

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, AT 11.00 A.M. ON MONDAY, 4TH JULY, 1977

PRESENT: Councillor J. Miley, Chairman;
Councillors J.J. Bourke, M. Cullen, F. Hynes, L. Kavanagh, T.D.,
P. Deering, G. Timmins, T.D., T. Keenan, D. Kinsella,
K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan, V. Blake, S. Costello, J. Byrne,
C. Keegan, Mrs M. Ledwidge, C. Murphy, T.D., A. Murphy, R. Miley and
Miss N. O'Neill.

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE: Mr S. Hayes, County Manager, Mr J. J. Higgins, County Secretary,
Mr T.J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer, Mr H. Jordan, Staff Officer,
Housing Section, Mr K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section,
and E. MacNeill, B.E., Chief Assistant County Engineer (Housing).

ITEM 1: - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

It was proposed by Councillor D. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor P. Deering that the Minutes of the Housing Meeting of the Council held on Monday, 13th June 1977 be confirmed and signed.

ITEM 2:- I.F.H.P. INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION IN GENEVA:

The Council was informed that at the Council Meeting held on 20th June 1977, arrangements were made that one representative be nominated from each of four groupings in accordance with the practice which had been adopted for the two previous years, and each group had been requested to submit the name of its nominee to the County Secretary for ratification at this meeting of the Council. Following a brief discussion, the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. Keenan, C. Keegan, J. Byrne and D. Kinsella were submitted. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., stated that in his opinion, the procedure adopted did not give each Councillor an equal opportunity of being nominated, and that to redress the balance, he proposed to nominate Councillor T. Keegan. A full discussion on this matter ensued and the Council were informed that a proposal to nominate a further delegate would be contrary to the decision taken on 20th June 1977, and would require a rescinding

Notice of Motion. Following further discussion, it was agreed to adjourn consideration of this matter to the next Council Meeting. It was noted that the rescinding Notice of Motion was submitted for the approval of the Chairman for incorporating onto the Agenda for the next Meeting.

ITEM 3:- NOMINATION OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS TO WICKLOW COUNTY LOCAL (HEALTH) COMMITTEE:

The Council was informed that the Bray Old Folks Association and the County Wicklow Association for the Mentally Handicapped Ltd., were the two organisations who had recommended nominees for appointment in previous years and it had been agreed at the previous meeting that these organisations would again be asked to furnish nominations. The County Wicklow Association for the Mentally Handicapped Ltd. had nominated Mr H. Flinn, and the Bray Old Folks Association had nominated Mrs J. Hynes. Following discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Council would nominate Mrs J. Hynes, and would refer the nomination of Mr Flinn back to the County Wicklow Association for Mentally Handicapped Ltd., with a view to ascertaining its views on the availability of Mr Flinn to attend the Local Health Committee Meetings on a regular basis in view of his business commitments.

ITEM 4:- REPORT ON NATIONAL SURVEY OF TRAVELLING FAMILIES:

The report on the National Survey of Travelling Families which had been circulated was noted. A wide ranging discussion took place on the question of provision of accommodation for itinerants, and in particular the provision of halting places. The view was expressed that any programme to deal with this problem should cover the whole County, and should identify the itinerant families which come within the Council's responsibility to re-house. It was unanimously agreed that this matter would be considered at the September Meeting of the Council at which a further

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report would be submitted to enable all aspects of this problem to be considered.

ITEM 5:- SEWERAGE SCHEME AT SHROUGHAUN, BALTINGLASS

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:-
"That a sewerage Scheme be prepared for Shroughaun, Baltinglass."

The Council were informed that no money was allocated for this proposal in the current financial year. It was unanimously agreed that it would be included for consideration in the 1978 Programme at an estimated cost of £17,000.

ITEM 6: - ERECTION OF FENCE AT RAILWAY LINE AT MERRYMEETING, RATHNEW:

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes and seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D.:
"That the Council erect a fence at the back of 8 Council houses in Merrymeeting, to stop the children going onto the Railway Line as the fence is very bad in parts."

The Council were informed that there were a few gaps in the ditch behind the 8 Council Houses in Merrymeeting which gave access to the Railway Line. The erection of fencing behind the houses would involve the clearing of the briars and also erecting about 150 yards of fence which would have to be about 5 ft. high at least. It was unanimously agreed that CIE be requested to contribute towards the cost of the work.

ITEM 7:- NORTH EAST WICKLOW REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill was considered:-

"That this Council request the Contractor for the new water pipe line from Barry's Bridge to Killincarrig Crossroads, Killincarrig Crossroads to Greystones and Blacklion, to commence the work forthwith."

The Council were informed that it is proposed to start this work during the month of July.

ITEM 8:- PIPING OF RIVER AT BALLYBEG, RATHNEW:

It was proposed by Councillor J. Bourke, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:-
"That the Council pipe the river flowing through Mr Quinn's garden in St. Brigid's Terrace, Rathnew, in the interest of safety of small children."

The County Engineer recommended that in the interests of safety that this river should be piped at an estimated cost of £400. It was unanimously agreed to proceed with this work.

ITEM 9:- EXTENSION OF WATER TO FIVE COTTAGES ON AUGHRIM ROAD AT BALLINACLASH:

It was unanimously agreed to defer consideration of the following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors K. Ryan and L. Kavanagh, T.D. to the next meeting of the Council to enable a revised report to be submitted:-

"That this Council extend the water to the five cottages on the Aughrim Road at Ballinaclash."

ITEM 10: - FENCING OF NEW HOUSES AT SHILLELAGH:

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors K. Ryan and L. Kavanagh, T.D. was considered:-

"That this Council complete the fencing at the new houses in Shillelagh."

The Council were informed that no provision had been made in the Contract for the erection of gates at this scheme, and in the course of discussion, the Council were informed by the County Engineer that in the interests of economy, it was not the current practice to provide fences other than low boundary fencing. Following discussion, it was unanimously agreed that a full report would be submitted to the Council on the financial implications of adopting a policy of providing gates on existing and future housing schemes.

ITEM 11:- EXTENSION OF SHILLELAGH SEWERAGE SCHEME TO THE CHESHIRE HOME

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors K. Ryan and L. Kavanagh, T.D. was considered:-

"That this Council extend the sewerage to the Cheshire Home in Shillelagh."

The Council were informed that the cost of providing a septic Tank and sewer for the Cheshire Home was in the order of £4,500. The Department of Health have indicated that they are prepared to discharge 50% of the cost of providing this facility. While no difficulty would be seen by the Council in laying the sewer by Direct Labour, the design and construction of the septic tank would take some time due to shortage of staff. It was recommended that this work be included in the 1978 Programme. Unanimously agreed.

ITEM 12:- RAHEENGRANEY GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors K. Ryan and L. Kavanagh was considered:-

"That this Council assist the Raheengraney Group Water Scheme to get started."

In the course of discussion on this item, it was intimated that the members of the group scheme had invested £700.00 in sinking two wells which had been found to be unsatisfactory, and the Members expressed the desire that the Council should assist in any way towards solving the problems encountered by the Group. It was unanimously agreed that the County Engineer should further investigate this problem.

ITEM 13:- FUTURE ALLOCATIONS OF WATER BY DUBLIN CORPORATION IN THE NORTH EAST WICKLOW AREA:

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and C. Murphy, T.D. was considered:-

"That this Council ascertain from Dublin Corporation what is the exact position regarding the amount of water to be allocated to the North East Wicklow Area in the future, seeing that their own requirements in South County Dublin for the future housing plans which are envisaged, will require a substantial increase in storage capacity."

Following discussion, it was unanimously agreed that Dublin Corporation would be requested to set out their policy in regard to their proposals for water supply in this area. It was also suggested that the efficiency of the Vartry Reservoir could be improved, and if there was thorough cleaning out done, and that consideration should be given to increasing the capacity of this Reservoir. It was felt that while the Reservoir was full last December, it was now at a relatively low level, and that increased capacity would enable larger stocks of water to be conserved for use during the dry summer months.

ITEM 14:- CHIMNEY FIRES AT NEW HOUSES IN CARNEW AND SHILLELAGH:

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors K. Ryan and L. Kavanagh was considered:-

"That an Engineer's report be submitted to this Council as to the cause of the chimney fires at the new housing estate in Carnew, and more recently at the new houses in Shillelagh. There is no way that the fire brigade can get to the back of the houses where the chimneys are."

The Council were informed that the chimney fires are due to the type and amount of fuel used, and the care taken to clean the chimney, and that there appeared to be no structural reason why these fires should occur. During the course of discussion, it was intimated that there was difficulty for the fire brigade in gaining access to the rear of these houses, and that there were cracks in the chimneys of a number of dwellings. It was unanimously agreed that the County Engineer would submit a further report on this aspect of the matter.

ITEM 15:- WATER SUPPLY AT BALLINGLEN

It was proposed by Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Councillor T. Keenan:-
"That the Council provide water for the following at Ballinglen - Messrs Maher, Walker, Galvin, Walsh, Fitzgerald and Delaney."

The Council were informed that there was over 28 people living in the six houses mentioned. It is considered that a larger area could be served by basing a water supply on an infiltration gallery to be constructed near the river in Ballinglen. It was unanimously agreed that this proposal be considered for 1978 Programme, rather than having the work carried out by a group scheme.

ITEM 16:- REPAIRS TO HOUSE OCCUPIED BY MRS MARY NOLAN, WEAVER SQUARE, BALTINGLASS

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. was considered:-

"That repairs be carried out to house occupied by Mrs Mary Nolan, Weaver Sq., Baltinglass."

The Council were informed that an extension was built to this cottage before it was vested and that the occupier is claiming faulty workmanship. As it is a vested cottage, it was suggested that the Council had no statutory authority for carrying out these repairs. It was unanimously agreed that the County Manager would further re-investigate this problem and ascertain if any relief could be given in this case.

ITEM 17:- REPAIRS TO HOUSES AT 1 - 6 BEECH LANE, BALTINGLASS

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. was considered:-

"That repairs be carried out to houses Nos 1 - 6 Beech Lane, Baltinglass."

The Council were informed that these houses had been inspected and a detailed list of repairs would be submitted at an early date for approval.

It was unanimously agreed that a further report would be submitted at the next meeting.

ITEM 18:- REPAIRS TO NEW COUNCIL HOUSES AT BALTINGLASS

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. was considered:-

"That the necessary repairs be carried out to the new Council Houses at Baltinglass."

The Council were informed that a list of repairs had recently been sent to the Contractor in relation to these houses. As this scheme has recently come to the end of the maintenance period, the Council is awaiting the Contractor to commence work. Noted.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AFTER CONCLUSION OF THE ANNUAL MEETING ON MONDAY, 11TH JULY 1977, AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW:

PRESENT: Councillor Liam Kavanagh, T.D., Chairman;
Councillors J. Miley, J.J. Bourke, M. Cullen, F. Hynes, P. Deering,
G. Timmins, T.D., T.J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney,
J. Whelan, V. Blake, S. Costello, J. Byrne, C. Keegan, Mrs M. Ledwidge,
C. Murphy, T.D., A. Murphy, R. Miley and Miss N. O'Neill.

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE: Mr S. Hayes, County Manager, Mr J. Higgins, County Secretary,
Mr T.J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer, Mr R. Kelly, Administrative
Officer, Env./Roads Section, Mr T. Broderick, County Development
Officer, Mr H. Jordan, Staff Officer, Housing Section, and
Mr K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.

ITEM 1: - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

It was unanimously agreed that the minute in relation to item 25 be amended by the deletion of the words "be made in the next public lighting programme", and by the substitution therefor by the words "be considered in the context of the National Primary Road Improvement Works for 1978".

It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley and seconded by Councillor F. Hynes that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20th June 1977 be confirmed and signed subject to the above amendment.

ITEM 2:- RAISING OF A LOAN OF £50,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF LIBRARY BOOKS:

The Council were informed that three new Branch Libraries had been provided at Arklow, Wicklow and Rathdrum, and it is also proposed to open one in Dunlavin. An Comhairle Leabharlanna is empowered to recoup up to 50% of Annual Loan Charges on the major acquisition of books, only non-fiction books for adults and both fiction and non-fiction for children. In order to avail of this subsidy, it was proposed to raise a loan of £50,000 repayable over a period of 5 years to stock these new Branch Libraries and re-stock existing library services. It was envisaged that the Council's portion of the loan charges would be defrayed out of monies provided in the Estimates for the current Book Fund. It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, and seconded by Councillor F. Hynes to raise the loan of £50,000. It was also agreed to furnish the Council with details regarding the expenditure of the £50,000 when the loan is formally sanctioned.

ITEM 3:- SHEEP DIPPING MEETING:

It was unanimously agreed that a meeting of the Special Sheep Dipping Committee would be held on Monday, 18th July 1977.

ITEM 4:- CONVERTING OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH IN BRAY TO A MUSEUM:

The Council were informed that a letter had been received from the Town Clerk, Bray, in which it was indicated that St. Paul's Church in Bray had been closed for public worship and had been deconsecrated. Representations had been made to Bray Urban District Council with regard to converting the Church for use as a Museum. Bray Urban District Council had signified agreement in principle to the utilisation of the building for this purpose subject to inquiries being addressed to interested parties, including the County Council, seeking joint involvement in meeting capital outlay and operational expenses of the proposed museum. Capital outlay was estimated at £25,000, and operational expenses excluding the provision for specialist staff, would be of the order of £7,500 per annum. It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor S. Costello, and unanimously agreed that the Council agree in principle to this proposal subject to a full report being submitted for the consideration of the Council in relation to the finances and staffing of the proposed museum.

ITEM 5:- BORD FAILTE TOURISM PLAN 1978:

The Council were informed that a letter had been received from the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Limited requesting that details of the Council's suggestions for inclusion in the Tourism Plan for 1978 be submitted for consideration before the 15th July 1977. Each member has been requested to submit any suggestions in relation to proposals in their area, and one such proposal had been received.

This matter has also been considered by the County Development Team and by the Council's Technical Staff. The Council were informed that with the time constraints it was not possible to carry out exhaustive surveys in this regard, but the following proposals were suggested for inclusion:-

- (A) Development of Land owned by Wicklow County Council at Brittas Bay.
- (B) Development of caravan park for tourists within the County to conform with national standards, and the feasibility of the Council operating this caravan park to be examined.
- (C) It was recommended that an expert study of the Wicklow Harbour be undertaken and a Plan prepared for the development of part of the Harbour for water sports activities to include marina, sailing facilities, swimming and sea angling.
- (D) Tourism Development Plan for Bray to be prepared as a first step in the process of correcting the decline in tourism which has occurred in that resort. It is felt that Bray has the necessary potential to develop as a modern resort along the lines of Tramore in County Waterford.
- (E) Development of Beach from Killougher: - this would include provision of Ladies & Gents Toilets, extension of county road to Killougher and acquisition of car parking area.
- (F) Glendalough Valley:- the development of this area in such a manner as to enhance the tourist revenue of Wicklow.
- (G) Provision of Car park and Picnic Areas at the following locations:-
Lough Tay; Glen of Immal; Lough Dan; Kings River.
- (H) Co-Operation with the Dublin Metropolitan Regatta Council for the development of the Blessington Area as a Sports Centre for boating and fishing, and co-operation with the E.S.B. for car parking and picnicing facilities.

