6 7s. 0d.	9/6	1.4.1963



David Cosgrave	3	—	£6 3s. 0d. 7s.	1.4.1962
Ballycrone (C.I.E.)	—	—	£6 15s. 0d. 8s.	1.4.1963
Brian Ward	1	5.9.1962	£6 7s. 6d. 9s.	5.9.1962
Kilnamanagh (Forestry)	—	—	£6 17s. 0d. 10s.	1.4.1963
James Nolan	3	30.10.1961	£5 19s. 0d. 6s.	25.5.1962
Kilnamanagh (Agricultural Labourer).	—	—	but reduced to 4s. (Unemployed from 25.5.1962)	—
		4.6.1962	£6 7s. 0d. 7s.	1.4.1963

As regards the information supplied in relation to Mr. James Nolan, Kilnamanagh, the County Secretary stated that as Mr. Nolan had informed the office that he had become unemployed from the 25th of May, 1962, his rent was reduced to the minimum of the scale, i.e., 4s. as from that date. Mr. Nolan did not inform the Council of his resuming employment and the fact that he was re-employed was not brought to the notice of the Council until the Return of Incomes received in March, 1963. The rent was then revised to the figure of 7s. The County Secretary also pointed out that the rent charged in these areas represented only from one-thirteenth to one-twenty-first of the income. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that Mr. Ward, Kilnamanagh, had now an additional dependant, a child having been born, and that his rent should be adjusted accordingly.

Following a discussion on the matter of the Differential Rents Scheme it was indicated by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., that he would hand in a Notice of Motion for the revision of the scales.

#### Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.

—That Council complete repairs to James Byrne's Cottage, 17, Centre Road, Ballygannon, Rathdrum, to enable him to have his cottage vested.

In relation to the Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Secretary stated that the cottage had been inspected and it was found that part of the fascia and soffit board were rotten and about 10 ft. would have to be renewed and also that roof tiles on the out-office on the side facing his neighbour had been removed or broken and would have to be replaced with new tiles. The estimated cost of carrying out the repairs was £7 10s. Councillor Everett asked that these repairs be attended to as soon as possible.

#### Item No. 10—Repairs to Cottages carried out during Month of June, 1963, and Repairs to be carried out during Month of July, 1963.

The Council noted the lists submitted of repairs carried out during June, 1963, and of those to be carried out during July, 1963. Particulars of repairs required to certain cottages were given by members of the Council and noted by the Secretary.

#### Application for Reception of Deputation.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from Dunlavin Macra Na Feirme referring to the resignation of Rev. Father Henry from the Vocational Education Committee and stating that the Club would very much appreciate if the Council would receive a Deputation from Dunlavin "in view of the fact that we hope Dunlavin will soon be getting their Vocational School." The County Secretary stated that a letter had also been received from Aughrim Development Association requesting the Council to nominate the newly appointed Parish Priest of Aughrim, the Very Rev. Paul Phelan, P.P., to fill the vacancy on the Vocational Education Committee caused by the resignation of Very Rev. G. Henry, P.P., on his transfer to Crumlin. Following a discussion on the matter in which Members of the Council indicated that it was the practice where a representative from a particular area resigned from the Vocational Education Committee to appoint his successor from the same area and in the case of a Parish Priest resigning to appoint his successor to fill the vacancy, the Council agreed on the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor M. Deering, to receive a Deputation from Dunlavin Macra Na Feirme in regard to the vacancy on the Vocational Education Committee. It was agreed by the Council that the Deputation would be informed of the normal practice which had been operated for many years in regard to the filling of such vacancies, but that consideration would be given to appointing a representative from the Dunlavin area if a suitable opportunity occurred.

#### Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor G. Timmins — That I or someone for me will propose at the next Meeting that Section 9 of the Council's Supplementary Grants Scheme be rescinded.

In the name of Councillor J. Gregory—That I or someone else will move at the next Meeting that present rent scales be revised and that the allowance in respect of each child be increased.



# WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 8th July, 1963 at 2.30 p.m. The following Members attended:- Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman. Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., John Quigley, P. McCarthy, Alan Hadden, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, 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 and Assistant County Engineers N. D. Farrell and P. McGuinness attended.

## AGENDA

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 1st and 8th April, 1963.
2. To fill vacancy on County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee and to receive Deputation from Macra Na Feirme, Dunlavin.
3. To fill vacancy on Newcastle Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.
4. Application for closing of roads at Wicklow on 5th August, 1963, in connection with Wicklow Regatta.
5. Application for closing of road at Wicklow on 7th August, 1963.
6. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That County Engineer spend money allocated for Tigroney Road immediately in order to relieve distress in Avoca area by laying-off of a number of employees in St. Patrick's Mines.
7. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That immediate repairs be carried out to road leading to Corrough, Hollywood, and roads leading through Spynans and Brusselstown due to recent storm damage and also to have village of Hollywood cleaned up.
8. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Seamus Ua Tuathail and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge—That road known as Fassaroe Lane be taken over and maintained by Wicklow County Council.
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That when work of filling potholes is required such work be given to local carters in their respective districts where available and that they get priority over lorries for this class of work.
10. Letter from Department of Local Government in regard to carrying out of Main Road Improvement Grant Works and Arterial Road Improvement Grant Works and Report of County Engineer.
11. Application under Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools—Letter from parent of applicant.
12. Recommendation of Labour Court in relation to remuneration of Assistance Officers.
13. Domestic Scavenging Services.
14. Blessington Housing Scheme—To authorise borrowing of necessary monies to defray cost of Scheme.
15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,—That County Engineer submit Report by next Meeting on all necessary repairs required for Medical Officers residence at Blessington, Co. Wicklow.



16. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss Mary Walsh and J. Quigley—That a Dispensary be provided at Annacurra.
17. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That water-main be extended from Railway Bridge, Aughrim, to serve all houses on and adjoining Arklow Road, Killacoran.
18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. Deering—That sewerage main on the Milltown Road, Dunlavin, be extended to serve Council cottages.
19. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That I or some Member for me will move a motion at the next Meeting requesting the Council to put into operation the provisions of Section 22 of the National Monuments Act, 1930, giving power to a Local Authority to frame Bye-Laws for the protection and preservation of our National Monuments throughout the County as and when the occasion arises.
20. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

#### Item No. 1—Minutes

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on the 1st and 8th April, 1963.

Passed unanimously.

#### Illness of Member.

The County Secretary stated that Councillor C. W. Hudson had asked that his thanks be conveyed to the Members of the Council for their good wishes for his recovery from his illness and that the Members be informed that he much appreciated their gesture.

#### Item No. 2—Filling of Vacancy on County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee and Reception of Deputation from Macra Na Feirme, Dunlavin.

The Council received a Deputation from Macra Na Feirme, Dunlavin Branch, consisting of the Reverend J. S. C. Stronge, Rector, and Messrs. John Cunningham, Harold Fisher and Thomas O'Neill, N.T. The Reverend J. S. C. Stronge thanked the Council for receiving the Deputation and stated that they had attended with a view to seeing if it would be possible eventually for Dunlavin to obtain a representative on the Vocational Education Committee. They noted that it had been the Council's policy when a vacancy arose on the Committee as a result of a transfer of a Parish Priest that his successor be appointed and consequently did not wish to press for the filling of the present vacancy by the appointment of a representative from Dunlavin. They asked, however, that should a suitable vacancy arise in the future the geographical representation from the County be re-examined and a representative appointed from the Dunlavin area. The Reverend Mr. Stronge pointed out that a Technical School was now being built in Dunlavin and that consequently they felt it desirable

that there should be a representative from the area on the Committee. Messrs. Cunningham, O'Neill and Fisher also addressed the Council and urged that a representative be appointed from the Dunlavin area when a suitable opportunity arose. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, explained to the members of the Deputation the arrangements followed by the Council in filling vacancies. He indicated that it was the feeling of the Council that when a suitable vacancy arose preference would be given to the appointment of a representative from Dunlavin. Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that he would be prepared to give up his place on the Vocational Education Committee to enable a representative from Dunlavin to be appointed when the School was completed. Councillor E. Byrne, however, pointed out that there would be an opportunity in two years time when a new Council was appointed to review the representation on the Vocational Education Committee.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Very Reverend Paul Phelan, P.P., as a member of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Very Reverend G. Henry, P.P.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 3—Filling of Vacancy on Newcastle O.A.P. Sub-Committee.

The County Secretary stated that the Clerk of the O.A.P. Sub-Committee for Newcastle had reported that the Sub-Committee recommended that the Reverend C. Gallagher, C.C., be appointed a member of the Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Reverend J. O'Connell, C.C., who had been transferred to Dublin.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Reverend C. Gallagher, C.C., as a member of Newcastle O.A.P. Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Reverend J. O'Connell, C.C.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 4—Application for Closing of Roads at Wicklow on 5th August, 1963, in Connection with Wicklow Regatta.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole;

Resolved—That having considered application of Wicklow Regatta Committee and the necessary public notice having been given we hereby close to public traffic the road at Wicklow described hereunder, on Monday, 5th August, 1963, between the hours of 12 noon and 4.30 p.m. in connection with the Wicklow Regatta:-

Portion of Road No. L. (29B) across the Bridge known as the Stone Bridge over the Leirim River in the Urban District of Wicklow and from said Bridge to the North end of Leirim Place in the said Urban District.

Passed unanimously.



**Item No. 5—Application for Closing of Road at Wicklow on 7th August, 1963.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That having considered application of Wicklow Regatta Committee and the necessary public notice having been given we hereby close to public traffic Bridge Street in the Urban District of Wicklow, between the hours of 6.00 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 7th August, 1963, and authorise the holding of Kart Racing over the Street while so closed to public traffic.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 6—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Quigley—That County Engineer Spend Money Allocated for Tigroney Road Immediately in Order to Relieve Distress in Avoca Area by Laying-off of a Number of Employees in St. Patrick's Copper Mines.**

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Quigley the County Secretary stated that provision had been made for carrying out work on the Tigroney Road and it was expected that the work would commence within the next two weeks. The work, however, would not provide employment for any additional men apart from the Council's normal staff. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., suggested that work might be carried out on the footpaths at Aughrim for which provision had been made. The County Secretary stated that it was usual to leave work on footpaths for carrying out prior to Christmas so as to provide employment at that time. The County Engineer stated that the footpaths would have to be prepared in advance and that he would arrange to have this work of preparation carried out within the next fortnight. He pointed out, however, that the work would not enable much additional employment to be provided. The Council noted the position in the matter.

**Item No. 7—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That Immediate Repairs be carried out to Road Leading to Corrough, Hollywood, and Roads Leading Through Spynans and Brusselstown Due to Recent Storm Damage and also to have Village of Hollywood cleaned up.**

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that both roads mentioned had been under repair during the past week, but that repairs were not yet completed. In regard to Hollywood village he stated that the trimming of footpaths would be done when the surface dressing in the Overseer's area was finished during the following week. Councillor O'Neill stated that there was a dump of rubbish in Hollywood which should be removed. He noted that works of repair were being carried out on the roads referred to.

**Item No. 8—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors Seamus Ua Tuathail and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge—That Road Known as Fassaroe Lane Be Taken Over and Maintained by Wicklow County Council.**

The Council decided that in accordance with the usual practice the proposal to take over this lane be referred for consideration by the Members of the Council for the area at the Roads Estimates Meeting for the year 1964/65.

**Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That When Work of Filling Potholes is Required Such Work be Given to Local Carters in Their Respective Districts Where Available and That They Get Priority Over Lorries For This Class of Work.**

With reference to the Notice of Motion the County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that a lorry had been used on pothole repairs for two days in the week ending 29th June in an area where a carter was commonly employed. The lorry had been diverted from a Main Road job at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, because of the breakdown of a roller and due to the fact that the Assistant County Engineer wished to continue the lorry in employment as it was required to resume on the Main Road work on the 1st July. In this case the use of a lorry for the work in question was, he suggested, a necessary arrangement. Councillor O'Neill asked that work on pothole filling be given to local carters and stated that he considered that the use of lorries for this type of work was not at all economic. He noted the particular circumstances which applied in the case mentioned.

**Item No. 10—Letter from Department of Local Government In Regard To Carrying Out Of Main Road Improvement Grant Works And Arterial Road Improvement Grant Works and Report of County Engineer.**

The Council decided to defer this matter for consideration at the Special Meeting to be held on the 15th July, 1963, in connection with the Quarry Committee Report.

**Item No. 11—Application Under Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools.**

The County Secretary submitted letter of 27th June, 1963 received from Mr. M. Haughton, Fairgreen, Rathdrum. The Council noted the statements in the letter and indicated that if satisfactory confirmation of income showing that the candidate was entitled to compete under Clause 1 (b) of the Scheme of Scholarships was received prior to the receipt of results of the examination, the candidate could be accepted under that Clause. The Council noted, however, that the candidate was entitled to compete under Clause 1 (a) of the Scheme.

**Item No. 12—Recommendation of Labour Court In Relation To Remuneration of Assistance Officers.**

The County Secretary submitted Recommendation No. 1633 of the Labour Court in relation to the rate of remuneration of Assistance Officers and stated that the Labour Court recommended that a new salary scale of £540 increasing by annual increments of £34 to £880 per annum be applied to the post of Assistance Officer. The existing salary scale for the post was £476 x £34—£816 which had been applied from the 1st August, 1960, following a recommendation by the Labour Court. The new scale involved an increase of £64 to each Officer concerned and the cost in a full year was £384.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That having considered Recommendation No. 1633 of the Labour Court in relation to the rate of remuneration of Assistance



Officers we approve of the payment of Assistance Officers on the salary scale £540 by annual increments of £34 to £880 per annum with effect from 9th May, 1963, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current years Estimates to defray the cost of application of the revised salary scale. Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 13—Domestic Scavenging Services.

The County Secretary stated that the cost of the Domestic Scavenging Service for Greystones would be £1,500, the cost for Blessington £182 and that for Rathdrum £100, giving a total of £1,782 as compared with a total estimate for the year of £2,000. In addition Domestic Scavenging Services were being sought for Baltinglass, Newtownmountkennedy, Enniskerry, Avondale Park and Rathnew. The total cost of these additional Services if provided was estimated at £2,200 and if and when the Council was in a position to provide the Service the details would be reported to the Council for approval. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., queried the estimate of cost for providing a Service in Rathnew as compared with the cost of providing a Service in Rathdrum. The County Secretary stated that the estimate included for some work which would be necessary to make the dump suitable for the purposes of the service. In regard to the Service for Baltinglass the Assistant County Engineer stated that a local carter had agreed to do the work, but subsequently had indicated that he was not prepared to proceed. The Council agreed that the work be carried out by direct labour. The Council agreed also that the method of providing the Service in the other areas be further examined by the County Engineer with a view to seeing if the Services could be provided by local carters on a similar basis to the Service in Rathdrum.

#### Delgany Dumping Ground.

The County Secretary stated that the Action taken by Miss Cherry, owner of the dumping ground at Delgany to recover possession of the dumping ground and for damages against the Council, was heard at the Circuit Court on the 5th July, 1963, and the Judge held that the Council merely had a Licence for the use of the dumping ground and determined the Licence with effect from 1st November, 1963. The Council accordingly would have to vacate the dumping ground before that date. A Decree was also given for £80 with costs in respect of trespass. The Council had endeavoured to obtain an alternative site for a dumping ground in the Delgany area, but had failed to find a suitable site. The Council had been informed by the Department of Local Government that compulsory powers could be exercised to acquire a dumping ground and it was proposed, subject to the Council's agreement, to exercise these powers to acquire the dumping ground from Miss Cherry.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor A. H. Hadden;

Resolved—That we approve of the Council's exercising compulsory powers to acquire dumping ground at Delgany.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 14—Blessington Housing Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary for the Council to authorise the necessary borrowing to defray the cost of the Blessington Housing Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we approve of the borrowing of the sum of £6,600 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of fifty years for defraying the cost of erection of four houses at Blessington.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 15—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., —That County Engineer Submit Report By Next Meeting On All Necessary Repairs Required For Medical Officers Residence At Blessington.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Architect was arranging to inspect the house and submit a Report in regard to any repairs needed. Plumbing repairs which had been required had been carried out recently. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., asked that a Report be obtained as to the repairs needed to the Dispensary Residence at Tinahely. Councillor J. Temple referred to repairs and the provision of equipment which had been approved for Bray Dispensary and asked that a Report be submitted as to the work carried out and equipment provided.

#### Item No. 16—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors Miss Mary Walsh and J. Quigley—That A Dispensary be provided at Annacurra.

The County Secretary stated that the following Report had been received from the County Medical Officer:-

Public Health Department,  
Rathdrum,  
County Wicklow.  
3rd July, 1963.

Staff Officer,  
Health Service Section.

Re: Proposed Dispensary for Annacurra.

A Chara,

I wish to refer to your letter of 27th ult., requesting report in the above connection for submission to July monthly meeting of the County Council. The approximate total of Medical Card holders who might be expected to avail of a dispensary depot in Annacurra would be 69. It would be entirely unjustifiable to have a depot in Annacurra for this small number. Daily attendances would probably be not more than one or two. Tinahely already has a central dispensary and two depots at Askakeagh and Knockananna. In the circumstances another depot for Annacurra is not recommended.



Broadly speaking dispensaries and depots could be reduced not increased as transport and communications have greatly improved since the dispensary system was set up over a century ago. It might in fact be well to have a review of existing depots to see if some could be closed.

Mise le meas,

**D. F. MCCARTHY.**

**CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER.**

Councillor Miss Walsh stated that people in the Annacurra area had difficulty in travelling to the Dispensary at Tinahely and if it was not possible to provide a Dispensary at Annacurra she considered that at least a Depot could be provided at which the District Medical Officer would attend at least once a week. The Council agreed that the County Medical Officer be asked to report further on the proposal to provide a Depot at Annacurra. Councillor J. Temple stated that he had been informed that persons holding Medical Cards who sent their children to the Dispensary to obtain prescriptions were not supplied with the prescriptions and that the Compounder would issue these only to persons over twenty-one. He considered that this caused difficulty to people in obtaining prescriptions and he asked that the matter be examined. Councillor Temple stated also that he had been informed that the District Medical Officers in Bray were not prepared to attend calls received by telephone and that persons requiring their services had to call to their houses. He asked that this matter be inquired into.

**Item No. 17—Notice of Motion In Name of Councillor J. Quigley—That Watermain Be Extended From Railway Bridge, Aughrim, To Serve All Houses On And Adjoining Arklow Road, Killacoran.**

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Assistant County Engineer would be asked to submit a Report in regard to the proposed extension of the main.

**Item No. 18—Notice of Motion In Name Of Councillor M. Deering—That Sewerage Main On The Milltown Road, Dunlavin, Be Extended To Serve Council Cottages.**

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that the Notice of Motion related to three cottages, of which one was vested in the tenant and in the other two cases the tenants had applied to purchase their cottage. The proposal would involve laying a new sewer to connect with the existing main sewer from Dunlavin Lower to the outfall works and the cost of the sewer would be about £350.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of the proposal to extend sewerage main at Dunlavin to serve three cottages at Milltown Road.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 19—Notice of Motion In Name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That I or Some Member For Me Will Move A Motion At The Next Meeting Requesting The Council To Put Into Operation The Provisions Of Section 22 Of The National Monuments Act, 1930, Giving Power To A Local Authority To Frame Bye-Laws For The Protection And Preservation Of Our National Monuments Throughout The County As And When The Occasion Arises.**

Proposing the Notice in accordance with the Notice of Motion Councillor O'Neill referred to the Dwyer/McAllister Memorial in Baltinglass which he stated was being abused and he felt that the Council should ensure that such Monuments were treated with respect. The County Secretary stated that the Monument at Baltinglass had been taken over by the Council in 1946 and certain works had been carried out to put it into proper condition. A local Advisory Committee had been appointed, but had lapsed. Subsequently a local Advisory Committee had been appointed to deal with Monuments generally throughout the County. No Meetings however, had been held for a considerable time and the Council might wish to appoint another Committee now. In regard to the matter of Bye-Laws the County Secretary stated that it did not appear from the Act that the Council was authorised to make Bye-Laws for the protection and preservation of National Monuments. Councillor O'Neill pointed out that the Monument at Baltinglass was being abused by persons placing articles against it. The Gardai had previously taken action at the request of the Council and he considered that some action should now be taken to terminate this practice. On the suggestion of Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, it was agreed that the opinion of the Council's Solicitor be obtained in the matter.

**Item No. 20—Inquiries Arising From County Manager's Orders.**

In reply to inquiry from Councillor P. McCarthy the County Secretary stated that the Council was awaiting a reply from the Department of Local Government in relation to the last Report of the Consulting Engineer.

**Repairs To Former Hospital Building, Kilmantin Hill.**

The County Secretary stated that only one Tender had been received in response to public advertisement for the carrying out of works to put the premises at Kilmantin Hill in suitable condition for use as offices. The Council agreed that the Tender be opened and referred it to the Council's Architect for examination and recommendation. The Tender received was from William Clarke (Builder) Ltd., Wicklow, in a total sum of £6,836 4s. 6d.

**Application For Reception Of Deputation.**

The County Secretary submitted letter from Secretary, Muintir Na Tire, Annacurra Guild, inquiring if the Council would receive a Deputation from the Guild in connection with the widening of cross-roads at Annacurra. The Members of the Council pointed out that there had been difficulty in acquiring the necessary land to carry out an improvement at this cross-roads and the County Engineer confirmed that although no provision was made in the current years Road Works Scheme for the work the Assistant County Engineer had been



### Blessington Water Supply.

**Sruhaun Water Supply.**

### Clothing Factory At Blessington.

## Notices Of Motion

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That a Report be obtained from the County Engineer as to the possibility of improving entrance to Rosahane Cemetery.

In the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—That the pump at Parkmore, Roundwood, be repaired immediately as it is out of repair for some months and the matter was referred to Engineering Department on 21st June, 1963.

A Special Meeting of the Council to consider the Reports of the Committee on reproduction of materials in the Council Chamber and the various Departments of Local Authorities, including the carrying out of Main Arterial and Arterial Road Improvements, was held at the Council Chamber, Town Court House, Wickham, on Monday, 18th July 1955.

Memorandum: John G. McCarthy, Alan H. Madden, G. Arthur MacDonogh, William M. J. O'Neil, Miss Mary Walsh, Mary Lonsdale, H. C. Deane, Edward Spence, Hugh B. Spencer, J. Temple, J. Egerton, H. B. Rogers, Miles, J. D. Houghton and

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, County Auditor, County Clerk, Engineer and Assistant County Engineers P. J. Jones and J. H. Farrell attended.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE WORKING  
OF COUNTY COUNCIL QUANTITIES

to submit the following Report as a result of an investigation into the working of the County Council Quarries and Road Department.



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of the Council to consider the Report of the Committee re production of materials in Council Quarries and letter from Department of Local Government regarding carrying out of Main Road and Arterial Road Improvement Grant works and Report thereon was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 15th July, 1963.

The following Members attended:

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

Councillors John Quigley, P. McCarthy, 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 Engineer, and Assistant County Engineers P. McGuinness and N. D. Farrell attended.

The following Report had been circulated to the Members:—

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE WORKING OF COUNTY COUNCIL QUARRIES

We wish to submit the following Report as a result of our investigations into the working of the County Council Quarries and Road Fund generally.

At the commencement of our investigations two Meetings were held in the Council Chamber with all the Council's Engineers, the County Secretary and County Manager present.

The Committee visited the three County Council Quarries.

#### BALLINCLARE:

Crushing was carried out at Ballinclare on the date of our visit. This Quarry has a wonderful frontage and a fairly reasonable up-to-date plant.

We were told that this plant was capable of crushing 200 tons of road material daily. The Committee were not very impressed with the service provided.

There appeared to be no surplus material on hand, and six men were pushing down loose stone from the Quarry face, and with a poor Chasid service to the Crusher, it was hard to visualise how any such output could be attempted.

Boulders from this Quarry were sold to the Board of Works at 2/6 per ton. The County Engineer reported to us that there was 4,836 cubic yards of this stone (boulders) sold.

#### TOMACORK:

On the date of our visit some six men were engaged quarrying. There was a considerable quantity of material on the dumping ground ready for crushing. This Quarry was badly damaged due to experimental deep boring, as admitted by Mr. R. L. Farrell in his letter dated 9th May, 1962. The men had great difficulty in removing the stone from the back of the Quarry face. It was slow and costly for the reason stated. A fitter was working on two new engines in the workshop and when questioned by Councillor Temple he said they were for the two machines. Councillor Temple then questioned the Quarry machinery man, Somers. The latter told him that he did not requisition the engines nor did he want them.



**NEWTOWN:**

The Committee visited Newtown on the same date. The Quarry was closed down at the time of our visit. The position here looked hopeless, due to the depth of soil rubble and the poor quality of the stone generally.

The Committee were unanimous in suggesting that the Quarry be closed down.

With a view to providing a Quarry for West Wicklow, the Committee visited Hollywood. Here we inspected a Quarry in company with the County Engineer and Chief Assistant. This rock has a tremendous frontage and in the opinion of the Engineers the stone is quite good.

As to the judicious operation of the Road Fund, we regret to state and we think most Councillors are aware, all is not well in the Engineering Department. There appears to be disunity and a complete want of co-operation amongst the principals concerned.

We wish to make it perfectly clear that these remarks do not apply to any of our District Engineers.

This can be more fully explained when the Report is being considered by the Council.

Finally, we recommend to the Council the following for their consideration:

- (1) That a complete inventory be made of all plant in the County Council Quarries and its serviceable condition.
- (2) That each Quarry be treated as a separate self-contained unit and that sufficient plant be provided for each Quarry for its economic working.
- (3) That all minor and other repairs be done locally where possible.
- (4) That the District Engineer be placed in charge of any Quarry in his District and that he be directly responsible to the County Engineer for its efficient working.
- (5) That the advisability of maintaining the workshop at Deputy's Pass as to costing, etc., be thoroughly investigated.

Finally, we strongly recommend with a view to providing pockets of employment in Rural Wicklow, that the Council provide their road material from their own quarries. We are satisfied that if our recommendations are fully implemented they can be supplied as economically as imported material.

Ballinclare should be fully capable of supplying East and North Wicklow.

Tomacork put on a proper footing should cater for the Shillelagh Rural District and if necessary some material could be procured from a very good Quarry at Coolroe.

**WEST WICKLOW:**

If recommended the machinery at Newtown should be transferred to Hollywood to cater for West Wicklow.

Signed: J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

Paudge Brennan,

John Temple,

James Miley,

James Gregory.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that the Committee appointed by the Council had held a number of Meetings and had visited the Council's Quarries and that they were not satisfied that the Council was getting a good return for the expenditure in the Quarries. He stated that the Members of the Committee felt that if at all possible the Council should produce all material required for roads. He added that he wished to make it clear that there was nothing personal against anyone in the Report. In reply to inquiry from Councillor A. H. Hadden, the County Secretary stated that the Committee was set up at the Meeting of the Council on the 9th January, 1961, and held their first Meeting on the 23rd January, 1961. A further Meeting was held on the 30th January, 1961, and the Quarries were inspected by the Members of the Committee on the 8th March, 1961. A further Meeting was held in April, 1961, and Meetings were held in April, May and June, 1962. The County Manager, County Secretary and the Council's Engineers attended the first two Meetings of the Committee, but it was then indicated to them that the Committee had decided to hold their further Meetings without officials being present. Councillor H. J. Byrne inquired as to the latest figures for the cost of production of materials in the Quarries, and the County Secretary stated that the figures for the year 1962/'63 showed that the average cost per cubic yard of all stone crushed at Ballinclare Quarry was 17/7. Only 530 cubic yards had been crushed in Tomacork Quarry during that year and the cost worked out at £3 2s. per cubic yard. In 1960/'61 the cost of production of chippings at Tomacork was 32s. 3d. per cubic yard and the cost in Newtown Quarry was 32/- per cubic yard. Councillor J. Temple quoted costs which he had requested in regard to the production of materials in Ballinclare Quarry and the cost of materials supplied by Roadstone, and expressed the opinion that Ballinclare Quarry was a most suitable Quarry for the production of materials and could be operated at an economical price. He pointed out that the cost of production compared favourably with that of Roadstone. He considered, however, that additional machinery should be provided for Ballinclare Quarry.

The County Manager stated that he would like to submit some detached views in regard to the whole matter of production of materials with a view to assisting the Council to find a solution. He reminded the Council that there had been a considerable change in the types of material required for road works over the past thirty or forty years and pointed out that at one time stone required for road works had been broken by hand and, in fact, field stones were frequently used. Subsequently, with the improvements in standards required for road construction materials were produced by machinery in Quarries, but mainly the larger types of stone, i.e., 2", were used to provide proper foundations for the reconstruction of roads. In recent years modern systems of road reconstruction and of maintenance required an increase in the use of smaller sizes of chippings and subsequently an increase also in the quantity of the chippings needed to meet the Council's requirements. Moreover, large quantities of sand and gravel were used to-day in reconstructing roads, especially rural roads. Due to the necessity of providing adequate machinery to produce chippings there had been a tendency in all Counties to close down the smaller Quarries and to provide central Quarries serving either an entire County or large areas within a County. The County Manager reminded the Members that in recent years Quarries formerly operated by the Council at Kilmurray, Glen of the Downs, Ballylusk, Kilpoole, Tonlagree and Carrigower had been closed. A central Quarry had been set up at Ballinclare. Two other Quarries had been equipped at Tomacork and Newtown. He stressed that if chippings were to be produced by the Council with their own plant



at a reasonable cost, this could be achieved only by producing in large quantities and satisfactory costs could not be obtained where the volume of demand was low. Due to the limited requirements of stone in the area served by the Quarries at Tomacork and Newtown, it had not been found possible to produce material at a reasonable cost. The Committee had agreed that the Quarry at Newtown be closed as a result of particular difficulties found in working the Quarry, due largely to the extent of the overburden which hindered efficient operation. As regards the provision of plant in Quarries, he pointed out that the cost of the plant must be repaid over a period of years, and consequently the new or additional plant must effect a saving in costs sufficient to offset the loan charges in respect of the plant. Loan charges would have to be defrayed even if a plant were idle. Consequently if plant could not be kept continuously in use costs of production would be unduly high. In regard to the suggestion that the Council purchase a plant for producing tarmacadam, the County Manager pointed out that from the figures given in the Co. Engineer's Report of the 14th June, 1963, the quantity of tarmacadam used during the past three years ranged from 2,380 to 3,255 tons per annum. A plant capable of an output of about 200 tons a day will, therefore, produce a full year's requirements of tarmacadam in less than three weeks and the plant would be idle for the remaining part of the year. It seemed unlikely that tarmacadam could be produced by the Council at an economical price having regard to the limited quantity required.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That the County Manager obtain expert advice on—(1) the condition of machinery in the Council Quarries at Ballinclare and Tomacork and as to what additional machinery, if any, that would be required to bring the machinery to modern standards; (2) the availability of labour, and (3) the quality of stone.

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed also that the expert engaged should report on Quarries at Newtown and Carrigower and at Ballee, near Rathdrum.

**LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
REGARDING CARRYING OUT OF MAIN ROAD AND  
ARTERIAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT WORKS.**

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

R.27/2/10.  
County Manager,  
Wicklow Co. Council.  
A Chara,  
Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil,  
Teach An Chustaim,  
Baile Atha Cliath,  
10th May, 1963.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to the Department's letter R.201/4/11, of 7th instant, in which the Council are notified of the allocation of a Main Road Improvement Grant of £39,500 and an Arterial Road Improvement Grant of £65,000 for 1963/64. The Minister is concerned to ensure that the proper planning of suitable schemes to absorb these grants will proceed quickly and that the schemes will be carried out in accordance with the prescribed conditions. In this connection there have been a number of disturbing features in regard to the execution of works under the 1962/63 grants in the county. They are:—

- (1) With due regard to the effects of adverse weather, the Council's 1962/63 programme of main and arterial road improvement work was unduly behind schedule at the end of the year. Documents for the £36,459 arterial road scheme near Mountjohn on T.7 were not submitted until 9th February, 1963, and were not finalised until later. Even at this stage some £10,000 of the Main Road Improvement Grant for 1962/63, as supplemented by transfer from the County Road Improvement Grant, is unabsorbed by approved works.
- (2) Work on the £11,000 arterial road scheme between Kiltimon and Coyne's Cross on T.7 was undertaken and largely completed without approval and in advance of the submission of documents to the Department. An explanation of this was requested in the Department's letters of 21st November, 1962, and 5th April, 1963, but no explanation has been received.
- (3) It has now been reported that the recently laid base course surfacing on the scheme referred to at (2) is to an alignment which does not conform to the approved scheme and is an inferior alignment.
- (4) It is understood that work is in progress on laying a carpet on a badly aligned section of T.7 south of Coyne's Cross and north of Ashford. The section concerned is about half a mile in length between two long sections improved in recent years, and it is clearly desirable that it should be brought up to the alignment standard of the adjoining sections. The present work, therefore, which conforms to the existing alignment and was undertaken without reference to the Department, seems ill-advised and likely to increase the traffic hazard by raising speeds on the twisted alignment. It is understood that it is the intention to charge this work to the Main Road Upkeep Grant and to finance it out of savings on other schemes.

An immediate and full explanation is required in regard to the matters referred to at (2), (3) and (4) above. This should cover the commencement of the Coyne's Cross scheme in advance of approval and the recent departures from the approved alignment for that scheme as well as the undertaking of work on T.7 under the Main Road Upkeep Grant without reference to the Department. The question of grant payment in respect of unauthorised works or works carried out in advance of approval will be further considered on receipt of this explanation.

You are reminded that, under the Grant conditions, only the cost of approved works may be charged. A further condition for the payment of Road Fund Grants is that the general administration of road works in the county should be in a satisfactory condition. You are also reminded of the Council's formal undertaking, as conveyed in the County Secretary's letter of the 23rd June, 1960, that there would be proper advance planning of schemes and that the practice of starting schemes without approval would cease.

The Minister wishes a review to be carried out of the Council's organisation and procedures relating to the preparation and execution of road improvement schemes, including land acquisition, planning and design and supervision. You should, therefore, instruct the Co. Engineer to conduct this review, the object of which should be to establish what steps are necessary to strengthen the Council's existing organisation to enable it to deal satisfactorily with the annual Road Improvement programme, including the planning of schemes sufficiently early and in sufficient detail to enable them to be carried out



after approval, under the most favourable conditions and completed within the prescribed time. The Co. Engineer's report in the matter should be put before the Council for consideration and a copy should be submitted to the Department. It should be explained to the Council in this connection:—

- (1) That, in deciding on future Road Fund allocations, the Minister must have regard, inter alia, to the known capacity of the Council's organisation for the efficient planning and execution of a programme of works, and
- (2) That the engineering costs involved in the design and supervision of Arterial Road Grant schemes are chargeable to Grant in the case of Assistant County Engineer and Resident Engineers, whether permanent or temporary. In the case of Main Road Improvement Grant schemes temporary engineering costs may be charged to Grant in certain cases. Circular R.205/10 of 15th June, 1962, gives the details and lays down the basis for charging such costs.

The Department should be notified as soon as possible of the outcome of the Council's consideration of this matter.

Mise, le meas,

P. O. CRIODHAIN.

The following Report of the County Engineer had also been circulated to the Members:

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.**

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT.**

JTO'B/AD.

3rd July, 1963.

**Re: BRAY-WICKLOW ARTERIAL ROAD**

**COUNTY MANAGER.**

A Chara,

I refer to letter from Local Government Department dated 10th inst., ref. R.27/2/10, and your letter of the 13th inst. addressed to me regarding same. I would offer the following comments on the points raised by the Department:—

- (1) It will be recalled that many attempts were made to obtain the necessary Technical Engineering assistance to prepare the documents for Road Works and Highway Design by advertisement and also personal contacts, and you will appreciate our unfortunate experiences in this regard.

The assignment of Mr. P. McGuinness, B.E., after his return from his American tour was recommended and it was thought also that employment of Engineering Draftsmen would be desirable. After much searching and interviews Mr. J. McCormack, B.E., was employed in September, 1962, and was immediately assigned to prepare the documents for the design of part T.7, Mount John.

The Arterial Road Grant, 1962/63, was notified to the Co. Council on the 28/4/1962.

The re-allocation of funds proposed by the Department involving the transfer of a proportion of the County Road Grant to Main Roads was considered by the Council on the 18/6/1962 and again on the 2nd July, 1962.

Approval to the Council's agreement was received from the Local Government Department on the 6/9/62. The documents describing

the expenditure of £36,459 on the Kiltimon/Killadreenan Section (Mount John) were submitted to the Department on the 9/2/1963, and you will recall and appreciate the very onerous and lengthy considerations and negotiations which were involved in dealing with this particular Scheme.

At the present time the documents are still with the Law Agent awaiting investigations into Title of landowners, etc. There was also difficulties in dealing with tenants of labourers' cottages and the whole matter was the subject of intense debate at Meetings of the Wicklow County Council.

Approval to this Scheme was issued from the Department on the 3/4/63, but the Wicklow County Council requested that no work proceed until further consideration would have been given, which was done on the 22nd April, 1963.

The allocation of funds to this Bray/Wicklow Arterial Road was £40,000 in the Wicklow Electoral Division on the Coyne's Corner/Kiltimon/Mount John section and £20,000 for expenditure in the Rathdrum No. 2 Electoral Division between Kilmurray Dispensary via Glen View Hotel and Glen-O'-Downs. The Documents covering an expenditure of £8,726 on the Kilmurray/Glen-O'-Downs were submitted on the 7th November, 1962, and approved by the Department on the 28/1/1963.

Documents covering the Balance (£11,273) of unit £20,000 were submitted to Department on 31st May, 1963. Sanctions not yet received—pending further details as to linking up with existing roads. This was requested on 2/7/63 and was forwarded on same day. Mr. McCormack, B.E., is engaged in dealing with the section between Kilpedder and Newtownmountkennedy (1963-64 allocation).

In regard to Kilpedder our difficulties will be recalled—in negotiations with Baron Raben to acquire lands for the re-alignment of this section of the Arterial Road, and it was found at first that the Baron was very much opposed to ceding any portion of his holding to the Council for this purpose. It was felt that the attention of our Technical Officer should be directed intensively to this job, and the alignment involves a drastic incursion into the ground or lawn in the front of Baron Raben's house and part of the work will involve the construction of a concrete or masonry wall about 500 yards in length. There was great urgency, therefore, in investigating this proposal together with the continuation of the proposed alignment towards Newtownmountkennedy.

A plan has been submitted to the Department in this connection and I understand that the Manager himself has already contacted the Department on the matter and the scheme has been approved.

Consent has now been given by the owner and investigation of Title is with the Law Agent.

A further advertisement was issued calling for Temporary Technical Engineering assistance to enable work to be pushed forward expeditiously, and two additional engineers were engaged.

I do feel, however, that I should respectfully advise again that Mr. P. McGuinness, B.E., should be seconded to the work of Highway Design intensively in the County and that his Engineering area could be temporarily administered by either Mr. Power, B.E. or Mr. Maher,



B.E., who is engaged at the moment on Water Supplies, or alternatively to have an Aerial Survey carried out which would reduce the present difficulties in obtaining Engineering Assistance.

(2) With regard to the section of the road between Kiltimon and Coyne's Cross on T.7, I regret that I cannot understand the statement in the Department's letter of the 10th May, 1963. My records show that the documents were submitted indicating that the upper section through the Glen was to have been completed in tarmac surfacing and this was done and there seems to be some misunderstanding about the matter, as I felt that I was in full co-operation with the Department's Inspector throughout this work and that I fully discussed the matter with him and we agreed, as far as I recall, amicably on all points. It seems that there was an overlapping of documents and sanctions between two financial years.

(3) The Department's letter states in this item that the recently laid base course did not conform to the approved Scheme. I can only say with regard to this matter that the Local Government Department's Inspector felt that this was so, but we discussed the matter and it was agreed that the deviation was very slight and is, in fact, only involving a widening at a bend to the western side of about 3 feet tapering out at either end for a length of about 340 feet.

The plan showing this tarmac alignment was on a 25" scale only and it is more desirable to have a larger scale 1 : 500 in dealing with such alignments. As promised to the Inspector, we submitted an enlarged plan showing the slight adjustment, which has now been carried out, giving a radius in accordance with the approved proposals.

After all, this is, I think, a small matter and was immediately agreed upon after investigations, and a letter from the Local Government Department evidently crossed ours in submitting the explanatory documents.

(4) With regard to the laying of the carpet on a section of T.7, south of Coyne's Cross and north of Ashford (between the "Green Lizard" and Rathmore), may I say that I regarded this as an urgent necessity.

This portion of the road, shaded as it is by trees, vegetation, rocks, etc., developed in recent months into a very dangerous condition and it was urgently necessary to carry out repairs of a more extensive nature other than ordinary patching and surface dressing. The sides had become depressed and an examination indicated that there was insufficient wearing or strengthening course on the carriageway.

The section more rapidly deteriorated in the recent bad weather due to snow and ice. Attempts were, therefore, made to lay patches of tarmac along the route in various places, but it became evident to me that it was a complete waste of time and money, and would result in an unsatisfactory and bumpy appearance unless more extensive work were undertaken.

I gave instructions, therefore, that the whole length of the road, about 900 lineal yards, be covered with tarmac carpet. It is not likely that this section of the road will be re-aligned within the next five or six years and, consequently, I consider that good value will have been received for the work done. I may also add that this section

had already been patched extensively on two occasions within the last three years and the work proved to be without complete satisfactory result.

With regard to the request from the Minister that a review be carried out of the Council's organisation and procedures for the preparation and execution of Road Improvement Schemes, including Land Acquisition, etc., may I offer the following comments:—

The present organisation is that we have four permanent Engineering Assistants who deal with the general supervision of Road Schemes and minor alignments, but who, in addition, are involved in all the other ancillary services, including the design and land acquisition.

In very recent times we have acquired the services of three Temporary Engineering Assistants and, as pointed out above, these were engaged after prolonged inquiries and advertisements. There is a difficulty always present in securing that these Design Engineers remain in our employment because of the instability of their position and because, in my opinion, the salary is unattractive. It will be appreciated that these young men are always on the look-out for improved conditions and more comprehensive engineering with a view to their future. The present set-up is sufficient for the moment, but there is a very great lag in the amount of work in arrears which must be undertaken as quickly as possible.

Large-scale grants have been given towards the improvement of Main Roads in latter years and these will undoubtedly increase in the immediate future and it is, therefore, necessary that our planning schemes and proposals should be planned well ahead. The work involved for the Engineering Staff engaged on such major road projects calls for detailed investigation of plans, sections, levelling, calculation of quantities, areas of lands to be acquired and, finally, a very close supervision of the progress of the schemes. The duties of the permanent Engineers, it will be appreciated, are increasing from year to year in all aspects of County Engineering administration.

The total amount of Government Grants on Main Roads in 1960/61 was £59,713, whereas the total amount of such Grants during the present year is £145,767. Time is the great factor which controls all the activities involved and I feel that I must draw attention to the attendance of the Engineers at Meetings of the Council and which I consider ought to be reviewed by the Council, in so far as I believe these Officers could be much more usefully employed out in their respective areas in dealing with urgent and necessary works in the interest of the Council. The careful supervision of expenditure has now become more than ever intensive and necessary and, in my opinion, an Engineer requires to be on his job from at least 8.30 in the morning in order to enable him to keep contact with his duties.

The carrying out of modern major road schemes is also closely linked with Town Planning, and even already we have proposals for buildings and houses delayed because we are unable to give a final decision pending the final determination of road alignments. I, therefore, suggest that as a short term recommendation we must retain our three Temporary Engineering Assistants, but in addition it is essential that an Engineering Draftsman be engaged, whose work in the office would relieve the necessity for the Design Engineers in completing the drawings and plans necessary to illustrate projects and which should be done more appropriately by one technical person.



I offer my opinion also that a qualified Highway Design Engineer should be engaged on a permanent basis who would control, direct and organise all the activities involved in this very great undertaking and which undoubtedly will intensify in the immediate future.

Negotiations for the acquisition of lands obviously depends on the prior preparation of the documents for any scheme: Wicklow County Council have had comparatively little difficulty in acquiring lands and thus far have not had to call in compulsory powers. At the same time we have had experience of very long drawn-out negotiations with land owners in a few cases, and we do everything possible to avoid compulsory acquisition: in one way our method may take up a good deal of our negotiators' time, but in the long run I think it is perhaps better to avoid compulsory powers.

Above I have referred to a short term recommendation: I think that the staff required to undertake arrears and to arrive at a stage of advanced planning at the end of two years would call for four Temporary Engineers and one Draftsman, after that I would visualise that the attention of three Temporary Engineers and one Draftsman would be necessary to keep pace with major road development which must continue. These Temporary Engineers would, of course, be called upon at times to act as Resident Engineers on the immediate works during the course of construction.

I must refer also to the absence of Clerical and Recording staff necessary to co-ordinate and effect a satisfactory costing, recording, accountancy and materials control in all these projects, and I feel that I am not going too far in recommending two additional personnel in this regard: a Clerical Officer and a Clerk/Typist.

The implications of the new Town Planning Bill will immediately create conditions whereby decisions will have to be made almost immediately, and this will not be possible without a proper Road Design Programme being in existence and organised.

Mise, le meas,

J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

The following Report of the County Manager as requested by the Council had been circulated to the Members:

#### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Courthouse,  
Wicklow.  
13th July, 1963.

#### CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

##### Re: ROAD IMPROVEMENTS—PLANNING AND DESIGN.

Dear Councillor,

In the absence of information on long-term planning for the Main Roads in County Wicklow, it is not only difficult but indeed impossible to indicate to the Council what the reasonable requirements might be in the matter of Design Staff. In their letter of 10th May, 1963, the Department of Local Government asked that a revision be carried out

of the Council's organisation and procedures relating to the preparation and execution of Road Improvement Schemes, but matters of organisation and procedures will be dependent on the scale of the Road Improvement Schemes which the Council might be expected to carry out within the next decade or more. At the moment there is no information available as to what scale the improvements to be effected within the next ten, fifteen or twenty years may be expected to be. This quite evidently is a matter of long-term planning and, furthermore, is one which will be dependent on what is happening in adjoining areas. The two Main Roads which would be involved in major Improvement Schemes in the next ten to twenty years would be the Dublin/Bray/Rathnew Road (T.7) and the Dublin/Blessington Road (T.41). But the density of traffic to be expected within the next decade or more on these roads will be dependent on a number of factors. Whilst it is well recognised that in this country the number of motor vehicles has shown a more or less recognised trend—the trend being that the number tends to double in each of recent decades—much may depend, however, on how other planning problems are handled, especially those in the Metropolitan Area which adjoins Co. Wicklow. The increase in number of motor vehicles has resulted in a steep rise in the income from Motor Tax to the Road Fund, but Wicklow Co. Council does not know but that a substantial part of this increased income may be involved in the coming years in endeavouring to find solutions to traffic problems in Dublin City and the area immediately adjoining it. There may be an allocation of large sums from Road Fund for the provision of large-scale Car Parks in the City and building of new motorways. This could mean that the Local Authorities outside the Metropolitan Area might not expect increases in Road Fund Grants proportionate to the rise in the income of the Road Fund. There are many people indeed who feel that the traffic problems which are sometimes stressed as becoming so acute in the Metropolitan Area might even be alleviated by a central planning policy which would result in the future in less concentration in the Dublin area of so many administrative, industrial and cultural activities.

In recent years traffic counts have been taken in the County at a number of places, but no information has been available to the Council Members—or to the County Manager—as to what these counts showed. Details of any analysis made of them or of what deductions might be derived from them likewise are not available. Similar counts, it is understood, have been taken in the adjoining Counties. One feels, however, that an analysis of such counts taken over a fairly long period could show definite trends and point to possible solutions of traffic problems. Mention has been made verbally and in a vague way from time to time of the necessity for allowing for a double carriageway in planning the Bray/Rathnew Road, but information as to when this double carriageway might be expected to be necessary or as to the exact sections along which the Council would be expected to provide it has not been supplied. Some years ago the Bray Urban District Council when approving of draft proposals for a Town Planning Scheme for their area agreed that a Bye-Pass Road should be provided to the north-west of Bray. This would be a Scheme in which both Dublin and Wicklow County Councils would be involved, but so far the line of the proposed road has not been determined nor do we know how it would tie in with an improved roadway between Bray and Dublin. Here one feels that it should be said that if it had not been for the improvements carried out to maintain roads in County Wicklow which serve to distribute week-end traffic over a wider area, the position during Summer week-ends along the eastern routes nowadays undoubtedly would be very much more difficult.



It seems that before a recommendation could be made to the Members of the Council to enter into definite commitments in connection with a proposal to employ Design Engineers, more information should be available as to the long-term proposals for improving the two principal traffic routes in County Wicklow. In the Department's letter it is also mentioned that Schemes should be planned sufficiently early and in sufficient detail to enable them to be carried out after approval, but it is felt that the early planning of Schemes inevitably will be dependent on greater knowledge being available as to long-term proposals for improvements to be carried out within the next ten or fifteen years on the two Main Roads already mentioned. It takes a considerable time and lengthy and patient negotiation to acquire lands needed for Road Improvements. If these negotiations are to commence well ahead of the actual works being carried out, then information on the long-term plans would be required.

Again, it must be pointed out that in recent years the Council and the Council's Engineering Staff have been hampered by the late dates at which Grants available for particular financial years are notified. In the current year, for example, notification of the exact amount of Road Grants which would be available was not received until the 8th May, 1963. This was three months after the Council had adopted their Annual Estimates for the financial year 1963/64 and four months or more after the County Engineer had submitted his proposals for Road Works in the following year. In the absence of precise information as to the Grants which would be forthcoming, the Council has had to base their Schemes on the assumption that the same Grants as those allowed in the current year would again be allowed. The Members of the Council will remember that in 1962 a notification was received to the effect that an additional Road Grant of £30,000 for Main Road T.7—Bray/Rathnew Road—would be forthcoming subject to certain conditions being fulfilled. These conditions required the Council to re-examine and reconsider the Roads Policy to which they had already been committed for that year and to allocate monies which already had been earmarked for particular roads to the new Arterial Road Improvement Scheme. The result was that considerable time elapsed before the Council finally took a decision on the proposal to divert monies to the new Arterial Road work—in fact, the decision meant the diversion of monies from some County Roads to a Main Road.

It has been quite evident from the discussions of the Council that all the members do not favour the concentration of so much money and effort on improvements to a limited number of Main Roads. Some time ago the Members of the Council were not prepared, for example, to approve of a proposal to construct a new length of roadway which would by-pass the village of Newtownmountkennedy. They seemed to feel that it was too early for the Council to embark on what seemed to them a new type of radical road planning. However, it is felt that the comment here must be made that Road Plans should aim at relieving traffic difficulties and congestion in the areas in which they are found to exist. Reference was made earlier to the difficulties which can arise in connection with the acquisition of land. It has been the policy of the Council always to endeavour to acquire by negotiation rather than to resort to compulsory purchase procedure. Acquisition by agreement may undoubtedly cause delay, but in the long run it probably is less than would occur if compulsory acquisition were to be resorted to and, moreover, acquiring lands by agreement means that the public authority is saved the heavy legal and other costs which always arise in connection with compulsory purchase. The Department of Local Government for their part should,

it is suggested, agree that if the Local Authority acquires land well in advance of the actual carrying out of works recoupment would be forthcoming from the Road Fund. If they do this they will be saving the Road Fund the heavier outlay which could be expected if there is delay in acquisition. In recent years the tendency has been for the price of land to rise. For some time past Bray Urban District Council, in conjunction with Wicklow County Council, has been acquiring buildings at Castle Street, Bray, which it is proposed to demolish so as to carry out a much needed Road Improvement Scheme at this place eventually, but the Department has indicated that recoupment of the outlay will only be forthcoming from the Road Fund when the actual Road Works Scheme for which the properties are required is being carried out. A delay of this type seems ill-advised and one which does not encourage, it is submitted, long-term planning of road projects. The County Engineer in his Report recommended that a "qualified Highway Design Engineer should be engaged on a permanent basis," but it is considered that, having regard to the absence of essential details of long-term planning in connection with the Main Roads Programme, the Council at present would not be justified in making such an appointment on a permanent basis. In fact, one of our difficulties in connection with the employment of Engineers for Road Design is that at this stage it is not possible to give a satisfactory indication to them as to the term of their employment. Usually we employ them on a six months' basis, but if the long-term needs in major Road Improvements were better determined it could then be possible to make arrangements for employment for a longer period.

At present the Engineering Staff of the Council consists of County Engineer, Chief Assistant (a new appointment made at end of 1948) and four Assistant County Engineers. In addition, it should be mentioned that a County Architect has been available off and on since 1951. The County Architect is fully engaged in connection with works such as the preparation of Plans, etc., for Housing Schemes, maintenance and improvements to Institutions, Courthouses and public buildings and in particular with the very many proposals received under the heading of Town and Regional Planning. In addition, he assists in connection with the programme of cottage repairs. On Road Design work three Temporary Engineers at present are engaged. Two of them are occupied on Schemes relating to Road T.7 (Bray/Rathnew Road), and the other Engineer is engaged on proposals for improving T.41 (Dublin/Blessington Road). Apart from these three Temporary Engineers employed in connection with Road Designs, one Temporary Engineer is also engaged on the design of Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes. For large-scale projects it is the established practice to engage Consultants and at the moment one Consultant is engaged on Bridge Design whilst three Consultant Engineers have been engaged for the preparation of major Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes—the type of Scheme which could not possibly be dealt with by members of the Council's permanent Engineering Staff having regard to their many and varied other activities. In reviewing the Engineering Staff requirements, it must also be borne in mind that the character of the duties to be performed by Co. Council Engineers has changed very much in the past twenty or thirty years. In former times the duties of the County Surveyor and his Assistants consisted mainly of the supervision of Contractors carrying out Road Works—Road Works of a type which would be regarded as primitive in character nowadays. But at the present time the Council's Engineering Staff has to maintain roads to a high standard and this maintenance can only be accomplished with the aid of modern plant. In addition to maintenance, Road Improvements of a magnitude which



would not have been regarded as possible thirty years ago or so are being carried out daily. It will be seen, consequently, that the character of road operations has completely altered. There is no doubt but that the permanent Engineering Staff could not possibly cope with the complex type of Road Improvement Works which have to be undertaken if assistance for design purposes were not available. Moreover, where Improvement Works are of an exceptionally large scale and involve complex features, special assistance in connection with supervision may be required.

In the absence of fuller details regarding Main Road Improvement proposals to be carried out in the coming years, it is felt that the only recommendation which could be made to the Council is that the present Design Staff be retained and that one of them be placed at a somewhat higher point than the minimum of the scale for Assistant County Engineer. It is felt that it would not at this stage be advisable to assign Mr. P. McGuinness, B.E., M.Sc., to Design Work as the present activities of Design Engineers could scarcely be regarded as being more exacting or requiring greater experience and resource than would be required for an Assistant County Engineer whose activities are so varied and who has many responsibilities of a more complex character than might be the case with an Engineer engaged solely on Design Work. Regarding Office Staff in the Department of the County Engineer, it is considered that for the present no addition to such staff would be required. We do not know yet what costing systems may be required in connection with large-scale road projects to be carried out in the coming years. These systems may require machine accounting and generally any approach to mechanical accounting aids could be regarded as being dependent on the centralisation of Office Staff.

Yours sincerely,

M. FLANNERY,

MF/JK.

Wicklow Co. Manager.

Councillor H. J. Byrne suggested that the Department be asked to send down an expert to look into the road works in the County. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., agreed that the Council should be informed as to the programme of road improvement to be carried out over the next ten or fifteen years. He felt that the Council should in particular be supplied by the Department of Local Government with details as to the improvements proposed for the main Dublin/Wexford Road for the next ten years. The Council agreed that the Department be requested to supply information to the Council as to the improvements proposed for the Arterial Roads in the County covering a period of several years in advance. The Council also asked that the Engineering Inspector of the Department of Local Government concerned with Road Work Schemes in County Wicklow be asked to attend a Meeting of the Council to discuss the position in regard to road works in the County.

#### 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 sewerage main be extended from Tinahely to serve the cottages at Churchlands.

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—That Ballynultagh Lane which connects Upper Cronelea with Lower Cronelea be put in proper repair by this Council.

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That the Council re-establish the Advisory Committee to deal with the 1798 Monuments in the County.

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That I or someone for me will move that, owing to layout of Avoca village, that a Car Park be provided there in the vicinity of C.I.E. property.

Councillor Quigley also asked for a Report as to the possibility of replacing paving stones in the channel between Fountain Hotel and Post Office, Avoca, by concrete.



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, the Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th August, 1963, 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, 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 and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey and P. McGuinness were present.

### AGENDA:

1. New Scheme of Grants for Private Water Supply and Sewerage Installations (details circulated to Members).
2. To authorise the raising of a further Loan of £25,000 to continue the Schemes for Supplementary Grants for Reconstruction of Dwellings and Installation of Private Water Supplies and Sewerage Facilities.
3. Application for consent to sale of vested Cottage at Bawnogue, Baltinglass.
4. Application for building of Council houses—Letter from Department of Local Government in regard to eligibility of certain applicants.
5. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins—That Section 9 of the Council's Supplementary Grant Scheme be rescinded.
6. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins—That having regard to the demand in the district extra houses be erected in Baltinglass.
7. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Gregory—That present rent scales be revised and that the allowance in respect of each child be increased.
8. To arrange Meeting of Scholarship Committee to consider results of Examination under Council's Scholarship Scheme for 1963.
9. Report of County Architect on Tender received for works at former District Hospital building at Wicklow.
10. Repairs to Cottages carried out during July, 1963, and Repairs to be carried out during the month of August, 1963.

### Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor G. Timmins, seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh and supported by the other Members of the Council, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with Mr. M. J. O'Higgins, T.D., and the O'Higgins family on the death of their mother. The Council also passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members of the Council with the relatives of the late Mr. Denis Kinsella, Rate Collector, Tinahely.



**Item No. 1.—New Scheme of Grants for Private Water Supply and Sewerage Installations.**

Details of the new system of Grants for Private Water Supply and Sewerage Installations had been circulated to the Members. The County Secretary stated that while the amount of the Grants remained unchanged generally, in the case of Group Schemes an extra £10 could be paid for provision of private water supply and an extra £5 for the provision of private sewerage facilities. Grants could now be obtained where the cost of the work exceeded £10. The condition that a Grant would not be paid where a house was less than 100 ft. from a watermain or sewer no longer applied. The Council agreed that a draft Scheme for the making of Supplementary Grants be prepared and circulated to the Members for the next Meeting.

**Water Supply to Cottages at Redford.**

Councillor E. Byrne asked that a Scheme be prepared for the provision of a piped water supply for twenty-four cottages at Redford and stated that this was a Scheme which could be prepared and put in hands without any great trouble. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated he would hand in a Notice of Motion in regard to the provision of a water supply by way of a pump for persons in the Kilbride area. In reply to Councillor Miss M. Walsh the County Secretary stated that a Report in regard to the extension of a sewerage main to cottages at Churchlands, Tinahely, would be submitted to the next Meeting. In reply to inquiry from Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the County Secretary stated that the Department's Regulations provided that a septic tank be located at least 60 feet from any house or public road.

**Item No. 2.—To authorise the raising of a further Loan of £25,000 to continue the Schemes for Supplementary Grants for Reconstruction of Dwellings and Installation of Private Water Supplies and Sewerage Facilities.**

The County Secretary stated that the total amount of Loans raised by the Council to date for Supplementary Grants was £90,000. A sum of £89,613 had been expended to date on Supplementary Grants and two Loans for Reconstruction totalling £185 had been granted and paid bringing the total expenditure to £89,798. The total of Grants allocated to date amounted to £100,322.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the borrowing of a sum of £20,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of twenty-five years, to defray the cost of making Supplementary Grants for repair and improvement of houses and for the erection of new houses and to enable Loans to be made in respect of the repair and improvement of houses.

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge.

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £5,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a

period of twenty-five years, for the purpose of meeting the cost of Supplementary Grants for the provision of private water supplies and private sewerage facilities.

Passed unanimously.

**Supplementary Grant in Respect of New House.**

The Council considered the application of Mr. R. B. Haskins, Deputy's Pass, Glenealy, for a Grant towards the cost of erecting a new dwellinghouse at Kilnarnagh Beg. The Council noted that Mr. Haskins' income was within the limits prescribed for the purposes of a Grant and that the estimated cost of the house was £3,000.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh.

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £300 to Mr. Nathaniel Robert Brown Haskins, Deputy's Pass, Glenealy, in respect of the erection of a new house at Kilnarnagh Beg.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 3.—Application for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottage at Bawnogue, Baltinglass.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins,

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill.

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by William Kearney of his interests in Cottage No. 32/1 at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, to Mr. Michael Kearney.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 4.—Application for Building of Council Houses—Letter from Department of Local Government in regard to Eligibility of Certain Applicants.**

The County Secretary stated that an inquiry had been addressed to the Department of Local Government as to whether the Council would be in order in providing houses for two applicants, Mrs. Evelyn Kinsella, Redcross, and Mrs. Mary Byrne, Moylisha, Clonagall. Full details in relation to these applications were submitted to the Department and the Department had now indicated that the Minister saw no objection to the provision of cottages under the Labourers' Acts for the two persons mentioned and also that the new dwellings would be eligible for consideration for the payment of subsidies at the rate of two-thirds of the loan charges, subject to the usual conditions. The Council noted the decision of the Department in regard to these applications and approved of provision of cottages for these applicants.

**Item No. 5.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins — That Section 9 of the Council's Supplementary Grant Scheme be rescinded.**

Councillor Timmins stated that Section 9 of the Council's Scheme provided that if a dwelling for which a Supplementary Grant was being sought was connected with a shop or business premises the latter must have a separate entrance from that of the dwelling. He



pointed out that in the case of a recent application in Baltinglass the Department had given a Grant, but that the Council Grant had not been paid having regard to this provision in the Scheme. He proposed that the Council should also pay a Grant once the Department had agreed to give the State Grant. The County Manager pointed out that the provision in Section 9 of the Council's Scheme which had been adopted by the Council was similar to the provision in the Department's own Scheme and Conditions for the making of Grants. It appeared that the Department in the case mentioned had departed from their Regulations, but had not informed the Council of this change in practice.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins,

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill.

Resolved—That we hereby rescind Article No. 9 of the Scheme of Supplementary Grants under the Housing Acts and agree that a Supplementary Grant be paid by the Council in cases where a State Grant has been paid even though the dwelling may be connected with a shop or business premises.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 6.—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins—That having regard to the demand in the District extra houses be erected in Baltinglass.**

The County Secretary suggested that a Special Meeting of the Members of the Council for the area might be held to consider this matter and to investigate the needs for any extra houses in the area. Councillor M. J. O'Neill stated that he had a list of four names of persons who required houses in the area. It was agreed that the matter be considered at a Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area.

**Item No. 7.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Gregory — That present Rent Scales be revised and that the Allowance in respect of each child be increased.**

Councillor J. Gregory expressed the opinion that the graded rents scale required revision and suggested that a new scale be prepared to provide that the minimum rent would be payable on incomes not exceeding £7 10s. per week and that in the calculation of the net family income the following abatements be considered:—

1. Supperannuation and Social Welfare contributions payable by the tenant.
2. The first £4 of income of each member of the family in employment and residing in the house, excluding the tenant.
3. The amount of any Children's Allowance payable.
4. The first £2 of wife's earnings where both husband and wife were in employment.
5. The first 30s. of any allowance being received by a dependent relative by way of Social Welfare benefit where such relatives reside in the cottage with the tenant.
6. That the allowance for children be increased and that each child be allowed for.