During the ensuing discussion the following points were raised:

It was suggested that a Sea Road be constructed at Killougher which would join up with the extension of the Murrough at Wicklow which would enable tourists to enter the Murrough at Wicklow and travel up the coast as far as Killougher, and leave by the road at Killougher.

It was also stressed that the need for public toilets at Glendalough was a matter of prime urgency, and that every effort should now be made to identify a suitable site for this.

It was also suggested that further grants be made available to the Castleruddery Transport Museum Society to enable this operation to be expanded.

It was also mentioned that the Road to the Sphink at Avoca which was a private road, of considerable scenic attraction, should be improved.

A Marine Survey of Greystones Harbour was also suggested with a view to developing it further.

It was also agreed to recommend to Board Failte that the re-introduction of Tourist Road Grants be examined.

Land Scaping and development of the Bog Meadow at Enniskerry as an Amenity Area for Enniskerry and surrounding areas was also suggested.

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill that the proposals would be submitted to the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Limited for consideration and that any further proposals received from Members of the Council within the next few weeks would be submitted on a supplementary list.

It was suggested that a special Meeting be held in April to review Tourism in the County.

The Council were informed that proposals in relation to the conservation of the Sand Dunes area at Brittas Bay were at present under investigation and that a further report would be submitted in due course.

EXTENSION OF TIME:

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, and agreed on a show of hands to extend the time of the meeting by ten minutes passed 5.00 p.m.

ITEM 6:- I.F.H.P. INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION AT GENEVA:

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes and seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D.:-

"That the Council rescind the arrangements for sending Delegates to the I.F.H.P. International Congress".

This proposal was agreed, Councillor S. Costello dissenting. Following further discussion, the following were nominated to attend:-

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| Councillor J. Sweeney | - Proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., and seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill. |
| T.J. Keenan | - Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes and seconded by Councillor M. Cullen. |
| J. Byrne | - Proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., and seconded by Councillor F. Hynes |
| C. Keegan | - Proposed by Councillor P. Deering, and seconded by Councillor V. Blake. |
| D. Kinsella | - Proposed by Councillor V. Blake, and seconded by Councillor F. Hynes |
| Mrs M. Ledwidge | - Proposed by Councillor T. Keenan, and seconded by Councillor R. Miley |
| V. Blake | - Proposed by Councillor P. Deering, and seconded by Councillor F. Hynes. |

As the time had now reached 10 minutes passed 5.00 p.m., the Chairman adjourned discussion of this item to the next meeting of the Council.

It was unanimously agreed that a meeting of the Council would be held on 8th August 1977 at which the matters pertaining to the Housing Meeting and the Ordinary Meeting would be considered.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Wicklow County Council held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on the 8th August, 1977, at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT:- Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., Chairman
Councillors T. J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney,
V. Blake, J. Whelan, P. Deering, J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D.,
J. Byrne, S. Costello, Ch. Keegan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge,
A. Murphy, C. Murphy, T.D., Miss N. O'Neill, J. J. Bourke,
Ml. Cullen and R. Miley

ALSO IN Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager
ATTEND- Mr. John J. Higgins, County Secretary
ANCE:- Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer
Mr. H. Jordan, Staff Officer, Housing Section
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Housing Meeting held on the 4th July, 1977, and the minutes of the Annual General Meeting and the Ordinary Meeting held on the 11th July, 1977, be confirmed and signed.

ITEM 2 NOMINATION OF DELEGATES TO ATTEND THE I.F.H.P. INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION IN GENEVA

It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Councillor P. Deering and agreed, Councillor S. Costello desceing, that the following would be nominated to attend the I.F.H.P. International Congress and Exhibition in Geneva in September:-

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| Councillor J. Sweeney, | Councillor T. J. Keenan, |
| Councillor J. Byrne, | Councillor Ch. Keegan, |
| Councillor D. Kinsella, | |

together with an official of the Council.

ITEM 3 REPRESENTATIVE ON THE WICKLOW COUNTY LOCAL (HEALTH) COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge and unanimously agreed that Mrs. Patricia McNamara, Leitrim Place, Wicklow, would be nominated as a representative of a voluntary organisation to serve on the Wicklow County Local (Health) Committee. A letter dated the 29th July, 1977, from the Wicklow Irish Countrywomen's Association was read and noted.

ITEM 4 NATIONAL MONUMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

It was unanimously agreed that a meeting of the National Monument Advisory Committee would be held at the Town Hall, Bray, on the 19th September, at 3.00 p.m. If possible, the Committee would inspect the St. Paul's Church, with a view to ascertaining its suitability as a museum.

ITEM 5 TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROAD AT CORBALLIS, RATHDRUM

Application from the Motor Enthusiasts Club for the closing of the road at Corballis, on Saturday, 1st October, 1977, was considered, as was also a letter from the Superintendent Garda Siochana, Baltinglass, in connection with the closing of roads for the Circuit of Wicklow Rally, which was also promoted by the Motor Enthusiasts Club. It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Ch. Keegan and unanimously agreed that subject to the approval of the County Engineer, favourable consideration be given to the application. It was also agreed to bring the Superintendent's letter to the attention of the organisers.

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ITEM 6 CREATION OF ADDITIONAL POSTS

Report dated the 8th August, 1977, from the County Accountant outlining the necessity for the creation of additional posts in the Accounts Section was read. It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney and unanimously agreed that in accordance with the terms of Section 6 of the City and County Management Act, 1955, and the consent of the Minister for Local Government as required, the following additional posts be created:-

- (a) Additional post of Staff Officer, Accounts Department
- (b) Additional post of Clerical Officer, Accounts Department

ITEM 7 SHEEP DIPPING REGULATIONS FOR 1977

It was proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan, seconded by Councillor Ml. Cullen and unanimously agreed that the Draft County Wicklow Sheep Dipping Regulations, as submitted, be approved. The Council were informed that the Sheep Dipping Committee had approved the revised dates contained in the Order, i.e. between the 15th day of September and the 7th day of December, 1977.

ITEM 8 MEETING OF THE SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE WITH COUNTY WEXFORD SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE

The Council were informed that a letter had been received from the County Secretary, Wexford County Council, explaining as there was no meeting of the Wexford County Council in August, it will not be possible to obtain approval to the attendance of the Committee on the 2nd September, 1977, as suggested. It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor R. Miley and unanimously agreed that an alternative date of the last Monday in September, i.e. 26th be suggested to Wexford County Council, the meeting to be held at the Courthouse, Arklow, at 3.00 p.m.

ITEM 9 TAKING OVER OF ROAD AND SERVICES AT BELLEVUE LAWN, DELGANY

It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., and unanimously agreed that Wicklow County Council take over the road and services at Bellevue Lawn estate, Delgany, for a distance of 280 m.

HOUSING REPORT

At this stage it was unanimously agreed that consideration would be given to the Housing Progress Report. Detailed consideration was given to the report and it was unanimously agreed to hold an Area Meeting at Blessington to consider the area location of the proposed new housing scheme.

It was also agreed that the Contractor for the Tinahely houses be approached with a view to having the houses handed over to the Council as early as possible.

It was also agreed that an Area Meeting would be held at the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 16th August, to consider inter alia the housing at Greystones.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, ON 12th SEPTEMBER, 1977, at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT:- Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., Chairman
Councillors J. Bourke, M. Cullen, P. Deering, J. Miley,
G. Timmins, T.D., T. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney,
J. Whelan, V. Blake, S. Costello, J. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge,
C. Murphy, T.D., A. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill and R. Miley

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:- Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager, Mr. J. Higgins, County Secretary,
Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer, Mr. A. Fidgeon,
County Accountant, Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer,
Mr. R. O'Ceallaigh, Administrative Officer

On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., it was unanimously agreed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to Councillor F. Hynes, on the death of his mother, to the wife of Senator Garrett on her sad bereavement, and to the wife and family of the late Mr. Denis Byrne, Glenview Road, Wicklow. The County Manager associated himself with the resolutions of sympathy on his own behalf and on behalf of the Council staff.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Deering, seconded by Councillor J. Miley, it was unanimously agreed that the congratulations of the Council be extended to the Dunlavin Team on their achievement in winning the County Football Title for the first time, and that the runners up, Wicklow, should be complimented on their sporting display.

ITEM NO. 1:- BRAY URBAN BOUNDARY EXTENSION

It was unanimously agreed that a meeting of the Bray Urban Boundary Extension Committee would be held on Tuesday, 20th September, 1977, at the Town Hall, Bray, at 3.00 p.m. to consider making a recommendation to the Council in relation to the proposed extension.

ITEM NO. 2:- GRANTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS, 1977

The following proposals were submitted to the Council for approval in relation to the 1977 programme:-

| | Estimate |
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| 1. Bogmeadow Field, Enniskerry: Drainage, Fencing and Levelling | £3,000, J |
| 2. Greystones - Victoria Road: Drainage, Levelling and Filling | £3,000 |
| 3. Cliff Walk - Repairs | £3,000 J |
| 4. Greystones Dump: Levelling, fencing, and seeding to convert into playing pitches and recreation ground | £4,000 |
| 5. Blessington Dump: Fencing, levelling and seeding; provision of seats and equipment | £2,000 J |
| Total:- | £15,000 |

The Council were informed that the amount of the grant proposed was £10,000, but a further £5,000 would be required to defray the Council's share of the proposed expenditure. Following a discussion, in which it was agreed on the suggestion of Councillor J. Miley, that the allocation of £2,000 in respect of the Blessington Dump would be shared with a proposal for a picnicking area at Ballysmutton Bridge.

It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and seconded by Councillor S. Costello that the County Engineer's proposals be accepted. The proposals were put to a vote which resulted as follows:-

IN FAVOUR:

Councillor J. Byrne
" S. Costello
" Mrs M. Ledwidge
" A. Murphy
" C. Murphy
" Miss N. O'Neill

AGAINST:

Councillor J. Bourke
" M. Cullen
" P. Deering
" L. Kavanagh
" T. Keenan
" D. Kinsella
" J. Miley
" R. Miley
" K. Ryan
" J. Sweeney
" G. Timmins
" V. Blake
" J. Whelan

This proposal was defeated by 13 votes against to 6 votes in favour.

Following further discussion, in which it was suggested that a fairer distribution of the available monies should be made, it was pointed out that the works would have to be completed by 31st December 1977 and that any proposals which involved land acquisition was unlikely to be acceptable for this reason.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., and seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, that the County Engineer's recommendation in relation to the Bogmeadow (£3,000) and the Cliff Walk (£3,000), and the Blessington Dump/Ballysmutton Bridge (£2,000) should proceed and that consideration at a later date would be given to schemes to utilise the balance of £ 7,000. It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan that the available finances would be divided equally between the four Electoral Areas of the County. A vote was taken on the amendment which resulted as follows:

IN FAVOUR:

Councillor M. Cullen
" T. Keenan
" D. Kinsella
" J. Miley
" R. Miley
" K. Ryan
" V. Blake
" J. Whelan

AGAINST:

Councillor J. Bourke
" J. Byrne
" S. Costello
" P. Deering
" L. Kavanagh
" Mrs M. Ledwidge
" A. Murphy
" C. Murphy
" Miss N. O'Neill
" J. Sweeney
" G. Timmins

This amendment was defeated by 11 votes against to 8 in favour.

Councillor Murphy's proposal was then put to the meeting which resulted as follows:-

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IN FAVOUR:

Councillor J. Bourke
 " J. Byrne
 " S. Costello
 " P. Deering
 " L. Kavanagh
 " T. Keenan
 " Mrs M. Ledwidge
 " J. Miley
 " R. Miley
 " A. Murphy
 " C. Murphy
 " Miss N. O'Neill
 " G. Timmins
 " Sweeney
 " V. Blake
 " J. Whelan

AGAINST:

Councillor K. Ryan

This proposal was accordingly carried with 16 votes in favour and 1 against.

ITEM NO. 3:- NATIONAL MUSEUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Letter dated 25th July 1977 from the Eastern Regional Development Organisation in relation to the report of the National Museum Development Committee regarding museum services was read. It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne, and unanimously agreed that the following Notice of Motion be submitted to the Minister for Education:-

- "That Wicklow County Council requests the Minister for Education to establish a national Museum Council representative of the nation to:
- formulate and keep under review a national museum policy;
 - administer the national museum service;
 - promote and facilitate co-ordination of museum services between the national museum and all other museums, including the promotion of local or other specialised museum services throughout the country."

ITEM NO. 4: TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS AT RATHDRUM ON 1ST OCTOBER 1977

The Council were informed that the proposal, in principle, to the proposed closing of the roads at Rathdrum, County Wicklow, on the 1st October 1977 had been given at the August Meeting of the Council. Since then an objection dated 30th August 1977 from William and Elizabeth Ellison had been received. The text of this objection was read as was letter dated 10th September 1977 from the Motor Enthusiasts Club Limited, in which replies were given to some of the points raised by the objectors. The County Engineer recommended that consideration be given to confining road closure to the afternoon from 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Concern was expressed regarding the capability of the undertakings being given by the Motor Enthusiasts Club Limited in view of the number of complaints which have been received in recent years. Following discussion, it was agreed that permission would be given to close the roads as recommended by the County Engineer, and that the objectors would be furnished with a copy of the letter dated 10th September 1977 from the Motor Enthusiasts Club Limited.

ITEM No. 5:- ADOPTION OF SCHEME UNDER THE ARTS ACT 1973:

The Council were informed that provision of £3,000 had been included in the Estimates for the current year to enable the Council to make grants under the Arts Act 1973. The Council were informed that a draft scheme had been prepared and that it was proposed to accept applications up to 31st October in the current year, and that recommendations in relation to these applications would be submitted to the Council for approval.

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The making of grants under the said Act is a reserved function. Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan and unanimously agreed that the draft scheme be approved.

ITEM NO. 6:- (A) CREATION OF THE POST OF LAW AGENT:

The Council were informed that arrangements had been made with Mr J.H. McCarroll, Solicitor in 1974 to carry out the legal work of Wicklow County Council, Bray Urban District Council and Wicklow Urban District Council on the basis of a retainer fee, and this agreement was to be subject to review at the end of a three year period. The County Manager had discussed this matter with Mr McCarroll, and with his agreement, it was decided that it was opportune for the Council to acquire the services of a full-time Law Agent who would act for Wicklow County Council, Bray Urban District Council, Wicklow Urban District Council, and at a later date, Arklow Urban District Council.