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, stated that the amendments proposed seemed to be very drastic. Councillor Gregory suggested that the present scale was now out of date. The County Manager pointed out that while the scale might be regarded as out of date from the point of view of changes in incomes the amount of the minimum rent must also be regarded as out of date. The Council agreed that a revised scheme for graded rents be prepared and submitted for consideration by the Council.

**Item No. 8.—To arrange Meeting of Scholarship Committee to Consider Results of Examination under Council's Scholarship Scheme for 1963.**

The Council agreed that details of the proposed awards of scholarships under the Council's Scheme be circulated to the Members prior to the Meeting to be held on the 19th August and that the Council at that Meeting consider the matter.

**Item No. 9.—Report of County Architect on Tender Received for Works at Former District Hospital Building at Wicklow.**

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Architect had reported on the Tender received for the work of converting the former District Hospital building at Wicklow for use as Council Offices. In his Report the Architect recommended that the Tender of William Clarke (Builder), Ltd., Wicklow, be accepted for the works required on the ground floor and first floor together with certain other works on the exterior of the building at a total figure of £4,578. The Council's Architect stated that he considered the Tender was reasonable.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple.

Resolved—That having considered Report of Council's Architect we approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister, of the acceptance of the Tender of William Clarke (Builder), Ltd., Wicklow, in the sum of £4,578 18s. 6d. for the carrying out of alterations and repairs to the former County Hospital buildings, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, in accordance with details submitted in County Architect's Reports of 18th July and 6th August, 1963.

That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £4,600 from the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, repayable over a period of ten years, to defray the cost of alterations and repairs to the former County Hospital buildings, Wicklow.

Passed—Councillor Haughton dissenting.

**Item No. 10.—Repairs to Cottages carried out during July, 1963, and repairs to be carried out during the month of August, 1963.**

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired during the month of July and of those to be repaired during the month of August.



Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, read a letter received from the Chairman of Rathnew Branch, Muintir Na Tire, regarding the amounts incurred as costs by tenants who had been summoned in respect of arrears of rents at a recent Court. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., complained of tenants being asked to pay three guineas costs even though the amount of the rent arrears had been paid prior to the Court. The County Manager stated he would look into the matter.

### Provision of Residence for District Medical Officer at Rathdrum.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., supported by Councillor J. D. Haughton, asked if a residence could be provided for a District Medical Officer at Rathdrum. Councillor Haughton stated that the position had been unsatisfactory for a number of years and that Doctors had found it impossible to secure living accommodation in the town. The County Manager stated that the matter would be examined.

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the summer of 1990, when the first of the 1990-1991 season was expected to begin in mid-October. At that time, the 1990-1991 season was expected to be a normal one, with a start date of mid-October.

The County Assessor, County Secretary, County Engineer, County Auditor, County Board of Health and Assistant County Engineer, J. P. McKeon, H. D. Wood and P. McCutcheon, all of the County of San Diego, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original of the same as the same appears in the files of the County of San Diego, California.

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## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 19th August, 1963, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., John Quigley, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, E. Byrne, H. 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 Engineer and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell and P. McGuinness attended.

### AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 22nd April and 6th May, 1963.
2. Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other Approved Schools—To award Scholarships on results of Examination.
3. Quarterly Report of County Engineer on Road Works. (Copy circulated to Members).
4. Road Traffic Census—Circular Letter from Department of Local Government.
5. Application for Closing of Roads at Rathdrum for purposes of Race Practice and Motor Race on 7th September, 1963.
6. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—That the Ballynultagh Lane which connects Upper Cronlea with Lower Cronlea be put in proper repair by the Council.
7. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That owing to layout of Avoca village that a Car Park be provided there in vicinity of C.I.E. property.
8. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That a Report be submitted as to possibility of replacing paving stones in channel between Fountain Hotel and Post Office, Avoca, by concrete.
9. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and John Quigley as follows:—  
"We request a Report from County Engineer for next Meeting as to why James Butler, Killacoran, Aughrim, a member of Aughrim Branch, I.T. & G.W.U., taken into Council employment on his specific instructions and one of those complimented by him for good work on Ballymanus Bridge was laid off prior to annual holidays. We believe this is in contravention of Resolution, a copy of which was circulated to every Roadworker, requiring him to be a member of a Trade Union."
10. To affix Seal of Council to Mortgage in respect of Loan of £3,100 for the purchase of Fire Engine for Rathdrum.
11. Letter from Department of Local Government regarding proposed Group Water Supply Scheme for Sruhaun and Carrig areas.
12. Extension of water supply at Sruhaun, Baltinglass — Report on estimated cost.
13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That a Report be submitted by County Engineer as to possibility of improving entrance to Rosahane Cemetery.



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14. Swimming Pools—Water Safety—Circular Letter dated 23rd July, 1963, from Department of Local Government.
15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—That a pump be erected for supply of water for domestic use for seven families at Ballinagraran, Kilbride, Wicklow, and that copy of Health Inspector's Report on his recent inspection be submitted.
16. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That Council take some positive action in regard to inadequate supply of water to the Council tenants at Old Kiltegan and that a Report be submitted on failure of the water supply at Doody's Bottoms, Donard.
17. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—That the sewerage main be extended from Tinahely to serve cottages at Churchlands.
18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill — That the Council again negotiate with the Department of Defence regarding the supply of water to the Council tenants in Ballinacorney and Rustyduff.
19. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett T.D. — That County Manager report to next Meeting the reason three applications made by a patient in Newcastle Sanatorium (name supplied) for Forms to be filled in for supply of clothes were not replied to and further, if County Manager is aware patient is over seven months in Sanatorium.
20. Bray Health Clinic.
21. Increase in amount of Allowances for Disabled Persons.
22. Report of Assistant County Engineer regarding repairs to Tinahely Dispensary and Residence.
23. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. D. Haughton—That a residence be provided for Dispensary Doctor in Rathdrum.
24. Report regarding proposal that Dispensary be provided at Annacorra.
25. Arrangements for collection of Rates in District No. 17.
26. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That the Council re-establish the Advisory Committee to deal with the 1793 Monuments in the County.
27. Minutes of Meeting of County Councils' General Council held on 9th May, 1963.
28. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

#### Item No. 1.—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell

Seconded by Councillor Miss Mary Walsh

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 22nd April and 6th May, 1963.

Passed unanimously.

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#### Closing of Newcastle Hospital.

Arising out of the Minutes Councillor J. Everett, T.D., inquired if the County Manager had any information in regard to the closing of Newcastle Hospital which it was understood would take place on the 15th October, 1963. The County Manager stated that the Council had not received any information on the matter.

#### Item No. 2.—Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other Approved Schools—To Award Scholarships on Results of Examination.

The County Secretary stated that details of the proposed awards had been circulated to the Members.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering.

Resolved—That in accordance with the Council's Scheme and subject to sanction of the Minister for Education we approve of the award of Scholarships for Post Primary Schools in accordance with list attached hereto.

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that a Meeting of the Scholarship Committee to consider the Scholarship Schemes for 1964 be held at 3 p.m. on Monday, 26th August, 1963.

#### Item No. 3.—Quarterly Report of County Engineer on Road Works.

The Council noted the Quarterly Report of the County Engineer dated 9th August, 1963, in regard to Road Works which had been circulated to the Members of the Council. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., asked that in future the Report include particulars of the number of men employed in each area at the end of the Quarter and it was agreed that this information be included.

#### Item No. 4.—Road Traffic Census—Circular Letter from Department of Local Government.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government in letter of 15th July, 1963, had indicated that it was proposed to carry out a volumetric census of the traffic using all Main Roads in rural areas in the country during the sixteen hours from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, the 22nd and 23rd August next. The Council was asked to arrange accordingly to carry out this census. It was stated that the census would be carried out at a number of points preselected in consultation with Engineering Inspectors of the Department so as to avoid duplication of counts by other Authorities and to expedite organisation of the details. The expenses of carrying out the census, including the remuneration of staff employed full-time at the census points whether specially engaged or not, might be charged to the Council's current Main Road Improvement Grant. The Council agreed that the necessary arrangements be made for carrying out the census.



**Item No. 5.—Application for Closing of Roads at Rathdrum for Purposes of Race Practice and Motor Race on 7th September, 1963.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill.

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic portion of Road T.7 (RATHDRUM/ARKLOW) from junction of L.32 (RATHDRUM/BALLINCLASH/AUGHRIM) to junction with County Road No. 149 and thence to junction of County Road No. 149 with Road L.32 and portion of L.32 to junction with T.7, a distance of 0.8 miles, on Saturday, 7th September, 1963, between the hours of 9.45 a.m. and 12 noon and 1.30 p.m. and 6.15 p.m. and authorise the holding of Practice for and Motor Races on the roads while so closed to public traffic.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 6.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh, that the Ballynultagh Lane which connects Upper Cronlea with Lower Cronlea be put in Proper Repair by the Council.**

The County Secretary stated that he had been informed that this lane was not a public road and was not maintained by the Council. Councillor H. J. Byrne suggested that the matter be considered by the Local Roads Committee in conjunction with the Estimates for the following year and if the Committee agreed to provide monies for the repair of the lane that it might then be taken over by the Council. It was agreed that this procedure, which was the normal one in connection with proposals for taking over roads be followed.

**Item No. 7.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That owing to Layout of Avoca Village that a Car Park be provided there in vicinity of C.I.E. Property.**

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that there was a Car Park at Avoca Railway Station which was fairly extensive and seemed to be sufficient for the needs of the place. The Assistant County Engineer did not see the purpose of the Notice of Motion unless it was desired that the County Council take over from C.I.E. the running of the Car Park, but it was hardly likely that C.I.E. would do this while the Station was in operation. He stated that there was a notice in the Park in large print saying "Free Car Park" and in smaller print "For the use of Train Travellers and Parking is at Owner's Risk." The Council noted the position in the matter.

**Item No. 8.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That a Report be Submitted as to Possibility of Replacing Paving Stones in Channel between Fountain Hotel and Post Office, Avoca, by Concrete.**

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that the channel in question seemed to serve its purpose adequately and was probably put down by the owners of the houses as a protection against flooding. He would not like to disturb the channel as if later on any damp was caused to the houses the Council might be held to blame. There would be no objection to the persons themselves putting in a concrete channel if they wished. The only objection to the paved channel at the present time was the growth of weeds there, but this could be got over by a light surface dressing with tar.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

## Secondary Schools Scholarship Scheme, 1963

Name and Address	Amount of Scholarship £	Place obtained in Examination	School Formerly Attended
David J. Cuffe, "The Briars," Newcourt Road, Bray.	30	1st	Presentation College, Bray.
Denis Murphy, 68 Beech Road, Bray.	30	2nd	St. Peter's N.S., Bray.
Deirdre G. Kelleher, "Feinhurst," Hillside Road, Greystones.	30	3rd	St. David's, Greystones.
Sarah C. Cullen, Ballindoyle, Rathdrum.	100	4th	Newbawn N.S., Rathdrum.
Catherine M. Byrne, Ballymacooney, Rathdangan.	100	5th	Rathcoyle N.S., Kiltegan.
Seán K. M. Doyle, Rathdrum.	100	6th	Newbawn N.S., Rathdrum.
Martin M. Power, Camaderry Road, Bray.	30	7th	Presentation College, Bray.
Maria J. Lynch, 14 Carrig Villas, Killincarrig, Greystones.	30	8th	St. Brigid's N.S., Greystones.
Michael O'Toole, 14 Convent Road, Wicklow.	30	9th	St. Joseph's, Wicklow.
Robert Mackay, "Bonmahon," Newcourt Avenue, Bray	30	10th	Presentation College Bray.
Mary O'Leary, 24 Avondale Park, Bray.	30	11th	Loreto N.S., Bray.
Joseph O'Carroll, "Lindon," Dublin Road, Arklow.	30	12th	St. Joseph's N.S., Templarainey.
Marie G. Doyle, 8 Putland Villas, Vevey Road, Bray.	30	13th	St. Brigid's N.S., Greystones.
Eamonn P. O'Brien, 92 Main Street, Bray.	30	14th	Presentation College, Bray.
Ann Cosgrave, 7 Ferrybank, Arklow.	30	15th	St. Joseph's N.S., Templarainey.
Mary M. Kelly, 1 La Touche Close, Greystones.	30	16th	St. Brigid's N.S., Greystones.
Maurice O'Sullivan, Sheepwalk, Avoca.	30	17th	St. Joseph's N.S., Templarainey.
Jane Kavanagh, 3 Hawthorn Road, Bray	30	18th	Ravenswell, Bray.
Eugene Finnegan, 6 La Touche Close, Greystones.	30	19th	Presentation College, Bray.
Reginald J. Walker, "Wildmoor," Newcourt Road, Bray.	10 (Bursary)	20th	Willow Park, Blackrock.
Florence McCarthy, Ennereilly, Arklow.	30	23rd	St. Joseph's N.S., Templarainey.
Pinola Finlay, "St. Jude's," 5 Novara Tce., Bray.	30	24th	Sandymount High School.
Kevin E. O'Duffy, 8 O'Connell Tce., Arklow.	30	25th	Arklow Boys' N.S.
Rosemary Doyle, St. Michael's Villas, Convent Avenue, Bray.	30	26th	Loreto N.S., Bray.
John J. P. Kavanagh, 14 Main Street, Rathdrum.	100	27th	Patrician College, Ballyfin.
James P. Behan, Milltown North, Rathnew.	30	28th	St. Joseph's College, Wicklow.
Caroline T. Byrne, Ballyguilemore, Wicklow.	30	29th	Holy Rosary, Wicklow.
Dermot Treacy, 4 Orchard Tce., Vevey, Bray.	30	30th	C.B.S., Dun Laoghaire.
James Kearon, 35 Griffith Street, Arklow.	30	33rd	Arklow Boys' N.S.
Winifred M. Maguire, High Street, Wicklow.	30	35th	Holy Rosary N.S. Wicklow.
Mary T. Byrne, Borklemore, Kiltegan.	100	36th	Tynock N.S., Carlow.
Martin E. Craul, Oldcourt, Blessington.	100	37th	Manor Kilbride N.S.
Patrick K. Keenan, 1 Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim.	100	38th	Boys' N.S., Aughrim.
Raymond Reynolds, "Lisieux," Camaderry Road, Bray.	30	39th	Presentation College, Bray.
Martin J. Noone, "Highlandia," Newcourt Road, Bray.	30	40th	C.B.S., Greystones
Rosanna M. Deane, 35 Grattan Park, Greystones.	30	41st	St. Brigid's N.S., Greystones.
Mary J. Murphy, Hollywood Cross, Hollywood.	100	42nd	Hollywood N.S., Naas.
Mary T. Dunne, 28 St. Laurence's Park, Wicklow.	30	43rd	Holy Rosary N.S., Wicklow.

Total: £1,680.



The County Secretary suggested that treatment with weed killer might be adequate. The Council noted the position in the matter and agreed that the weeds should be removed.

Item No. 9.—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and John Quigley, as follows:—"We Request a Report from County Engineer for Next Meeting as to why James Butler, Killa-Cloran, Aughrim, a Member of Aughrim Branch, I.T. & G.W.U., taken into Council employment on his specific instructions and one of those complimented by him for good work on Ballymanus Bridge was laid off prior to Annual Holidays. We believe this is in Contravention of Resolution, a copy of which was circulated to every roadworker, requiring him to be a Member of a Trade Union."

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

Courthouse,  
Arklow.

16th August, 1963.

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

Re: Employment of James Butler.

Dear Sir

James Butler was employed on a casual basis by the Wicklow County Council and was let go with about 20 other men after the Christmas work, 1962. Some of these were married men and many of them longer in the Council's employment than James Butler.

Representations were made by Councillor Quigley to take this man on and I pointed out that we had no need of men and further that if any men were to be taken on some of the many married men in the district or those longer in our employment should have priority. On my return from sick leave I found that he had been taken on without reference to myself or Mr. Farrell, who was acting for me. I kept him on to the end of the employment period and let him off when the remainder of the men were going on holidays.

I have always been responsible for the taking on and letting go of men and I can claim that I have always done so with absolute fairness to the best of my belief of the circumstances of the men concerned and the necessity of the work. If this position is to be changed and a Councillor is allowed to pick favourites, the Council's Engineering staff could not be held responsible for satisfactory employment conditions for the men and I ask the Council to support me in the matter.

Yours faithfully

J. P. CAFFREY.

JPC/PD.

Councillor Quigley disagreed with the Report of the Assistant County Engineer and contended that James Butler should have been retained in employment. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed that the question be referred for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area.



Item No. 10.—To Fix Seal of Council to Mortgage in Respect of Loan of £3,100 for the Purchase of Fire Engine for Rathdrum.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh,

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley.

Resolved—That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 8th June, 1963, of the Minister for Local Government the sum of £3,100 be borrowed from The National Bank, Ltd., for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the purchase of a Fire Engine for Rathdrum, to be repaid within ten years, with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances, as in said letter of sanction, provided the said Loan and interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the rates and that the seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to The National Bank, Ltd.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11.—Letter from Department of Local Government regarding Proposed Group Water Supply Scheme for Sruhaun and Carrig Areas.

The County Secretary stated that in letter of 9th July, 1963, from Department of Local Government, the Council was informed that the Department had been in communication with the promoter of the Group Water Supply Scheme for the Sruhaun and Carrig areas, Reverend Father Moynihan, who had stated that the group would not proceed with the Scheme on account of the absence of voluntary labour. In the circumstances the Department did not propose to take any further action in the matter. The County Secretary stated that it was difficult to understand why the necessary voluntary labour should not have been forthcoming for a Group Scheme of this nature. The Council noted that the Group Scheme was not proceeding and that plans were being prepared for an extension of the main at Carrig by the Council.

Item No. 12.—Extension of Water Supply at Sruhaun, Baltinglass.

The County Secretary stated that plans had now been completed for the extension of the water supply at Sruhaun, Baltinglass, and the estimated cost of the Scheme was £2,375 18s. 6d. The documents had been submitted for the approval of the Department of Local Government. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 13.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That a Report be submitted by County Engineer as to Possibility of improving entrance to Rosahane Cemetery.

The Assistant County Engineer reported that the entrance to the Graveyard was about 190 yards from the County Road and was a wide grassy track between the Forestry Plantation and to put a proper roadway with a turning place and parking ground into it would cost about £200. A similar proposal had been made earlier in the year about putting an entrance into Macreddin Graveyard, but the year about putting an entrance into Macreddin as there were many more burials there and the approaches more difficult. The Council agreed that the matter be deferred for consideration by the Local Roads Committee in conjunction with the Estimates for the following year.

Item No. 14.—Swimming Pools—Water Safety—Circular Letter dated 23rd July, 1963, from Department of Local Government.

The Co. Secretary stated that a copy of the letter from the Department of Local Government had been circulated to the Members. In reply to inquiries from Members the County Secretary stated that it was felt that the Council might assist in the providing of swimming pools by way of making a Grant towards the cost of the provision of such pools by a local organisation. The Council, when considering the matter previously, had agreed that the provision of swimming pools by the Council directly would not be considered until the matter of water supplies and sewerage schemes had been dealt with.

Item No. 15.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,—that a Pump be erected for Supply of Water for Domestic Use for Seven Families at Ballinagraran, Kilbride, Wicklow, and that Copy of Health Inspector's Report on his recent inspection be submitted.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to representations he had received from persons in Ballinagraran, Kilbride, as to the need for a water supply and urged that a pump be provided to serve these houses.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton.

Resolved—That a pump be provided for a supply of water to houses at Castletimon.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That Council take some positive action in regard to Inadequate Supply of Water to the Council tenants at Old Kiltegan and that a Report be submitted on failure of the Water Supply at Doody's Bottoms, Donard.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that the pump at Old Kiltegan had been out of order and he had arranged to have it repaired and that the pump was now satisfactory. In regard to the pump at Doody's Bottoms, Donard, the Assistant County Engineer stated that the water was unpleasant because of the presence of iron. The matter had been examined in 1959 when the existing pump was replaced by a new one without any improvement. After study of an Analyst's Report and all the factors involved it was concluded that the iron contamination in the water was caused by the presence of mineral matter in the ground probably in the same rock formation where the spring was rising. There was nothing the Council could do to improve the situation and it would be very risky to sink another pump in the same locality. He stated that the persons living nearby were presently getting water from a private source and the pump was little used. Councillor O'Neill suggested that the supply might be extended from the village to serve this area, but the Assistant County Engineer stated that the Scheme at present would not permit of any extension. He stated, however, that he would examine the matter further.



**Item No. 17.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh**  
—That the Sewerage Main be extended from Tinahely to serve Cottages at Churchlands.

The County Secretary stated that the position had been examined in 1955 and the Engineer had reported at that time that it would cost £2,893 to extend the Sewerage Scheme to the cottages. The County Engineer had been asked to re-examine the matter and submit a revised estimate of cost.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh,

Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.

Resolved—That County Engineer submit plans and estimate of cost for Sewerage Scheme for Churchlands, Tinahely.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 18.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill**  
—That the Council again negotiate with the Department of Defence regarding the Supply of Water to the Council Tenants in Ballinacorney and Rustyduff.

The County Secretary submitted Report of the Assistant County Engineer in which he stated that it was unlikely that the Council would be in a position to extend the supply. It seemed that the supply to Coolmonee Camp had deteriorated in recent years due to the main becoming encrusted and he understood that the Department of Defence were considering taking up the existing pipeline and re-laying new pipes. The Assistant County Engineer stated that should this be carried out he expected that the Department might be in a more favourable position to consider the Council's application. The Council noted the position in the matter.

**Item No. 19.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.**

—That County Manager Report to next Meeting the reason three applications made by a patient in Newcastle Sanatorium (name supplied) for Forms to be filled in for Supply of Clothes were not replied to and further if County Manager is aware Patient is over seven months in Sanatorium.

The County Secretary stated that a Report had been requested from the County Medical Officer on the matter, but was not yet available. The Report would be submitted to the next Meeting.

**Item No. 20.—Bray Health Clinic.**

The Council considered in committee the position regarding the Clinic and Dispensary at Bray. The County Manager stated that the Council had a Child Welfare Clinic at Quinsboro' Road, Bray, adjoining the Royal Hotel and also a Dispensary on Herbert Road, Bray. A property known as "The Cottage," standing on two acres of ground and convenient to the Town Hall Bray, was at present on the market and it was suggested that the Council might acquire these premises for the purposes of combined Clinic and Dispensary and meet the cost by the sale of the Clinic at Quinsboro' Road and the Dispensary at Herbert Road. The owner of the Royal Hotel was very anxious to acquire the Clinic to enable him to carry out extensions to the Hotel which would be in the interests of the town and the owner of a factory at the rear of the Dispensary on Herbert Road was also anxious

to expand and it was understood would be interested in acquiring the Dispensary premises. The approval of the Department of Health would be required to these arrangements if the Council agreed in principle on the matter. The matter had been discussed with the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area who felt that it was very desirable that the premises at present available be acquired with a view to providing better accommodation both for the Clinic and the Dispensary in the area. Councillor J. Temple agreed that the arrangements suggested were desirable and pointed out that the land attached to "The Cottage" would provide space for additional public buildings which might be needed in the future. He pointed out that many Government Departments at present had only temporary accommodation in Bray. The Members of the Council agreed that subject to the Department of Health's approving of the project they approved in principle of proceeding with negotiations for the acquisition of the premises known as "The Cottage" at Killarney Road, Bray, and for the disposal of the Child Welfare Clinic and the Dispensary.

**Item No. 21.—Increase in Amount of Allowances for Disabled Persons.**

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Health had indicated that the allowances for Disabled Persons had been increased from 25/- to 27/6d. with effect as from the 1st November, 1963. The additional cost arising in the present year would be approximately £700 and in a full year the additional cost would be about £1,650. One-half of the cost would be met from Health Grant.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple,

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley.

Resolved—That we note that the amount of the Allowances to Disabled Persons have been increased from 25/- to 27/6d. per week with effect as from 1st November, 1963, and hereby authorise additional expenditure of £700 in excess of the amount provided in the Estimates for the current year to defray the cost of the increase in these Allowances.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 22.—Report of Assistant County Engineer regarding Repairs to Tinahely Dispensary and Residence.**

The Council noted the Report of the Assistant County Engineer that the cost of repairs to the Dispensary Residence was estimated at £40 and repairs to the Dispensary were estimated to cost £70 being a total of £110.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh,

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley.

Resolved—That we approve of the carrying out of repairs to Tinahely Dispensary Residence and to Tinahely Dispensary in the total estimated sum of £110.

Passed unanimously.



**Item No. 23.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. D. Haughton—That a Residence be provided for Dispensary Doctor in Rathdrum.**

Councillor Haughton stated that some four or five years ago there had been a Dispensary Residence in Rathdrum, but it had been disposed of as it was in a very bad state of repair. Subsequently the District Medical Officer resided in his own residence about three and a half miles from the town and after his retirement Dr. Cunniffe resided close to the town, but since he left Doctors had found great difficulty in getting accommodation. He felt that a Dispensary Residence in the town was necessary.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. D. Haughton,

Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That a residence be provided for a Dispensary Doctor in Rathdrum.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager stated that he would have the matter examined.

**Item No. 24.—Report Regarding Proposal that Dispensary be Provided at Annacurra.**

The County Secretary stated that the District Medical Officer for the area had reported that at present he attended at four Dispensaries each week, two at Tinahely, one at Askakeagh and one at Knockanna. He stated that it would not be possible for him to attend at another Dispensary. A survey of the medical card holders in the townlands in proximity to Annacurra had been carried out and it was found that the total number of cards held by persons in the area was sixty-nine and the total number of dependants was 233. However half of the townlands in the survey were nearer to Askakeagh Dispensary Depot and this Depot would serve fifty-seven of the holders of medical cards, representing 193 persons. There were only twelve holders of medical cards representing forty persons in the townlands which were nearer to Annacurra. The Council noted the position in the matter.

**Item No. 25.—Arrangements for Collection of Rates in District No. 17.**

The County Secretary stated that it was necessary to arrange for the collection of rates in District No. 17 consequent on the recent death of Mr. Kinsella, Rate Collector. The District comprised the Electoral Divisions of Ballinglen, Kilballyowen, Kilpipe, Tinahely and Coollattin and the Warrant for the present year amounted to £12,217 9s. 7d.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering.

Resolved—That we approve of the collection of rates in District No. 17, comprising Electoral Divisions of Ballinglen, Kilballyowen, Kilpipe, Tinahely and Coollattin, from the Council's Offices in respect of the balance of the financial year 1963/64.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 26.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That the Council re-establish the Advisory Committee to deal with the 1798 Monuments in the County.**

Councillor O'Neill urged that a Committee be appointed and that Bye-Laws be framed for the purpose of preserving these monuments. The County Secretary stated that the Council was empowered to appoint an Advisory Committee, but there was no provision for the making of Bye-Laws as mentioned by Councillor O'Neill. The function of the Advisory Committee would be to advise the Council on any matters arising in connection with National Monuments in the County. The County Secretary stated that the last Advisory Committee appointed by the Council had consisted of District Justice Price, Mr. D. M. O. Dubhghaill, subsequently replaced by Mr. P. J. Murray, Arklow, the late Mr. P. J. Noonan, the late Councillor C. M. Byrne and Mr. H. J. Byrne. On the proposal of Councillor M. J. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Quigley, the Council approved of the appointment of a National Monuments Advisory Committee, but decided to defer the making of the appointments to the next Meeting.

**Item No. 27.—Minutes of Meeting of County Councils' General Council held on 9th May, 1963.**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the County Councils' General Council held on 9th May, 1963, were submitted. The Council noted the details of the Minutes as submitted by the Secretary.

**Item No. 28.—Inquiries Arising from County Manager's Orders.**

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

**Refuse Collection—Balinglass.**

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had made inquiry from carters who had been employed by the Council in the Balinglass area and one of the carters, Mr. Patrick Donoghue, had replied offering to carry out the work of refuse collection in the area at the rate of £4 10s. per week. When the Council had advertised for Tenders for the work the lower Tender received was for £5 per week. On the proposal of Councillor Deering, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, the Council approved of accepting the offer of Patrick Donoghue to carry out this work for the sum of £4 10s. 0d. per week.

**Application for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottage.**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. Patrick Redmond, tenant/purchaser of cottage at Lugduff, Tinahely, for consent of the Council to the sale of the cottage to Simon Gerald Morris, Churchlands, Tinahely. There appeared to be no objection to granting consent.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh,

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley.

Resolved—That having considered Report of Rent Collector regarding proposed purchaser of Vested Cottage at Lugduff, Tinahely, we approve of consent being given to the sale of this cottage (No. 351/10) by Mr. Patrick Redmond to Simon Gerald Morris, Churchlands, Tinahely.

Passed unanimously.



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, the Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, 2nd September, 1963, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., 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 and J. Gregory.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, Deputy County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey and P. McGuinness were present.

### AGENDA:

1. Scheme of Grants for Private Water Supply and Sewerage Installations—To consider Draft Scheme.
2. Applications for Supplementary Grants in respect of the erection of new dwellinghouses.
3. Blessington Housing Scheme—To authorise affixing of Seal of Council to Mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works in respect of Loan of £6,600.
4. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—That arrangements be made to provide water connections from main to fourteen cottages at Bellevue, Delgany.
5. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and R. Miley—That water be supplied by extension of main for eight Council cottages with thirty young children at Oaklawn, Newcastle, and that a Report from Health Inspector be obtained as to the condition of the present supply.
6. Graded Rents Scheme.
7. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
8. Repairs to Cottages carried out during month of August, 1963, and Cottages to be repaired during September, 1963.
9. University Scholarship Scheme—To consider results of Examination and award of Scholarships.

### RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the relatives of the late Miss Kelly, of Bray, who had been a former Member of the Board of Health and of Bray Urban District Council and a Member of the Old Age Pension Committee.

### ITEM No. 1—SCHEME OF GRANTS FOR PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE INSTALLATIONS—TO CONSIDER DRAFT SCHEME.

A Draft Scheme for the purpose of making Grants for Private Water Supply and Sewerage Installations had been circulated to the Members of the Council, together with examples of the operation of the Scheme. Councillor J. Miley raised the matter of the conditions applying for a Supplementary Grant for provision of sewerage facilities and suggested that the provision requiring that a septic tank be at least 60 ft. from the house or public road of any dwelling-house was too restrictive, and that in certain circumstances a septic tank should be allowed to be sited at a lesser distance from the house or public road. The County Secretary pointed out that it was a condition of the State Grant for the provision of private sewerage



facilities that the septic tank be at least 60 ft. from the house or public road or any dwellinghouse. Following a discussion on the matter

It was  
Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;  
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved—That we request the Minister to amend the provision in the Regulations applying to Grants for private sewerage facilities so as to provide that septic tank be sited 60 ft. from the house or public road or any dwellinghouse, or such lesser distance as may be approved by the Minister, and constructed in accordance with the Department's standard plan or other approved plan.

Passed unanimously.

The Council approved of the Draft Scheme of Grants as circulated. On the suggestion of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the Council agreed that an advertisement be inserted in the local newspapers drawing attention to the Scheme.

**ITEM No. 2—APPLICATIONS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS IN RESPECT OF THE ERECTION OF NEW DWELLINGHOUSES.**

Having considered particulars supplied in regard to the income of the applicants,

It was  
Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.;  
Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of Supplementary Grants for the provision of new dwellings as follows:—

Daniel Cullen, Kiltimon, Ashford	£300
Michl. J. Devereux, Cherry Orchard, Greystones	£300
James M. Brennan, "Gweedore," Church Road, Greystones	£300

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 3—BLESSINGTON HOUSING SCHEME—TO AUTHORISE AFFIXING OF SEAL OF COUNCIL TO MORTGAGE FROM COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORK IN RESPECT OF LOAN OF £6,000.**

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

Resolved—That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £6,000 (Six Thousand and Six Hundred Pounds), proposed to be advanced by them to us under the provisions of the Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960.

Passed unanimously.

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

Resolved—That we hereby undertake that the instalments and repayment of the Loan now proposed as well as of any existing Loan will be punctually remitted on the dates at which they become due, viz., 1st May and 1st November in each year, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to this undertaking.

Passed unanimously.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor J. Miley, the County Secretary stated that the Contract documents had not yet been completed by

Messrs. Tutty and Fleming, who had submitted the lowest Tender. Councillor Miley asked that the Council be informed at the next Meeting on the 9th September if the Contract documents had been signed.

**ITEM No. 4—NOTICE OF MOTION IN NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. EVERETT, T.D.—THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE TO PROVIDE WATER CONNECTIONS FROM MAIN TO FOURTEEN COTTAGES AT BELLEVUE, DELGANY.**

The County Secretary stated that the Deputy County Engineer had reported that of the fourteen cottages three had already been provided with water connections with sinks, etc. To provide water, sinks and soakpits for waste water for the remaining eleven cottages was estimated to cost £440.

It was  
Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we approve of plans being prepared and Tenders invited for the provision of water, sinks and soakpits for waste water for eleven cottages at Bellevue, Delgany, subject to the usual contribution by the tenants of the cottages and note that the cost is estimated at £440.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 5—NOTICE OF MOTION IN NAMES OF COUNCILLORS J. EVERETT, T.D., and R. MILEY—THAT WATER BE SUPPLIED BY EXTENSION OF MAIN FOR EIGHT COUNCIL COTTAGES WITH THIRTY YOUNG CHILDREN AT OAKLAWN, NEWCASTLE, AND THAT A REPORT FROM HEALTH INSPECTOR BE OBTAINED AS TO THE CONDITION OF THE PRESENT SUPPLY.**

The County Secretary stated that a Scheme had already been prepared for the improvement of the Newcastle water supply under which it was proposed to bring the Dublin Corporation supply from Killadreenan along the road to Newcastle and the cottages at Oaklawn could be connected to that main. The Scheme had been submitted to the Department for approval some while ago, but approval had not yet been received. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that representations be made to the Department to sanction the Scheme as soon as possible.

**WATER SUPPLY SCHEME FOR AVOCA.**

In reply to Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the County Secretary stated that final plans were not yet available for the Scheme for a water supply for Avoca and Woodenbridge on which a Consultant was engaged. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., asked that the Consultant be urged to expedite the submission of the necessary documents.

**ITEM No. 6—GRADED RENTS SCHEME.**

The Council decided to defer consideration of the Graded Rents Scheme and the County Manager indicated that he would prepare and circulate a Report in regard to the suggested amendments to the existing Scheme.

**ITEM No. 7—APPLICATIONS UNDER TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS.**

The County Secretary stated that there had been one refusal of permission under the Town and Regional Planning Acts during the month of August. This application related to the erection of a house on a site at Ballinagee, Enniskerry, and permission had been granted based on the original plans submitted. Subsequently an amended



Site Plan had been received which showed a much restricted site, and in consequence it was not possible to site the septic tank on the site the required distance from the house and from adjoining public roads. The applicant had been informed of the position.

**ITEM No. 8—REPAIRS TO COTTAGES CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF AUGUST, 1963, AND COTTAGES TO BE REPAIRED DURING SEPTEMBER, 1963.**

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during August and of those cottages to be repaired during the month of September.

**LOCAL HOUSING MEETING AT BALTINGLASS.**

In reply to inquiry from Councillor G. Timmins, the County Secretary stated that the Reports of the County Medical Officer regarding applicants for provision of new houses at Baltinglass had not yet been received. Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area decided to defer the Meeting pending the receipt of Reports of the Council Medical Officer. It was agreed that the Assistant County Engineer for the area attend the Meeting when arranged.

**SITE FOR HOUSE FOR FORESTER.**

The County Secretary stated that the Forestry Division of the Department of Lands were seeking a site for a forester's house at Enniskerry and had asked if the Council could make available a site at the Kilgarron Housing Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the leasing of a plot of ground at Kilgarron Housing Scheme to the Department of Lands, (Forestry Division), as a site for a forester's house.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 9—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME—TO CONSIDER RESULTS OF EXAMINATION AND AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS.**

The County Secretary reported that the results of the University Scholarship Scheme had been received and submitted the results to the Council. The Council approved of the award of University Scholarships under the Scheme as follows:—

1. Patrick James O'Neill, Ballinclare, Kilbride, Wicklow .. .. .	£250
2. Mary P. Byrne, Brittas Hse., Brittas Bay .. .. .	£250
3. Matthew J. Crotty, Newpark Road, Wicklow .. .. .	£210
4. Phelim M. C. Maguire, 6 Florence Rd., Bray .. .. .	£130

The Council noted that the candidate who obtained first place in the Examination had achieved an average of 91.5 per cent. in the subjects counted for the award of the Scholarship and asked that their congratulations be conveyed to the Brother Superior of St. Joseph's College, Wicklow, on his success.

**TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION.**

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., expressed appreciation of the high marks obtained by Blessington and Shillelagh in the Tidy Towns Competition in the current year. Councillor J. Miley asked that the entrance to the town be improved prior to next year's Competition. Councillor Miss Walsh stated that, while appreciating the improvement made in Shillelagh by the provision of footpaths by the Council, referred to the absence of a Sewerage Scheme which was an essential amenity.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

In accordance with the following Requisition received by the Chairman of the County Council a Special Meeting of the Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 26th August, 1963, at 2.30 p.m.:

"Because of the decision taken by the Board of Newcastle Hospital on 13th August, 1963, to close the Hospital within the next eight weeks, and of the consequent responsibility imposed on Wicklow County Council to arrange for the evacuation of its patients from the Hospital without delay to Sanatoria outside the county and of the further implication, both to patients in the Hospital and to members of the staff of the Hospital, we, the undersigned, request, as a matter of urgency, a Special Meeting of the County Council be called for Monday, 26th August, to discuss matters arising from this decision."

James Everett, M.C.C.

Edward Byrne, M.C.C.

John Temple, M.C.C.

James O Toole, M.C.C.

Mary Ledwidge, M.C.C.

James Gregory.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; 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.

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

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor J. J. McCrea, due to illness, Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-chairman, took the Chair. The County Manager, County Secretary and County Medical Officer attended.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.**

The Chairman submitted letter of 17th August, 1963, from Michael J. O'Higgins, T.D., expressing his appreciation for the Resolution passed by the County Council expressing their sympathy with him and the other members of his family on the death of his mother.

**NEWCASTLE HOSPITAL.**

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had received a letter dated 14th August, 1963, from the Secretary, Newcastle Hospital, informing him that the Governors of the Hospital had decided to close it on the 15th October, 1963, and had directed that all patients be removed before that date. The County Medical Officer was asked in the letter to take the necessary steps in connection with patients from County Wicklow at present in residence and was also informed that no further patients were being admitted to the Hospital. Following the Meeting of the Council on the 19th inst., at which Members had referred to the matter of the closing of the Hospital, the Secretary to the Board of Governors had telephoned the County Secretary to express her apologies for not notifying the Secretary and the County Manager directly on the matter. The County Secretary stated that the following letter had been received on the morning of the Meeting:—

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

Newcastle Hospital,  
Newcastle,  
Co. Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

23rd August, 1963.

We the undersigned patients of Newcastle Hospital, Co. Wicklow,



wish to protest in the strongest possible terms to being transferred to other Hospitals.

We see no reason why the County Council cannot keep us here until they take it over and further why the County Council cannot then provide us patients with a T.B. unit here in this Hospital.

In other Counties they have protested and have been successful and why must we suffer for somebody's faults.

Yours faithfully,

Patients Committee.

R. Dowling, Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that following receipt of a letter from the Department of Health inquiring if the Council would be prepared in principle to take over the premises of Newcastle Hospital and to operate it as a Mental Hospital for County Wicklow the Council had appointed a Committee to examine this suggestion and to consider also whether the premises might be used for some other Health Service operated by the Council. Having considered the Report of the Committee the Council had informed the Department that they were prepared to take over the premises for the purposes of the Council's Health Services, but before making a final decision in regard to the use of the premises for a Mental Hospital the Council wished to be informed of the financial arrangements which would be made. It was understood that the Department of Health had had discussions with the Dublin Health Authority who were responsible for the operation of the Mental Hospitals at Grangegorman and Portrane and also with the Board of Governors in regard to the financial arrangements, but the Council had not yet received the further views of the Department on the matter. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that arrangements should be made to retain the patients at present in Newcastle Sanatorium in the County and that much hardship would be caused to them if they had to be transferred outside the County. He complained of the Assistant County Medical Officer having visited the Hospital and having made arrangements for the transfer of patients without the Council having been informed. The County Manager explained that the County Medical Officer when he received the letter from the Secretary to the Hospital understood that he and the Secretary would have been informed on the matter and as already mentioned the Secretary to the Hospital had conveyed her apology to the County Secretary for the oversight in not notifying the Council directly regarding the decision of the Board of Governors. The County Manager pointed out that there had been a considerable falling-off in numbers of patients in the Hospital and that at present there were only thirty-nine patients from County Wicklow at Newcastle and of these ten would be discharged to their homes leaving twenty-nine which would have to be transferred to other Hospitals. The County Manager explained that the position had arisen that there was now an excess of beds over needs and this had resulted in a necessity to close certain Hospitals or to convert Hospitals for other uses. It seemed likely that the decision made by the Governors of the Hospital arose from an intimation from the Hospitals Commission that the Commission would be unable to continue to meet the deficits arising on the operation of the Hospital. The Hospitals Commission had advanced over one million pounds to Newcastle Hospital of which £400,000 had been in respect of capital works, including the building of a new Nurses' Home some years ago. As the Hospital had been built to accommodate over two hundred patients and since now there were only a small fraction of that number in the Hospital heavy losses had been incurred. The loss on the year's working to 31st December, 1962, amounted to almost £50,000. It seemed that the annual cost of maintenance per patient for the year 1962 was approximately £1,300 of which £400 was

paid by the Council leaving a balance of £900 to be met by way of Grant from the Hospitals Commission. In 1962 the average number of patients was 55 and since there had been a substantial reduction in the present year it was likely that the cost per patient would be considerably higher and could amount to £2,500 per patient of which about £2,000 would have to be met by the Hospitals Commission. The Council had in recent years endeavoured to assist the Hospital by seeking to arrange that other Local Authorities would close Sanatoria in their Counties and transfer their patients to Newcastle Sanatorium, but these efforts had not been successful. The Council had several years ago closed St. Kevin's Sanatorium at Rathdrum and had transferred the patients there to Newcastle Sanatorium. The County Manager paid tribute to the excellent service provided by Newcastle Sanatorium, who had been pioneers in the treatment of tuberculosis. Councillor E. Byrne expressed regret at the decision to close the Hospital and expressed concern at the effect of the closing of the Hospital on the employment position in Newtownmountkennedy and the hardship that would be caused to patients and their relatives in being transferred to Hospitals outside the County. Dr. McCarthy, Chief Medical Officer, informed the Council that he visited Newcastle Sanatorium on the 19th inst., and reviewed the cases with the R.M.S., Dr. Cullen and Dr. Browne, and it was agreed that ten patients could be discharged to their homes to continue on domiciliary treatment. This left twenty-nine patients who might be transferred either to the Connolly Memorial Sanatorium at Blanchardstown or to Peamount Sanatorium. He referred to the changing pattern of diseases which was constantly occurring and pointed out that there had been considerable reductions in the numbers of cases of Tuberculosis and of fevers and in consequence both Tuberculosis Hospitals and Fever Hospitals had been closed. There had, however, been an increase in cancer and an expansion in the treatment of the aged. In reply to inquiry from Councillor Temple as to whether the Sanatorium at St. Kevin's, Rathdrum, could be re-opened, the County Manager explained that the closing of the Sanatorium at St. Kevin's had enabled the Council to use the buildings for the accommodation of female patients from the County Home and to terminate the use for patients of the attics in the main building. He felt it would be a retrograde step to transfer patients back to the former accommodation.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple:

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we request the Hospitals Commission and the Board of Governors of Newcastle Hospital to defer closing of the Hospital until a final decision has been reached on the future use of the Hospital and we press the Minister to expedite his decision. Passed unanimously.

The Council asked that replies to the terms of the Council's Resolution be requested as a matter of urgency.

The Council decided to consider the other matters submitted in committee.

#### RATHDRUM DISPENSARY RESIDENCE.

The County Manager stated that he had consulted the Department of Health in regard to the matter of the provision of a Dispensary Residence in Rathdrum and had been informed that no Grant was now available towards the costs of providing a Dispensary Residence. It was understood that the costs of providing a suitable Residence would be between £5,000 and £6,000. Of the two houses in Rathdrum which had been mentioned as being available for purchase it seemed that the house at Brewery Lane would be more suitable as there



was ground available for extensions. The house at Lower Main St. had no garage and as the site was a sloping one it did not seem likely that any extensions could be provided. It was agreed—however, that this site be re-examined. It was mentioned also that a further house might also be available on the Laragh Road and it was agreed that this also be investigated.

#### BRAY CLINIC.

The County Manager informed the Council that the Department of Health had indicated that a Grant towards the cost of a new Clinic would not be available unless a Clinic were erected which would provide full services for Bray and for the adjoining area. It was understood that the cost of such a Clinic would be from £29,000 to £30,000. It was understood that the premises known as "The Cottage" could be acquired for about £6,500 and it was hoped that the sale of the Clinic and the Dispensary would realise a similar figure. It might be necessary subsequently to provide some accommodation at "The Cottage" for the Assistance Officer and Health Inspector, but it was felt that no great expenditure would be required.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple:

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

Resolved—That we approve of the County Manager entering into negotiations for the acquisition of the premises known as "The Cottage," Bray, and the sale of the Child Welfare Clinic and Dispensary, Bray; the premises if acquired to be used for the purpose of a clinic and Dispensary.

Passed unanimously.

#### ARKLOW BRIDGE.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from Mr. J. J. Roughan, Consulting Engineer, regarding a Conference held in the Department of Local Government on the 23rd inst., which was attended by the Consultant, the County Engineer, and a representative of The Cementation Co. together with the Chief Engineering Adviser and the Assistant Chief Engineering Adviser of the Department of Local Government. The question of the underwater concreting of the bored piles was discussed and the Consultant had indicated that he was prepared to accept a proposal put forward by the representative of The Cementation Co. and agreed to recommend acceptance of the Company's Tender on the basis indicated. The Department of Local Government were being informed. The Council noted the position in the matter.

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1963.

The County Secretary stated that the results of the University Scholarship Scheme for 1963 were available and the results were submitted to the Council. The Council noted that the award of scholarships was recommended as follows:—

1. Patrick J. O'Neill, Ballinclare, Kilbride.	...	...	£250
2. Miss Mary Philomena Byrne, Brittas Hse., Brittas Bay	...	...	£250
3. Matthew J. Crotty, Newpark Road, Wicklow	...	...	£210
4. Phelim M. Maguire, 6, Florence Road, Bray	...	...	£130

The Council noted that the marks obtained by the candidates were of a very high standard, in particular those obtained by the candidate who obtained first place. It was agreed that the results be submitted to the Meeting of the Council on the 2nd September for the formal award of the scholarship.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th September, 1963, 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, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, Acting County Secretary, Deputy County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, P. T. Hickey and N. D. Farrell attended.

#### AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 13th May, 1963.
2. Overdraft on General Account and Capital Account.
3. Filling of vacancy on Shillelagh Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.
4. Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools and University Scholarship Scheme, 1964—Recommendation of Scholarship Committee.
5. Application for increase in amount of certain University Scholarships.
6. Snow Clearance—Recoupment from Road Fund.
7. Public Lighting—St. Brigid's Park, Blacklion, Greystones.
8. Proposed re-organisation of Assistance Areas—Letter from Department of Social Welfare.
9. Report regarding application of patient in Newcastle Sanatorium for clothing as requested by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.
10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh re repairs to Sheep Dipping Bath at Ballynahanogue.
11. Appointment of National Monuments Advisory Committee.
12. Civil Liability Act, 1961—Letter from County Councils' General Council.
- 12A. Letter from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., inquiring if County Council would carry out protection works for their factory at Wicklow.
13. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

#### Item No. 1.—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley,

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh.

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 13th May, 1963.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 2.—Overdraft on General Account and Capital Account.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Quigley,

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering.

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, 1963, shall not exceed £150,000.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh,  
Seconded by Councillor A. 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 Capital Account as may be required and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the Quarter to 31st December, 1963, shall not exceed £5,000.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 3.—Filling of Vacancy on Shillelagh Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley,  
Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh.

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Reverend Father McDonald, P.P., Ballyconnell, Tullow, to fill the vacancy on Shillelagh Old Age Pension Sub-Committee caused by the resignation of Councillor A. H. Hadden.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 4.—Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools and University Scholarship Scheme, 1964 —Recommendation of Scholarship Committee.**

The Council, having considered recommendation of the Scholarship Committee to adopt a Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocation and Other Approved Schools for the year 1964 similar to the Scheme operated for the year 1963, but subject to the following amendments, decided to adjourn consideration of the recommendation until such time as the Council obtained particulars of Schemes operated in other Counties:—

- (1). **Value of Scholarships:** A Scholarship awarded to a candidate competing under Clause 1 (a) of the Scheme shall not exceed £80 where the student resides in a Boarding School and £30 where the student attends a Day School, subject to the usual reservations.
- (2). **Means of Parents or Guardians:** The following provision shall be made in the Scheme—Where parents or guardians in addition to having an income by way of salary or wages or from business were also in occupation of agricultural land the income from such land will be determined on the basis of £1 rateable valuation being equivalent to £16 income unless satisfactory proof of the income from the land was submitted.
- (3). **Age Limit:** Candidates must be over eleven years, but not more than thirteen years on 1st January, 1964.

In regard to University Scholarships for the year 1964 the Council passed the following Resolution:—

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,  
Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill.

Resolved—That having considered recommendation of Scholarship Committee we hereby adopt a Scheme for University Scholarships for the year 1964 similar to the terms of the Scheme operated in the current year with appropriate changes in respect of dates.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Edward Byrne requested that the Application Form to be filled by candidates for Scholarships should be simplified as he did not consider the present Forms suitable, the simplified Form to be submitted to the Council for approval in due course. It was agreed that this would be done.

**Item No. 5.—Application for Increase in Amount of Certain University Scholarships.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple,  
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins.

Resolved—That having considered recommendation of Scholarship Committee we approve of existing Scholarships which had been awarded originally by the Council prior to the 1962 Scheme, and which, if awarded under the 1962 or 1963 Schemes, would have been at a higher rate, being increased by the amount of the increase in the University fees.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 6.—Snow Clearance—Recoupment from Road Fund.**

The Council were informed that to date no recoupment had been received from the Road Fund in respect of expenditure on snow clearance even though full particulars were furnished to the Department some months ago. The following Resolution was passed by the Council:—

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley,  
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering.

Resolved—That we again ask the Department of Local Government to recoup in full the cost to the County Council of Snow Clearance.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 7.—Public Lighting—St. Brigid's Park, Blacklion, Greystones.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge,  
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne.

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of a new public light at St. Brigid's Park, Blacklion, Greystones, in accordance with the quotation of E.S.B. dated 26th July, 1963.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 8.—Proposed Re-organisation of Assistance Areas — Letter From Department of Social Welfare.**

The Council, having considered the following letter from the Department of Social Welfare, passed the following Resolution:—



An Roinn Leasa Shóisialaigh,  
Aras Mhic Dhiarmada,  
Baile Atha Cliath, 1.

21 Lúnasa, 1963

H.605.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Social Welfare to refer to previous correspondence regarding the proposed re-organisation of Assistance Areas in the county and to inform you that the Local Government Inspector reported that the proposed scheme is a sound one. It will give an adequate and proper service to the beneficiaries and will prove economical in administration. Notwithstanding the County Council's refusal to pass a resolution agreeing to a reduction in the number of permanent officers, the Minister has been advised that he has power to make an order under Section 11 of the Local Government Act, 1941, directing the local authority to appoint five Assistance Officers. Furthermore, he can also, under Article 43(3) of the Public Assistance (General Regulations) Order, 1942, direct the Public Assistance Authority as to the districts to be assigned to the five officers.

The Minister is not desirous of making Orders without the concurrence of the Council, but he finds it difficult to allow the introduction of an efficient and more economical re-arrangement to be delayed indefinitely. As it is clear that the services provided will not in any way be adversely affected, he would be glad if the Council would pass the necessary resolution to implement the proposals for re-organisation or indicate precisely the grounds for their objections.

Mise, le meas,  
P. J. COLE.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,  
Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh.

Resolved—That we reiterate the view previously expressed that six Assistance Officers are necessary and that we ask the Minister for Social Welfare to receive a Deputation to discuss the matter.

Deputation to consist of following four Members:—

Chairman of Council.  
Deputy Brennan and Deputy Everett and  
Councillor Miss Walsh.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 9.—Report Regarding Application of Patient in Newcastle Sanatorium for Clothing as Requested by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.**

The Council were informed that the person in question applied for a suit and overcoat on the 30th July, 1963, and that this was the only application received from the patient. It was found that the man was not a medical card holder, but he was, however, in receipt of an Infectious Diseases (Maintenance) Allowance and that his application for clothing was receiving attention.

**Item No. 10.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh Re Repairs to Sheep Dipping Bath at Ballynahanogue.**

The following Report from the Assistant County Engineer was read and it was pointed out to the Council that as the Bath was privately owned the Council were not empowered to spend any money on its repair. It was accordingly decided to adjourn the matter until such time as Councillor Miss Mary Walsh could ascertain if the owner was prepared to hand over the Bath to the County Council.

Courthouse,  
Tinahely,  
Co. Wicklow,  
4th September, 1963

NDF/EM/SI.  
K. J. Brangan, Esq.,  
County Secretary  
Courthouse,  
WICKLOW.

Re: Sheep Dipping Bath—James Kavanagh, Junior,  
Ballynahanogue, Tinahely.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your telephone call of to-day's date, I have inspected above. This is a private Bath in Mr. Kavanagh's yard.

There are no proper drainage facilities and it has to be emptied by hand. I do not consider that it is the Council's responsibility to carry out repairs to private Baths. However, I am told that it is used extensively by farmers in the area for Sheep Dipping under the supervision of the local Inspector, as the nearest Public Bath is at Ballycumber. To put this Bath in reasonable condition would require the erection of walls, provision of tubular gates, concrete floors and plastering. I estimate the cost at £50.

Yours faithfully,

N. D. FARRELL,  
Assistant County Engineer.

**Item No. 11.—Appointment of National Monuments Advisory Committee.**

The Council, having considered the matter, passed the following Resolution:—

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,  
Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill.

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to constitute the National Monuments Advisory Committee to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council:—

Councillor M. J. O'Neill,  
Councillor R. Miley,  
Councillor J. Quigley,  
Councillor H. J. Byrne,  
Councillor P. McCarthy.

Passed unanimously.



**Item No. 12.—Civil Liability Act, 1961—Letter from County Councils' General Council.**

The following letter from the Secretary of the County Councils' General Council was read:—

**COUNTY COUNCILS GENERAL COUNCIL**

1 & 2, Cavendish Row,

Dublin,

21 Lunasa, 1963.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
WICKLOW.

A Chara,

With further reference to your letter of 14th December, 1961, and the Civil Liability Act, 1961, I am to inform you that my Emergency Committee carefully considered the effect of Section 60 of the Act on the liability of Road Authorities. By courtesy of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., my Committee also had the benefit of Senior Counsel's Opinion on the Section.

At the Annual Meeting of the County Council's General Council held in Dublin on the 8th inst., the following recommendation from the Committee was unanimously adopted:—

"That Section 60, Civil Liabilities Act, 1961, be amended by adding a sub-section making it clear that the defence of contributory negligence on the part of the plaintiff will be a defence for the Road Authority."

Mise, le meas,

ENRI MAC DAIBHEID,

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The contents of the letter were duly noted by the Council.

**Item No. 12A.—Letter from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., inquiring if County Council would carry out Protection Works for their Factory at Wicklow.**

The following letter from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., was read to the Council:—

**SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LIMITED**

Woodstock,

KILCOOLE

Co. Wicklow.

4th September, 1963

TMC/KO.  
The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Court House,  
WICKLOW.

Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

The Shamrock Fertilizers factory at Wicklow is constructed on land leased from the Wicklow Urban District Council close to the foreshore on the south side of Wicklow Harbour.

There is no protection to this land from the force of the sea when the wind is blowing from the North East and consequently part of the factory buildings and particularly the Acid Storage tanks are in danger of being undermined.

Mr. O'Byrne, the County Engineer, has recommended that the beach be protected by a mattress of boulders at a cost of some £20 per foot run over a distance of 700 ft.

We consider that it is essential to carry out minimum protection works over about one-third of the length specified before the onset of the Winter gales this year and, therefore, we propose to call for tenders in order to obtain comparative estimates of the cost of carrying out the works.

As the proposed works are situated outside the lands leased to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., we seek your prior approval to their execution and for the same reason enquire as to whether you would be prepared to carry out the works as a charge to public funds. Alternatively, we might be willing to make a small contribution to the cost of the works, which are estimated to cost about £6,000.

We would be glad to hear from you on this subject at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

Shamrocks Fertilizers Limited,

T.M. CULLEN.

It was pointed out that the Coast Protection Bill, 1962, had not as yet become law and in the circumstances the Council were not empowered to make any contribution whatsoever in the matter. The matter was accordingly adjourned.

**Item No. 13.—Inquiries Arising from County Manager's Orders.**

The Council noted the Summary of the 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 name of Councillor J. Miley—That I or someone for me will move that the cottage of Thomas Cullen, Parkmore, be put on this month's repair list and vested.

In the name of Councillor J. Miley — That I or someone for me will move to have Spynans Road included for reconstruction in the 1964-65 Roads Scheme.

In the name of Councillor R. Miley—That I or someone for me will propose that two extra houses be built at Laragh.

**Local Meeting in Shillelagh.**

The next Meeting of Local Councillors was arranged to be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, the 20th inst.



#### Hire of Lorry.

A letter addressed to the Chairman by Mr. Frank Newsome, Market Square, Wicklow, re the discontinuance of the hire of his lorry by Wicklow County Council was read. It was agreed that the matter be referred to the Local Committee for investigation.

#### Newcastle Sanatorium.

The following letter from the Board of Governors was read to the Council:—

6th September, 1963.

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

Dear Sir,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th August, 1963, advising that at a Special Meeting of the Members of your Council, held on the 26th August, a Resolution was passed requesting my Board and Hospitals' Commission to defer the closing of Newcastle until a final decision had been reached as regards the future use of the Hospital buildings.

Your letter was most carefully considered by my Board at a meeting held yesterday, when I was directed to ask you to be good enough to inform the Members of your Council that my Board have every sympathy with the sentiments expressed therein with regard to the effect on the Newtownmountkennedy area of the closing of the Hospital and the inconvenience this may cause to patients and to their families. However, my Board of Governors have given much time and thought to the decision to close Newcastle, but in view of all the factors involved they have reluctantly decided they can no longer defer this and, at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association held yesterday, the Resolution of the Board of Governors to close Newcastle on the 15th October, 1963, was unanimously confirmed.

Yours faithfully

M. A. CROKER,

SECRETARY.

MC.

The Council noted the contents of the letter and it was agreed that a further inquiry be made from Department of Health as to their views on Council's proposal to take over the buildings of Newcastle for the purpose of the Health Services.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 7th October, 1963, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., 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, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, J. D. Haughton and J. Gregory.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor J. O'Toole, who was ill, and from Councillor H. J. Byrne.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers N. D. Farrell and P. McGuinness attended.

### AGENDA:

1. Application for consent to sale of cottage at Ballinvalley, Avoca.
2. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. Miley—That two extra houses be built at Laragh.
3. Graded Rents Scheme.
4. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
5. Applications for Loans under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.
6. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—That cottage of Thomas Cullen, Parkmore, be put on Repairs List and vested.
7. Repairs to cottages carried out during month of September, 1963, and cottages to be repaired during October, 1963.
8. St. Columille's Hospital, Loughlinstown—Reception of patients from County Wicklow.
9. Proposal to take over Newcastle Sanatorium as a Mental Hospital—(Special Report circulated to Members).

#### ITEM No. 1—APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO SALE OF COTTAGE AT BALLINVALLEY, AVOCA.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. John Phelan, Ballinvalley, Barniskey, Avoca, had applied for the consent of the Council to the sale of his interests in his cottage at Ballinvalley to James Stedman, Ballinvalley, Avoca. Mr. Stedman was a forestry worker and was a suitable applicant, but was unmarried.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by John Phelan, Ballinvalley, Barniskey, Avoca, of his interests in Cottage No. 35/8 at Ballinvalley, to James Stedman, Ballinvalley, Avoca.

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 2—NOTICE OF MOTION IN NAME OF COUNCILLOR R. MILEY—THAT TWO EXTRA HOUSES BE BUILT AT LARAGH.

Councillor R. Miley stated that he had previously raised the matter of providing an additional two houses at Laragh for James Cullen and Charles Connolly who at that time were about to be married. He stated that these applicants were now married for some time past and he proposed that the Council should provide an



additional two houses at Laragh to accommodate them. He submitted a letter from Mr. Charles Connolly, who stated that he had been married for twelve months and had to live in one small room.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Resolved—That we approve of two additional houses being erected in Laragh.

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 3—GRADED RENTS SCHEME.

The following Report in regard to the Graded Rents Scheme had been circulated to the Members of the Council:—

#### WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

3rd October, 1963.

#### THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

#### Re: DIFFERENTIAL (GRADED) RENTS SCHEME

A Chara,

At a recent Meeting of the Council it was suggested that some alterations be made in the Differential Rents Scheme as at present applied to Council Houses.

The following were the items which were mentioned and I submit comments on them.

**SUPERANNUATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE CONTRIBUTIONS:** These are already excluded and are not taken into account in assessing incomes for purpose of the Differential Renting Scheme.

**INCOME OF OTHER MEMBERS OF FAMILY:** At present £2 of the income of members of the family, other than the tenant (e.g., sons and daughters of tenant) are not taken into account. It is agreed that this might be increased to £3. It was asked that first £4 be not taken into account.

**CHILDREN'S ALLOWANCES:** These already are excluded and are not taken into account in assessing income for purpose of Differential Rents.

**WIFE'S EARNINGS:** There has scarcely ever been any instance in which such earnings have to be taken into account. At present £1 of any such earnings are excluded in assessing incomes, but it is agreed, as suggested, that it should be increased to £2.

**OLD AGE PENSION OF ANY PERSON RESIDING IN HOUSEHOLD:** The existing Scheme already meets the suggestion put forward, i.e., that first 10/- of Old Age Pension of any person residing in the household be excluded.

**SOCIAL WELFARE BENEFITS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD:** At present 10/- per week of such income is excluded in case of each beneficiary. It is agreed, however, that the exclusion be raised to £1 10s. 0d. as recently suggested.

**ALLOWANCE FOR CHILDREN IN ASSESSING RENT:** It is agreed, as recently suggested, that in assessing Rent allowance be made for all children in family.

**INCOME LIMITS IN APPLYING DIFFERENTIAL RENTING:** It has been suggested that Differential Renting should not apply in

any instance in which income is under £7 10s. 0d. per week. It is felt that such a suggestion, if accepted, would defeat the purpose of Differential Renting, which is that rent might be a reasonable charge on income. The Scheme first came into operation in 1951 and was applied where incomes were in excess of £4 10s. 0d. per week and this still is the position. At present a tenant with an income of £6 10s. 0d. to £7 10s. 0d. where household is a man with wife, pays 10/- per week and this is not considered unreasonable. For example, a married road worker without children with an income of £7 1s. 6d. per week (this is the minimum wage for a road worker) would pay 10/- per week. If he had two children, the rent would be 8/- per week, and if there were four children he would pay 6/- per week. Having regard to total income these could not reasonably be regarded as excessive charges in respect of rent for a fit dwelling.