The volume and complexity of the Council's legal affairs had grown considerably over the years and it was felt that the appointment of a full-time officer to the post of Law Agent was the most practical means of ensuring that the Council's legal work will continue to be dealt with in a satisfactory manner. Mr McCarroll had intimated that he was prepared to co-operate fully in the implementation of this proposal and that he will continue to act in the capacity of Council's Law Agent until a permanent appointment is made.

During the course of discussion which followed, tributes were made to Mr McCarroll for the manner in which he had conducted his onerous responsibilities for a long period of years. It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, seconded by Councillor A. Murphy and unanimously agreed that subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government, a permanent post of Law Agent be created to deal with the legal work of Wicklow County Council, Bray Urban District Council, Wicklow Urban District Council and at a later date Arklow Urban District Council.

(B) ADDITIONAL POST OF CIVIL ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN

The Council were informed that an additional post of Civil Engineering Technician was required to assist the Chief Assistant County Engineer who has been assigned to urban services duties in relation to the towns of Arklow and Wicklow. It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney and unanimously agreed that this additional post should be created.

ITEM NO. 7:- EXTENSION OF FOOTPATH AND PUBLIC LIGHTING AT CASTLEMACADAM, AVOCA:

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, and seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D.:-

"That this Council extend the footpath to the houses beyond the Cemetery at Castlemacadam, Avoca, and also extend the public lighting."

The County Engineer recommended that the footpath be extended to the houses beyond the Cemetery at Castlemacadam, but that no justification is seen to the extension of public lighting at this location. The extension would set a precedent for the provision of public lighting outside every small group of houses on public roads. The provision of the footpath would be considered for inclusion in the 1978 Estimates.

ITEM NO. 8:- MEETING OF THE BRAY AREA COUNCILLORS

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill was noted as the meeting had already been held:-

"That this Council arrange a further meeting of the Northern Area Councillors to consider the County Development Plan for that area."

ITEM NO. 9:- PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT WEXFORD ROAD, ARKLOW

It was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney and seconded by Councillor D. Kinsella:-

"That this Council provide a pedestrian crossing on the Wexford Road, Arklow, in the vicinity of Brennan's Bakery."

The County Engineer reported that the existing traffic densities and road width indicated that a pedestrian crossing is not necessary at this location. Following discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the County Engineer would have another look at this matter.

ITEM NO. 10:- NEW COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICES:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill was considered:-

"That this Council provide access to the new County Council Offices for people who are disabled and particularly for those who are in wheelchairs."

The Council were informed that the contract had been entered into in relation to the erection of the new Council Offices and that the making of alterations to meet the requirements of disabled persons at all floor levels would involve the Council in considerable expense. There is no evidence that the Council Offices will be used regularly by a large number of physically handicapped. It was recommended that the ground floor toilets and entrance be altered to facilitate wheelchairs. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 11:- REGISTERING OF COUNCIL LANDS

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill was considered:-

"That this Council insist that all properties held in the name of The County Council be registered - singly - at the Land Registry Office as soon as possible."

The Council were informed that all properties acquired by Wicklow County Council is required by Statute to be registered in the Land Registry Office. Each new acquisition is entered in a separate folio and is not now included in the Council's omnibus folio. In the course of discussion, which followed, concern was expressed in the delay in finalising vesting maps.

ITEM NO. 12:- BELLEVUE AVENUE, CHURCH ROAD, GREYSTONES

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill was considered:-

"That this Council enter into arrangements with Castlecarrig Developments (Evan's lane 372 houses) that they pay a lump sum of money to cover the cost of improving the entry to Bellevue Avenue on the Church Road, Greystones, which will be part of the road network at this scheme at a later date."

The Council were informed that planning permission for the development of these lands by Castlecarrig & Company Ltd. was granted on appeal by the Minister for Local Government on 10th June 1976. The Council had previously refused permission on the grounds that the development was premature having regard to deficiencies in services in the area. As no condition had been imposed by the Minister in regard to payment of monies for road improvements, the Council are not now in a position to require payment for this purpose. Noted.

At this stage it was unanimously agreed to consider item 56 on the Agenda.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley was accordingly considered:-

"That Mr C.H. Egan's Planning Application be dealt with by the County Councillors who are the Planning Authority."

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The Council were informed that Mr Charles Egan applied on the 9th January 1974 under Reg. Ref. 30/74 for permission to construct a bungalow at Dunboyke, Hollywood. The Council's decision of 28th February 1974 to refuse permission was upheld on appeal to the Minister on 16th July 1974.

On the 21st June 1976 he again applied for same site (a different proposal than that previously lodged) under Reg. Ref. 541/76. The Council's decision to refuse permission on amenity and road deficiency grounds dated 19th August 1976 was upheld on appeal by the Planning Appeals Board for the same reasons.

He was also previously refused under Reg. Refs. 7092/73 and 542/74 but the decisions on appeal would be the over-riding ones.

He has again applied on the 8th August 1977, Reg. Ref. 1730/77 with the same proposal as that put forward under reg. ref. 541/76 and the County Engineer has recommended refusal for the reasons previously given. (Another person, A. Whittaker, was also refused permission for four bungalows on this site under Ref. 6314/73.)

The applications other than 541/76 and the current one 1730/77 were made before Mr Egan became an officer of the Council and all his applications were specially examined by the County Engineer (T. Donovan) and in some cases A/County Engineer, (J. Forristal) before recommendation to refuse was sent to the County Manager.

Following discussion, the County Manager informed the Council that he would inspect the proposed site with the County Engineer, and inform the Council at the next meeting of his intention in the matter. This course was accordingly agreed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Removal of Gravel from River at Arklow: Councillor J. Sweeney raised the question of the refusal of the Minister for Transport & Power to allow the County Engineer to remove gravel from the River at Arklow for the purposes of carrying out road works. He stated that the dredging of this stretch of river would be very expensive and that the County Engineer would extract gravel from this source free. At low tide the bed of the river was now clearly visible whereas some years ago there was a reasonable depth of water even at low tide. It was unanimously agreed that this matter would be taken up with the Minister for Transport & Power.

MEETING OF MEMBERS FOR THE WICKLOW ELECTORAL AREA:

Letter dated 9th September 1977 from Mr Liam Kavanagh, T.D., Chairman, was read in which it was suggested that an Area Meeting for the Members for the Wicklow Area would be held to discuss housing development and repairs, the Development Plan, and with the agreement of the Members, Notices of Motion standing in their names on the Council's Agenda. It was agreed by the members concerned that such a meeting would be held.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

CONFIRMED:

CHAIRMAN

DATE:

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Housing Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday, 3rd October, 1977, at 2.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow

PRESENT:- Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., Chairman
Councillors J. J. Bourke, Ml. Cullen, F. Hynes, P. Deering,
J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., D. Kinsella, K. Ryan,
J. Sweeney, J. Whelan, V. Blake, S. Costello, J. Byrne,
C. Keegan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, C. Murphy, T.D., A. Murphy,
Miss N. O'Neill and R. Miley

**ALSO IN
ATTEND-
ANCE:-**

Mr. B. A. Fidgeon, Deputy County Manager
Mr. N. J. Byrne, Acting County Secretary
Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer
Mr. E. MacNeill, Chief Assistant County Engineer, Housing
Mr. R. O'Ceallaigh, Administrative Officer
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes
Mr. H. Jordan, Staff Officer, Housing

Mr. Seamus Hayes, County Manager, sent an apology for his inability to attend owing to illness. The members joined in sending him a good will message.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor P. Deering, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5th September, 1977, be confirmed and signed.

ITEM 2 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT KILCOOLE

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and unanimously agreed that the Council dispose of 4 acres of land at Kilcoole to St. Laurence O'Toole Diocesan Trust for the sum of £10,800, in accordance with the terms specified in the Notice given pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended, which had been circulated.

ITEM 3 EXTENSION OF WATER TO THE FIVE COTTAGES IN THE AUGHRIM ROAD AT BALLINACLASH

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors K. Ryan and L. Kavanagh, T.D., was considered:-

"That this Council extend the water to the five cottages on the Aughrim Road at Ballinaclesh".

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes and agreed that this work be included in the list of Small Water Schemes for consideration in the 1978 Estimates.

ITEM 4 PROVISION OF EXTRA BINS IN THE VICINITY OF THE HARBOUR, GREYSTONES, and at LAY-BY ON ROAD FROM GREYSTONES TO KILLINCARRIG

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Byrne and L. Kavanagh, T.D., was considered:-

"That the position of having extra bins at the vicinity of the Harbour, Greystones, and at lay-by on road from Greystones to Killincarrig be examined".

Councillor John Byrne stated that the provision of extra bins at the points mentioned was an urgent matter and was assured that they would be available within two weeks.

At this point, the Chairman's proposal to take "questions" at 4.50 p.m. was unanimously agreed.

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ITEM 5 WATER SUPPLY AT KILGARRON PARK, ENNISKERRY

The following Notices of Motion in the names of Councillors C. Keegan and A. Murphy, and Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., respectively, were considered:-

- (a) "That this Council investigate the problem regarding the water supply at Kilgarron Park, which has given trouble since last November and take action to have a proper water supply available".
- (b) "In view of the water situation at Kilgarron Park, Enniskerry, that Wicklow County Council lay new water pipes from the reservoir to serve the Carrigoona supply using money out of next year's allocation for the purpose".

It was proposed to lay a new main from the reservoir at Kilgarron to connect with the main going to Carrigoona and from this to bring a separate line parallel to the line serving Kilgarron reservoir to serve Kilgarron Park. The new main will be sufficient to serve both Carrigoona and Kilgarron Park, and it was estimated that this work would cost £5,000.00.

Representations were made by Councillors C. Murphy, T.D., A. Murphy, Ch. Keegan, Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. Ledwidge, that priority be given to the proposal in order to solve the water shortage at this location.

Councillor A. Murphy proposed and Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge seconded that provision be made for this work in the 1978 Estimates. The County Engineer indicated that this work could be included in Small Water and Sewerage Schemes and work could commence in the early part of 1978. This was agreed.

ITEM 6 IMPROVEMENT IN THE APPEARANCE OF OLD GRAVEYARDS IN THE COUNTY

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor V. Blake was considered:-

"That this Council provide money to improve the appearance of old graveyards in the County".

The members were informed that there is an overall plan to improve the appearance of graveyards in the County over the next four or five years. A sum of £5,000 will be expended in the current year in the southern area. In west Wicklow, the areas outside Donard cemetery and the new cemetery at Dunlavin would benefit from monies being provided. Councillor V. Blake mentioned that repairs to the gates and fencing in some graveyards in the southern area were required, and it was agreed that this would be examined.

ITEM 7 PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY FOR PATRICK KAVANAGH & PATRICK SHANNON AT BARNISKEY, AVOCA

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Sweeney and T. Keenan was considered:-

"That this Council provide a water supply for Patrick Kavanagh and Patrick Shannon at Barniskey, Avoca".

The present supply which serves the two houses is from an open well which is polluted by cattle. The approximate cost of a well pump, pressure vessel and mains would be £2,000. It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., and seconded by Councillor J. Miley and agreed that provision for this work be made in the 1978 Estimates.

ITEM 8 EXTENSION OF WATER SUPPLY TO (a) Clough Baltinglass and (b) Irongrange, Baltinglass

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. was considered:-

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"That the Baltinglass water supply be extended to (a) Clough, Baltinglass, and (b) Irongrange, Baltinglass".

It was recommended by the County Engineer that no extensions be approved until the water storage in the Baltinglass supply is improved which would ensure that the whole area may be served by gravity. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., questioned the claim that there was a water shortage in the town and proposed that steps be taken to improve the pressure and proceed with the proposed extension. Councillor P. Deering seconded the proposal and it was agreed.

ITEM 9 PROVISION OF A SPRING LOADED TAP FOR WATER PUMP AT MONASTERY, ENNISKERRY

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., was considered:-

"That a springloaded tap, to prevent leaking, be fitted in the water pump at Monastery, Enniskerry".

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. who raised the matter was informed that this matter had been attended to recently.

ITEM 10 FAULTY SEWAGE SYSTEM IN FAIRYHILL ESTATE

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors A. Murphy and C. Keegan was considered:-

"That steps be taken to rectify the faulty sewage system in Fairyhill Estate and also that further efforts be made to have the estate completed according to the terms of the planning permission granted."

The County Engineer informed the Members that the foul drainage system is causing trouble in the back gardens of houses number one to six. A meeting had taken place with the Developer, Mr. P. Nolan, and it was been suggested that the drain from MH 3 to MH 5 be relaid, to give constant gradient and that a pipe could be laid in the garden area adjacent to the concrete path and that manholes be reconstructed to join into new pipes, thus obviating the need to break up the concrete paths. Mr. Nolan has agreed to do this work.

Planning Permission Fairyhill Housing Estate
Register Reference:- 6242/73 and 351/74

With regard to the matter of the completion of Fairyhill Housing Estate, it was pointed out that the items which have not been completed in accordance with the plans and specification to which the permission relates, and the conditions of the permission are being listed and costed. Arrangements will then be made to serve an Enforcement Notice on the Developer requiring the completion of the estate in compliance with the permission. Councillor A. Murphy supported by Councillor C. Keegan urged that the defects should be remedied immediately, and that if an Enforcement Notice was necessary that they should be notified of the expiry date.

ITEM 11 CLASSIFICATION OF TRADESMEN'S HELPERS ENGAGED ON COTTAGE REPAIRS AS BUILDERS LABOURERS WITH RELEVANT RATES OF PAY

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Whelan and T. Keenan was considered:-

"That men who are working as tradesmen's helpers on cottage repairs be classified as builders' labourers and paid accordingly".

In a report read to the meeting it was pointed out that these men are recruited from the road staff and only work intermittently as tradesmen's helpers. The County Manager is prepared to discuss this matter with the men's Unions if they so wished. Councillor James Whelan proposed and Councillor F. Hynes seconded that the Unions should be consulted with and that a further report be submitted. Cont/d...

ITEM 12 ACCOMMODATION FOR PETER CULLEN & SON OF BALLANAGH, AVOCA

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors D. Kinsella, J. Sweeney, K. Ryan and Ml. Cullen was considered:-

"That this Council provide some form of accommodation for Peter Cullen and his Son of Ballanagh, Avoca".