In past decades when local authorities were embarking on new Housing Schemes it was always considered that a rent which did not exceed one-sixth of income was quite reasonable. In the cases quoted the rent is very much less than such proportion. In the case of rural Council houses there is nobody nowadays who pays more than one-thirteenth part of his income in rent.

It might once more be mentioned that Differential Rents had to be introduced by the Council twelve years ago because of the difficulty of relating the rent of new houses to the ability of persons to pay. If rents for new lettings had been continued, as in previous times, on a flat rate, regardless of the income of tenants or the need for help in meeting them, then many tenants who now have rents related to their incomes would have been paying much higher rents. New houses could not possibly have been let at rents which it would have been within the capacity of persons with limited incomes—who had to live, say, on Social Welfare benefits or Old Age Pensions—to pay. When the Council was building new rural houses in the early 'fifties it would have been necessary to charge all tenants living in them rents of about 10/- or 11/- per week if we had not resorted to differential rents. The whole purpose of introducing differential rents was so that State and Rating Subsidies towards rents would be applied to the persons needing them. They were not introduced so as to bring in a higher rental income to the Council. But the Scheme has enabled the Council to let houses to many persons at rents which are rather nominal (in the money terms of to-day) rather than having to resort to charging rents of the same level to all families no matter what their circumstances. In brief, the aim was that subsidies should be given to the persons who needed them.

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M. FLANNERY,

Wicklow County Manager.

MF/JK.

The County Manager stated that generally the suggestion which had been put forward by Members of the Council at the previous Meeting were being met under the Scheme while some of the proposals had been slightly modified. He felt that the Scheme with the amendments now proposed would meet the points which had been raised by the Council. Councillor J. Gregory stated that he had proposed that the income of Old Age Pensioners living in a house with the tenant should not be taken into account in determining the rent. He stated also that the basic income of £4 10s. 0d. used in the Scheme was out of date and should be increased. Councillor Gregory added that he had made inquiries in relation to the rents charged to certain tenants and he felt that in these cases the tenants would not benefit under the amendments suggested by the County Manager. Other Members of the Council also expressed the view that the income of Old Age Pensioners living in a house with the tenant should be



excluded in determining the rent. The Council agreed to adjourn further discussion on the matter and to reconsider the proposals made by the County Manager in conjunction with the proposed amendments submitted by Councillor Gregory.

#### ITEM No. 4—APPLICATIONS UNDER TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been addressed to the Council by Mr. Ernest A. Northridge, Belan Street, Baltinglass, stating that it was his intention to erect a piggery at his premises in Belan Street and making application to the Council for permission to do so. He did not, however, submit any plans or any details of his proposals. Mr. Northridge was asked to submit the necessary details and it was pointed out to him that no work should be commenced until the approval of the Council had been given. It was found subsequently that Mr. Northridge was proceeding with the work and had laid a concrete floor approximately 70' x 20' and was preparing for the erection of the walls. In the circumstances it was necessary to make a Prohibition Order prohibiting any further proceeding with the work and serve it on Mr. Northridge. In reply to inquiries from Councillor O'Neill and Councillor Timmins, the County Secretary stated that if Mr. Northridge submitted details of his proposals the matter would be examined promptly. The County Secretary also pointed out that it would be necessary to obtain the views of the County Medical Officer in regard to a proposal to provide a piggery in Belan Street, Baltinglass. The Council noted the position in the matter.

#### ITEM No. 5—APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. Joseph Burton, Curlestown, for a Loan in respect of the erection of a new house at Curlestown, Enniskerry. From the details of income submitted it seemed doubtful if Mr. Burton would be in a position to meet the outgoings in respect of the Loan for which he had applied. The Council noted the details submitted and agreed that Mr. Burton be informed as to the loan charges which would arise in respect of the Loan sought and informed as to such lesser amount that the Council might be prepared to advance in the circumstances.

Having considered the particulars submitted in regard to the income of Mr. John Andrew Byrne, Ballinasorney, Brittas, it was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor M. Deering and passed unanimously that the Council approve of a Loan being advanced to John Andrew Byrne, Ballinasorney, Brittas, Co. Dublin, under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts in respect of the erection of a new house at The Lambe, Tinode, Manor Kilbride.

#### ITEM No. 6—NOTICE OF MOTION IN NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. MILEY—THAT COTTAGE OF THOMAS CULLEN, PARKMORE, BE PUT ON REPAIRS LIST AND VESTED.

The County Secretary stated that this cottage had been repaired in July, 1962, and that the only structural item now complained about by the tenant was the replacement of a skirting-board in one bedroom. The tenant complained, however, of dampness of the site, and the Engineer stated that this was of two kinds, the more serious one concerning major flooding that occurred about once in three years whenever the Slaney overflowed. On these occasions sewerage backed up into the plot and into the adjoining plot. The tenant, however, agreed that the Council was not in a position to deal with this problem. The tenant also complained of dampness from the washing

of clay and soil from the garden of the plot in the vicinity of the house, particularly the area near the hall-door. The house was on lower ground than the plot generally and two gulleys had been installed some years previously to take away water from beside the house. The tenant asked that the Council erect a low wall between the garden and house wall to prevent the soil being washed towards the house. The County Secretary stated that it did not seem that such work should be carried out by the Council. Councillor Timmins and Councillor O'Neill pointed out that some six months ago they had submitted an agreed list of names of thirty persons whose houses were in need of repair, and that Councillor Miley was now endeavouring to have priority given to one of the persons only on this list. They felt that repairs should be carried out in accordance with the length of time the applicant was waiting repairs and they objected to the practice introduced by Councillor Miley. Councillor O'Neill stated that neither he nor Councillor Timmins were objecting to Mr. Cullen having his house repaired and vested, but considered that the order of priority agreed upon should not be varied.

#### ITEM No. 7—REPAIRS TO COTTAGES CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF SEPT., 1963, AND COTTAGES TO BE REPAIRED DURING OCTOBER, 1963.

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired during the month of September, 1963, and the list of those to be repaired during the month of October, 1963. Councillor Haughton urged that arrangements be made for the painting of timber-work on the houses at Glenealy.

#### ITEM No. 8—ST. COLUMCILLE'S HOSPITAL, LOUGHLINSTOWN.

The County Secretary stated that Officers of the Dublin Health Authority had recently had discussions with Officials of the Council and arrangements had now been made for the acceptance in St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown, for treatment of patients from County Wicklow. Patients who would be accepted for treatment, subject to beds being available, were those requiring surgical treatment and children in addition to maternity cases. The charges payable for the treatment of patients in the Hospital would be at the same rates as sanctioned by the Minister for the treatment of patients in the Voluntary Hospitals in Dublin. The arrangements would operate from the 1st October, 1963. It was a condition of the arrangement that the patient's Doctor would confirm with the Hospital Authorities that a bed was available before any patient was sent to the Hospital. The Members of the Council expressed satisfaction at the arrangements made.

#### ITEM No. 9—PROPOSAL TO TAKE OVER NEWCASTLE SANATORIUM AS A MENTAL HOSPITAL.

The following Report of the County Manager had been circulated to the Members of the Council:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Courthouse, Wicklow.

2nd October, 1963.

CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

Re: PROPOSAL TO TAKE OVER NEWCASTLE SANATORIUM AS A MENTAL HOSPITAL.

Dear Sir,

The Department of Health have recently indicated to us verbally that the matter of taking over Newcastle Sanatorium by Wicklow Co. Council for the purpose of their Health Services is one which would



require early consideration from the Members of the Council. The Council, when this matter was last considered, decided that they would be prepared to take over Newcastle Sanatorium for the purpose of the Health Services and to use it as a Mental Hospital provided that suitable financial arrangements could be settled with the Dublin Health Authority and the Department of Health. On 1st October, 1963, at the request of the Department, there was a discussion in the Offices of that Department between their Officials and Officials of the Dublin Health Authority and Wicklow County Council in relation to the financial adjustments which might arise if Wicklow County Council were to take as many as possible of their patients from the Mental Hospitals of the Dublin Health Authority and accommodate them in the buildings of Newcastle Sanatorium. This matter of the financial adjustments which would arise is a complex one.

Wicklow County Council felt that if they were to remove the patients from Wicklow County from the Mental Hospitals in Dublin to a new Institution in County Wicklow they would have a claim for compensation in respect of their share of the assets of the Dublin Health Authority. As Wicklow County Council over the years had contributed towards the capital costs of establishing and maintaining Mental Hospitals at Grangegorman, Portrane and Ballyowen, they would be entitled to a share of the capital value of these Institutions if they were removing their patients from them with a view to establishing their own Mental Hospital. At the preliminary discussion which took place in the Custom House, Dublin, on 1st inst., it was evident that there were conflicting viewpoints as to what a reasonable share of these assets might be. It is essential, however, that the matter be determined before further progress can be made in the negotiations to establish a separate Mental Hospital for Co. Wicklow.

It should also be mentioned here that it is the view of the Department of Health that the most suitable use which could be made of the buildings of Newcastle Sanatorium, in the interests of the Wicklow County Health Services, would be to adapt them for use as a Mental Hospital.

The Department is anxious that Wicklow County Council should consider this matter again at the earliest possible date and they have asked that a further Conference on the matter of the claim of Wicklow County Council to a share of the capital assets of the Dublin Health Authority should be held next week. The Department is anxious also that progress should be made at the earliest possible date with the proposal for the taking over of the buildings of Newcastle Sanatorium by Wicklow County Council and the establishment of a separate Mental Hospital to serve Wicklow County.

Accordingly, this matter is being specially included in the Agenda of the County Council for the Meeting on Monday next, the 7th inst. Yours sincerely,

K. J. BRANGAN, County Secretary.

In reply to inquiries from Members regarding the possible use of Newcastle Hospital, or portion of it, for T.B. patients, the County Manager explained that owing to the reduction in the number of patients being treated at Newcastle and the resulting very large subsidy being paid by the Hospitals Trust Fund to meet the deficits on the running of the Hospital, the Trust had now indicated that it could not continue to meet these costs and accordingly the Board of Governors had decided to close the Sanatorium. The County Manager, referring to the discussions with the Dublin Health Authority and the Department of Health, stated that as yet agreement had not been reached on the amount of compensation which would be payable by the Dublin Health Authority in respect of Wicklow County Council's interest in the Mental Hospitals operated by the Dublin Health

Authority in Dublin. He pointed out, however, that the Council could not expect to receive the buildings at Newcastle Hospital and also compensation from Dublin Health Authority free of liabilities entirely. The Council would have to meet from the amount of compensation receivable a claim in respect of compensation to staff of Newcastle Hospital and the costs of any alterations or adaptations necessary to make the building suitable for use for a Mental Hospital. In reply to Councillor E. E. Byrne, the County Manager stated that he considered that the amount of compensation which would be received from the Dublin Health Authority would cover the cost of any necessary alterations or adaptations to the buildings at Newcastle and the amount to be paid by way of compensation to the staff. The Council then proceeded to discuss in committee the financial arrangements, and the County Manager submitted details of the calculations made in support of the Council's claim for compensation.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That, having considered Report of County Manager and discussions with Department of Health, we approve of the taking over by the Council of Newcastle Hospital for use as a Mental Hospital for County Wicklow, subject to the financial arrangements being satisfactory.

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that the matter of negotiating the financial arrangements be left in the hands of the County Manager and County Secretary. The County Manager informed the Council that further discussions with the Department of Health and the Dublin Health Authority would be held on the following day.

#### REFUSE COLLECTION—BALTINGLASS.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that he understood that Friday was the most suitable day for the collection of domestic refuse at Baltinglass, and if the Council agreed the collection could commence on Friday, the 11th October, and be continued on successive Fridays subsequently. The Council approved of the collection being carried out on Fridays, commencing on Friday, the 11th October.

#### RATHDRUM SCAVENGING SERVICE.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that he had received complaints that the Scavenging Service in Rathdrum did not cover all the village and also that Mondays and Fridays were not the most suitable days and suggested that Tuesdays and Fridays should be determined as the days for collection of domestic refuse. The County Secretary stated that the arrangement made was for a once-weekly collection in this area as in other areas, but that the matter of the area being served would be inquired into.

#### KILBRIDE PUMP.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that it had been agreed by the Council at a previous Meeting to erect a pump at Kilbride, but no action had been taken in the matter as yet. He asked that the County Manager arrange to have the pump erected without further delay.

#### RATHNEW WATER AND SEWERAGE.

In reply to Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Secretary stated that as already reported to the Council, the lowest tenderer had with-



drawn his tender and it had then been proposed to accept the next lowest tender. Contract documents had been prepared, but Mr. C. P. Murphy, who was the next lowest tenderer, had now indicated that he would prefer to leave the work over until April or May, and when told that the Council wished to have the work put in hands immediately he had withdrawn his tender. Councillor J. Everett stated that it would not be reasonable to leave the area without water or sewerage until next May, and proposed that the Council accept the third lowest tender and that the Minister be approached to sanction acceptance of that tender.

#### SECONDMENT OF ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER.

The County Manager stated that the Institute of Industrial Research and Standards had asked the Council if approval could be given to the secondment of Mr. P. McGuinness, B.E., M.Sc., Assistant County Engineer, for a period of one year to act as Secretary/Technical Officer to the Institute in connection with Road Research. The Institute had indicated that they would arrange for the preservation of Mr. McGuinness's superannuation rights.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we approve of the secondment of Mr. P. McGuinness, Assistant County Engineer, for a period of one year to act as Secretary/Technical Officer in connection with Road Research for the Institute of Industrial Research and Standards.

Passed unanimously.

#### HOUSING AT GREYSTONES.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor E. Byrne, the County Secretary stated that the plans for the houses to be erected at Kindlestown were ready and that the layout for the houses was being prepared. Councillor Byrne noted the position and asked that arrangements be expedited for proceeding with the Scheme.

#### ISSUE OF DRUGS AT BRAY DISPENSARY.

Councillor J. Temple stated that the mother of a child had sought a particular drug at Bray Dispensary, but the drug was not available. He felt that if there was delay in getting particular drugs the Medical Officer should have power to have the prescription completed by a Chemist. He asked that the matter be investigated and a Report submitted to the Council.

#### 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 I or some Member for me shall move that supply of water be extended to supply residents at Ballymanus Lower, Glenealy, as submitted by memorialists.

In the name of Councillor John Quigley—That I or someone for me will move that an extra public light be erected opposite Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim, or alternatively to re-arrange existing lights.

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That I or someone for me will move a motion calling on the Government to take steps to secure the release of the political prisoners now held in Belfast Jail.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th October, 1963, 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, 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 Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell, P. T. Hickey and P. McGuinness attended.

#### AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 10th and 24th June, 1st, 8th and 15th July, and 12th and 26th August, 1963.
2. Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools—To determine Scheme for 1964.
3. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—That Spynans Road be included for reconstruction in the 1963/'64 Road Works Scheme.
4. Road Improvement at junction of Boghall Road and Killarney Road, Bray.
5. Purchase of Loading Shovels—To authorise borrowing of £8,228 in respect of supply of four Loading Shovels in accordance with recommendation of County Engineer.
6. Operation of Quarries—Letter from Department of Local Government regarding seeking of expert advice on operation of Quarries.
7. Hospital Services in Extern Institutions—Letter from Department of Health regarding increase in rates of capitation payment for patients in Voluntary Hospitals.
8. Purchase of Portable Pumps for Forest Fires—To authorise borrowing of £1,580 15s. 0d. to defray cost of four Pumps.
9. Repairs and alterations to former District Hospital premises at Kilmantan Hill, Wicklow—To affix Seal of Council to Mortgage for £4,600.
10. Dump at Delgany—Letter from Department of Local Government in regard to the powers of the County Council for acquisition of land for purposes of dumping of rubbish.
11. Memorial from residents of Redford Cottages, Greystones, in regard to water supply and Report of County Engineer.
12. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—That supply of water be extended to residents at Ballymanus Lane, Glenealy, as submitted by Memorialists.
13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That an extra public light be erected opposite Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim, or alternatively to re-arrange existing lights.
14. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

#### RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with Mr. Patrick Maguire, Staff Officer, on the death of his wife. The County Secretary asked that the County Manager, himself and the members of the staff be associated with the Resolution.



**ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.;  
Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 10th and 24th June, 1st, 8th and 15th July, and 12th and 26th August, 1963.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 2—SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS—TO DETERMINE SCHEME FOR 1964.**

The County Secretary stated that at the previous Meeting the Council had adjourned a final decision in regard to the Scheme for the coming year pending obtaining particulars from the General Council of County Councils in regard to the matter of reserving scholarships for smaller Schools. The County Secretary stated that a summary of the position had been received from the General Council and details of the summary were submitted. The summary showed that, apart from the counties of Carlow, Donegal, Meath, Wicklow and Sligo, all counties reserved a proportion of scholarships for the smaller Rural Schools. The County Secretary gave particulars of the results obtained at the last scholarship examination which showed that eight candidates from Rural Schools had obtained scholarships and thirty candidates from Urban Schools had obtained scholarships. The proportion of scholarships won to the number of candidates competing was 20 per cent. in the case of Rural Schools and 21 per cent. in the case of the Urban Schools. Following a discussion on the matter

It was

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

Resolved—That we hereby adopt a Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools for the year 1964 on similar terms to the Scheme adopted for the year 1963, but subject to the following amendments:—

**1. VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS:**

The value of a residential scholarship for candidates whose parents or guardians have incomes in excess of the means limit specified in the Scheme shall be £80 instead of £100.

**2. AGE QUALIFICATION:**

The qualification in regard to age shall be as set out in letter from Department of Education of 23rd May, 1963.

**3. MEANS OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS:**

Where parents or guardians in addition to having an income by way of salary or wages or from a business are also in occupation of agricultural land, the income from such land shall be determined on the basis of £1 rateable valuation being equivalent to £16 income unless satisfactory proof of income from the land is submitted.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 3—NOTICE OF MOTION IN NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. MILEY—THAT SPYNANS ROAD BE INCLUDED FOR RECONSTRUCTION IN THE 1963/'64 ROAD WORKS SCHEME**

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor

J. Miley, Councillor Temple inquired was this not a matter for the Local Roads Committee rather than the County Council. Councillor Miley stated that representations had been made to him as to the need for reconstructing this road and he asked that the Engineer include it in the Road Works Scheme for the coming financial year. The County Secretary stated that the matter of reconstructing the road in question had been considered by the Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area at the Roads Meeting in the present year, but it had not been found possible to make provision for the work in 1963/'64. Councillor G. Timmins suggested that it was not proper for Councillors to submit proposals of this nature to County Council Meetings after the Road Works Programme for the year had been determined. The Council agreed that the matter of the reconstruction of the road be referred for consideration by the Local Roads Committee in conjunction with the Estimates for the coming financial year. The Chairman, Councillor J. J. McCrea, stated that he would not accept any further Notices of Motion in relation to such matters which were appropriate for consideration by the Local Committees.

**ITEM No. 4—ROAD IMPROVEMENT AT JUNCTION OF BOGHALL ROAD AND KILLARNEY ROAD, BRAY.**

The County Secretary stated that provision had been made in the Estimates for the year 1962/'63 for easing the corner at the junction of Boghall Road and Killarney Road, Bray. The Council had had negotiations with the landowners in regard to acquiring the necessary land, but it had not been possible to reach agreement. There was a substantial difference in the value placed on the land by the landowners as compared with the valuations obtained by the Council. Councillors Hipwell, Temple and E. Byrne stated that since the corner was such a dangerous one further efforts should be made to reach agreement regarding the acquisition of the land, and the Council agreed that the County Manager be requested to proceed with further negotiations to obtain the necessary lands for the purpose of easing the corner.

**ITEM No. 5—PURCHASE OF LOADING SHOVELS.**

Councillor H. B. Hipwell stated that an order had been placed for the supply of these Loading Shovels before the Council had had an opportunity of considering the County Engineer's recommendation on the tenders received and before the Council had authorised the necessary borrowing. He felt that this was contrary to normal practice and that the order should not have been placed until the Council's approval had first been given. The County Secretary stated that the Council had approved of tenders being invited for the supply of the Loading Shovels which were to replace existing equipment which was worn out, and since it appeared that purchase tax would be payable on this purchase if payment had not been made prior to the 1st November the County Manager felt it necessary to arrange immediately for the placing of the order. Councillor J. Temple inquired why the matter of the purchase of Loading Shovels was submitted to the Council, but no item was included on the Agenda in regard to the purchase of Lorries tenders for, which had been received at the same time. He pointed out that turnover tax on the cost of the Lorries would be a substantial sum. The County Secretary stated that the Co. Engineer's Report in regard to the tenders received for the supply of Lorries had been submitted only on Wednesday afternoon and that further information had been requested, and that it was not possible to include the matter on the Agenda. Councillor Haughton stated that the Council should approve at once of the



purchase of the Loading Shovels and authorise the necessary borrowing. He felt that the County Manager was acting reasonably in placing the order as soon as possible in order to avoid incurring liability for turnover tax.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That a Special Meeting be held on Friday, the 18th inst., to consider the matter of the purchase of Loading Shovels and Lorries and the operation of Quarries, and that copies of the County Engineer's Reports be circulated to the Members.

Passed—Councillor J. D. Haughton dissenting.

**ITEM No. 6—OPERATION OF QUARRIES—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGARDING SEEKING OF EXPERT ADVICE ON OPERATION OF QUARRIES.**

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

ROINN RIALTAIS AITIUIL,  
TEACH AN CHUSTAIM,  
BAILE ATHA CLIATH, 1,  
6th Sept., 1963.

R.27/12.

Secretary,  
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of 17th July, and to state that the question of seeking expert advice on the operation of their quarries is a matter for decision by the road authority. It seems desirable, however, that any expert investigation on the lines envisaged should include an assessment of the economics of operation of the various quarries with due regard to the considerations at (1), (2) and (3) of the Council's Resolution of 15th July, 1963, and the comparable cost of obtaining supplies from other sources.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that Mr. John Barry, B.E., Consulting Engineer, be engaged for the purpose of giving the expert advice required.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That having considered letter of 6th September, 1963, from Department of Local Government and recommendation of County Engineer, we approve of the engagement of Mr. John B. Barry, Consulting Engineer, to examine and advise on—(1) condition of machinery in the Council Quarries at Ballinclare and Tomacork and as to what additional machinery, if any, would be required to bring the machinery to modern standards; (2) the availability of labour; (3) the quality of stone, and (4) to assess the economics of the operation of the various Quarries with due regard to the considerations set out and the comparable costs of obtaining supplies from other sources.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 7—HOSPITAL SERVICES IN EXTERN INSTITUTIONS—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REGARDING INCREASE IN RATES OF CAPITATION PAYMENT FOR PATIENTS IN VOLUNTARY HOSPITALS.**

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Health in letter of 26th September, 1963, had notified increases in the capitation rates payable by Health Authorities to Voluntary Hospitals in respect of the maintenance of patients which would apply as from the 1st October, 1963. The increases ranged from 8/- to 3/- per day according to the type of Institution involved. It had been pointed out by the Department of Health that the revised rates did not cover the full cost of the services rendered and the increases approved did no more than narrow the difference between the actual cost and the appropriate capitation rate. For example, the daily cost of maintaining a patient in the ten Dublin General Hospitals for the year ended 31st December, 1962, ranged from 49/1d. per day (£17 3s. 7d. per week) to 81/3d. per day (£28 8s. 9d. per week). The revised capitation rate for these Hospitals was 35/6d. per day (£12-8-6 per week). The daily cost in the three Dublin Maternity Hospitals varied from 56/1d. per day (£19-12-7 per week) to 74/8 per day (£26-2-8 per week) compared with the daily capitation rate of 40/- per day (£14 0s. 0d. per week) now approved. The Department pointed out that the increases now approved would still leave substantial deficits for the Voluntary Hospitals and that it was clear that it would be necessary to keep the position under review. It was most likely that as a result of such review further increases in the capitation rates would have to be decided upon. The County Secretary stated that the additional cost arising in respect of the current financial year would be approximately £13,000.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That having noted letter of 26th September, 1963, from Department of Health in regard to capitation rates payable to Voluntary Hospitals in respect of in-patient services as from 1st October, 1963, we hereby authorise expenditure of £13,000 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of the increased charges payable.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 8—PURCHASE OF PORTABLE PUMPS FOR FOREST FIRES.**

The County Secretary stated that tenders received for the supply of Portable Pumps to be used for forest fires had been examined by the Chief Fire Officer, who had recommended the acceptance of the lowest tender in the sum of £1,580 15s. 0d. Councillor Deering suggested that since this equipment would be provided for the purpose of protecting State Forests against fire, that a Grant should be made available towards the cost by the Department of Lands. The Council decided to defer the matter and to request a contribution by way of Grant from the Minister for Lands towards the cost of providing the equipment.

**ITEM No. 9—REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS TO FORMER DISTRICT HOSPITAL PREMISES AT KILMANTIN HILL, WICKLOW—TO AFFIX SEAL OF COUNCIL TO MORTGAGE FOR £4,600.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:



Resolved—That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction dated 29th day of August, 1963, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £4,600 be borrowed from the National Bank, Limited, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on repairs and alterations to the former County Hospital buildings at Kilmartin Hill, to be repaid within ten years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances as in said Letter of Sanction, provided the said Loan and interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to The National Bank, Limited.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 10—DUMP AT DELGANY—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN REGARD TO POWERS OF COUNCIL FOR ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR PURPOSES OF DUMPING OF RUBBISH.**

The County Secretary stated that Counsel had advised that, while the Council could exercise compulsory powers for the acquisition of land required as a dumping ground for use by the Council, there was a doubt as to whether compulsory powers could be exercised where it was intended that the land acquired would be used for dumping by persons other than the Council. The Department of Local Government had advised that the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order be deferred and that the Council apply to the Minister for Local Government for an Order to invest the County Council with the powers of an Urban Sanitary Authority in relation to the acquisition of lands for dumping grounds.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby apply to the Minister for Local Government for an Order under Section 1 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1896, investing the Council with the powers of an Urban Sanitary Authority under Section 49 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, as amended by Section 11 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 11—MEMORIAL FROM RESIDENTS OF REDFORD COTTAGES, GREYSTONES, IN REGARD TO WATER SUPPLY AND REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER.**

The County Secretary stated that a Memorial had been submitted by eighteen residents of cottages at Redford, Greystones, requesting the provision of a piped water supply to their cottages. The Chief Assistant County Engineer had reported that it would be possible to provide a water supply to serve these houses from the Templecarrig supply, but that he understood that the tenants also wished to have sewerage facilities provided and that this might give rise to some difficulty. Councillor Edward Byrne asked that arrangements be made to proceed with the provision of a water supply for the cottages and that the matter of providing sewerage facilities could be deferred at present. The County Secretary stated that a detailed estimate of the cost of providing the water supply would be submitted to the Council.

**ITEM No. 12—NOTICE OF MOTION IN NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. EVERETT, T.D.—THAT SUPPLY OF WATER BE EXTENDED TO RESIDENTS AT BALLYMANUS LANE, GLENEALY, AS SUBMITTED BY MEMORIALISTS.**

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that there were a number of houses on this laneway which should be provided with a water supply from the Glenealy Scheme. The County Secretary stated that the lane was between a half and three-quarters of a mile in length and that it would be necessary to obtain an estimate of the cost of providing the extension. The Chief Assistant County Engineer was preparing the necessary estimate. The Council noted that an estimate was being prepared and would be submitted to the Council.

**ITEM No. 13—NOTICE OF MOTION IN NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. QUIGLEY—THAT AN EXTRA PUBLIC LIGHT BE ERECTED OPPOSITE LOURDES CRESCENT, AUGHIRM, OR ALTERNATIVELY TO RE-ARRANGE EXISTING LIGHTS.**

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

COURT HOUSE,

ARKLOW.

12th October, 1963.

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,  
County Secretary,  
Wicklow Co. Council,  
Courthouse,  
WICKLOW.

Dear Sir,

In connection with the matter of lighting at Liseux Tce., Aughrim, I inspected the place yesterday evening.

Along this part of the Aughrim Main Street the lighting is spaced equi-distantly so that there is a light at each end of the terrace, one at the Catholic Church and the other at the Parish Priest's, and it would be impossible to change any of the lights without lessening the lighting at some other point. Some time ago it was asked that the lights be changed so as to provide extra lighting at the Post Office and it was found impossible to do this, and an extra light had to be provided, and the same holds true in this case. In the case of the Post Office, however, it was felt that people would need the light at the Post Office, but I do not see any reason for having an extra light at Liseux Terrace, as it is well enough for ordinary passers-by.

Yours faithfully,

JPC/PD.

J. P. CAFFREY.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Quigley, seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh, it was agreed that an estimate of cost of providing the additional light be obtained from the E.S.B.

**ITEM No. 14—INQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.**

The Council noted the particulars of the principal Orders made by the County Manager as circulated to the Members.

**MEAT SUPPLIES TO PATIENTS IN ST. COLMAN'S HOSPITAL, RATHDRUM.**

Councillor Haughton stated that he had received complaints regarding the quality of the meat supplied to St. Colman's Hospital and that the V.S. had given adverse Reports previously in relation to the quality of the meat. Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that when



visiting the Hospital as a member of the Visiting Committee he had inquired concerning the meat and had been informed by the Matron that there had been no complaints. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that he had visited the Hospital with Councillor J. Gregory and that the meat had been found satisfactory. In reply to inquiries from Members, the County Secretary stated that the Medical Officer of the Hospital inspected the meat, as did also the Matron. If meat were not found up to proper standard it was returned. The Veterinary Inspector also inspected the meat periodically and reported on its condition. The Council asked that Reports in regard to the quality of the meat being delivered be submitted to the Council.

#### ARKLOW BRIDGE.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor P. McCarthy, the County Secretary stated that the contract documents had been forwarded to the contractor for signing, and that when the documents were signed and the Bond completed work on the Bridge could proceed.

#### RIVER AT BALLYSMUTTAN.

At the suggestion of Councillor J. Miley, it was agreed that the Assistant County Engineer be asked to report as to any damage being caused to the road at Ballysmuttan from the River which flowed alongside it.

#### NOTICE OF MOTION.

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

In the name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.—That I or some Member for me will move that Patrick Kilbride, Croneyhorn, Carnew, be paid a Supplementary Reconstruction Grant.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

In accordance with the decision of the Council at the Meeting held on 14th October, 1963, a Special Meeting of the Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, 18th October, 1963, to consider the matters of the purchase of Loading Shovels and Lorries and the operation of Quarries.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., John Quigley, P. McCarthy, Alan H. Hadden, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, J. D. Haughton and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer were present.

In regard to Loading Shovels, the Report of the County Engineer on his examination of the tenders together with the Report of the Chief Assistant County Engineer referred to therein had been circulated to the Members. The Report of the County Engineer in regard to the tenders received for Lorries, Report of the Chief Assistant County Engineer dated 30th September, 1963, to the County Engineer in relation to these tenders, and a Report of the Chief Assistant County Engineer dated 27th April, 1961, in regard to experience with Commer Lorries, had been circulated to the Members of the Council.

#### TURNOVER TAX.

The County Secretary stated that an inquiry had been addressed to the Revenue Commissioners on 30th September, 1963, as to whether the Council would be liable to pay Turnover Tax on the purchase of Loading Shovels and Lorries if payment for the Loading Shovels or Lorries were made after 1st November, 1963. The Revenue Commissioners, in reply of 1st October, 1963, had indicated that as the Council's suppliers would be accountable for tax on receipts from unregistered persons, it might be assumed that prices would be increased to cover this amount. The County Secretary stated, however, that he had been informed by telephone from the Revenue Commissioners on that morning that since the issue of the letter of 1st October, the Minister had made Orders which exempted commercial vehicles and also exempted heavy road machinery, such as Loading Shovels, from Turnover Tax, and consequently Turnover Tax would not be payable in regard to these items. The Council noted the position in the matter.