Councillor Denis Kinsella referred to a house at Ballanagh, Avoca, occupied by Mr. Peter Cullen and his Son which had been condemned in 1950, but the family had not been rehoused yet. In a report to the Council it was indicated that the position had been examined by the Chief Medical Officer and he recommended a single dwelling in Avoca Village, probably a demountable dwelling, and that this would take a couple of months. Councillor Kinsella proposed that a demountable house be provided as soon as possible, and the proposal was seconded by Councillor K. Ryan and agreed.

ITEM 13 REPORT ON WATER SUPPLY AT COLLIGA, KNOCKANARRIGAN, and
ITEM 17 PROPOSED SCRAPING OF WATER SUPPLY PIPELINE AT KNOCKANARRIGAN AND COOLMONEY

The following Notices of Motion in the names of Councillors C. Murphy, T.D., and J. Miley, and Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. in the second instance, were considered:-

"That a report regarding the water supply at Colliga, Knockanarrigan, be given to the next County Council Meeting".

"That this Council in conjunction with the Army, have the water supply pipeline at Knockanarrigan and Coolmoney scraped to improve supply as an interim measure".

This area is served from the Army water supply serving Coolmoney Army Camp, and the mains concerned were laid prior to the first World War, and are in need of an overhaul. The County Engineer informed the Members that discussions are taking place with the Army in order to find a solution to the problem, but the sanction of the Department of Defence will be required before any work commences. He suggested that the Council make a contribution to the costs. Pumping costs at Gibstown Bridge could be reduced as water would become available from the Army supply.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., stated that a Mr. Butler's house was the worst affected by the shortage and felt the Council and Army should co-operate in having the pipes scraped. Councillor James Miley supported this claim stating that this man had a water supply one day and none the next. He suggested that the water supply in the vicinity of Dwyer's cottage should be harnessed and connected to the main supply so as to serve all the people in the area. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., suggested that the question of laying a new main should be considered. It was finally agreed that a further report on the matter be submitted by the County Engineer.

ITEM 14 WATER SUPPLY AT KILMACANOGUE & CARRIGOONA

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors C. Keegan and A. Murphy was considered:-

"That the Council make arrangements to ensure that the water supply at Kilmacanogue and Carrigoona is brought to a proper standard".

Councillor C. Keegan stated that the residents had problems with water supplies this summer. In the case of five people they had sunk pumps in their gardens, but this method is costly and a drain on the peoples resources. Councillor A. Murphy and Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., and Councillor John Byrne, supported the motion.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and agreed that the Council take over the Old Rockey Valley Scheme and that proposals for improving the water supply in the area be included in the 1978 list of Small Water and Sewerage Schemes.

ITEM 15 QUALIFYING AGE FOR S.D.A. LOANS

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, C. Murphy, T.D., and T. Keenan was considered:-

"That this Council reduce the qualifying age for S.D.A. loans from 21 years to 18 years".

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The Law Agent advised that this resolution, if passed, would not be legal. In Ireland at the present time the legal age is still 21 years, and a Contract signed by anyone under 21 years of age is unenforceable in most instances. Councillor J. Sweeney referred to the fact that couples are marrying earlier than heretofore, and that a problem existed regarding the present legal age of 21 years when the question of mortgages arise. After a general discussion, Councillor J. Sweeney proposed, Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded and it was agreed that this Council recommend to the Department of the Environment that the qualifying age for Housing Loans be reduced from 21 years to 18 years. It was further agreed that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the General Council of County Councils for consideration.

ITEM 16 WATER SUPPLY TO FOUR HOUSEHOLDS AT BALLYKILMURRAY, HACKETSTOWN

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., was considered:-

"That the Council be given a report on the water supply situation to four households at Ballykilmurray, Hacketstown".

The County Engineer informed the Members that this matter is in hands and that the E.S.B. are being pressed to make an early connection as soon as the electric pump is installed. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., pointed out that the E.S.B. will not move in the matter until the pump is installed. Councillor J. Whelan referred to a previous resolution in June last, and stated that nothing had been done. He stressed the point that a pump-house must first be built.

ITEM 18 EXTENSION OF SEWERAGE SYSTEM TO ACCOMMODATE LOWER WINDGATES (MAIN ROAD) via ENNIS LANE, GREYSTONES

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., was considered:-

"That the Council extend the sewerage system to accommodate Lower Windgates (Main Road) via Ennis Lane, Greystones".

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., stated that this area should be opened up for development by extending the sewerage system. At present building operations are held up due to non-availability of services. The County Engineer recommended that:-

- (a) the Council's Planning Consultant for the area report on the desirability of opening this area for development,
- (b) that the Council's Drainage Consultant report on the proposals from the Planning Consultant,
- (c) a report be obtained from the Council's Consulting Engineers on the availability of water in the new main serving Greystones.

ITEM 19 REPLACEMENT OF SEATS IN GRATTAN PARK

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill was considered:-

"That this Council replace the seats in Grattan Park".

In a report it was stated that the seats referred to were placed in Grattan Park within the last year and have subsequently been broken by vandals. Arrangements will be made to have these seats repaired. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill stated that the seats were in poor condition. Councillor K. Ryan referred to the present design of the Council's seats and suggested that they be re-designed so as to overcome the effects of wear caused by the weather. This suggestion was agreed.

ITEM 20 INCREASE SOUGHT IN RE-CONSTRUCTION GRANTS & GRANTS FOR WELLS FOR SINGLE HOUSES

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The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors F. Hynes, K. Ryan, L. Kavanagh, T.D., and J. J. Bourke was considered:-

"That this Council ask the Department of Local Government to increase the Reconstruction Grants and grants for wells for single houses".

Councillor F. Hynes mentioned that no increase in these grants had taken place in the past 20 years. These grants had enabled houses to be reconstructed and brought up to standard but the present figure of £200.00 from the Department and a similar figure from the Council is unrealistic. Regarding grants for wells for single houses, these had not been increased and such grants were essential for isolated single houses. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., referred to the valuation clause of £10 limit introduced into Reconstruction Grants last year and proposed that the valuation clause be deleted.

After a general discussion an amendment to the original proposal was agreed as follows:-

"That this Council ask the Department of the Environment to increase the Reconstruction Grants and Grants for wells for single houses and to delete the valuation clause in the present scheme".

It was also agreed that this matter be referred for consideration by the General Council of County Councils.

ITEM 21 WATER AT BALLASALLAGH, BRITTAS BAY

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors M. Cullen and R. Miley was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council make a supply of water to the Council house of Michael Kavanagh at Ballasallagh, Brittas Bay".

In a report it was stated that it is not recommended that any further individual wells be provided in this area. It was felt that consideration should be given to the design of a scheme to supply the whole of the Brittas Bay region, possibly using the Potter's River as a source. Councillor Ml. Cullen proposed, and Councillor F. Hynes seconded that Mr. Ml. Kavanagh be given a supply when the Brittas scheme became operative. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., enquired if there was a time scale for the Brittas Bay scheme and was informed that a full design for this scheme was not yet available.

ITEM 22 EXTENSION OF WATER MAINS FROM DERRYBAWN TO BALLARD

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors R. Miley and Ml. Cullen was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council extend the water mains from Derrybawn yard gate to Ballard and Nolans, Derrybawn".

In a report the County Engineer considered that the expenditure to provide water would be excessive and suggested that the scheme be deferred until schemes involving a greater number of houses are first completed. Councillor R. Miley proposed, Councillor Ml. Cullen seconded and it was agreed that the Council grant permission to the occupiers of two new houses and one old to bring the water from Derrybawn gate to Ballard and Nolan's, Derrybawn, provided the work is carried out by way of a private Group Water Supply Scheme. The residents are to be advised of the grants available for such a scheme.

ITEM 23 DRAINAGE AT BEACH LANE, BALTINGLASS

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., was considered:-

"That proper drainage be provided at Beach Lane, Parkmore, Baltinglass".

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The County Engineer in a report stated that to provide a drain to the river, a distance of 200 yards, it would cost £500.00 and it could be included in next year's Roadworks Programme. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., proposed and Councillor P. Deering seconded that the County Engineer's report be adopted.

ITEM 24 SAFETY & HEALTH HAZARD, KILLARNEY PARK

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C. Murphy T.D., was considered:-

"That the stagnant pond to the rear of 181 Killarney Park in Pinewood Studios ground be drained and filled in as it is creating a hazard, both safety and health wise".

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., suggested that this pond be drained and filled in as it was creating a hazard both from the safety and health points of view and stated that with the approach of bad weather the problem would become more serious. He requested further information as to the causes for flooding and overflowing of the pond. In a report submitted to the Members, it was learned that the plot of ground concerned has now been sold to a Mr. Philip Kelly for housing development and when planning permission is being sought, the question of filling in the pond will be dealt with.

The County Engineer stated that the Council could serve a notice on the owner of the land to abate any health or safety hazard arising from the pond. It was agreed that the causes of overflow and flooding of adjoining property be further investigated.

ITEM 25 HOUSE REPAIRS - NEW ROAD KILCOOLE

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors A. Murphy and G. Timmins, T.D., was considered:-

"That housing repairs be carried out on the cottage of Mr. White at 12 New Road, Kilcoole".

The County Engineer recommended that repairs estimated to cost £350.00 be carried out to this cottage. Councillor A. Murphy proposed, Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded and it was agreed that repairs estimated to cost £350.00 be carried out to Mr. White's cottage at 12 New Road, Kilcoole.

ITEM 26 WATER SUPPLY AT WOODSTOCK - CARROLL AND WOODGATE FAMILIES

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and C. Murphy, T.D., was considered:-

"That this Council provide a water supply to two Council houses at Woodstock occupied by the Carroll and Woodgate families by extending the Group Water Scheme in the locality".

The County Engineer indicated that it would be possible to serve these houses by extending the existing Group Water Scheme in the area which the Council took over. It is estimated that the cost of the work would be approximately £3,600.00. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill proposed, and Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded, and it was agreed, that this work be included for consideration in the 1978 list of Small Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes.

ITEM 27 SEWERAGE SYSTEM AT MILLTOWN, DUNLAVIN

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors P. Deering and G. Timmins, T.D., was considered:-

"That this Council extend sewage to three houses at Milltown, Dunlavin".

A report was not available and it was agreed to include this item on the Agenda for the next Housing Meeting.

ITEM 28 CARNEW SEWERAGE SCHEME

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors K. Ryan and L. Kavanagh, T.D., was considered:-

"That this Council report on the progress of Carnew Sewerage Scheme".

In a report submitted by the County Engineer it was stated that tests from the tannery in Carnew are holding up completion of the contract documents for the Carnew Sewerage Scheme, but that it is expected that the Consulting Engineers will be in a position to submit their report before the 1st December, 1977.

Councillor K. Ryan sought an undertaking that this scheme will be carried out in 1978. He stated that there has been a large increase in the number of new houses and extensions to the national schools. Raw sewage is flowing down the fields not more than 100' from the Vocational School and is causing a serious health hazard. Councillors V. Blake and J. Whelan and G. Timmins, T.D., supported Councillor K. Ryan.

ITEM 29 REPAIRS TO HOUSES AT SHILLELAGH

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors K. Ryan and L. Kavanagh, T.D., was considered:-

"That repairs be carried out to No. 10 and No. 7 at the new housing scheme at Shillelagh".

In a report it was stated that at present an end of maintenance period inspection of all the houses at Shillelagh is being carried out and this report will be sent to the Contractor within a week. Councillor K. Ryan stated that water is flowing down the chimney of No. 7 and destroying the house and was in need of urgent repair. The County Engineer stated that he expected all necessary repairs on this house to be carried out in the near future.

ITEM 30 WALL AT CASTLEMACADAM CEMETERY

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor D. Kinsella was considered:-

"That this Council provide a new wall in front of the cemetery at Castlemacadam, Avoca".

The County Engineer recommended that the wall at the entrance to Castlemacadam Cemetery be reconstructed at an estimated cost of £4,000. Councillor D. Kinsella proposed, Councillor J. Sweeney seconded and it was agreed that provision be made in the 1978 Estimates for the carrying out of this work.

ITEM 31 EXTENSION OF REFUSE COLLECTION

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor D. Kinsella was considered:-

"That this Council extend the refuse collection from Arklow Rock to Kavanagh's cottage at Kilmurray, Arklow".

In a report submitted it was stated that at present it is not possible to consider any further extensions to the refuse collection service as the new collection schedules implemented since the 3rd October, 1977, will fully commit the Council's facilities for collection of refuse. Councillor D. Kinsella stated that the proposed collection extended to within one mile of the Wexford border and would serve ten houses. It was proposed by Councillor D. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan that the refuse collection be extended to serve these houses.

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ITEM 32 WATER SUPPLY TO ROUNDWOOD VILLAGE

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Byrne and L. Kavanagh, T.D., was considered:-

"In view of the inconvenience caused by the unsatisfactory water supply in Roundwood Village, would the Council give priority for carrying out improvements in water supply schemes in 1978".

In a report to the Members it was stated that it is intended to appoint a consultant to design a water supply scheme to serve Roundwood. Councillor J. Byrne informed the Members that there was an emergency situation there due to the amount of development. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., supported this claim. Councillor E. Miley said that the only solution was to bring the water from the Laragh/Annamore scheme. The County Engineer stated that it was proposed to build a reservoir in Roundwood and supply it from the Laragh/Annamore scheme. It is intended to appoint a consultant to design a scheme to serve Roundwood with special regard to growth envisaged in the Development Plan for this area.

ITEM 33 WATER SUPPLY TO THE MEETINGS, BALLINACARRIG, & BALLINACLASH

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors M. Cullen and R. Miley was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council supply the following householders in the Meetings, Ballinacarrig, Ballinaclash area with a supply of water; Thomas Scott, Laurence Byrne, Miss H. Scott, David Fitzgerald, Patrick O'Carroll, John Freaney, Murrough O'Brien".

The County Engineer in a report stated that preliminary investigations are under way to supply water to the area of Ballinaclash/Meetings and Avoca. Investigation of sources of supply are taking place and if possible, alternative methods of service to the area. When this information is available a further report will be submitted.

ITEM 34 BLESSINGTON SEWERAGE SCHEME

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley was considered:-

"That the position regarding Blessington Sewerage Scheme be discussed".

The County Engineer indicated that the scheme would be divided into three stages and that he would have a report available for the next meeting. Councillor J. Miley asked that Stage 1 be examined by the County Engineer and sent to the Department for approval. He stated that an application for a factory employing 95 people had been received and it would not be possible to proceed until the necessary services had been provided. Agreed.

ITEM 35 HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT

Avoca Scheme

Councillor J. Sweeney referred to the Avoca Scheme and stated that no progress appeared to be made. The County Engineer stated that a concentrated effort by the Contractor was required and pressure was being brought to bear on him. It was agreed that the matter would be taken up again with the Contractor.