#### TENDERS FOR LORRIES.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., referred to the fact that the Council had received a Report from the County Engineer and also a Report from the Chief Assistant County Engineer in regard to the tenders received for the supply of Lorries and that the recommendations made in these Reports did not correspond. He stated that it had been evident to the Council for some time that there were bad staff relations in the County Engineer's Department. In view of the conflicting Reports which had been circulated to the Council, he proposed that the matter be deferred and that the Department of Local Government be asked to investigate the staff relations in the County Engineer's Department. Councillor J. Temple stated that the Council was being put in a difficult position in consequence of the disagreement in the Reports of the County Engineer and Chief Assistant County Engineer. He suggested that as Turnover Tax would not be payable now on the supply of Lorries, there was no great urgency in the matter and that consideration of the Reports be deferred pending the receipt of the



Report of the expert to be engaged to advise the Council in relation to production of materials in Quarries. In reply to inquiries from Members as to why a Report of the Chief Assistant County Engineer had been circulated in addition to the Report of the County Engineer which had been requested by the Members, the County Manager stated that some years previously it had been found that losses were continuing to occur each year on the operation of machinery, which losses had to be defrayed from the Council's funds and that it was felt that if better use were made of the Council's own machinery such losses could be avoided. Following a discussion with the County Engineer at the time, and with his agreement, the Chief Assistant County Engineer had been assigned special duties and responsibilities in relation to machinery. While the County Engineer had been asked to submit his Report and recommendation in regard to the tenders received for the supply of Lorries, it was the practice that the County Engineer would obtain a Report from the Chief Assistant in regard to the tenders before submitting his recommendation. Consequently it was felt that both Reports should be made available to the Council for their information. The County Manager also pointed out that in the County Engineer's Report, he had referred to the experience of the Council with the trucks previously purchased, and in consequence a copy of the Report of the Chief Assistant County Engineer on the experience in relation to these trucks during the period to 31st March, 1961, had been circulated to the Members for their information.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That we defer consideration of the Reports on tenders for Lorries, and request the Department of Local Government to investigate the staff relations in the County Engineer's Department and to report to the County Council thereon.

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

**IN FAVOUR:** Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, A. H. Hadden, J. D. Haughton, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, P. McCarthy, J. Miley, R. Miley, J. Quigley, P.C., J. Temple, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh and J. J. McCrea—SIXTEEN.

**AGAINST—**Councillor J. Gregory.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., did not vote.

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

#### LOADING SHOVELS.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved—That we approve of the County Engineer's recommendation for the purchase of four Loading Shovels for the sum of £8,228 net and authorise the borrowing of the sum of £8,228 from the Council's Treasurer, repayable over a period of seven years, to defray the cost of the purchase.

Passed unanimously.



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, the Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, 4th November, 1963, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:  
Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., John Quigley, P. McCarthy, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, and J. Gregory.

An apology for inability to attend was given on behalf of Councillor A. H. Hadden, who had met with an accident. The Council asked that the best wishes of the Members for his speedy recovery be conveyed to Councillor Hadden.

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

### AGENDA:

1. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D. — That Patrick Kilbride, Croneynhorn, Carnew, be paid a Supplementary Reconstruction Grant.
2. Scheme of Grants for Private Water Supply and Sewerage Installations—Letter dated 21st October, 1963, from Department of Local Government in regard to requirements in siting of septic tanks.
3. Scheme of Supplementary Grants for reconstruction of houses—Letter from Department of Local Government re floor area.
4. Application for consent to sale of cottage at Drumdangan, Glenealy.
5. Scheme for erection of rural cottages—Letter dated 25th October, 1963, from Department of Local Government regarding proposal to erect eight rural cottages.
6. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
7. Repairs carried out during month of October, 1963, and repairs to be carried out during November, 1963.
8. Use of Newcastle Hospital for purposes of Mental Hospital—Report on further discussions with Dublin Health Authority and Department of Health.

Item No. 1.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D. —That Patrick Kilbride, Croneynhorn, Carnew, be paid a Supplementary Reconstruction Grant.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that Mr. Patrick Kilbride, Croneynhorn, Carnew, had carried out repairs and improvements to his vested cottage which included the building on of a bedroom, bathroom and hall. He had received a Grant of £140 from the Department of Local Government. His Solicitor had written on his behalf to the County Council stating that the additional room which he had added



to his cottage was suitable for conversion into a shop and asking whether the Council had any objections to Mr. Kilbride opening a shop in the cottage. He had received a reply from the Council pointing out that a vested cottage could not be used as a shop and that since it appeared that the purpose of the building of the additional room was to provide a shop no Supplementary Grant would be paid. Deputy Brennan stated that Mr. Kilbride had given up any intention of using the premises for the purposes of a shop and proposed that a Supplementary Grant be paid to him. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh who pointed out that she would not have supported the proposal if Mr. Kilbride had any intention of using the premises otherwise than as a dwellinghouse. The County Secretary confirmed that Mr. Kilbride's Solicitor had written indicating that his client wished to use the additional room provided at his cottage for the purposes of a shop and in consequence the Department of Local Government had been informed and had indicated that if it had been known that Mr. Kilbride envisaged the conversion of the extension into a shop no Grant would have been allowed to him in respect of the work. The Council could not, of course, pay any Supplementary Grant for the provision of a shop. Furthermore, as this was a vested cottage it could not be used otherwise than as a dwellinghouse. The County Secretary indicated that if Mr. Kilbride, through his Solicitor, conveyed an undertaking to the Council that he had no further intention of using the cottage otherwise than as a dwellinghouse for the accommodation of himself and his family the matter of paying a Supplementary Grant could then be considered. The Council noted the position in the matter.

**Item No. 2.—Scheme of Grants for Private Water Supply and Sewerage Installations—Letter dated 21st October, 1963, from Department of Local Government in regard to Requirements in Siting of Septic Tanks.**

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had replied regarding the representations made by the Council for an amendment of the Regulations in regard to the siting of septic tanks and had indicated that while it was essential that a septic tank in the case of a new house be provided not less than 60 feet from the house or public road or any dwellinghouse the new Regulations did not preclude the Minister from making a Grant or a reduced Grant in the case of the provision of a septic tank for an existing house where the tank did not comply with the normal requirements. It was made clear in the letter that normally the septic tank must be sited the specified distance of at least 60 feet from the house or public road or any dwellinghouse, but if in the case of an existing house it was not possible to comply with this requirement payment of a Grant could still be considered where the siting of the tank at a lesser distance did not give rise to any danger to public health and where the applicant otherwise complied fully with the Regulations. It was the practice of the Department in such cases to request the views of the County Medical Officer in regard to the possible danger to health and if the County Medical Officer was satisfied that no such danger was likely to arise a Grant could be made available. The Council noted the views of the Department on the matter and agreed that the Council's Scheme be appropriately amended.

**Item No. 3.—Scheme of Supplementary Grants for Reconstruction of Houses—Letter from Department of Local Government re Floor Area.**

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

Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil,  
Teach An Chustaim,  
Balle Atha Cliath,  
29th October, 1963.

Secretary,  
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to the scheme of supplementary grants under Section 5 of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, adopted by the Wicklow County Council and to state that the inclusion of floor area limitations, in particular a lower limit of 500 square feet, is not considered appropriate in the case of houses coming within the scope of the Section. These limits no longer apply even in normal reconstruction cases.

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It was

Proposed by Deputy P. Brennan,  
Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell.

Resolved—That having noted letter of 29th October, 1963, we hereby amend the Scheme of Supplementary Grants for the reconstruction, repair and improvement of dwellinghouses by omitting the requirement that a house the subject of an application for a Grant have a floor area of at least 500 sq. feet.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 4.—Application for Consent to Sale of Cottage at Drumdangan, Glenealy.**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mrs. Margaret Dunne for the consent of the Council to the sale of her cottage at Drumdangan, Glenealy. Mrs. Dunne, before her second marriage, occupied this cottage which was vested in her as from 1st September, 1961. For some years prior to the vesting she had received a substantial sum by way of help from the Council as Home Assistance and also rent had been written off as irrecoverable. Mrs. Dunne's second marriage to Mr. Thomas Dunne, a widower, took place in 1962 and she went to reside with him in his cottage at Ballyfree, Glenealy. The Council decided to take proceedings against Mr. Dunne for possession in order to compel the family to reside in the vested cottage. Mr. Dunne, however, lodged an application to purchase the cottage and the Council's Solicitor was instructed to proceed for possession. Having regard to the provisions of the Labourers' Act, 1936, and previous legal decisions, the Council's Solicitor decided that it would be desirable to obtain Counsel's opinion and when this was received it was ascertained that Counsel considered that the proceedings should be dropped. Counsel pointed out that whilst the County Manager's reasons for seeking possession were obviously reasonable the Council was not entitled in law to obtain possession. Mrs. Dunne proposed to sell her cottage to Paul Brennan, 5 Millmount Cottages, Drumdrum, Co. Dublin, who was described as a taxi driver, but was the owner of the taxi, was married and has three children and lives in



overcrowded conditions at Millmount Cottages Windy Arbour, Dundrum, Co. Dublin. They were stated to be in urgent need of re-housing. The purchase price was given as £300. The Council noted that the Council could not succeed in obtaining possession of the cottage occupied by Mr. Thomas Dunne and having regard to the circumstances of the case and the Advice of Counsel

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,

Seconded by Deputy J. Everett.

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the disposal by Mrs. Margaret Dunne of her interest in cottage No. 407/8 at Drumdangan, Glenealy, to Mr. Paul Brennan, 5 Millmount Cottages, Dundrum, Co. Dublin, provided that she repays to the Council the monies advanced to her by the Council as Home Assistance.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 5.—Scheme for Erection of Rural Cottages—Letter Dated 25th October, 1963, from Department of Local Government regarding Proposal to Erect Eight Rural Cottages.**

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

Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil,  
Teach an Chustaim,  
Baile Atha Cliath,  
25th October, 1963

Department of Local Government,  
Custom House,  
Dublin.

P.27/9/13.

Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
WICKLOW.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of 24th June, 1963, and enclosures regarding the proposed acquisition of eight sites for rural cottages, and to state that the decision to build a cottage for a particular applicant is one for the local authority subject to the provision of this Department's Circular Letter N.4/60 of 12th October, 1960.

The decision to build isolated cottages is also one for the local authority, but it will be necessary for the local authority to justify the exceptional circumstances and need in each case where an unserved cottage is proposed. In this connection I am to direct the Council's attention to the terms of this Department's Circular Letter N.3/63 dated 14th March, 1963, and particularly to the second sentence of the second paragraph, viz "... sites for single cottages should in the interests of the prospective tenants and their families, be selected in the light of all such factors as proximity to communal services, including churches, schools, shops and transport." I am to request that the Council reconsider, in the light of the foregoing, their proposals for the acquisition of the isolated sites numbers 3 to 7 inclusive, which have been rejected by their technical advisers.

You are also requested to state whether the County Manager has made an order approving of the proposed acquisition of the sites, and if so, to forward a copy to this Department.

I am also to enquire whether the Council's resolution of 17th June, 1963, in the matter was passed in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, and to request you to submit a copy of the resolution.

Mise, le meas,

The County Secretary stated that the sites referred to in the letter as Nos. 3 to 7 were as follows:—

**NO. 3. James Fennell, Baronstown, Grangecon:** The County Architect had reported that this was an isolated site with neither proper water nor sewerage facilities available and was half a mile from the village of Grangecon. He recommended that an alternative site be obtained in the village.

**NO. 4. Timothy Balfe, Kylebeg, Lackan, Blessington:** Mr. Balfe's own cottage was situated on the side of the hill below Lackan and the site now proposed could be reached only by a narrow laneway known as Lodge Lane, approximately one mile from the Main Road. The site was about 900 feet above sea level and there was evidence of rock in the fields adjoining the site proposed. The County Architect considered that it would be wrong to build a cottage in this bleak and isolated region.

**NO. 5. Patrick J. Keogh, Rustyduff, Knockenarrigan:** The site was about one mile from the village of Donard and had no water or sewerage. The County Architect suggested an alternative site be obtained in the village of Donard.

**NOS. 6 and 7. Michael Fennell and John Carroll, Lugnagun:** Access to the site was from a long and very narrow laneway which was a cul-de-sac. The land was very poor and the site very exposed and when inspected towards the end of April there were still drifts of snow in the adjoining fields. The nearest School was approximately four miles away as was also the shop and Church though these could be approached by climbing over the mountain, a distance of about one mile. There was no electricity. The County Architect suggested that suitable sites might be obtained in Lackan.

Councillor J. Miley stated that these persons wished to live on their own lands and that it was not reasonable that they should be required to live in a village some distance from their plots of land. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., also urged that the Council affirm their previous decision and proceed as soon as possible with the erection of these houses which were urgently needed for the particular applicants. The County Manager explained the reasons why the County Architect had advised against the building of the cottages on these particular sites and reminded the Council of previous experience in regard to cottages which had been built in isolated areas. The Council had found it difficult to let such cottages once the original occupiers left them.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,

Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.

Resolved—That we affirm our decision for the erection of cottages on sites Nos. 3 to 7 as set out in County Architect's Report of 1st May, 1963.

Passed—Councillor H. J. Byrne dissenting.



**Tenders for Erection of Cottage at Timore.**

The County Secretary stated that in response to public advertisement only one tender had been received for the erection of a cottage at Timore required to replace an existing cottage which would be demolished in the course of road improvement works. The tender received was opened in the presence of the Members of the Council and was a tender in the name of John O'Toole, Kiltimon, for the net sum of £1,755 8s. 9d. The Council agreed that the tender be referred to the County Engineer and County Architect for examination and report.

**Item No. 6.—Applications Under Town and Regional Planning Acts.**

The County Secretary stated that there were no matters to submit to the Council under this item.

**Item No. 7.—Repairs Carried Out During Month of October, 1963, and Repairs to be Carried Out During November, 1963.**

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, 1963.

**Dispensary Service at Bray.**

Councillor J. Temple referred to complaints he had handed in in relation to the Dispensary Service in Bray and asked that an item in regard to the Dispensary Service in Bray be included on the Agenda for the Meeting on the following Monday.

**Parkmore, Baltinglass.**

Councillor Timmins referred to a Notice of Motion which he had submitted previously regarding additional lights at Parkmore, Baltinglass, and also in relation to surface water on the roads at Parkmore and asked that a Report on these matters be available for the next Meeting of the Council.

**Carnew/Tinahely Water Supply Scheme.**

It was agreed that Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area would meet after the termination of the meeting of the Council on the 11th November, 1963, to consider the Carnew/Tinahely Water Supply Scheme.

**Housing at Baltinglass.**

It was agreed that a Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area be held at Baltinglass on Wednesday, the 6th November, 1963, at 3.00 p.m., to consider Reports in regard to housing applications in Baltinglass.

**Item No. 8.—Use of Newcastle Hospital for Purposes of Mental Hospital—Report on Further Discussions with Dublin Health Authority and Department of Health.**

The County Manager stated that there had been further meetings in the Department of Health with Officers of the Department and with the representatives of the Dublin Health Authority in regard to the proposed operation of Newcastle Hospital as a Mental Hospital for County Wicklow. With the agreement of the Department of Health the assistance of Dr. Blake of Carlow and Dr. O'Connor, formerly of

Ardee and now of Killarney Mental Hospital, had been obtained to inspect the buildings at Newcastle Hospital and to advise the Council in regard to their suitability and as to what alterations, if any, were required to make them suitable for the purposes of a Mental Hospital. An examination of the Hospital had been carried out by Dr. Blake and Dr. O'Connor, accompanied by a Medical Inspector of the Department and the County Architect and it seemed that it was doubtful whether the two end Pavilions at either end of the main block could be put into proper condition at a reasonable cost and without incurring undue cost by way of maintenance. These end Pavilions had not been occupied for some years past by patients. If these sections of the Hospital could not be used it would be likely to reduce the total number of beds which could be provided for mental patients in the Hospital. However, this matter was being examined further by the Council's Architect. In regard to the matter of compensation to be paid by the Dublin Health Authority in respect of the Council's interests in the Mental Hospitals operated by the Dublin Health Authority in Dublin there seemed no hope of reaching any agreement on a figure. Details of the Council's calculations had already been submitted to the Members, but the proposals put forward by the Dublin Health Authority differed so substantially from the Council's minimum calculation that there did not seem much purpose in pursuing the matter with a view to reaching any agreement. It was suggested by the County Manager that the Council might agree to request the Minister for Health to inform the Council as to the amount which he considered would be reasonable.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple,

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell.

Resolved—In the event of Wicklow Co. Council deciding to operate Newcastle Hospital as a Mental Hospital for County Wicklow we desire to be informed by the Minister for Health as to the amount which he considers should be paid to the Council by the Dublin Health Authority as compensation for the Council's interest in the Mental Hospitals operated by the Health Authority.

Passed unanimously.

The Members of the Council expressed their approval of the County Manager's arranging for obtaining the advice of Doctors Blake and O'Connor in the matter and their appreciation of the help given by these Doctors.

**Notices of Motion.**

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—That an additional street light be provided in Kevin Street, Tinahely, in the vicinity of the Post Office.

In the name of Councillor G. Timmins—That I or someone for me will propose at the next Housing Meeting of the Council that the Minister for Local Government be requested to declare Mrs. Scott, Parkmore, Baltinglass, an eligible person for vesting.

In the names of Councillors John Quigley and Miss Mary Walsh—That a Report on water supply to four cottages at Glenphilipeen, Tinahely, be submitted by the County Engineer.



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th November, 1963, 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, Seamus Ua Tuathail, 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 and Assistant County Engineers N. D. Farrell and J. F. Caffrey attended.

### AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 2nd and 9th September, 1963.
2. Report of County Engineer on Road Works for Quarter to 30th September, 1963 (Copy circulated to Members).
3. Planning of Road Improvement Schemes—Letter of 31st October, 1963, from Department of Local Government.
4. Aerial Survey of Trunk Roads—Report of County Engineer.
5. Snow Clearance—Letter of 4th November, 1963, from Department of Local Government regarding Grants towards cost of snow clearance operations and recommendations of County Engineer for purchase of machinery, etc., for snow clearance work.
6. Domestic Scavenging, Rathnew — Letter from Rathnew branch, Muintir na Tire.
7. Boghall and Ballywaltrim Sewerage Scheme.
8. Laragh/Annemoe Water Supply Scheme—Letter from Department of Local Government in regard to details of Scheme.
9. Extension of Cronroe Regional Water Supply Scheme to Brittas Bay area—Report of Consulting Engineer and County Engineer.
10. Infectious Diseases (Maintenance) Regulations, 1963—Letter from Department of Local Government regarding Regulations operating from 1st November, 1963, and providing for increase in allowances.
11. Bray Dispensary Service.
12. Staffing of Motor Taxation Office—Introduction of Driving Tests.
13. Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963—Statement by Minister for Local Government on Second Stage of Bill in the Seanad (Copy circulated to each Member).
14. Letter from Bray and District Trades Union Council regarding future industrial development of Bray and its vicinity.
15. Letter from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners re works for protection against coast erosion at Wicklow.
16. Letter from Arklow Old Age Pension Sub-Committee regarding appointment of Pensions Officer for Arklow district.
17. Letter from National Farmers' Association, Wicklow County Executive, in regard to employment of Rate Collectors.
18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill as follows:—  
That I or someone for me will move a motion calling on the Government to take steps to secure the release of the political prisoners now held in Belfast Jail."
19. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.



**Item No. 1.—Minutes.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,  
Seconded by Councillor Miss Mary Walsh.

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 2nd and 9th September, 1963.

Passed, unanimously.

**Item No. 2.—Report of County Engineer on Road Works for Quarter to 30th September, 1963**

The Council noted the Report of the County Engineer on the Road Works for the Quarter to 30th September, 1963, a copy of which had been circulated to the Members.

**Item No. 3.—Planning of Road Improvement Schemes—Letter of 31st October, 1963, from Department of Local Government.**

The County Secretary stated that at the Meeting in July the Council had considered a letter from the Department of Local Government in regard to the planning of Road Improvement Schemes and Reports of the County Surveyor and County Manager on the matter. The Council had directed that copies of these Reports be submitted to the Department and the Council had now received the following further letter from the Department on the subject:—

Roinn Rialtais Aitiúil,  
Teach An Chustaim,  
Baile Atha Cliath,  
31st October, 1963.

R.27/2/10.  
Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.  
A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of 16th July, 1963, regarding the planning, etc., of road improvement schemes and to state that it is not possible to indicate in advance the amount of money which will be available from the Road Fund for improvement works on particular roads in particular counties in the years ahead. As indicated however, in the Department's Circular R.201/11/10 of the 5th April, 1962, it is regarded as urgently necessary to secure that the roads which are important national routes should be brought up to an adequate standard at the earliest date practicable. It may be taken, therefore, that it is the intention, if the income of the Road Fund is maintained, that the funds at present available for improvement works for the arterial roads will not be reduced in the years ahead. As regards the distribution of these funds, and any additional funds that may become available for the purpose, a number of factors must be taken into account. These include the relevant importance of the various routes, the relative urgency of the various improvements and, not least, the readiness and capacity of the responsible road authorities to undertake a suitable improvement programme. As regards the last-mentioned point, the present position in Wicklow is causing serious concern. The latest date for the completion of the 1962/63 programme has had to be extended to the end of November next while only £50,000 approximately of the improvement grants totalling £104,500 which were allocated to the Council for main roads in the current year has been taken up so far, although the best time of the year for carrying out these works is now past. There have been in addition a number

of unsatisfactory features in regard to the way in which the works are carried out, as indicated in the Department's letter of 10th May, 1963, and previous correspondence. The Council's record in this respect cannot but enter into the determination of allocations in future years. It should not be assumed, furthermore, that the Minister will continue to give indefinite extensions of time in the future to enable works to be completed where failure to complete them within the prescribed time is attributable to an inadequate policy as regards the advance formulation of schemes.

It is strongly recommended that the Council give further consideration in the light of the foregoing to the question of the adequacy of the existing organisation for the formulation and execution of road improvement schemes.

Mise, le meas,

P. O. RIODHAIN.

The County Engineer had submitted the following Report in regard to the Department's letter:—

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

JTO'B/AD. Courthouse,  
Wicklow,  
8th November, 1963.

County Secretary.

Re: Planning of Road Improvement Schemes.

A Chara,

In reply to your letter of the 6th instant, I offer the following observations on the letter of the 31st October, 1963, reference R.27/2/10, from the Department of Local Government, Roads Section.

I have always been mindful of the Government's policy that the Roads which are important National Routes should be brought up to an adequate standard in the least possible time and I have frequently pointed out this to the Council and indicated that the improvements required to the Council's Main Roads represent a demand for Road Design Staff, Plant and Equipment and Office organisation in this regard.

The Council will be in no doubt that the Arterial Routes in County Wicklow, particularly Roads T. 7, Wicklow/Bray, T. 42, Baltinaglass/County Dublin are important National Routes and that it may be expected that they will require development to a very high standard in the very near future.

The Department's letter expresses concern regarding the readiness and capacity of Wicklow County Council to undertake a suitable improvement programme and refers to the position regarding works under the 1962/63 Grant allocations and as well as the Allocation for the current year.

In my letter of the 3rd July last, following a letter from the Department under date the 10th May, 1963, I set out in detail the difficulty of 1962/63 Arterial Road Grant allocation. It will be recalled that difficulties in recruiting suitable Design Staff and even more serious difficulties in acquiring the necessary land for road improvement presented serious problems. With regard to the latter it would seem that either existing legislation for land acquisition is inadequate, or the procedures used by this Council are so tedious and slow as to frustrate all endeavours to bring an important road works to fruition within a reasonable time.



The Department has consented to an extension of time until the 30th November next for the completion of the works under the 1962/63 Arterial Grant programme, but having regard to the situation in the matter of Land Acquisition, examination of Title and Agreements generally, it is not possible to finish within that time and, therefore, an extension will have to be sought to the 31st March, 1964, at least.

The road works proposed along the section on lands acquired from Mr. Kennedy-Kisch cannot be completed until June 30th next owing to the magnitude of the work and to the fact that it is only within three weeks prior to this date it was possible to commence the work and we are now faced with adverse weather conditions as you know. Also the agreement has not yet been determined with the adjoining land owner, Col. Cowper, and it is unnecessary for me to set down here in detail all the difficulties experienced in this regard and of which you are aware.

Land is also required from the Department of Lands, Forestry Division and in this case you must recall the lengthy correspondence which illustrated the difficulties in determining an agreement; there have been frustrating delays in negotiations with that Department, including a loss of a plan in the Department's offices and a dispute in regard to the valuation of standing trees. I am however, glad to report that the position now appears to be clarifying itself and final acquisition of all necessary land appears about to be made available for the Glen O' Downs project, the Kilpedder/Newtownmount-kennedy section and it is hoped for the remainder of the Mount John section.

The Council's Design Staff has completed surveys and designs for the Arterial Road T. 7, single carriageway, from St. Valerie's Bridge, Dargle, to Kilmacanogue; from the Glen O' Downs to Barry's Bridge; from Kilpedder Village to Newtownmount-kennedy Village and from Killadreenan to Kiltimon.

The total Grant Allocations for the Arterial Road T. 7 in 1962/63 and 1963/64 is £149,650. Improvement Grants for other Main Roads in the County in the current year total £14,850.

On the 12th ult., I forwarded to the Department of Local Government proposals, Estimates and Design for the Kilmacanogue/Dargle/St. Valerie Bridge Section, estimated to cost £64,290. This brought the Council's total proposals to date on these works to £194,352, and in addition proposals have been submitted for the entire sum of £14,850 provided for Main Roads other than T. 7.

The suggestion in the Department's letter of the 31st ult. that only £50,000 approximately of the Improvement Grant in the current year have been taken up; it will be noted from the above figures that the Council's take-up proposals are in advance of Actual Grant Allocation by £69,352, and I think it must be agreed by the Council that having regard to the difficulties that have prevailed in obtaining adequate Design Staff and negotiating agreements that there has been no lack of application or zeal by the Council's Road Organisation in pressing on with these important Road Works.

The capacity and scope of the Council's Engineering Organisation of Road Works is evident in actual works already executed within the County. I have already replied to the suggestions that there were unsatisfactory features in works previously carried out in my letter of the 3rd July last.

I am sure that the Council will give the fullest co-operation in providing adequate plant and machinery, Office Organisation, Design

Staff and Survey Equipment to enable us to execute these important works with the vigour which they demand.

I have given my views in regard to Aerial Surveys in a separate communication to you under this date in reply to your letter of the 7th inst., and which I had already explained to you verbally.

Mise, le meas.

J. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

On the suggestion of the Chairman the Council agreed that copies of the Department's letter and of the County Engineer's Report be circulated to the Members and that the matter be considered further at the next Meeting of the Council. The County Manager pointed out that in recent years the Council had not available notification from the Department as to the amount of the Grants for the following financial year when considering their Estimates for that year. Accordingly, in preparing the Estimates the Council had to assume that the Grants which would be made available would be similar to those given in the current year. It was difficult, consequently, for the Council to plan in advance for Road Works. In the letter now received from the Department it was indicated that Grants would not be reduced in future years. Substantial amounts were now being allocated for improvement of Arterial Roads, the roads involved being that from Bray to Rathnew and from the Dublin County bounds to Blessington in the West of the County. It was necessary that these roads be improved to meet present and future traffic needs. It had been found that the number of cars on the road doubled approximately in every ten years and it could be expected that this rate of increase would continue. One difficulty experienced by the Council in the preparation of Road Schemes was the lack of design staff and he suggested that the Council would need to make arrangements in this regard similar to what had been done in other Counties if planning were to be carried out adequately. As it took a considerable time to obtain the lands required for Road Improvement Schemes it was necessary that the Council should be in a position to start negotiations for such land well ahead of the time when the actual work would be carried out. Accordingly, he suggested that the Council might approve of the creation of an additional post of Chief Assistant County Engineer to take charge of the planning and design of Arterial Road Programmes. The salary of this officer would be chargeable to the Grant Works on which he would be engaged. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, agreed that the Council should be planning for the years ahead if they wished to get on with their Road Works and felt there would be no objection to employing the additional Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole.

Resolved—That having considered letter of 31st October, 1963, from Department of Local Government in regard to the planning of Road Improvement Schemes we approve of the creation of the following additional office in the Council's staff:—

One post as Chief Assistant County Engineer.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 4.—Aerial Survey of Trunk Road—Report of County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that an Aerial Survey be carried out on the Main Road T. 7



from Dublin County bounds to Rathmore, north of Ashford, and on Road T. 42 from Dublin County bounds at The Lambe, Tinode, to a point south of Hollywood. The cost of the Survey, covering the photographing of twenty-seven miles of road and ground survey of ten miles of the roads, would amount to £1,525. The cost of the work would be chargeable against the Arterial Road Grant and Main Road Improvement Grants in respect of these roads. The County Manager stated that having regard to the total amount involved in Improvement Schemes for the roads in question the cost of the Aerial Survey was reasonable. The County Engineer stated that the Survey would assist in expediting the completion of plans.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins.

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer in regard to the use of Aerial Surveys on major road improvement projects we approve of his recommendation for the carrying out of an Aerial Survey on Main Road T. 7 from Dublin County bounds to Rathmore Roads, a distance of fifteen miles, and on Road T. 42 from Dublin County bounds at The Lambe, Tinode, to a point south of Hollywood, a distance of ten miles, and authorise the necessary expenditure to meet the cost of such Surveys.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 5.—Snow Clearance.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government in a recent letter had indicated that a Grant would be made available to meet 75 per cent. of the extra cost of snow clearance on Main Roads over and above the normal provision made by the Council for the maintenance of Main Roads during the year. No recoupment, however, was being given in respect of clearance of County Roads. The total expenditure of the Council on snow clearance was £30,766 and the amount of the State Grant would be £16,153 10s. 0d., leaving a balance of £14,612 10s. 0d. to be met by the Council from their own funds. The County Secretary stated that a lengthy Report had been prepared by the County Engineer in regard to the arrangements for dealing with snow clearance in future. Copies of the Report had been circulated to the Members on that date. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had suggested the purchase of certain special machinery amounting to £10,400 to cope with future snowfalls and clearance work. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated he had noted a Report in the newspapers that a Special Committee had been set up in Waterford to deal with the matter and he felt that a similar arrangement might be made in County Wicklow. The Council decided to defer the matter for consideration at their next Meeting.

#### Item No. 6.—Domestic Scavenging, Rathnew.

The County Secretary submitted a letter received from the Secretary, Muintir na Tire, Rathnew, regarding the provision of a Scavenging Service in Rathnew. It was agreed that there was a dump in Rathnew which was suitable for use and the County Engineer suggested that tenders might be invited for the provision of a service by contract. Councillor Gregory stated that he understood that there were carters in the area who would be interested in tendering for the work. The Council agreed that tenders be invited for the provision of a service in Rathnew.

#### Item No. 7.—Boghall and Ballywaltrim Sewerage Scheme.

The County Manager stated that the Council had engaged Consulting Engineers to submit a Preliminary Report in regard to a Scheme for providing a sewerage service for the area south of Bray comprising Avondale Park, Ballywaltrim, Boghall Road and St. Claire's Villas, etc. The Preliminary Report received showed that the Scheme suggested would also provide sewerage services for part of the Bray Urban District area. Bray Urban District Council had also under consideration a Scheme for improving the sewage disposal arrangements for Bray and providing for a sewerage service for parts of the Urban District not at present provided with this service. The Bray Urban District Council suggested that a Joint Scheme might be entered into between the County Council and the Urban District Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy.

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell.

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of a Joint Sewage Disposal Scheme with Bray Urban District Council to provide a sewage disposal system for the areas of Boghall, Killarney, Ballywaltrim, etc., in conjunction with improved sewage disposal arrangements for the Bray Urban District.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 8.—Laragh/Annamoe Water Supply Scheme — Letter from Department of Local Government in Regard to Details of Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had conveyed approval to the proposed Scheme for a water supply for the Laragh/Annamoe area, subject to certain amendments in the documents submitted. The Members of the Council for the area had approved of the Scheme, but it would be necessary for the Council as a body to confirm their approval to proceed with this Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley.

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley.

Resolved—That we approve of proceeding with the preparation of contract documents for the purpose of inviting tenders for the Laragh/Annamoe Water Supply Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 9.—Extension of Cronroe Regional Water Supply Scheme to Brittas Bay Area—Report of Consulting Engineer and County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the Consulting Engineer had submitted a Report and Plans for an extension of the Cronroe Water Supply Scheme to provide a water supply for the Brittas Bay area. The Scheme involved the laying of 17,740 yards of piping and the provision of two reservoirs and the estimated cost of the work was £88,717. The County Secretary suggested that the Council might agree to the Scheme being forwarded to the Department for examination.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell.

Seconded by Councillor Miss Mary Walsh.

Resolved—That we note submission of plans and estimate of cost prepared by Mr. T. J. O'Connor Consulting Engineer for an extension of water supply to Brittas Bay area and agree that the docu-



ments be submitted to the Department of Local Government for examination.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 10.—Infectious Diseases (Maintenance) Regulations, 1963.**

The County Secretary submitted from Department of Health forwarding copy of the Infectious Diseases (Maintenance) Regulations, 1963, which provided for increases in certain of the allowances payable under the Regulations. It was estimated that the cost of the increase in the allowances for the current financial year would not exceed £50. At present sixteen persons were in receipt of allowances.

It was

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

Resolved—That we note increase in the allowances payable under the Infectious Diseases (Maintenance) Regulations, 1963, and hereby authorise additional expenditure of £50 to defray the extra cost of the increased allowances in the current financial year.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 11.—Bray Dispensary Service.**

At the suggestion of Councillor Temple the Council agreed that the matter of the Bray Dispensary Service be considered by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at a Meeting to be held at Bray on Friday the 15th November at 8.00 p.m. It was agreed that the two District Medical Officers for the area be asked to attend the Meeting.

**Item No. 12.—Staffing of Motor Taxation Office — Introduction of Driving Tests.**

The County Secretary stated that it was expected that the Regulations covering the introduction of driving tests and issue of driving licences would come into operation within the next few months. The introduction of the driving tests and of the new types of licences would result in considerable additional work in the Motor Taxation Office. Instead of there being one standard form of driving licence there would be several classifications of drivers and a separate form of licence would be issued for each class. To qualify for the issue of certain licences drivers would have to submit certificates of competency. In the future it would be necessary to have a separate file kept in the office for each driver. The County Secretary stated that the staff of the Motor Taxation Office at present consisted of two Clerical Officers, but to deal with the substantial increase in work it would be necessary to recruit a Staff Officer in charge of the office and a Clerk-Typist and it was likely that in addition temporary staff might be required for a short time. The cost of the staff engaged on motor taxation work was recouped to the Council by the Department of Local Government. Councillor Miss Walsh expressed the view that the present staff in the Motor Taxation Office were overworked and pointed out that the Manager had earlier indicated that the volume of traffic had doubled in the last ten years and there was no doubt that the number of drivers had also increased correspondingly. She felt that additional staff was necessary.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Mary Walsh,  
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering.

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Secretary in regard to the arrangements to be made for the issue of Driving Licences and the records relating thereto as from the coming into operation in full of Part 3 of the Road Traffic Act 1961, we approve of the creation of an additional post of Staff Officer and an additional post of Clerk/Typist to meet the needs arising.

Passed, unanimously.

**Item No. 13.—Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.**

The County Secretary stated that the Statement of the Minister for Local Government on the Second Stage of the Bill in the Seanad had been circulated to each Member of the Council as requested by the Department of Local Government. The Council noted the information supplied.

**Item No. 14.—Letter from Bray and District Trades Union Council Regarding Future Industrial Development of Bray and its Vicinity.**

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

**BRAY AND DISTRICT TRADES UNION COUNCIL**

Secretary's Address:  
27, Oldcourt Park  
Bray.  
1st November, 1963.

Mr. K. J. Brangan, A.C.A.,  
Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
WICKLOW.

Dear Sir,

The Executive Committee of the above Trades Union Council has recently had under consideration a report from its delegates on the Bray Industrial Development Association concerning the future industrial development of the town of Bray and its vicinity. As you are aware, one of the great difficulties facing any development body in attracting new industries to Bray is the scarcity of suitable sites within the Urban boundary. Sites outside the boundary are mostly prohibitive in price because of the competitive influence of speculative building concerns, and this applies particularly to the County Dublin side. Extension of the town's boundary seems to be a logical development, but this in itself will not solve the industrial site problem, and in any event extension on the County Dublin side seems doubtful at the moment.

In these circumstances the Executive Committee has decided to make representations to the Local Authorities concerned, namely Wicklow County Council and Bray Urban District Council for the creation of an Industrial Estate on the south of the Bray town boundary, running from approximately the south side of the Newcourt Rd., across the Greystones Road and in a broad belt along the south side of the Boghall Road to as far as the Main Wicklow Road at Ballywaltrim. This area, we understand, will be brought within the scope of an extensive sewerage scheme at present being planned by the two Local Authorities. The absence of adequate and suitable sewerage facilities has also been an obstacle to industrial development in Bray and provision for this could be included in the new Sewerage Scheme. This would make the area specified into an ideal location for develop-



ment as a planned industrial estate, fully co-ordinated as to factory buildings and housing—which also is a further urgent essential.

We therefore request that the two Councils concerned should announce their intention of zoning this area as an 'industrial estate' either under powers at present available to them, or under powers which they will acquire under the new Local Government Planning Bill. We believe this will have the effect of halting speculation in this land, and ensuring the future expansion of Bray as a thriving community.

We appreciate that this is a task of some magnitude, with many details involved, and we should be glad to have further discussions with the Councils concerned either directly, or through the medium of the Bray Industrial Development Association.

Yours faithfully

R. M. CONNOLLY,  
SECRETARY.

The County Secretary stated that the Town Clerk, Bray, had written to state that the Bray Industrial Development Association was composed of representatives from the Trades Council, the Chamber of Commerce and the Bray Urban District Council and that the Committee concerned itself with endeavouring to induce industrialists to set up in Bray or its immediate vicinity. The Committee had decided to ask that the area of land immediately south of the Bray Urban District boundary at Boghall be zoned for industrial development. It was considered that this area seemed to be the only one suitable for such development, apart from some very small plots of land in the town itself.

The Council agreed that it would be desirable to have an area south of Bray Urban District boundary zoned for the purpose of industry and that this would be borne in mind in connection with the provision of services such as the proposed new Sewerage Scheme and the preparation of a Development Plan under the Planning and Development Act.

**Item No. 15—Letter from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners Re Works For Protection Against Coast Erosion at Wicklow.**

The following letters from Wicklow Urban District Council and Wicklow Harbour Commissioners were submitted to the Council:—

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL,

Town Hall,

Wicklow,

6th November, 1963.

Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
Wicklow.

Re: Coast Erosion at Wicklow.

A Chara,

I wish to refer to previous correspondence herein regarding the proposals of Shamrocks Fertilizers Ltd., to carry out protection works at the foreshore adjoining their factory for the purpose of protecting their property.

My Council has been in touch with the Department of Finance inquiring if State assistance could be made available. We have now been informed by that Department that there is no authority under

the Coast Protection Act for the making of a contribution from the Exchequer towards the promotion of a coast protection scheme by a private firm. The letter adds, however, that the making of a contribution from local authority funds would, of course, be a matter for the local authorities concerned.

It is understood that the Coast Protection Act is now law and that under this Act the initiation of scheme of protection works no longer rests with the Urban Council, but is vested in the County Council. Accordingly, my Council strongly urges the Wicklow County Council to take up this matter of coast protection at Wicklow with the Department of Finance in an endeavour to have the scheme proposed by Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., made a public scheme.

At the meeting of the Council, held last night, members put forward the suggestion that if a State grant was forthcoming they were convinced that Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. would meet the local contribution and so avoid any portion of the cost falling on the County or Urban Councils. If your Council is prepared to initiate a scheme on these lines I am sure that confirmation of the above suggestion can be obtained from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.

Mise, le meas.

M. J. CUSACK,  
TOWN CLERK.

WICKLOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS  
HARBOUR OFFICE, WICKLOW.

21st October, 1963.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Court House,  
WICKLOW.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by Wicklow Harbour Commissioners to inform you that they have received a letter recently from Messrs. Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., pointing out the serious situation which has arisen due to coast erosion on the seaward side of their factory at Wicklow. The Commissioners have already contacted the Department of Transport and Power regarding this matter. This Department has informed the Commissioners that any application for State aid towards the necessary works to protect against coast erosion should be made to Wicklow County Council who would be the promoting authority under the Coast Protection Act, 1963. I am directed, therefore, to apply to your Council to take the necessary steps to obtain the State Grant to carry out these protection works with the other parties concerned. I wish to draw your attention to the fact that this matter has now reached a very serious stage and it will be appreciated if you will give this matter your earliest attention.

Yours faithfully,

R. F. CONWAY,  
SECRETARY.



The letter from Shamrock Fertilisers referred to was as follows:—

**SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LIMITED**

Woodstock,  
Kilcoole,  
Co. Wicklow.

4th September, 1963.

TMC/KO  
The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
WICKLOW.

Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

The Shamrock Fertilizers factory at Wicklow is constructed on land leased from the Wicklow Urban District Council close to the foreshore on the south side of Wicklow Harbour.

There is no protection to this land from the force of the sea when the wind is blowing from the North East and consequently part of the factory buildings and particularly the Acid Storage tanks are in danger of being undermined.

Mr. O'Byrne, the County Engineer, has recommended that the beach be protected by a mattress of boulders at a cost of some £20 per foot run over a distance of 700 feet.

We consider that it is essential to carry out minimum protection works over about one-third of the length specified before the onset of the Winter gales this year, and therefore, we propose to call for tenders in order to obtain comparative estimates of the cost of carrying out the works.

As the proposed works are situated outside the lands leased to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., we seek your prior approval to their execution, and for the same reason enquire as to whether you would be prepared to carry out the works as a charge to public funds. Alternatively, we might be willing to make a small contribution to the cost of the works, which are estimated to cost about £6,000.

We would be glad to hear from you on this subject at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully

Shamrock Fertilizers Limited,  
T. M. CULLEN

The County Secretary stated that the Coast Protection Act was now in operation, but that it seemed doubtful if the Act would be appropriate in this instance as the work was proposed to be carried out by Shamrock Fertilisers for the purpose of protecting their factory and they sought a contribution towards the cost of that work only. It had been indicated by Shamrock Fertilisers in their letter that the work was urgent. The County Secretary suggested that the Council might make representations to the Minister for Finance on behalf of Shamrock Fertilisers for some State assistance towards the cost of the work. The Council decided to adjourn consideration of the matter to enable them to obtain the views of the Members of the Council from the Wicklow area in relation to it.

**Item No. 16.—Letter from Arklow Old Age Pension Sub-Committee Regarding Appointment of Pensions Officer for Arklow District.**

The following Resolution received from the Arklow Old Age Pension

Sub-Committee was submitted:—

"That we hereby protest against any decision which may be taken to have such a large area as Arklow administered by a Pensions Officer from any other district."

The County Secretary stated that the Pensions Officer for the Arklow area had been transferred to Dublin from Arklow and the Arklow Old Age Pension Sub-Committee believed that the district would now be operated from Gorey and felt that this was a serious disadvantage to claimants in the area. An inquiry had been addressed to the Secretary, Department of Social Welfare, on the matter.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Seconded by Councillor Miss Mary Walsh.

Resolved—That having considered letter from Arklow Old Age Pension Sub-Committee we request the Department of Social Welfare to arrange for the appointment of a separate Pensions Officer for the Arklow Urban District.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 17.—Letter from National Farmers' Association, Wicklow County Executive, in regard to Employment of Rate Collectors.**

On the proposal of Councillor P. McCarthy, seconded by Councillor J. Temple, the Council decided to mark "READ" the following letter received from the Wicklow County Executive of the National Farmers' Association.

**NATIONAL FARMERS' ASSOCIATION  
WICKLOW COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

23rd October, 1963.

The County Manager,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

It has been established beyond all doubt that the income of the agricultural section of the community lags far behind that of the others and that, despite rising costs which they share with all sections, the prices they receive for their products are generally static, at best. Bearing this in mind, the Wicklow County Executive of the National Farmers' Association is anxious that the County Council should maintain rates at the lowest possible level and propounds the following resolution to be put before the Council:

"That the practice of employing rate-collectors be terminated as vacancies arise."

The County Executive of N.F.A. is confident that the supplanting of this archaic system by direct payment to the offices will result in substantial savings and points out that the wasteful employment of labour should form no part of a nation's economy.

I am,

Yours truly

James J. Nolan,  
Hon. Secretary.



**Item No. 18.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—**  
**"That I or someone for me will move a motion calling on the Government to take steps to secure the Release of the Political Prisoners now held in Belfast Jail."**

Following a discussion on the matter

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill,  
 Seconded by Councillor M. Deering.

Resolved—That the Council request the Minister for External Affairs to take steps to seek the release of political prisoners now held in a Belfast Jail and in Mountjoy Jail.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 19.—Inquiries Arising from County Manager's Orders.**

The Council noted the particulars of Manager's Orders circulated to Members.

#### **Pump at Ballinacor.**

Councillor McCarthy inquired if a Report had been obtained in regard to a case where it was contended that a family at Ballinacor were suffering from a skin disease caused by the water from the pump. The County Manager stated that a Report had been obtained from the County Medical Officer in the matter and that a copy of the Report would be forwarded to Councillor McCarthy.

#### **Rathdrum Garda Barracks.**

In reply to Councillor R. Miley the County Secretary stated that the Council had asked the Department of Justice to seek a site for the new Garda Barracks for Rathdrum which would be in the town rather than the site proposed on the Main Road near the Station. The Department had replied, however, indicating that it was not possible to obtain a suitable site in the town. Councillor Miley stated that a site was available on the Laragh Road which he suggested would be suitable for the purposes of a Garda Station. It was agreed that the Department of Justice be informed of the availability of this site.

#### **Charge for Electricity.**

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge referred to complaints she had received from tenants at Monastery, Enniskerry, in regard to the charge included in the rent in respect of the provision of electricity supply to the cottages. She stated that this charge of 3d. per week had been paid by the tenants for a period of fourteen years and asked if the charge could now be terminated. The County Secretary stated that the matter would be examined.

#### **Proposed Use of Newcastle Hospital as a Mental Hospital.**

The following letter from the Department of Health was submitted to the Council:—

An Roinn Slainte,  
 Teach An Chustaim,  
 Baile Atha Cliath.

L.9/148

9 Samhain, 1963.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Health to refer to your letter of 5th instant regarding the proposed use of Newcastle Hospital as a district mental hospital for Wicklow and to say that he has noted the terms of the resolution passed by the Council at its meeting held on the 4th instant. In the absence of agreement between the Dublin

Health Authority and Wicklow County Council regarding the amount of compensation which would be payable to Wicklow in the event of its ceasing to be in the functional area of the Dublin Health Authority for the provision of mental treatment the Minister has decided that the amount of such compensation should be £100,000, and he proposes to include provision to this effect in the regulations which he intends making in accordance with the provisions of Subsection (3) of Section 25 of the Health Authorities Act, 1960.

The disposal by Wicklow County Council of the amount obtained as compensation would be subject to the approval of the Minister.

Mise, le meas,  
 J. Darby.

Secretary,  
 Wicklow County Council,  
 Courthouse, WICKLOW.  
 MJB.

Councillor J. Temple pointed out that compensation had been paid to the staff of Newcastle Hospital and that he understood the amount so paid was about £85,000. He wished to know if this amount of compensation would be deductible from the £100,000 referred to by the Minister, which would leave only £15,000 available to the Council to carry out any necessary alterations or repairs to the buildings. The County Manager stated that it was possible that the amount of compensation payable to the staff of Newcastle Hospital or some proportion of it would be deductible from the amount of the compensation to be paid to the Council and consequently he suggested that the Council might seek some information as to the liabilities which they would have to assume. Certain works would be required to the existing buildings and the cost of these works would need to be ascertained. Further advice had been obtained from Dr. Blake of the Carlow Mental Hospital regarding the manner in which the buildings might be used for the purposes of a Mental Hospital and it was now felt that it would be essential to retain the two Pavilions which were situated at either end of the Central Block. These Pavilions were timber structures with corrugated roofing and it was considered that it would be essential to re-roof both these buildings. The use of the buildings would entail additional costs on repairs and alterations, but it was felt that they would be required. If they were used the total accommodation available would cover 257 patients which would be the greater part of the County Wicklow patients in the Mental Hospitals at Grangegorman and Portrane. The County Manager suggested that Mr. Vincent Kelly, who was the Council's Consultant for the purposes of hospital work and who was a specialist in that regard, might be asked to examine the position and report to the Council on the extent of the work required and supply an estimate of the cost. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, agreed that it would be desirable to obtain a Report from an Architect in regard to the costs of works which might be required at Newcastle Hospital. He pointed out, however, that when Louth County Council separated from the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board they received a sum of only £33,000 compensation and had to erect their own Mental Hospital. Wicklow County Council would be receiving a property which was worth a very substantial sum. He felt that the Council could scarcely expect to be paid a considerable amount in addition to being handed over the buildings. The compensation offered by the Minister was, he felt, a reasonable one.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,



Seconded by Councillor J. Temple.

Resolved—Having considered letter of Department of Health of 9th inst., and the amount mentioned therein as compensation which might be paid to Wicklow County Council for their interest in the Mental Hospitals of the Dublin Health Authority we are of the opinion that a decision by the Council in this matter must await information as to (a) the costs involved by repairs and alterations to Newcastle Sanatorium Buildings so as to adapt them to use as a Mental Hospital, (b) the total accommodation which will in consequence be provided, and (c) any special liabilities which taking over the buildings for use as a Mental Hospital may impose on the Council.

Passed unanimously.

It was

proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins.

Resolved—We approve of the engagement of Mr. V. Kelly, B.Arch., F.R.I.A.I., for the purpose of preparing details, including estimates of costs, of alterations and repairs to the buildings of Newcastle Sanatorium, so as to adapt them for use as a Mental Hospital for County Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

#### Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor J. Temple—That I intend to move a motion at the next Meeting of the Council as follows:— That Section I of the Housing and Supplementary Loans and Grant Act, 1962, be amended to read as follows:— "Applicants must be resident in the County Wicklow for a continuous period of five years and reconstruct or build in the Health District to qualify for Grant or Loan."

In the names of Councillors J. Quigley, P. McCarthy and Miss M. Walsh—That a Report be submitted on the possibility of improving Shroughmore-Conary Road as it leads to Churches and Schools.

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That I or someone for me will move that the Council raise a Loan of £400 for purpose of improving entrances to Rosahane and Macreddin Cemeteries in accordance with Plan approved by County Engineer.

In the name of Councillor P. McCarthy—That I or someone for me will propose at the next Meeting of the Council that the salaries of the Coroners for East and West Wicklow be increased.

In the name of Councillor R. Miley—That the Council erect a new light on road between Stephen's, Ashford, and Cahill's shop on the Glenealy Road.

In the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea—That I or someone for me will move that the Council consider taking over road from Tom-brean Bridge (Umrigar end) passing through the Beck Estate.

In the name of Councillor Edward Byrne—That I will move at the next Meeting of the Council (1) that owing to the appalling and disappointing state of the roads in Grattan Park that a Report be submitted for the next Meeting; (2) to ascertain when it is proposed to extend the water supply from Kilcoole Schoolhouse to Knockroe, (3) that a light be provided at the entrance to Council cottages at Knockroe.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, the Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, 2nd December, 1963, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

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

#### AGENDA:

1. Supplementary Grants for Water Supply and Sewerage Services—Letter from Department of Local Government suggesting that amounts of loans be related to Council's outlay for period not exceeding three years.
2. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins—That I or someone for me will propose at the next House Meeting of the Council that the Minister for Local Government be requested to declare Mrs. Scott, Parkmore, Baltinglass, an eligible person for vesting.
3. Application for consent to sale of vested cottage at Ballyaffin, Dunlavin.
4. Proposed sale of cottage at Knocknaboley, Hollywood.
5. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Temple—That Section 1 of the Housing and Supplementary Loans and Grant Act, 1962, should be amended to read as follows:— **APPLICANTS MUST BE RESIDENTS IN THE COUNTY WICKLOW FOR A CONTINUOUS PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS AND RECONSTRUCT OR BUILD IN THE HEALTH DISTRICT TO QUALIFY FOR GRANT OR LOAN.**
6. Provision of Rural Cottages.
7. Report requested by Councillors J. Quigley and Miss M. Walsh on water supply to four cottages at Glenphilipeen, Tinahely.
8. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor E. Byrne—That a light be provided at entrance to Council cottages at Knockroe, Delgany.
9. Report requested by Councillor G. Timmins re occasional flooding of road at cottages at Parkmore, Baltinglass.
10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor E. Byrne—That owing to the appalling and disappointing state of the roads in Grattan Park that a Report be submitted for the next Meeting.
11. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.



12. Repairs carried out to cottages during month of November, 1963, and repairs to be carried out during month of December, 1963.

#### Resolution of Sympathy on Death of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, moved a vote of sympathy to the widow and family and to the people of the United States on the tragic death of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy which had shocked the world. He referred to the late President's ability, tact and above all his wonderful courage in his actions as head of the greatest nation in the world and stated that it was a pity that he had not been spared to carry out the wonderful work which he had in hand. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, stated that many votes of sympathy had been passed in the Council Chamber during his experience and previous to that and many more would be passed in the future, but he felt that no vote would ever be passed which would carry so much weight as their vote of sympathy on that day. He stated that he felt that he had lost a personal friend and that everyone seemed to feel a tremendous sense of personal loss at his passing. Each of the Members of the County Council in turn paid tribute to the late President, referring to his tremendous achievements during his short period in office, his efforts for peace, his great ability and sterling character. Reference was made also to the honour he had paid Ireland in coming on an official visit which he had himself described as being a returning home.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne.

Resolved—That on behalf of the people of County Wicklow we wish to record our feelings of shock and deep sense of personal loss as a result of the death of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy who was regarded with feelings of respect and sincere affection by all of us and we wish to express our heartfelt sympathy with the people of the United States and above all with the widow and family of the late President.

Passed unanimously.

On the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh, the Council adjourned as a mark of respect.

A Mass for the repose of the soul of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy was celebrated at St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow, by Very Reverend Thomas Power, P.P., on 26th November, 1963, at the request of the Wicklow County Council and Wicklow Urban District Council. The Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council and the Chairman and Members of Wicklow Urban District Council and Members representing the Chairman of Arklow and Bray Urban District Councils attended the Mass.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th December, 1963, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended: Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

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

The Council's Solicitor, Mr. J. H. McCarroll, also attended the Meeting.

#### AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 7th, 14th and 18th October, 1963.
2. Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 31st March, 1964.
3. Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools for year 1964—Letter from Department of Education conveying approval to Scheme.
4. University Scholarship Scheme — Letter from Department of Education conveying approval to Scheme.
5. Planning of Road Improvement Schemes—To consider letter from Department of Local Government and Report of County Engineer. (Copies circulated to Members together with details of Traffic Census).
6. Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1963/'64 — Allocation for Rural Employment Schemes.
7. Purchase of Lorries—Letter from Department of Local Government dated 16th November, 1963.
8. Maintenance of Services during periods of heavy snow and frost—Report of County Engineer. (Copy circulated to Members).
9. Memorial requesting the taking over and maintaining of Coolbawn Lane, Kilpipe.
10. Supplementary Grants for Water Supply and Sewerage Services—Letter from Department of Local Government suggesting that amounts of loans be related to Council's outlay for period not exceeding three years.
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins—That I or someone for me will propose at the next Housing Meeting of the Council that the Minister for Local Government be requested to declare Mrs. Scott, Parkmore, Baltinglass, an eligible person for vesting.
12. Application for consent to sale of vested cottage at Ballylaffin, Dunlavin.
13. Proposed sale of cottage at Knocknaboley, Hollywood.
14. Notice of motion in name of Councillor J. Temple—That Section 1 of the Housing and Supplementary Loans and Grant Act, 1962, should be amended to read as follows: "Applicants must be residents in the County Wicklow for a continuous period of five years and reconstruct or build in the Health District to qualify for Grant or Loan."



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19. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor E. Byrne—That owing to the appalling and disappointing state of the roads in Grattan Park that a Report be submitted for the next Meeting.
20. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
21. Repairs carried out to cottages during month of November, 1963, and repairs to be carried out during month of December, 1963.
22. Remuneration of Rate Collectors re changes in Agricultural Grant—Letter from Department of Local Government.
23. Letter from C.I.E. asking that Council investigate proposal for works for protection of railway line at Ballygannon.
24. Letters from Wicklow U.D.C. and Wicklow Harbour Commissioners re works for protection of premises at Harbour, Wicklow.
25. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor P. McCarthy—That the salaries for Coroners for East and West Wicklow be increased.
26. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That the Council raise a loan of £400 for the purpose of improving entrances to Rosahane and Macreddin Cemeteries in accordance with plan approved by the County Engineer.
27. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. Miley—That a new light be erected on road between Stephen's, Ashford, and Cahill's shop on Glenealy Road.
28. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—That an additional street light be provided in Kevin Street, Tinahely, in vicinity of the Post Office.
29. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

#### Item No. 1—Minutes.

The County Secretary stated that the Minutes of the Meetings held on the 7th, 14th and 18th October, 1963, had been proof read some while previously and it had been expected that they would have been circulated to the Members prior to the Meeting, but unfortunately the Minutes had not yet been received. The Council noted the position and deferred consideration of the Minutes to the next meeting.

#### Item No. 2—Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 31st March, 1964.

It was

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

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 ac-

commodation 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, 1964, shall not exceed £150,000.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 3—Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other approved Schools for year 1964—Letter from Department of Education conveying approval to Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Education in letter of 15th November, 1963, had conveyed approval to the Council's Scheme for the year 1964, subject to the amendments as set out in the letter and which related to the details of the examination. It would be necessary for the Council to pass a Resolution determining to carry into execution the Scheme as approved.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That having considered letter of 15th November, 1963, from Department of Education we approve of the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1964, embodying the amendments set out in the Department's letter and hereby determine to carry into execution the Scheme as so approved. Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 4—University Scholarship Scheme—Letter from Department of Education conveying approval to Scheme.

The Council noted letter of 15th November, 1963, from the Department of Education conveying approval of the financial allocation and the limits of income and valuation incorporated in the Council's Scheme for the award of University Scholarships.

#### Item No. 5—Planning of Road Improvement Schemes—To consider letter from Department of Local Government and Report of County Engineer.

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

R. 27/2/10.  
Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council

Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil,  
Teach an Chustaim,  
Baile Atha Cliath.  
31st October, 1963.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of 16th July, 1963 regarding the planning, etc., of road improvement schemes and to state that it is not possible to indicate in advance the amount of money which will be available from the Road Fund for improvement works on particular roads in particular counties in the years ahead. As indicated, however, in the Department's Circular R.201/11/10 of the 5th April, 1962, it is regarded as urgently necessary to secure that the roads which are important national routes should be brought up to an adequate standard at the earliest date practicable. It may be taken, therefore, that it is the intention, if the income of the Road Fund is maintained, that the funds at present available for improvement works for the arterial



roads will not be reduced in the years ahead. As regards the distribution of these funds, and any additional funds that may become available for the purpose, a number of factors must be taken into account. These include the relevant importance of the various routes, the relative urgency of the various improvements and, not least, the readiness and capacity of the responsible road authorities to undertake a suitable improvement programme. As regards the last-mentioned point, the present position in Wicklow is causing serious concern. The latest date for the completion of the 1962/'63 programme has to be extended to the end of November next while only £50,000 approximately of the improvement grants totalling £104,500 which were allocated to the Council for main roads in the current year has been taken up so far, although the best time of the year for carrying out these works is now past. There have been in addition a number of unsatisfactory features in regard to the way in which the works are carried out, as indicated in the Department's letter of 10th May, 1963, and previous correspondence. The Council's record in this respect cannot but enter into the determination of allocations in future years. It should not be assumed, furthermore, that the Minister will continue to give indefinite extensions of time in the future to enable works to be completed where failure to complete them within the prescribed time is attributable to an inadequate policy as regards the advance formulation of schemes.

It is strongly recommended that the Council give further consideration in the light of the foregoing to the question of the adequacy of the existing organisation for the formulation and execution of road improvement schemes.

Mise, le meas,

P. O. RIODHAIN.

The following letter from the County Engineer had also been circulated to the Members.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

JTO'B/AD.

Courthouse, Wicklow.

County Secretary.

8th November, 1963.

Re: Planning of Road Improvement Schemes.

A Chara,

In reply to your letter of the 6th instant, I offer the following observations on the letter of the 31st October, 1963, reference R. 27/2/10, from the Department of Local Government, Roads Section.

I have always been mindful of the Government's policy that the Roads which are important National Routes should be brought up to an adequate standard in the least possible time and I have frequently pointed out this to the Council and indicated that the improvements required to the Council's Main Roads represent a demand for Road Design Staff, Plant and Equipment and Office organisation in this regard.

The Council will be in no doubt that the Arterial Routes in Co. Wicklow, particularly Roads T.7 Wicklow-Bray, T.42, Baltinglass-County Dublin are important National Routes and that it may be expected that they will require development to a very high standard in the very near future.

The Department's letter expresses concern regarding the readiness and capacity of Wicklow County Council to undertake a suitable improvement programme and refers to the position regarding works under the 1962/'63 Grant allocations and as well as the Allocation for the current year.

In my letter of the 3rd July last, following a letter from the Department under date the 10th May, 1963, I set out in detail the difficulties which had been experienced in undertaking works under the 1962/'63 Arterial Road Grant allocation. It will be recalled that difficulties in recruiting suitable Design Staff and even more serious difficulties in acquiring the necessary land for road improvements presented serious problems. With regard to the latter it would seem that either existing legislation for land acquisition is inadequate, or the procedures used by this Council are so tedious and slow as to frustrate all endeavours to bring an important road works to fruition within a reasonable time.

The Department has consented to an extension of time until the 30th November next for the completion of the works under the 1962-'63 Arterial Grant programme, but having regard to the situation in the matter of Land Acquisition, examination of Title and Agreements generally, it is not possible to finish within that time and, therefore, an extension will have to be sought to the 31st March, 1964, at least.

The road works proposed along the section on lands acquired from Mr. Kennedy-Kisch cannot be completed until June 30th next owing to the magnitude of the work and to the fact that it is only within three weeks prior to this date it was possible to commence the work and we are now faced with adverse weather conditions as you know. Also the agreement has not yet been determined with the adjoining land owner, Col. Cowper, and it is unnecessary for me to set down here in detail all the difficulties experienced in this regard and of which you are aware.

Land is also required from the Department of Lands, Forestry Division, and in this case you must recall the lengthy correspondence which illustrated the difficulties in determining an agreement; there have been frustrating delays in negotiations with that Department, including a loss of a plan in the Department's offices and a dispute in regard to the valuation of standing trees. I am, however, glad to report that the position now appears to be clarifying itself and final acquisition of all necessary land appears about to be made available for the Glen O' Downs project, the Kilpedder-Newtownmountkennedy section and it is hoped for the remainder of the Mount John section.

The Council's Design Staff has completed surveys and designs for the Arterial Road T.7, single carriageway, from St. Valerie's Bridge, Dargle, to Kilmacanogue; from the Glen O' Downs to Barry's Bridge; from Kilpedder Village to Newtownmountkennedy Village and from Killadreenan to Kiltimon.

The total Grant Allocations for the Arterial Road T.7 in 1962/'63 and 1963/'64 is £149,650. Improvement Grants for other Main Roads in the County in the current year total £14,850.

On the 12th ult., I forwarded to the Department of Local Government proposals, Estimate and Design for the Kilmacanogue/Dargle/St. Valerie Bridge Section, estimated to cost £64,290. This brought the Council's total proposals to date on these works to £194,352, and



in addition proposals have been submitted for the entire sum of £14,850 provided for Main Roads other than T.7.