Enniskerry Scheme

Councillor S. Costello referred to the expected date of completion (31st October, 1977) of the Enniskerry Scheme and enquired if it was the original date for completion. The County Engineer replied that it was and felt that this scheme would definitely be completed before Christmas. Councillor S. Costello suggested that a draw be made for the tenancies. Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, informed the Meeting that tenants were sought for the Enniskerry

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houses in March, 1977, and that 66 applications had been received. These applications are being processed, but the tenancies will be re-advertised before allocations are finally determined.

Blessington Scheme - Six Houses

The expected date of completion was given as 31st December, 1977. Councillor J. Miley enquired if the Contractor will complete the scheme within the present time-scale (already 9 months late). The County Engineer indicated that all Contractors have to give a reasonable explanation for delays in completing contracts.

It was agreed to add the remainder of the Housing Report to the end of the Agenda for the next Ordinary Meeting.

ITEM 36 CORRESPONDENCE & OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Kilcoole Water Supply Scheme

A Preliminary Report and estimate of cost of providing a storage reservoir distribution main and ancillary works has been received from the Consultants, Messrs. J. B. Barry & Partners. The estimated total cost of the scheme recommended by the Consultants is £180,000 which will be funded by way of a loan from the Office of Public Works.

On the basis of the cost as stated, the proposed scheme would entail annual loan charges of £23,640 over a repayment period of 25 years. The normal state subsidy of 50% of loan charges would be available so that the nett charge to be borne by the Council would be £11,820. Councillor A. Murphy proposed, Councillor Miss N. O'Neill seconded and it was agreed that in order to cater for existing population and future development, a storage reservoir distribution means and ancillary works be provided in Kilcoole.

QUESTIONS

Raheengraney Group Water Supply Scheme

Councillor K. Ryan asked if the Council would assist the Raheengraney Group Water Scheme to get started. The County Engineer reported that well water in this area has a very high iron content and would need to have it removed. It is possible to remove the iron by aeration, followed by filtration, but the matter of constructing suitable apparatus may be beyond the competence of the Group. It is felt that unless the Council take a hand in the matter, this scheme will not proceed. As an alternative, the Council should include the area among its Small Water Supply Schemes. Councillor K. Ryan proposed, Councillor J. Whelan seconded and it was agreed that it be included in the 1978 list of Small Water Supply Schemes.

Carlow North Regional Water Supply Scheme

Councillor V. Blake asked when it is likely that the abovementioned scheme will be implemented and what townlands in Wicklow it is proposed to serve. Councillor Blake was informed that Carlow County Council has appointed a Consultant, N. Dwyer & Partners, and a preliminary report has been lodged in the Department and is currently being examined. The Consultant is examining proposals to serve an area of south-west Wicklow from this scheme, but this information is not yet available to the Council in detail. The Council will contribute proportion of the cost of headworks and other works in Carlow, but will be responsible solely for mains in County Wicklow. It was agreed that a further report be submitted to the next Local Electoral Area Meeting. ✓

Footpaths at Wexford Road, Arklow

Councillor D. Kinsella enquired when the footpath at Wexford Road, Arklow, would be repaved. He stated that the footpath had been torn up in November, 1976, the Council repaired one section but the remainder was left unfinished. Councillor Kinsella also enquired as to why roads in a six mile area of Arklow had not been trimmed. The County Engineer stated that he would obtain a report on these matters.

Sallygap Road at Kippure

Councillor J. Miley asked that the ferns on the side of the road between Darley's gate and the sandpit be cut as they were interfering with visibility. The County Engineer stated that this matter would be attended to.

Parking of Lorries on Footpath at Ashford

Councillor F. Hynes asked that the Council define the footpath line outside the cattle mart in Ashford, as cars and lorries were being parked indiscriminately on the footpaths, particularly on sales day at the mart.

The County Engineer stated that he would have the position examined.

Open Septic Tank in Mrs. McDonald's Garden at Ballinalea, Ashford

Councillor F. Hynes asked that the open septic tank in Mrs. McDonald's garden be attended to as it was a hazard to children playing in the area. The County Engineer informed Councillor F. Hynes that the necessary work had now been completed.

Water Supply at Ballyknockan

Councillor Miley asked that repairs be carried out to the water supply scheme at Ballyknockan as the supply had been cut off last week as a result of a burst pipe in a field at Ballyknockan. Councillor J. Miley was informed that repairs would be carried out immediately.

Telephone Kiosk at Main Street, Bray

Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge asked if the Council would arrange to have the two telephone kiosks at Main Street, Bray, resited 10 - 15 yards northwards as at present they are blocking visibility and are a source of annoyance. Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge was informed that it is considered that these kiosks should not be moved. They are 10' from the entrance to the shop in question, and do not hinder in any way the normal flow of pedestrian traffic, and are not entirely blocking visibility.

Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge proposed, and Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded that the matter be re-examined by the County Engineer with a view to having the kiosks removed to a point further northwards.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

CONFIRMED:

Ham Kavanagh
CHAIRMAN

DATE :

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on the 10th October, 1977, in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT:- Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., Chairman
Councillors T. J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney,
V. Blake, J. Whelan, P. Deering, J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D.,
Ch. Keegan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, A. Murphy, C. Murphy, T.D.,
Miss N. O'Neill, J. J. Bourke, Ml. Cullen, F. Hynes,
and R. Miley

Apologies were received from Councillor J. Byrne

ALSO IN Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,
ATTEND- Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer
ANCE:- Mr. A. Fidgeon, A/County Secretary
Mr. R. O'Ceallaigh, Administrative Officer
Mr. H. Jordan, Staff Officer, Housing Section

Before the meeting commenced the Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy with the Widow, family, Mother, Brothers and Sisters of the late Councillor Seamus Costello, who was shot dead on the previous Wednesday. The Chairman said he was horrified and revolted by the manner of his death, and refuted the idea that the unity of the country would be brought about by violence. He paid tribute to Seamus' work as a Councillor over the past ten years and stated that he was a hard but fair opponent who expressed his views in a forthright manner. The vote of sympathy was seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., who stated that everybody was shocked and saddened by the news and manner of his death. He worked unceasingly for the people he represented.

All of the Members present associated themselves with the vote of sympathy and spoke at length of the high regard Seamus Costello was held by all:- He was a very articulate speaker who had forced the Council to take action on many of the problems facing the Council when he first became a Member in 1967. His concern was for the poor and underprivileged and his death would be a big loss to the County. While many Councillors did not share his philosophy and had crossed swords with him on occasions at meetings, he carried no rancour outside the Council Chamber.

The County Engineer, Mr. T. J. Donovan, stated that it was a privilege to know Seamus both as a person and a Councillor. His death was a local and national loss.

On behalf of the staff, the County Manager associated himself with the expression of sympathy. He admired his incisive mind and his sense of humour. His death would be a big loss to the people of Wicklow.

After those present had stood in silent prayer, the meeting was adjourned as a mark of respect.

CONFIRMED:

CHAIRMAN

DATE:

14th Nov 1977.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on the 17th October, 1977, at the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT:- Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., Chairman
Councillors J. J. Bourke, Ml. Cullen, F. Hynes, P. Deering,
J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., Th. Keenan, D. Kinsella,
K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan, V. Blake, C. J. Keegan,
Mrs. M. Ledwidge, C. Murphy, T.D., A. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill,
and R. Miley

ALSO IN Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager
ATTEND- Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer
ANCE:- Mr. B. A. Fidgeon, Acting County Secretary
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer
Mr. R. O'Ceallaigh, Administrative Officer
Mr. T. Broderick, County Development Officer
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on the 12th September, 1977, be confirmed and signed.

In connection with the question of a separate entrance to Mrs. Lynch's house, the County Manager informed Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge that the County Engineer would investigate this matter.

A vote of congratulations was passed on the occasion of Knockananna Camogie Team winning the County Final.

A vote of congratulations was passed to Stratford Tidy Towns Committee who won the award for the Tidy Towns Competition for Wicklow. All towns and communities who entered the competition received praise from the Members of the Council.

ITEM 2 RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND (RELIEF) ACT, 1967

It was proposed by Councillor D. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney and unanimously agreed:-

"That subject to the consent of the Minister for the Environment, a waiver from the conditions imposed by Section 7 of the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1967, shall be granted in respect of rates payable on agricultural land to Wicklow County Council for the financial year ending 31st December, 1977".

ITEM 3 VACANCY - COUNTY WICKLOW VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Miley and unanimously resolved that Fr. Th. Brophy, C.C., Baltinglass, be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. Fr. P. J. McDonnell, C.C., from the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee.

ITEM 4 NAAS NO. 2 OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE

This item was deferred until the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

ITEM 5 GRANTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS, 1977

The Council was informed that there was a balance of £7,000 of the allocation of £15,000 to be utilised. The following proposals were to be examined by the County Engineer:-

- (a) Footpath from Knockenrahan to th. Kish
- (b) Play area for children in Carnew
- (c) Play area at Baltinglass
- (d) Play area in Aughrim
- (e) Dunlavin Green
- (f) Rathnew

The Acting County Secretary outlined the works which would qualify for grant. The County Manager reiterated that in order to avail of the grant the money would have to be spent before the 31st December, and the Council agreed that in case of difficulties with any of the above-mentioned schemes the County Engineer would be free to spend the money as he saw fit.

ITEM 6 BORD FAILTE BROCHURE ON COUNTY WICKLOW

The Council was informed that as a result of representations made both by the County Development Team and the County Council, Bord Failte had agreed to produce a colour brochure promoting County Wicklow. The estimated cost of production was £5,000 of which Bord Failte would contribute 50%. The County Council and various tourism interests in County Wicklow were asked to make up the balance of approximately £2,500, the Council's contribution being £1,500. In reply to queries from Councillors, the County Development Officer gave an outline of the brochure to be produced. Twenty-five thousand copies would be produced and it would be in three different languages. Members welcomed the move for a separate brochure on County Wicklow and urged that the Irish language also be included in the brochure. The County Development Officer undertook to convey the views of the Council to Bord Failte. It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor A. Murphy and unanimously resolved that a sum of £1,500 be included in the 1978 Estimate of Expenses as a contribution towards the production of a colour promotional brochure on County Wicklow.

ITEM 7 NATIONAL MONUMENT AT THREE CASTLES

It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor P. Deering and unanimously resolved:-

"That Wicklow County Council request the Board of Works to carry out immediate repairs to the Castle at Three Castles so as to secure the Monument and render it safe to the public".

Councillor J. Miley stated that the National Monument Advisory Committee had visited the Castle and it was in an appalling state.

ITEM 8 DANGEROUS BEND ON KNOCKANANNA/TINAHELY ROAD

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor V. Blake was considered:-

"That this Council remove the dangerous bend below Condron's gate on the Knockananna/Tinahely road".

The Council was informed that the bend was a gradual one giving rise to poor visibility. The road was fairly wide and there was no particular danger at this point. The estimated cost of providing an improved sightline was £1,050. It was proposed by Councillor V. Blake, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan and agreed that this item be included for consideration in the 1978 Roadworks Scheme.

ITEM 9 IMPROVEMENTS OUTSIDE COUNCIL HOUSES AT KNOCKANANNA

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor V. Blake was considered:-

"That the kerb stone outside the Council houses at Knockananna be lowered so that the occupants can bring their cars alongside their houses".

The Council was informed that work on the kerbstone outside the Council houses would start at a very early date. Noted.

ITEM 10 BRIDGE LEADING TO RATHCOT, MOYNE

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Whelan and T. J. Keenan was considered:-

"That the narrow bridge leading to Rathcot, Moyne, be widened".

The Council was informed that the money provided for repairs to bridges in the 1977 Estimates would be expended on normal repairs to bridges. The bridge is on a lane improved under a Local Improvement Scheme some years ago, and was too narrow to allow wider agricultural machinery to cross it. The estimated cost of widening the bridge was £700. It was proposed by Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Councillor T. Keenan and agreed that this item be included in the list of proposals for the 1978 Roadworks Scheme.

ITEM 11 PARKING LAYBY AT GRAYSTONES CHURCH

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill was considered:-

"That this Council investigate and provide a parking layby opposite the Roman Catholic Church at Greystones -- the path is wide enough to accommodate same".

The Council was informed that the road at the above location was already wide enough for parking. In response to representations from Councillor O'Neill, the County Engineer was to have a further look at this proposal.

ITEM 12 PLANS FOR BALLYWALTRIM

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor A. Murphy was considered:-

"That plans for the lands at Ballywaltrim acquired by the Council be finalised and presented to the Council and then displayed publically as promised by the previous County Manager".

The Council was informed that plans for the Ballywaltrim area were not finalised and were being considered in conjunction with the County Development Plan. Discussions were taking place with the school authorities and the Department of Education with regard to the siting of schools. Following a discussion, the County Manager stated that the revised plans would be brought before the Council as soon as possible.

ITEM 13 COMMUNITY CENTRE - BALLYMORRIS HOUSE

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor A. Murphy was considered:-

"That the arrangements be made for the use of Healy's House, Ballywaltrim, as a Community Centre".

The Council was informed that Healy's house at Ballywaltrim was being used in a temporary capacity for the Weights and Measures Office, Civil Defence, and it was hoped to accommodate the Area Engineers

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Office also. Members of the Council raised objections to its present use and expressed support for use as it was originally intended, i.e. a community centre.

The County Engineer expressed the views that the house was not really suitable for a neighbourhood centre and stated that if the building had been left unoccupied, a lot of damage would have been caused. Suggestions were made that an AnCo grant, or a grant from the Social Fund of the E.E.C., might be available. It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge and resolved that the original proposal of converting Healy's house into a community centre be adhered to, that the premises be vacated and that new offices be obtained for the Weights and Measures and the Civil Defence. The County Manager undertook to look into the matter immediately.

ITEM 14 REGISTER OF ELECTORS

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors L. Kavanagh, T.D., K. Ryan and J. Byrne was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council notes that the Electoral Register for 1977/78 contains many inaccuracies and also notes that many eligible voters have been denied a vote in the recent General Election because of failure to include them on the lists and that the names have not been listed in accordance with Department of Local Government Circular".

The Council was informed that Wicklow County Council as the Registration Authority, ensures that maximum accuracy is achieved in the Register of Electors, and the following procedures are adopted to ensure such accuracy:-

- (1) Each County Council Rate Collector and the Rate Collectors for each of the three Urban District Councils (through the respective Town Clerks) receive a circular from the County Secretary each September, setting out the requirements of the Department of Local Government and the local authority relating to the preparation of the forthcoming Register of Electors.
- (2) Public Notice is issued through the Press, Radio, and Television exhorting those eligible to vote, to check the Draft Register and to ensure that their names are included.
- (3) Claim forms are issued, as necessary to householders by the Rate Collectors; such forms are also available at all public offices.
- (4) Various spot checks on units of the Register are carried out in several localities during the course of preparation of the Draft Register.
- (5) Notices regarding the Draft Register of Electors, published on the 1st December each year, are displayed in all public offices, e.g. Local Authority Offices, Post Offices, Garda Siochana Stations, Libraries, etc., and units of the Draft Register, applicable to the particular localities are available for inspection at such offices.
- (6) Copies of the Draft Register are issued by the Registration Authority, for checking purposes to:-
 - (a) The Garda Siochana (through the local Garda Superintendents)
 - (b) To each Member of Dail Eireann in the Constituency
 - (c) To each Member of the County Council
 - (d) To each Member of each of the Urban District Councils of Bray, Arklow and Wicklow
 - (e) To each of the Rate Collectors

- (7) Public notice is then given that the final determination of the Register of Electors, prior to printing, will be dealt with at the Annual Revision Courts, usually held during the last week in January, or first week in February each year, under the control of the County Registrar. These Revision Courts are held at Bray, Baltinglass, Wicklow and Arklow, when Local Authority Rate Collectors, and Garda Síochána members attend for a final checking of the Register.

Any persons interested may attend at these Revision Courts.

Whilst accepting that in any Register there is a margin of error, and 100% accuracy could not be guaranteed, at the same time, ample opportunity is given to all sections of the community to assist the Registration Authority in achieving maximum accuracy.

Following a discussion, during which it was stated that there were a vast number of inaccuracies in the 1977/78 Register, particularly in the urban areas, the County Manager stated that he would look into the possibility of having Rent Collectors compile parts of the Register. Councillors stated that in some cases, householders were afraid to give information to Rate Collectors. It was also emphasised that each individual had a duty to ensure that his name was on the Register of Electors.

On the proposal of Councillor A. Murphy it was agreed to ask the Department of the Environment to change the registration year to coincide with the calendar year as the checking of names took place mainly around Christmastime, which was not a suitable time for many people to ensure that their names were on the Register.

ITEM 15 DRAINAGE AT BOGHALL COTTAGES

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor A. Murphy was considered:-

"That the drain in front of the Boghall Cottages be piped and that in the meantime it be thoroughly cleaned to remove the danger of flooding next winter".

The Council was informed that the drain would be cleaned in the near future and that it would be piped as part of the realignment of the Boghall Road improvements. Noted.

ITEM 16 FAULTY LIGHTING SYSTEM AT COOLBOY & COOLROE

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors K. Ryan and L. Kavanagh, T.D., was considered:-

"That this Council request the E.S.B. to repair the faulty lighting system at Coolboy and Coolroe".

The Council was informed that the E.S.B. had been contacted about this matter and that the faults had now been rectified.

ITEM 17 TELEPHONE KIOSK AT QUARRY STREET, SHILLELAGH

It was proposed by Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Councillor T. Keenan and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Department of Posts & Telegraphs be asked to erect a telephone at Quarry Street, Shillelagh".

ITEM 18 SIGETLINE AT MULLINS CROSS

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors V. Blake and G. Timmins, T.D., was considered:-

"That the Council extend the vision at Mullins Cross on the Knocknaboley/Tinahely Road".

The Council was informed that this is a junction of County road no. 210 and County road no. 209 and there is very poor vision in both directions. The estimated cost of improving vision would be approximately £1,450. It was proposed by Councillor Blake, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan and agreed that this item be listed for consideration in the 1978 Roadworks Scheme.

ITEM 19 WARNING SIGNS - COOLLATTIN ROW, CARNEW

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors V. Blake and G. Timmins, T.D., was considered:-

"That warning signs of children be placed at both ends of Coollattin Row, Carnew".

The Council was informed that there was a speed limit of 30 m.p.h. on this road and that the matter had been discussed with the Garda Siochana. There would be no objection to the erection of a "Slow" sign. It was proposed by Councillor V. Blake, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and agreed that a sign indicating children at play be erected.

ITEM 20 DANGEROUS BEND AT GOODWINS CORNER, MILLTOWN, DUNLAVIN

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Deering was considered:-

"That the Council remove the dangerous bend at Goodwins Corner, Milltown, Dunlavin".

It was agreed that this matter be included in the proposals for the 1978 Roadworks Scheme.

ITEM 21 DUNLAVIN MARKET HOUSE

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Deering was considered:-

"That the Council vacate the Dunlavin Market House to allow the agreed necessary repairs to the interior".

The Council was informed that this matter had been attended to.

ITEM 22 DUNLAVIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors P. Deering and G. Timmins, T.D., was considered:-

"That this Council take immediate steps to repair entrance to Dunlavin Primary School and erect barriers as agreed previously".

The Council was informed that the Office of Public Works was undertaking a reconstruction job at the entrance to the school and it will include a safety entrance. Noted.

ITEM 23 BRIDGE AT SHAMROCK

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor V. Blake was considered:-

"That the Bridge at Shamrock be widened".

The Council was informed that this bridge is on County road no. 133 on a sharpe bend. The estimated cost of improving the bridge would be £3,000. The bridge is striped in yellow and black and has large warning signs on both approaches. It was proposed by Councillor V. Blake, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan and agreed that this

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item be included in the 1978 Roadworks Scheme proposals.

ITEM 24 PATH AT BOGHALL ROAD

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Byrne and L. Kavanagh, T.D., was considered:-

"That the short path (about 20 yards) at the end of Boghall Road, (Greystones Road end) which is in a very dangerous condition for adults and children be repaired".

The Council was informed that this path had been repaired.

ITEM 25 ALTERNATIVE POLLING STATION TO ORMONDE HALL, ARKLOW

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, L. Kavanagh, T. Keenan, G. Timmins, C. Murphy and D. Kinsella was considered:-

"That this Council ask the County Registrar to examine the possibility of finding an alternative Polling Station instead of the Ormonde Hall, Arklow".

The Council was informed that prior to 1974 five Polling Booths were located in the Courthouse, Arklow, for Dail and Local Government Elections. Many complaints were voiced concerning these booths, and in particular when voters were obliged to negotiate the narrow stairways in that building. Following representations from local Councillors (Urban and County) at the time, it was decided to abandon the use of the Courthouse, Arklow for Polling purposes, and the nearest, suitable alternative accommodation was found to be the Ormonde Hall, about 150 metres from the Courthouse. The only complaint made concerning the use of the Ormonde Hall was that traffic congestion was caused along the Main Street, Arklow, by double parking at election time, but no trouble of this nature occurred at the recent Dail Elections, by reason of efficient Garda arrangements. No other accommodation appears to be available suitable for use as a Polling Station, in the Main Street area of Arklow.

Councillor J. Sweeney suggested that Marlborough Hall, and the Church of Ireland Boys school at Knockenrahan would be suitable places for Polling Booths, and these locations were to be investigated.

ITEM 26 DANGEROUS JUNCTION - NAAS/BLESSINGTON ROADS, DUNLAVIN

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors P. Deering and G. Timmins, T.D., was considered:-

"That this Council remove the awful danger to life and limb, due to the dangerous traffic situation prevailing at the junction of the Naas and Blessington roads in Dunlavin".

The Council was informed that the improvement of the junction was under consideration at present. A further report would be made.

ITEM 27 SIGN OUTSIDE PREMISES OF MISS A. SHORTT, BRAY

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge was considered:-

"That this Council remove the sign from outside the premises of Miss A. Shortt, Dublin Road, Bray".

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The Council was informed that the sign in question is a twin posted "Traffic Lights Ahead" sign and is located in the footpath directly in front of Miss Short's front door. The sign is necessary to give road users advance warning of traffic lights and in the interests of safety, the sign could not be removed until an alternative suitable site could be found for the sign. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., and agreed that the sign be taken down altogether as it was causing distress to Miss Shortt, since by-passers were in the habit of banging the sign on passing. The County Manager stated that he would check the regulations to see if the sign could be removed.

ITEM 28 WARNING SIGNS AT KNOCKANANNA VILLAGE

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Whelan and T. Keenan was considered:-

"Now that the speed limit signs have been turned down for Knockananna Village, that the Council erect Warning Signs of children".

The Council was informed that the only official sign that can be erected to indicate children was a school crossing sign and there was already one of these on either side of the school. It was proposed by Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Councillor T. Keenan and agreed that the Council erect warning signs indicating that there are children at play. The County Engineer stated that unofficial signs have no legal effect and that he would consult with the Gardai on this matter.

ITEM 29 TELEPHONE KIOSK AT KILQUIGGAN VILLAGE

It was proposed by Councillor V. Blake, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and unanimously agreed:-

"That this Council request the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to erect a telephone kiosk at Kilquiggan Village".

ITEM 30 WARNING SIGN AT RAILWAY BRIDGE TINAHELY

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors V. Blake and G. Timmins, T.D., was considered:-

"That this Council erect a warning sign approaching the old railway bridge at Greenhall, Tinahely, from the Ballyrahan end".

The Council was informed that the bridge is hump backed and there is a sharp turn just past it which is masked by the rise of the bridge. Part of the wall bounding the road on this turn has been knocked down and there is a considerable drop from the edge of the road to the adjacent field below. It was proposed by Councillor V. Blake, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan and agreed that the bridge be signposted with a hump backed sign, No. 117 and a dangerous bend sign, No. 102.

ITEM 31 PARKING SPACE AT BALTINGLASS

It was pointed out that the parking space in the following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. J. Bourke and V. Blake should be Ballinglen, and it was agreed that the amended Notice of Motion be resubmitted for the next Ordinary Meeting.

"That parking space at Baltinglass be restored".

ITEM 32 PROGRESS REPORT ON BOGHALL ROAD, BRAY

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors A. Murphy and C. Keegan was considered:-

"That a progress report be given on the improvement and widening of the Boghall Road, Bray".

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The Council was informed that the design of the realignment of the Boghall Road was complete and land acquisition maps prepared. Revised estimate was being submitted to the Department at the present time. Noted.

ITEM 33 "SLOW" SIGNS - BOGHALL ROAD

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors A. Murphy and C. Keegan was considered:-

"That slow signs be painted on Boghall road, 600 yards before the entrance to Oldcourt estate on each side".

The County Engineer stated that the Boghall Road would be surface dressed this year and he considered that the slow signs would be too far away from the entrance to Oldcourt estate at 600 yards. Councillor A. Murphy stated that he would agree to having the signs closer than 600 yards.

ITEM 34 KERBING OUTSIDE CHURCH OF IRELAND, DUNLAVIN

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Deering was considered:-

"That this Council remove the footpath kerbing outside the gate entrance to Church of Ireland, Dunlavin, to allow cars into the Church with old and infirm people".

The Council was informed that it would be necessary to lower the kerbing at an approximate cost of £50.00. It was proposed by Councillor P. Deering, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and agreed that this work be done.

ITEM 35 FLOODING OF RERE GARDENS AT KILLARNEY PARK ESTATE, BRAY

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors A. Murphy and C. Keegan was considered:-

"That action be taken by the Council to ensure that the developers of Killarney Park Estate, Bray, will undertake work which will stop the flooding of the rere gardens of nos 183, 184, etc."

The Council was informed that the Developers, Messrs. John Sharpe, were notified that the development does not comply with the permission granted in so far that they had not complied with the specification submitted. The Developers were requested to attend to this matter without further delay.

ITEM 36 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT FERRYBANK, ARKLOW

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors G. Timmins and V. Blake was considered:-

"That a pedestrian crossing be provided at Ferrybank, Arklow".

The Council were informed that a traffic count had been taken but the traffic densities were not up to the numbers to warrant a pedestrian crossing. Councillors requested that a further count be undertaken and a further report submitted.

ITEM 37 FOOTPATH REPAIRS ON CHURCH ROAD, DUNLAVIN

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Deering was considered:-

"That this Council repair the footpath on Church Road, Dunlavin".

The Council was informed that this matter was being looked into and would be rectified if maintenance is required.

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ITEM 38 PATH TO BEACH AT CLOGGA

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, C. Murphy and T. Keenan was considered:-

"That the County Engineer examine and report on the possibility of providing a path or steps from the end of the road to the beach at Clogga".

The Council was informed that an access path or steps could be provided to Clogga beach at a cost of £2,000. It was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor T. Keenan and agreed that this be included in the 1978 Roadworks proposals. The possibility of obtaining a grant from the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation was to be investigated.

ITEM 39 WORKSHOPS IN COUNTY WICKLOW

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Miley and C. Murphy, T.D., was considered:-

"That this Council be informed of the position regards the money provided for workshops in this county and what is the present position".

The Council was informed that a loan of £35,000 had been raised from the Industrial Credit Corporation and that arrangements were being made to have plans and specifications for four workshops of 750 sq. ft. each at Kilcoole industrial site and a similar proposal for Blessington industrial site. Mr. T. Broderick, County Development Officer, stated that other areas would be looked at depending on the success of the pilot schemes at Kilcoole and Blessington. He had recently met representatives from the rehabilitation institute about the possibilities of building workshops in the Bray area for handicapped people.

ITEM 40 FOOTPATH TO CATHOLIC CHURCH NEAR BLESSINGTON

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley was considered:- "That this Council include in the 1978 Estimates money for footpath leading to the Catholic Church near Blessington". Councillor J. Miley stated that the distance proposed was approximately 300 yards from the main road to the Church at Crosschapel. It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and agreed that this item be included in the 1978 Roadworks proposals.

ITEM 41 SIGHTLINE AT BOGHALL ROAD/OLDCOURT PARK

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors A. Murphy and C. Keegan was considered:-

"That the sightline at the junction of Boghall Road and Oldcourt Park be improved".

It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne, and agreed that this item be included in the 1978 Roadworks proposals.

ITEM 42 LIGHTING AT MARINE TERRACE, GREYSTONES

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Byrne and C. Murphy, T.D., was considered:-

"That this Council provide public lighting at Marine Terrace, Greystones".

The Council was informed that an Order had been recently placed with the E.S.B. to commence with phase 1 of the lighting improvements at Greystones, and the lighting of this area is included in the E.S.B. proposals for improvement of public lighting. It is not actually

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intended to provide a light in Marine Terrace, but there are proposals for new lighting at the junction of Marine Terrace and Kimberley road. It is intended to provide money for phase 2 of the Public Lighting Improvements in Greystones in 1978, and the position could be reconsidered at this stage whether public lighting is required on Marine Terrace itself when the other improvements have been carried out. Noted.

ITEM 43 LIGHT AT COTTAGE SHOP, KILCASHEL, AVOCA

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and V. Blake was considered:-

"That a public light be provided at the Cottage Shop, Kilcashel, Avoca".

The Council was informed that the County Engineer would not recommend that a light be provided outside the Cottage Shop at Kilcashel. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., stated that the light was required as there was a bend on the road. It was agreed that this matter be referred to the Area Meeting, when lighting proposals for the coming year would be considered.