The suggestion in the Department's letter of the 31st ult., that only £50,000 approximately of the Improvement Grant in the current year have been taken up; it will be noted from the above figures that the Council's take-up proposals are in advance of Actual Grant Allocation by £69,352, and I think it must be agreed by the Council that having regard to the difficulties that have prevailed in obtaining adequate Design Staff and negotiating agreements that there has been no lack of application or zeal by the Council's Road Organisation in pressing on with these important Road Works.

The capacity and scope of the Council's Engineering Organisation of Road Works is evident in actual works already executed within the County. I have already replied to the suggestions that there were unsatisfactory features in works previously carried out in my letter of the 3rd July last.

I am sure that the Council will give the fullest co-operation in providing adequate plant and machinery, Office Organisation, Design Staff and Survey Equipment to enable us to execute these important works with the vigour which they demand.

I have given my views in regard to Aerial Surveys in a separate communication to you under this date in reply to your letter of the 7th inst., and which I had already explained to you verbally.

Mise, le meas,

J. T. O'BYRNE, County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that details of the Traffic Census carried out on 22nd and 23rd August, 1963, had also been circulated to the Members of the Council. The County Secretary stated that the recent Census of traffic on roads in County Wicklow would provide a guide for the Council as to the importance of the various routes within the County and in regard to the readiness and capacity of the Council to undertake a suitable Improvement Scheme. The Council had at the last Meeting agreed to the permanent appointment of an Engineer of the grade of Chief Assistant to plan and take charge of arterial road improvements and supervise the operation of these Schemes. As had been mentioned at previous Meetings and as stated in the County Engineer's Reports the acquisition of the necessary lands for road improvement could lead to considerable delay. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that the Council felt that there should be a programme prepared in advance for future years. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., agreed that plans should be prepared for future road works and that any necessary staff be obtained.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole:

Resolved—That the Council having considered the letter of 31st October, 1963, from the Department of Local Government regarding the preparation and completion of Road Improvement Schemes undertaken with Grants from the Road Fund would urge that Grants be notified much earlier than at present so as to allow more time to the Council to prepare such Schemes and in particular to allow time for the lengthy negotiations in the acquisition of the land which

may be necessary for such works.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole:

Resolved—Having considered the special Report of the County Engineer on the carrying out of improvement works on arterial roads which are regarded as important national routes and having approved of his recommendation to appoint an Engineer who would be assigned special duties in connection with the planning of Arterial Road Improvement Schemes we also request the Department of Local Government to inform the Council of the particular sections of arterial roads for the improvement of which they would be making Grants available on the basis of a five years programme.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 6—Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1963/'64—Allocation for Rural Employment Schemes.

The County Secretary stated that the Grant allocated for Rural Employment Schemes in the present year amounted to £800, subject to a local contribution of £265, and the works to be carried out were as follows:

RATHNEW—Improvements to footpath	...	...	£270	0	0
RATHDRUM—Improvement to footpath	...	...	£265	0	0
CARNEW—Improvement of water channels and foot-paths	...	...	£265	0	0
BALTINGLASS—Removal of grass banks from margin at Raheen and Stratford Lodge	...	...	£265	0	0

In reply to Councillor J. Everett, T.D., who asked if any provision had been made for providing work at Christmas for the unemployed, the County Secretary stated that the County Engineer in his Report had indicated that there were no funds available for such works other than the Employment Schemes Vote. He suggested, however, that the Council might provide the sum of £500 in each Engineer's area for the employment of necessitous persons during the Christmas period.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we authorise expenditure of £3,000 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to enable work to be provided in each area.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 7—Purchase of Lorries—Letter from Department of Local Government, dated 16th November, 1963.

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



R.27/11/2.  
Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil,  
Teach an Chustaim,  
Baile Atha Cliath.  
16th November, 1963.

#### Purchase of Lorries.

A. Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 22nd ultimo on the above subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that it is noted that the tenders in this case were referred to the County Engineer for a report and that his report, incorporating his recommendations on the tenders, has been duly received. It is therefore now a matter for the Council to come to a decision with regard to the acceptance of a tender. Alternatively, it would be open to them to seek a further report on the tenders from the County Engineer, if they consider this desirable under the circumstances.

Mise, le meas,

P. O. RIODHAIN.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., referred to the previous discussion on the matter at which more than one Report had been submitted in relation to the tenders for the lorries. He had proposed at the previous Meeting that the Department of Local Government be asked to inquire into the staff relations in the County Engineer's Office. He felt that these relations had not improved. Since it appeared that the Council needed the new lorries he suggested that the best thing the Council could do was to accept the County Engineer's Report on the tenders. He expressed disappointment with the reply from the Department of Local Government.

Councillor J. Temple agreed that the Council should accept the County Engineer's Report on the matter.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That we refer the matter of the purchase of lorries to the County Manager for his decision.

As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole:

Resolved—That having considered letter of 16th November, 1963, from Department of Local Government and County Engineer's Report of 7th October, 1963, we approve of his recommendations for the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Coleborn and Hopkins, Ltd., Wicklow, in the net sum of £33,250 for the supply of fourteen Dodge trucks to replace fourteen of the Council's trucks to be given in part exchange and hereby authorise the borrowing of the sum of £33,250 from the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, repayable over a period of seven years with interest at the usual rate.

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., E. Byrne, J. D. Haughton, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, P. McCarthy, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, J. Quigley, J. Temple, and J. J. McCrea—Thirteen.

Against—Councillors H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh—Six.

The amendment was declared passed by thirteen votes in favour to six votes against, and on being put as a substantive motion was declared passed on the same voting.

#### Item No. 8—Maintenance of Services during periods of Heavy Snow and Frost—Report of County Engineer.

Copy of the County Engineer's Report in regard to the maintenance of essential services in blizzard conditions had been circulated to the Members of the Council. Councillor H. J. Byrne referring to the experience during the last blizzard stated that he felt a better effort could have been made in the Northern area and that men who were prepared to work after normal hours had not been allowed to do so. He supported the purchase of the machinery as recommended by the County Engineer. Councillor J. Miley stated that the greatest credit should go to the Council's engineering staff and the workers for their efforts on that occasion. Councillor Miss M. Walsh also paid tribute to the work done by the Council's engineering staff and roadworkers. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., suggested that a travelling canteen should be provided for men who were required to work during the night. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., agreed with the suggestion that a Committee be appointed to assist in the organisation of work in the event of periods of heavy snow and frost. He stated that all credit was due to the County Manager and the officials of the Council and the workers who in some cases worked for twenty-four hours in the day.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we appoint the following Members of the Council as a special Co-ordinating Committee in the event of blizzard conditions resulting from heavy snowfalls and ice:-

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillor H. J. Byrne.

Councillor Miss M. Walsh.

Councillor J. Miley.

Councillor J. O'Neill.

Councillor H. B. Hipwell.

Councillor J. D. Haughton.

Councillor R. Miley.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That having considered Report and recommendation of County Engineer we approve of the purchase of the following machinery and equipment for snow clearance purposes:



Four Snow Blower Units	...	£3,580
Fourteen Blade Ploughs for Lorries	...	£3,000
Four Blade Ploughs for new Loading Machines	...	£500
One Transport Vehicle	...	£2,900
Two "Thomas" Stretcher-Sleds	...	£120
		<hr/> £10,100

We approve also of the purchase of emergency ambulance equipment for Council's own ambulances and ambulances hired by Council.  
Passed unanimously.

It was

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

Resolved—That Department of Local Government be asked to recoup from State funds at least 50 per cent. of the cost of the special machines which the Council has arranged to purchase for the maintenance of essential services and clearance of roads during snow, ice and blizzard conditions.

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed also with the County Engineer's recommendation that telephones be provided for three Overseers, two being in West Wicklow area and one at Roundwood.

**Item No. 9—Memorial requesting the taking over and maintaining of Coolbawn Lane, Kilpipe.**

The Council noted the memorial submitted in regard to the taking over and maintaining as a County Road of Coolbawn Lane, running from Kilpipe Upper Road to Mr. Hannigan's farmyard and agreed that the matter be considered by the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area when the Road Works Scheme for the coming year was being determined.

**Item No. 10—Supplementary Grants for Water Supply and Sewerage Services.**

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government in letter of 4th November regarding the Council's application for a Loan of £5,000 to meet the cost of Supplementary Grants for water and sewerage services had suggested that the Council reconsider their proposals for borrowing on the basis of meeting the requirements by way of a Treasurer's loan. It was stated that the amounts of loans should be related to the Council's outlay for a period not exceeding three years and that an estimate should be made of the approximate proportion of expenditure on Water Supply Grants which would be recoupable by the Department. It was calculated that the net requirements of the Council for a period of three years would be £10,800.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.;  
Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That having considered letter of 4th November, 1963, Ref. L.27/9/1, from Department of Local Government, we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £10,800 from the Council's

Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, repayable over a period of fifteen years, for the purposes of meeting the cost of Supplementary Grants for the provision of private water supplies and private sewerage facilities, this loan to be in replacement of the loan of £5,000 authorised by Resolution of 12th August, 1963.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins—That I or someone for me will propose at the next Housing Meeting of the Council that the Minister for Local Government be requested to declare Mrs. Scott, Parkmore, Baltinglass, an eligible person for Vesting.**

The Council's Solicitor, who was present at the Meeting, explained to the Members of the Council that a member of the Gardai did not come within the definition of an agricultural labourer and consequently was not eligible to avail of the Council's Cottage Purchase Scheme. On reconsidering the matter of accepting widows of members of the Gardai as eligible to avail of the Purchase Scheme he felt that in two cases which had been put to him, i.e., Mrs. Catherine Scott, tenant of Cottage No. 166/1 at Parkmore, Baltinglass, and Mrs. Esther Ann McKenna, tenant of cottage at Ballinafinchogue, Ashtown, Roundwood, they could be accepted as being qualified persons and he was prepared to advise accordingly in relation to these two instances.

It was

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

Resolved—That we hereby declare Mrs. Catherine Scott, tenant of Cottage No. 166/1 at Parkmore, Baltinglass, to be a qualified person for the purposes of Section 16 of the Labourers' Act, 1936.

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

Resolved—That we hereby declare Mrs. Esther Anne McKenna, tenant of Cottage No. 300/6 at Ballinafinchogue, Ashtown, Roundwood, to be qualified person for the purposes of Section 16 of the Labourers' Act, 1936.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 12—Application for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottage at Ballyliffin, Dunlavin.**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been made by Mrs. Sarah Flood, daughter of the late tenant/purchaser, James Conran, deceased, who had obtained Letters of Administration to his Estate, for consent to the sale of the interest in the cottage which had been occupied by the late James Conran to Joseph Martin, Moneymore, Grangecon, a married farm labourer, for the sum of £100.

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 Mrs. Sarah Flood, the Legal Personal Representative of the late



James Conran, of the interest in Cottage No. 37/2 at Ballylaffin, Dunlavin, to Mr. Joseph Martin, Moneymore, Grangecon.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 13—Proposed Sale of Cottage at Knocknaboley, Hollywood.**

The County Secretary stated that a cottage No. 56/3 at Knocknaboley, Hollywood, which had been erected in 1899, had been unoccupied for the past seven years and advertisements inviting applications for tenants had been issued from time to time without success. The Local Housing Committee in May, 1962, had agreed that the house be offered for sale at a reserved price of £200. Advertisements were issued in the local papers and three inquiries were received at that time, but no offers were made. The Department of Local Government had indicated that the Minister would have no objection to the sale of the cottage and the Forestry Division of the Department of Lands who were the successors in title to the lands from which the site had been originally acquired had indicated that they were not interested. An offer had now been received from Miss Nuala Doyle, 50, Claremount Road, Sandymount, Dublin, in the sum of £200 for the cottage and the approval of the Council was requested.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That having considered Report in regard to non-occupation of cottage at Knocknaboley, Hollywood, we approve of the acceptance of the offer of Miss Nuala Doyle, 15, Claremount Road, Sandymount, Dublin, in the sum of £200 for this cottage.

Councillor J. Haughton suggested that a further effort should be made to obtain a tenant for the cottage rather than to accept the offer now submitted. A vote having been called for, it was found that the Members present voted as follows:

In favour—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, James Miley, Roger Miley, J. O'Toole, J. Quigley, and J. J. McCrea—Ten.

Against—Councillors H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton, J. Temple and Miss M. Walsh—Six.

The Resolution was declared passed by ten votes in favour to six against.

**Item No. 14—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Temple—That Section 1 of the Council's Scheme under the Housing and Supplementary Loans and Grant Act, 1962, for Supplementary Loans in respect of New Houses be amended to read as follows: "Applicants must be residents in the County Wicklow for a continuous period of five years and reconstruct or build in the Health District to qualify for Grant or Loan."**

Councillor Temple stated that the Scheme adopted by the Council provided that to qualify for a Supplementary Grant in respect of the erection of a new house an applicant must have resided for at least five years in the County Health District of Wicklow. In consequence of this provision an applicant who resided in the Urban Districts in Wicklow was not eligible for a Supplementary Grant. He felt that the Scheme should be amended so as to allow residents

in an Urban District in the County to qualify for the Supplementary Grant.

It was

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

Resolved—That the Council's Scheme for the making of Supplementary Grants for the erection of new dwellinghouses under Section 12 of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, be amended as follows:—

Paragraph 1 of the Scheme shall be amended by the omission of the words "Health District" in the third line. Condition No. 1 shall be amended by the omission of the words "Health District" where they occur in that Condition. Condition No. 1 shall be further amended by the reduction from five years to three years in the residence qualification.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that a firm in the Northern part of the County proposed to build a number of houses for occupation by their employees. The firm had found it difficult to retain suitable employees where they could not obtain housing accommodation at a reasonable cost. He suggested that the Council's Scheme for Supplementary Grants should be amended to allow of the making of Supplementary Grants in respect of the erection of houses for employees. He referred also to the provision of a house for a teacher and suggested that the Scheme should provide also for allowing Supplementary Grants in such a case.

It was

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

Resolved—That the Council's Scheme for the making of Supplementary Grants for the erection of new dwellinghouses under Section 12 of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, be amended as follows:—

The following paragraph shall be inserted after the opening paragraph in the Scheme:

Supplementary Grants may also be made to persons erecting houses in the County Health District of Wicklow for occupation by persons in their employment. A house for which a Grant under this Scheme is given by the Council so as to enable such house to be occupied by a person in the employment of the person receiving such Grant shall continue to be let for a period of ten years from the receipt of such Grant to a person so employed or to a person to be approved by the Council who is employed in County Wicklow and shall be let at such a rent as may be approved by the Council. No house in respect of which a Grant under this paragraph is given shall be sold within a period of ten years from the receipt of such Grant unless with the prior approval of the Council or unless the amount of such Grant be refunded to the Council.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 15—Provision of Rural Cottages.**

Councillor J. Miley stated that he had had discussions with some of the applicants for cottages in the West Wicklow area and felt that



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**Tinahely.**

Engineer be asked to attend to this matter. [REDACTED]

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representatives of C.I.E. to discuss the matter.

to a Meeting to be held on the 16th December, 1968.

### NOTICES OF MOTION.

by the Chairman:—

Ballinacrow, Baltinglass, and Thomas Lawlor, Bangor, 1844.

junction as there is a water course.

area.

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- Figure 1. The effect of the number of trials on the number of correct responses. The number of correct responses was significantly higher for the 10 trials condition than for the 5 trials condition. Error bars represent the standard error of the mean.



arrangement would probably be reached in regard to suitable sites in villages in place of the ones originally selected in certain of these instances. It suggested that the matter might be deferred to the next meeting. The Council agreed to defer the matter to the next meeting of the Council.

Item No. 12—Report requested by Councillors J. Quigley and Wm. J. Walsh on Water Supply to four Cottages at Glendalough, Tienahy.

The County Secretary stated that these cottages were included in the area to be supplied from the proposed new Regional Scheme for the Carrow-Tinahy area. The cottages were supplied by a tap in the road. Councillor Walsh stated that he had been asked for a certificate for the tap and that the tap had been out of order for a considerable time. Councillor Quigley stated that he also had received complaints regarding this tap. It was agreed that the Assistant County Engineer be asked to attend to this matter immediately.

Item No. 13—Letter from C.I.E. asking that Council investigate proposals for Works for Protection of Railway Line at Ballinglass.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from C.I.E. enclosing details of a proposal for most protection work at Ballinglass and stating that the work was necessary for the protection of the railway line which it was intended to be carried out on the west side of the line. It was stated that the letter was of the 10th Nov. 1963. In the opinion of the Council it was decided to investigate the proposal. It was asked that the Council be kept in touch with the Board's staff Engineer. Councillor J. Temple the Council agreed that a representative of the three Departments for the Council should be in contact with the Board's staff Engineer. The Members of the Council for the day discussed the matter.

The Council decided to adjourn the remaining items to the 16th meeting to be held on the 16th December, 1963.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION.

The following Notices of Motion were read and accepted by the Chairman:

In the name of Councillor J. Miley—That a motion be moved that the following cottage tenants be removed with effect from 1st January 1964: Mrs. Miley, Parkmore, Baltinglass; Mrs. Winifred, Parkmore; Mrs. Miley, Parkmore; Baltinglass; and Thomas, Baltinglass; and Thomas, Baltinglass.

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That a motion be moved that the Council should be asked to consider the proposal for a new road between the residence of Mr. Patrick Byrne, Baltinglass, and the residence of Mr. John, Baltinglass.

In the name of Councillor J. Temple—That a motion be moved that the Council should be asked to consider the proposal for a new road between the residence of Mr. Patrick Byrne, Baltinglass, and the residence of Mr. John, Baltinglass.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council to deal with matters adjourned the Meeting held on the 9th December, 1963, was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 on Monday, 16th December, 1963.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., P. McCarthy, John Quigley, 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 and J. Gregory.

The County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, County Architect and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell, P. T. Hickey and W. J. Maher attended.

#### AGENDA:

1. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor E. Byrne—That a light be provided at entrance to Council cottages at Knockroe, Delgany.
2. Report requested by Councillor G. Timmins, re occasional flooding of road at cottages at Parkmore, Baltinglass.
3. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor E. Byrne—That owing to the appalling and disappointing state of the roads in Grattan Park that a Report be submitted for the next Meeting.
4. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
5. Repairs carried out to cottages during month of November, 1963, and repairs to be carried out during month of December, 1963.
6. Remuneration of Rate Collectors re changes in Agricultural Grant—Letter from Department of Local Government.
7. Letters from Wicklow U.D.C. and Wicklow Harbour Commissioners re works for protection of premises at Harbour, Wicklow.
8. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor P. McCarthy—That the salaries for Coroners for East and West Wicklow be increased.
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That the Council raise a loan of £400 for the purpose of improving entrances to Rosahane and Macreddin Cemeteries in accordance with plan approved by the County Engineer.
10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. Miley—That a new light be erected on road between Stephen's, Ashford, and Cahill's shop on Glenealy Road.
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#### Resolutions of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the widow, son and daughter of the late Oscar Traynor.



On the proposal of Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the widow and family of the late Deputy Norton.

**Item No. 1.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor E. Byrne—That a Light be Provided at Entrance to Council Cottages at Knockree, Delgany.**

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had agreed that it would be desirable that a light be provided at the entrance to these cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne.

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell.

Resolved—That we approve of an estimate being obtained from the E.S.B. for the provision of a light at the entrance to Council cottages at Knockree.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 2.—Report Requested by Councillor G. Timmins re Occasional Flooding of Road at Cottages at Parkmore, Baltinglass.**

The County Secretary submitted Report of Assistant County Engineer P. McGuinness in which he stated that the flooding of this access road would not be cured by putting out some loads of gravel as had been originally thought. The solution would have to take the form of a piped surface drainage system which would drain the entire access road to the river and this would be a major work and would have to include non-return valves to prevent back flooding when the Slaney was in flood. Even so the relief to be expected from such a drainage system would not be complete as flooding of the road and flooding of the river would often coincide and the road would not drain until the river flood had fallen. The Assistant County Engineer stated that this was a difficult matter to rectify and he could not give an estimate without first having a careful survey of levels, etc. The existing flooding on the road was not of long duration as natural soakage was able to absorb the water in a reasonable time. Councillor G. Timmins stated that he had discussed the matter with the present Assistant County Engineer and he understood that it would be possible to pipe this water to a sump at the end of the cottage plot of the tenant and that this would remedy the complaint. He asked that the matter be further examined and an estimate of cost submitted. The Council agreed that a further Report and estimate be obtained.

**Item No. 3.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor E. Byrne — That owing to the Appalling and Disappointing State of the Roads in Grattan Park that a Report be submitted for the next Meeting.**

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

Courthouse,  
Wicklow.

29th November, 1963.

PTH/SB.  
COUNTY SECRETARY

Re: Roads—Grattan Park Housing Scheme.

A Chara,

I have inspected the above Housing Scheme with reference to the condition of the roads. The system consists of one main central artery

with a total of eight cul-de-sac branches therefrom.

At the time of construction the main artery was surfaced, but the branches were not. The condition of the main artery is reasonably satisfactory, although it would be in need of surface dressing in the near future. The branches are ordinary gravel roads and their condition is not particularly good, while, of course, a dust road irrespective of its condition could scarcely be regarded as appropriate as a housing accommodation road in 1963. In addition these branch roads in their original conception could scarcely have taken into account the advent of the motor car age when one sees the limited width to which they are constructed together with the lack of turning space. Two cars are unable to pass these roads without infringing on the grass area with the consequent result that muck and clay is carried around by motor wheels.

It is estimated that a sum of £700 would be required to leave these roads in any sort of reasonable condition. This would include for the re-shaping and tarring of the roads although not the widening which it is felt would also be essential.

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P. T. HICKEY,

Assistant County Engineer.

Councillor E. Byrne stated that these access roads were in a very unsatisfactory condition and at his suggestion it was agreed that the matter of making special provision in the Road Works Scheme for the year 1964/65 to deal with these roads be considered by the Local Committee in conjunction with the Estimates.

**Item No. 4.—Applications Under Town and Regional Planning Acts.**

The County Secretary stated that during the month two applications under the Town and Regional Planning Acts had been refused. The first refusal was of an application made on behalf of Mr. James D. Shortt, "Serrigny," Glencormac, Bray, for the erection of a house at Glencormac. The application had been refused on the grounds that further and continued building development along that road would lead to ribbon development and a type of urban development in a rural area which would be undesirable because of the lack of services and the injury to amenities. Councillor H. J. Byrne and Councillor Temple expressed the opinion that permission should have been granted for the erection of this house and asked that the County Architect submit his views to the Members. Mr. J. Tallon, County Architect, confirmed that in 1961 permission had been granted for the erection of a house on this site, but pointed out that since that time there had been about twelve applications for building in the area. There were no public services in the area and if it was to be developed intensively for building services would have to be provided. The circumstances had altered considerably during the period since permission had been originally granted for the erection of a house on this site. Councillor H. J. Byrne felt that provided a house was built in an area where a septic tank could be provided there was no necessity for the Council to put in full services and that he felt permission should not have been refused in this case. Councillor Temple felt that permission should have been given and stated that he would propose that permission be granted for the erection of the house. The County Secretary stated that it appeared to be the impression obtained by Members that there had been many refusals of permission for building by the Council, but in fact, over the past two years, of eighty-seven applications received eighty-four had been approved and only three had been re-



fused. In the case of this particular application permission had been granted by the Council to Mr. Shortt for the erection of a house on a site in this area and the Council had also approved of the making of a loan to Mr. Shortt. There had been no delay on the part of the Council in dealing with the matter of the loan, but the applicant decided, having built the house, to sell it. Subsequently he applied for approval to the erection of the house on this site which he had purchased from the previous owner. Mr. Shortt was a builder. If a number of houses were to be built in this area there was no doubt that the Council would be called upon to instal piped water supply and a main sewer. The County Medical Officer had indicated that he was not prepared to approve of a number of septic tanks in any area and if a group of houses were to be provided it was essential that a proper sewerage system be installed. The County Secretary pointed out that the applicant had a right of appeal to the Minister against the refusal of permission by the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple,

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne.

Resolved—That we recommend that permission be granted for the erection of house by Mr. J. Shortt at Glencormac.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Temple stated that if necessary he would hand in a Notice of Motion to require the County Manager to grant permission under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

The County Secretary stated that the other application refused was that of Mr. Michael J. Devereux, "Cherry Orchard," Killincarrig, for the erection of a dwellinghouse on a site at Killincarrig and the subsequent erection of two further dwellinghouses on adjoining sites. The approach to the site was by a narrow lane some 1,100 feet long and permission had been refused on the grounds that the access was unsatisfactory and that development in this direction would tend to urbanise a rural area. The Council asked that particulars be obtained from the applicant as to the standard of construction of the access road and arrangements for its maintenance and that a further full Report be submitted to the Council in regard to the application.

#### Item No. 5.—Cottage Repairs.

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out to cottages during the month of November, 1963, and of those to be repaired during the month of December, 1963.

#### Item No. 6.—Remuneration of Rate Collectors re Changes in Agricultural Grant.

The County Secretary stated that agreement had been reached with the Union representing the Rate Collectors concerned for the application of salary scales with bonus to four Collectors with effect from the 1st April, 1962, the remuneration of these Collectors having been affected by the increase in the Agricultural Grant. The Collectors concerned were Messrs. Edward Curley, James J. McCall, W. C. Byrne, and M. J. Murray. Due to the increase in Agricultural Grant the earnings of these Collectors who were paid by poundage and bonus had been reduced and the proposal was to apply salary scales and bonus to offset the reduction in their remuneration.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple.

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of the following Rate Collectors on the basis of salary and bonus as set out hereunder with effect from 1st April, 1962, the bonus to be payable for compliance with the required conditions:

Rate Collector	District No.	
Edward Curley	No. 10 District	Salary £465 Bonus £160
J. McCall	No. 11 District	Salary £585 Bonus £200
W. C. Byrne	No. 12 District	Salary £700 Bonus £200
M. Murray	No. 13 District	Salary £695 Bonus £200

We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of applying these salary scales and bonuses.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 7.—Letters from Wicklow U.D.C. and Wicklow Harbour Commissioners re Works for Protection of Premises at Harbour, Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been deferred from a previous Meeting to give an opportunity to the Members of the Council for the Wicklow area to submit their views. It was understood that the firm had now decided to proceed with the carrying out of the proposed work themselves. The Council noted the position in the matter.

#### Item No. 8.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor P. McCarthy—That the Salaries for Coroners for East and West Wicklow be Increased.

The County Secretary stated that the salary of the Coroner for East Wicklow was £135 per annum and the salary for the Coroner for West Wicklow was £160 per annum. During the year ended 31st March, 1963, there had been twenty-three inquests held in the East Wicklow area and six inquests held in the West Wicklow area. The salaries had been revised at the time of the last revision of salaries of Officers generally and the revision had been on the same basis as that for other Officers of the Council. The Council noted the position in the matter.

#### Item No. 9.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That the Council Raise a Loan of £400 for the Purpose of Improving Entrances to Rosahane and Macreddin Cemeteries in Accordance with Plan Approved by the County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the Engineer had reported that the cost of the work at Macreddin Cemetery was £225 and at Rosahane was estimated at £200. No provision had been made in the current year's Estimates for the work and he suggested that the matter might be deferred for consideration with the Estimates for the coming year. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., asked that a Report also be obtained in regard to the possibility of improving the entrance to Ballycoogue Cemetery. It was agreed that the matters be deferred to the Estimates Meeting.



**Item No. 10.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. Miley—That a New Light be Erected on Road Between Stephen's, Ashford, and Cahill's Shop on Glenealy Road.**

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that he agreed that it was desirable that an additional public light be provided on the road between Stephen's, Ashford, and Cahill's shop on the Glenealy Road. In Winter this was a dark and dangerous part of the road and since the locality would be regarded as a built-up area he recommended the provision of a public light. On the proposal of Councillor R. Miley, seconded by Councillor Hipwell, it was agreed that an estimate of the cost of providing the light be obtained from the Electricity Supply Board.

**Item No. 11.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—That an Additional Street Light be Provided in Kevin Street, Tinahely, in the Vicinity of the Post Office.**

The County Secretary stated that the E.S.B. had submitted an estimate dated the 25th November, 1963, for the provision of a 200 watt dusk to midnight lamp on pole No. 5 at Kevin Street, Tinahely, free of initial contribution. The annual charge would be £5 16s. 0d., including all-night lighting on the 24th, 25th and 26th December. On the proposal of Councillor Miss M. Walsh, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, it was agreed that the light be provided.

**Item No. 12.—Inquiries Arising from County Manager's Orders.**

The Council noted the particulars of the principal Orders made by the County Manager as circulated to the Members.

**Comforts for Patients at St. Colman's Hospital.**

The County Secretary stated that the Hon. Secretary of the Dunganstown Guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Association had conveyed the offer of the Guild to provide comforts for the patients in St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum. It was the intention of the Guild also to raise additional funds for this purpose and it was hoped that other Guilds in the County would also provide items for the patients. The Council asked that their thanks be conveyed to the Dunganstown I.C.A. Guild for their very generous offer which was much appreciated. The Co. Secretary stated also that the Linen Guild of the Newcastle Hospital had installed a T.V. set in the Hospital for the use of the patients some years ago. The Hon. Secretary of the Guild had now written to say that the Committee wished to leave the set at the Hospital and to make it available for the benefit of future patients. The Council Members asked that their gratitude be conveyed to the Members of the Guild for their very kind gesture.

**Employment of Men on Relief Works.**

In reply to inquiry from Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Engineer stated that seventeen men had been employed in the Northern Engineering District, five in Rathnew, four at Newtown and ten in Rathdrum. The County Engineer stated that if the names of any unemployed persons were conveyed to him he would see if they could be employed.

**Vacant Cottage at Ashford.**

Councillor J. J. McCrea referred to the application of Mr. Thomas Rossiter of Tomacork for the tenancy of a cottage at Ashford where he was working and stated that he had been told that it was being

demolished for the purpose of road widening. Councillor McCrea, supported by Miss Walsh, asked that the matter of letting the cottage to Mr. Rossiter on a caretaker's agreement be investigated.

**Applications for Re-Housing.**

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., asked that the Report of the County Medical Officer in regard to the application of a Mr. Nolan of Raheen-greany for re-housing be submitted to the next Meeting of the Council.

**Pump at Tomacork, Carnew.**

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that there was a leak from the pump which served cottages at Tomacork and the water flowed across the road and in cold weather formed ice making the road dangerous for traffic. He asked that the matter be attended to.

**Purchase and Development of Sites for Sale.**

At the suggestion of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., it was agreed that the matter of purchasing land and developing sites for sale to persons wishing to erect houses be considered by the Council at their next Meeting. Councillor J. Temple asked also that the matter of an application of Mr. Heatley for permission to develop lands at Glencormac for housing be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that this being the last Meeting of the Council before Christmas he wished to express his best wishes to all the Members for a happy Christmas. He conveyed good wishes also to the members of the Press, the Council's officials and staff. Councillor McCrea also thanked the Members for their courtesy and help during the previous twelve months. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., supported by Councillor H. J. Byrne, conveyed the best wishes of the Members of the Council to the Chairman and his family for a happy Christmas. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., Councillor H. J. Byrne, Councillor Miss Walsh and Councillor J. Everett, T.D., and Councillor Hipwell also spoke of the appeal of the Minister for Local Government to drivers to exercise special care during the Christmas period and associated themselves with this appeal. Councillor H. J. Byrne felt that if drivers had more consideration for other persons using the road and exercised more courtesy there would be fewer accidents.

**Notices of Motion.**

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

In the name of Mr. J. Quigley—That I or someone for me will move that the Council provide a Car Park in the vicinity of the Catholic Church, Aughrim.

In the names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins—That we or some Member for us will move a motion requesting the Council to allocate money for the purpose of improving Ballyglass Cemetery.

In the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—That a new light be erected opposite the Garage at Ashford leading to the Post Office.

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—That a Report be obtained regarding occasional flooding at cottages at Coolross, Tinahely.