ITEM 44 LIGHTING ON BOGHALL ROAD/KILLARNEY ROAD

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors A. Murphy and C. Keegan was considered:-

"That public lighting be provided on the Boghall Road from the temporary school to its junction with Killarney road".

The Council was informed that an Order had been sent to the E.S.B. recently to commence on public lighting improvements in the Bray area with particular commence on these improvements in the near future.

ITEM 45 TELEPHONE KIOSK AT KILLINURE

It was proposed by Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Councillor T. Keenan and agreed:-

"That the Department of Posts and Telegraphs be asked to provide a telephone kiosk at Killinure near the Council pump, where it was originally asked for in a notice of motion".

ITEM 46 NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE, BALLYMORRIS, BRAY

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council make available, as soon as possible, the land at the Neighbourhood Centre, Ballymorris, Bray, for a sports field".

The Council was informed that maps are at present being drawn up for a temporary soccer pitch on these grounds. It is considered that access to this pitch should be from the Boghall Road, which should be effected through the Church grounds. Noted.

ITEM 47 BY-PASS ROAD, ARKLOW

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, C. Murphy, T.D., and T. Keenan was considered:-

"That the County Engineer give this Council a full report on progress to date regarding the By-Pass road around Arklow town".

The Council was informed that a site investigation is being carried out on the proposed line of the Arklow Relief Road to enable a decision to be made as to the location of the new bridge and the most economic road realignment. It may be necessary to invite tenders to carry out this work to have it done by contract. The necessary documents are being prepared for the carrying out of the work, trial borings and site investigations. The County Engineer stated that Consultants

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had not yet been appointed. Councillor D. Kinsella stated that planning permissions by Arklow Urban District Council are being held up pending the finalisation of the By-pass road.

ITEM 48 & ITEM 50 WERE DEFERRED TO THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

ITEM 49 WAS DEALT WITH AT A PREVIOUS MEETING

ITEM 51 FOOTPATH ON OLDCOURT PARK

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors A. Murphy, C. Keegan and G. Timmins, T.D., was considered:-

"That money be provided in the 1978 Estimates for the provision of a footpath where necessary on Oldcourt Park".

It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and agreed that this item be included in the 1978 Roadworks scheme proposals.

ITEM 52 REPAIRS TO COOLAHULLEN LANE

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors T. Keenan and J. Sweeney was considered:-

"That this Council take over and put into repair Coolahullen Lane connecting Ballycoogue and Kilacloran Roads".

The Council was informed that it would require a sum of £25,000 to bring the road up to minimum standard, and it was not recommended that the road be taken over. The road should be dealt with in the normal way under a Local Improvement Scheme. Application was made to have this road repaired under a Local Improvement Scheme in 1970 but this fell through as only one of the landholders was willing to contribute to the cost. Councillor T. Keenan stated that the road was repaired some years ago and was kept in repair by the Council. The road was severely damaged during the course of a recent car rally. It was agreed that the Motor Club, who organised the car rally, be requested to repair the road to the state it was in prior to the car rally.

ITEM 53 ROADSIDE GULLY FROM CHADWICK'S TO SWAINE'S AT KILMOLIN

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C. Murphy was considered:-

"That the roadside gully from Paul Chadwick's house to John Swaine's house at Kilmolin, Enniskerry, be fully piped as a matter of urgency".

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge and agreed that this work be done at an estimated cost of £500.00.

ITEM 54 BAND RECITAL AT BLESSINGTON REGATTA

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley was considered:-

"That this Council pay the cost of the Band Recital at the Blessington Regatta".

It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and agreed that the Council pay the cost of the Band Recital at the Blessington Regatta. The Council was informed that the cost was £122.30.

ITEM 55 SURFACE DRESSING ROADS AT BRUNSWICK ROAD, CARNEW

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors K. Ryan and L. Kavanagh, T.D., was considered:-

"That this Council surface dress the roads to the houses at Brunswick Road, Carnew".

The Council was informed that there are a number of access roads across the Green at Brunswick road. It would seem reasonable that roads serving the houses should be taken over. It would be desirable to carry out a design for the layout of the road, possibly limiting access to only two roads. An estimate of the cost could then be based on the layout of the roads and consideration could be given to including it in the 1978 Roadworks Scheme.

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor V. Blake and agreed that this be included for consideration in the 1978 Roadworks proposals.

ITEM 56 HAND CARTS FOR USE IN CARNEW

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors K. Ryan and L. Kavanagh, T.D., was considered:-

"That this Council provide hand carts for the men to use while sweeping the streets at Carnew".

The Council was informed that hand carts had been purchased.

ITEM 57 PROVISION OF CUL-DE-SAC AT MERRYMEETING, RATHNEW

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors F. Hynes and L. Kavanagh, T.D., was considered:-

"That this Council build a roundabout at the cul-de-sac at Merrymeeting, Rathnew, near Mrs. Loughlins and Mr. Wm. Sullivan's cottages as the Council have plenty of land to do so".

The Council was informed that there was no objection to the provision of a roundabout at this point. However, the Council would not have sufficient land to do so and it would be necessary to acquire land from the owner who was in England. The estimated cost of providing the turning circle was £600.00. Following a discussion it was agreed that the County Engineer would have another look at this matter.

ITEM 58 LANE AT RERE OF OLDCOURT PARK

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors A. Murphy, C. Keegan and G. Timmins, T.D., was to be resubmitted as an amended Notice of Motion:-

"That the lane at the rere of Oldcourt Park be extended into a triangular piece of land owned by the Council in order to provide a turning bay on this lane which has been taken over by the Council. Also that the entire lane be surfaced following the recent development".

ITEM 59 EXTENSION OF ROAD FRONTAGE ON THE HACKETSTOWN ROAD

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor V. Blake was considered:-

"That this Council extend the road frontage on the Hacketstown road in front of two houses occupied by Liam Downes and John O'Neill at Kevin Street, Tinahely, so as to keep surface water from entering these houses".

The Council was informed that these two Council houses have their floor levels well below street level. Gravel and mud can block the drains and cause flooding. Surface dressing of the area in front of the houses would alleviate the problem.

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It was proposed by Councillor V. Blake, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan and agreed that this work be carried out at an estimated cost of £100.00.

ITEM 60 BEND AT O'BYRNE'S HOUSE BALLYCREEN, AUGHIRM

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and V. Blake was considered:-

"That money be provided to improve the bend at Mr. O'Byrne's house at Ballycreen, Aughrim".

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor V. Blake and agreed that this item be considered with the 1978 Roadworks Scheme proposals.

ITEM 61 FIRE STATION TINAHELY

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D. and V. Blake was considered:-

"That work begin on the Fire Station for Tinahely as soon as possible".

The Council was informed that the Contract documents were being prepared and were almost completed.

ITEM 62 BEND AT MC ENTTEE'S, RATHBAWN, GRANGE CON

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., was considered:-

"That money be provided to improve the bend near the house of Mr. McEntee, Rathbawn, Grange Con".

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor P. Deering and agreed that this item be considered with the 1978 Roadworks Scheme proposals.

ITEMS 63 to 72 WERE DEFERRED TO THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

ITEM 73 CORRESPONDENCE & OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Deputation - Carnew Development Association

Request for a deputation from this Association to meet the Council to discuss sewerage problems in Carnew was referred to the next Area Meeting in the Southern area. The County Engineer stated that the preliminary report from the Consultants was not yet available.

Raising of Supplementary Loans

It was proposed by Councillor J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor D. Kinsella and unanimously resolved that subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Wicklow County Council raise a supplementary loan of £65,000 to meet expenditure incurred by the Council on Kilcoole sewerage scheme.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor D. Kinsella and agreed that subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Wicklow County Council raise loan of £50,000 to meet expenditure incurred by the Council on Avoca sewerage scheme, Greystones sewerage scheme Ashford sewerage scheme and Wicklow regional water supply scheme, and Shillelagh Sewerage Scheme.

Brittas Bay

The Council was informed that the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation are making available, within the present financial year, a grant of £5,000 on pound for pound basis, against the cost of toilet facilities at Brittas Bay, and also for providing fences to preserve sand dunes in the area. Wicklow County Council had already expended £5,000 on boundary fencing around the second area of dunes acquired from the Brittas Bay Development Association, in 1976, and this expenditure would be the Council's contribution to the joint project costing £10,000. It was intended that the grant of £5,000 would be utilised as far as possible on the following works, as recommended by the County Engineer:-

- (1) Provide sleeper cat walls from parking area through the dunes to the beach
- (2) Carry out protective fencing and planting between parking area and dunes to preserve dunes
- (3) Provide car park by levelling and surfacing of area suitable for car parking.

This recommendation was agreed to.

Arklow Development Co. Ltd.

Letter dated the 11th October, requesting the Council to nominate a member to the Board of this Company was read. It was agreed to include this item on the agenda for the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

Meeting of Sheep Dipping Committee

The Council was informed that Wexford County Council's Sheep Dipping Committee would be available to meet Members of Wicklow County Councils Committee on Friday, 28th October, 1977, at the Courthouse, Arklow, at 3.00 p.m. This was agreed.

Institute of Public Administration Seminar

Members were informed that the Institute of Public Administration was holding a one day seminar on Thursday, 27th October, in the Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire, commencing at 11.00 a.m., to discuss the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act, 1976. Interested Members who wished to attend were to contact the Acting County Secretary.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

CONFIRMED:

CHAIRMAN

DATE:

14th Nov. 1977.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Housing Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on the 7th November, 1977, at 2.30 p.m. in the Courthouse, Wicklow

PRESENT:- Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., Chairman
Councillors T. J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, V. Blake, J. Whelan, P. Deering, J. Miley, G. Timmins, TD., J. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, A. Murphy, C. Murphy, T.D., Miss N. O'Neill, J. J. Bourke, Ml. Cullen, F. Hynes, and R. Miley

ALSO IN Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager
ATTEND- Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer
ANCE:- Mr. B. A. Fidgeon, Acting County Secretary,
Mr. E. MacNeill, Chief Assistant County Engineer
Mr. R. O'Ceallaigh, Administrative Officer
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer
Mr. H. Jordan, Staff Officer, Housing
Mr. F. O'Toole, Staff Officer, Environmental Services
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes

The County Manager informed the Members that the Bank of Ireland would present a new Chain of Office to the Chairman on Monday, 14th November, at 3.30 p.m. Members of the Council were invited to attend the reception in the Grand Hotel. It was agreed to commence the Ordinary Meeting of the Council at 2.00 p.m. on the 14th November. A Special Meeting to discuss the report prepared by the Glendalough Study Group was arranged for Monday, 28th November, 1977. Unfinished business (if any) from the Meeting of the 14th November, would also be dealt with at this Special Meeting. It was agreed to hold a Meeting to discuss the Estimate of Expenses for 1978 on Monday, 19th December, 1977.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

A vote of sympathy was passed with the Wife of the late Mr. Jack Smith, former Member of the Council. The vote was proposed by Councillor R. Miley, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, and unanimously agreed.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor T. Keenan and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Minutes of the Housing Meeting of the Council held on the 3rd October, 1977, be confirmed and signed".

ITEM 2 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT AUGHMIM

It was proposed by Councillor T. Keenan, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney and unanimously agreed that the Council dispose of six new houses built on site numbers 45 to 50, to Messrs. Myles O'Neill, Joseph Newsome, Michael O'Brien, Michael Gannon, John Driver and Liam Keenan, for the sum of £8,000 each, in accordance with the terms specified in the Notice given pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended.

ITEM 3 EXTENSION OF SEWER TO THREE HOUSES AT MILLTOWN, DUNLAVIN

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors P. Deering and G. Timmins, T.D., was considered:-

"That this Council extend sewerage to three houses at Milltown, Dunlavin".

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The Council was informed that there would be no problem in laying a main through the back gardens attached to the houses. The estimated cost would be £2,000.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Deering, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and unanimously agreed that this item be included for consideration in the 1978 Small Water and Sewerage Scheme proposals.

ITEM 4 EXTENSION TO VESTED COTTAGE AT DELGANY

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors L. Kavanagh, T.D., and J. Byrne, was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council build a bathroom and toilet as an extension to the vested cottage occupied by Mrs. Rose Doyle, Downs, Delgany, Co. Wicklow, as Mrs. Doyle's family circumstances require it".

The Council was informed that this is a vested cottage and as such the Council was not empowered to spend any money on it. In view of the fact that Mrs. Doyle's son was incapacitated there was a possibility that she would qualify for a Disabled Persons Grant. The Chief Medical Officer was being asked to submit a further report as to whether the reconstruction would qualify under this scheme. Agreed.

ITEM 5 WATER SUPPLY AT TINAHELY

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors V. Blake and G. Timmins, T.D., was considered:-

"That this Council provide a report on the present water supply at Tinahely as this supply has given endless trouble during the past two years".

The Council was informed that the Consulting Engineers were preparing plans for the Tinahely/Shillelagh/Carnew Regional Water Supply Scheme, which had been approved by the E.E.C. for a FEOGA grant. The pump in Tinahely which supplied Coolross had been giving trouble for some time because it was overloaded. Following a discussion it was agreed that details of the area covered by the FEOGA scheme would be circulated to the Members of the Council. It was also agreed to contact Carlow County Council about the present position of the Carlow Regional Scheme which would serve part of the south-western part of County Wicklow.

ITEMS 6, 7 and 22 REFUSE DISPOSAL IN COUNTY WICKLOW

The following Notices of Motion were considered:-

- (6) In the name of Councillor C. Murphy, T.D.: "That the refuse collection be extended to incorporate the Glenree area".
- (7) In the name of Councillor J. Whelan:- "That the refuse collection be extended to Kilballyowen Preban".
- (22) In the name of Councillor C. Murphy, T.D.: "That an extra scavenger vehicle be purchased for use in the Northern Area".

The Council was informed that no further extensions could be considered at the present time as the present collection service was working to full capacity. There had been some teething difficulties since the change-over from collection by private contractors in the northern area. Demand for the service had been greater than anticipated and a relief truck had been made available. The schedule had more or less settled down. It was agreed that the new schedule be re-advertised as it was stated there was some confusion about the new collection time-table.

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It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and agreed that provision be made in the 1978 Estimates for the purchase of a new refuse vehicle. During a discussion on this motion, suggestions were made that consideration be given to the collection of light commercial refuse. The County Manager stated that when the new vehicle was delivered, the schedules would be redrawn and the question of commercial trade refuse would be looked at. There would be a charge for non-domestic refuse collection.

ITEM 8 WATER AND SEWERAGE AT CARRIGACURRA

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Miley and C. Murphy, T.D., was considered:-

"That this Council provide a piped water supply to the Council's six houses also sewerage at Carrigacurra".

The Council was informed that there is no piped water supply available in the vicinity which could be extended economically to serve these houses. The provision of a sewerage treatment works to serve the houses presents difficulties due to their proximity to the lake. Four of the houses are vested and the installation of water with the aid of grants by a Group Scheme was suggested. Following a discussion it was agreed that the County Engineer investigate the possibility of constructing a septic tank for the six houses, and that the water position be taken up with Dublin Corporation.

ITEM 9 WATER SUPPLY AT LEMONSTOWN

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors L. Kavanagh, T.D., G. Timmins, T.D., and P. Deering was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council extend the water supply at Lemonstown, Dunlavin, to serve the houses occupied by the Miley, Brennan, Walsh and Doyle families".

The Council was informed that the Hollywood water supply had been approved for a FEOGA grant and that a preliminary report was being prepared for submission to the Department. There is a hill between Dunlavin and Hollywood and in order that houses be served in this area it would be necessary to join the Hollywood and Dunlavin schemes. This would mean pumping and the construction of a reservoir. Following a discussion it was agreed that the County Engineer investigate the possibility of having the extension to Lemonstown carried out at the same time as the Hollywood scheme is being undertaken.

ITEM 10 CARETAKING OF TEMPLECARRIG WATER PUMP HOUSE

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill was considered:-

"That this Council make adequate provision for the supervisor or caretaker for the Templecarrig Water Pump House".

The Council was informed that applications had been invited for the position of Caretaker and that the duties of the Caretaker would be discussed with the applicants at the interviews to be held.

ITEM 11 WATER SUPPLY AT STRATNAKELLY, TINAHELY

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors V. Blake and G. Timmins, T.D., was considered:-

"That this Council provide water supply for three houses at Stratnakelly, Tinahely".

The Council was informed that as this area will eventually be served by the Tinahely/Carnew water supply scheme, it was recommended that no work be done until the new scheme was operational. Councillor K. Ryan, asked that a list of the pumps provided in the southern area in 1977 be made. He was informed that no specific allocation was made for provision of pumps.

ITEM 12 EXTENSION OF WATER SUPPLY AT TINAHELY

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors V. Blake and G. Timmins, T.D., was considered:-

"That this Council extend water scheme at Tinahely to serve two houses - Curry and Steadman at Chapel Hill".

The Council was informed that there is a Group Water Supply Scheme convenient to the two houses and that enquiries should be made as to the possibility of connecting to the group scheme. Following a discussion it was agreed that the Council would make representations on behalf of Messrs. Curry and Steadman to the organisers of the Group Water Supply Scheme, to see if a connection would be allowed.

ITEM 13 WALL AT NEW HOUSES, KNOCKANANNA

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Whelan was considered:-

"That something be done with a wall at No. 1 New Houses, Knockananna to make it safe".

The Council was informed that there is a certain amount of loose masonry in this wall which could be easily dislodged. The wall could be repaired by rebuilding some sections from the ground and pointing the remainder. Estimated cost of carrying out the work is £300. The wall could be replaced with a concrete block wall at an estimated cost of £500. It is considered that this would be more efficient and would also look much better. If money was being made available for this work, it would be best to make a decision when the loose sections of the wall had been dismantled, as it is difficult to know just what is involved by inspection alone.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Councillor T. Keenan and agreed that the wall be repaired or replaced as required.

ITEM 14 ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO KILMACANOGUE

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors A. Murphy, C. Keegan and G. Timmins, T.D., was considered:-

"That the E.S.B. be asked to ensure a continuous 220 V supply to Kilmacanogue".

The Council was informed that the E.S.B. had indicated that they were not aware of any particular problem affecting Kilmacanogue. There had been a couple of breaks in the supply network over the past six weeks which had been rectified. It was stated that the problem in the area was an inconsistent voltage supply which affected machinery operations. It was agreed to write to the E.S.B. about this matter.

ITEM 15 WATER SUPPLY AT BOLLINASS, ASHFORD

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors F. Hynes and L. Kavanagh, T.D., was considered:-

"That this Council bore a well to supply water to Mr. Andrew Kinlan, Bollinass, Ashford, as this family is in desperate need of water".

The Council was informed that the estimated cost of sinking a well and providing a pump would be in the region of £1,300. It was agreed that this item be listed for consideration in the 1978 Small Water and Sewerage Scheme proposals.

ITEM 16 EXTENSION OF WATER SUPPLY TO LOGATRYNA, SPARROW ROAD, BLACKHILL, LEMONSTOWN, CRYHELP, MERGINSTOWN, FREYNESTOWN & UPPERTOWN

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors P. Deering and G. Timmins, T.D., was considered:-

"That the water supply from Hollywood and Dunlavin and Stratford be extended to Logatryna, Sparrow Road, Blackhill, Lemonstown, Cryhelp, Merginstown, Freynestown and Uppertown".

The Council was informed that the FEOGA grant for Hollywood, plans for which are being prepared at present, will cover Cryhelp and part of Lemonstown. At present there is a watermain on the Logatryna Road at Dunlavin and it is presumed that it is required that it be extended. The water supply in Dunlavin at present is not sufficient to supply additional areas and until this is attended to no extension can be made to Logatryna. The water supply to Sparrow Road, Blackhill, Merginstown, would also have to come from Dunlavin or from the West Wicklow Regional Scheme. Dunlavin has not got the necessary capacity to serve the area at present. The supply of water to Uppertown also depends on Dunlavin. At present investigations are in progress to serve some of the Freynestown area and this scheme will be listed for consideration in the Small Water and Sewerage Schemes for 1978.

In the course of a discussion on the report, Councillors requested that a report be prepared setting out the Council's Water Supply Programme for the next three to four years. The County Engineer informed the Council that the most likely order of priorities would be:-

- (1) The FEOGA Grant Scheme at Hollywood
- (2) Dunlavin Water Supply Scheme

The County Manager stated that the availability of finance would be a deciding factor on the schemes which could proceed.

ITEM 17 IMPROVEMENT OF DUNLAVIN GREEN & OLD GRAVEYARD AT MARKET SQUARE

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Deering was considered:-

"That grants for environmental works be used for the improvement of Dunlavin Green and old graveyard at Market Square".

The Council was informed that the improvement of the Green in Dunlavin had been submitted, amongst other proposals, to the County Engineer for his attention under the Environmental Grant Works. The Council had agreed in 1973 to have the headstones of the graveyard at Market Square removed and the ground levelled for amenity purposes. The legal position had recently been clarified and the Council was in contact with the local select vestry in connection with the matter. The County Engineer estimated the cost of the work at £750 and the work would be undertaken in 1978.

ITEM 18 WATER SUPPLY AT BALLINGATE

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors T. Keenan and J. Whelan was considered:-

"That the Council provide a water supply to the home of the House family at Ballingate where water has to be carried over half a mile".

The Council was informed that this is an isolated vested cottage and that there was a Council pump about 400 yards away. The quickest method of providing water would be for the applicants to do the work themselves and avail of the grants for installing a water supply. It was proposed by Councillor T. Keenan, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan and agreed that this item be listed for consideration in the 1978 Small Water Supply and Sewerage Scheme proposals.

ITEM 19 MORTGAGE PROTECTION INSURANCES

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., was considered:-

"That this Council recommends that qualifiers for local authority loans be encouraged to secure Mortgage Protection Insurances".

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., stated that most of the lending agencies e.g. Building Societies and Banks, insisted on loanes taking out Mortgage Protection Insurance Policies and felt it desirable, both in the Council's interest and in the loanee's interest that the Council scheme should have a similar provision. It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, seconded by Councillor P. Deering and agreed that the Department of the Environment be requested to amend the regulations to provide for the taking out of such a policy. In the meantime, it was agreed that literature from the Council would include a note encouraging loanes to take out Mortgage Protection Insurance.

ITEM 20 WATER SUPPLY TO BALLYHOOK & RATHBRAN

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and P. Deering was considered:-

"That the Stratford-on-Slaney water supply be extended to Ballyhook and to Rathbran".

The Council was informed that a water main had been laid to Ballyhook and steps have been taken to construct a reservoir and obtain additional water. This work would have to be completed before any extensions could take place. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., stated that the water was extended some time ago in the direction of Rathbran and that there were a further six houses along the road which should be served by this extension. The County Engineer was asked to have another look at the possibility of extending supply to the six houses.

ITEM 21 TENANCY OF HOUSE AT RATHMEIGUE

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Whelan and T. Keenan was considered:-

"That a house originally built for a Mr. R. Breen at Rathmeigue be advertised for tenancy now that Mr. Breen is not available".

The Council was informed that this cottage was built by the Council three years ago and was lying idle due to the fact that Mr. Breen would not transfer the land to the Council before the commencement of the cottage which was built under the Small Farmers Scheme.

Mr. Breen went to England and then returned to County Mayo. The Council's Law Agent was to have a Court Case heard in Mayo for the purposes of effecting specific performance of the contract. It was understood that Mr. Breen had sold his farm to three different parties and consequently, his title could be in jeopardy. It was proposed by Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Councillor T. Keenan and unanimously resolved that the Council acquire the site by Compulsory Purchase Order.

ITEM 23 REPAIRS TO HOUSES AT ROCKFIELD PARK, KILMACANOGUE

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors C. Murphy, T.D., and Miss N. O'Neill, also Mrs. M. Ledwidge, was considered:-

"That a detailed report be prepared on repairs, etc., to the houses at Rockfield Park, Kilmacanogue".

The Council was informed that the houses had recently been taken over from the National Building Agency and that repairs had commenced. In the course of discussion on this matter, the County Manager stated that this scheme was part of the low cost housing drive and there was a high maintenance cost on this type of house. The only practical solution at this juncture was to take over the houses and proceed with the repairs before any further deterioration set in. Councillor K. Ryan objected to the taking over of the houses but was assured that the repairs would have no effect on repairs on cottages in other parts of the County. The County Engineer stated that trees would be planted on the existing right of way to form a shelter belt.

Extension of Time

It was agreed to extend the finishing time of the meeting to 5.10 p.m.

ITEM 24 HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT

The report was circulated to Members and the following points were noted:-

While the expected completion date was later than that agreed with the Contractor, this did not mean that the Contractor automatically got the benefit of the Prices Variation Clause in the contract. The dates set out in the Housing Progress Report were the dates based on the current building programme and the dates that the houses were expected to be handed over; it is hoped to have the Enniskerry houses completed before Christmas; the delay in the case of Redcross was the Contractor's fault; a fourteen days Notice had been served on the Contractor for the Tinahely scheme; it was hoped that the Dunlavin scheme would be finished within the next two weeks.

The County Manager stated that he was disappointed with the progress being made by housing contractors. While a number of schemes had been given to the same Contractor, this was done on the basis of his tender price and awarding a contract to the next lowest tenderer could not be justified on the basis of the amount of money involved. He hoped to form a panel of Contractors and enter into discussions to negotiate tenders which would provide a housing programme for a particular Contractor over a number of years.

ITEM 25 CORRESPONDENCE & OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Supplementary Reconstruction and Water and Sewerage Grants

The Council was informed that a new scheme of house improvement grants was being prepared by the Department for the Environment and the terms of the Council's recent resolution had been noted in this connection.

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Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation

Letter dated the 2nd November, 1977, addressed to Councillor A. Murphy, the Council's representative on the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, in connection with information in the German Tourist Information Offices and access to Clogga Beach was read.

Disabled Persons Grant

In reply to a query from Councillor F. Hynes on the payment of a Disabled Persons Grant to residents in the Bray Urban District Council's area, he was informed that statutorily these payments are payable only by County Councils.

Road at Ballyteigue

Councillor F. Hynes was informed that the High Court case was still pending in this matter.

Right of Way to Holywell, Dunlavin

In reply to Councillor P. Deering, the County Manager stated that a fence had been erected around the school site so that the remaining land could be let for grazing. He would arrange to have the right of way opened.

Cliff Walk, Greystones

In reply to a query from Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, the County Engineer stated that C.I.E. had leased the land to the Council for use as a dump only. The cost of erecting a concrete wall as insisted upon by C.I.E. would be prohibitive as far as the Council was concerned and a chain link fence was unacceptable by C.I.E. It was agreed that a deputation from the area would discuss this matter with C.I.E.

Flooding - Quarry Street, Shillelagh

Councillor K. Ryan requested that the cause of the flooding be attended to.

Superannuation Allowances

The County Manager informed Councillor J. Miley that the certificate would be required only once a year.

Bookeys Bridge

Councillor R. Miley drew attention to the granite copings of this bridge which were in a bad state of repair.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Confirmed

CHAIRMAN

Date

5/12/77

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Housing Meeting held on the 12th November, 1976, in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, following Resumed Estimates Meeting

PRESENT:- Councillor J. Miley, Chairman
Councillors T. J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, V. Blake, J. Whelan, P. Deering, J. Bourke, G. Timmins, T.D., S. Costello, Ch. Keegan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, C. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill, Ml. Cullen, F. Hynes, L. Kavanagh, T.D., and R. Miley

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE
Mr. John J. Higgins, Acting County Manager
Mr. B. A. Fidgeon, Acting County Secretary
Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer
Mr. R. O'Ceallaigh, Administrative Officer
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes
Mr. T. Broderick, County Development Officer

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, the Council passed a resolution expressing their sympathy with Councillor John Temple, Bray Urban District Council, on the death of his Sister.

On the proposal of Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., the Council passed a resolution expressing their sympathy with the relatives of the Late James Lawless, retired Council worker, on their sad bereavement.

On the proposal of Councillor R. Miley, the Council passed a resolution expressing their sympathy with the Wife and family of the Late John Doyle, retired Council worker, on their sad bereavement.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Whelan, the Council passed a resolution expressing their sympathy with Mr. Robert Cleary, Tinahely, on the death of his Wife.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, the Council passed a resolution expressing their sympathy with the Wife and family of the Late John Keogh, retired Overseer, on their sad bereavement.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor T. Keenan and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Minutes of the Housing Meeting held on 4th October, 1976, be confirmed and signed".

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was elected by nine votes to six.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Housing Meeting held on the 12th November, 1976, in the Council Chamber, Wicklow, following Resumed Housing Meeting.

PRESENT:-
Councillor J. Milroy, Chairman
Councillors T. J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan, J. Sweeteney,
V. Blake, J. Whelan, J. Deering, J. Bourke, G. Timmins, D.D.,
S. Costello, G. Keegan, Mrs. M. Reddy, G. Murphy,
Miss M. O'Neill, M. Collins, T. Ryan, J. Lavanagh, D.D.,
and R. Milroy

Mr. John J. Higgins, Acting County Manager
Mr. B. A. Higgins, Acting County Secretary
Mr. T. J. Lavanagh, B.E., County Engineer
Mr. U. McGee, Administrative Officer
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Administrative Officer
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes
Mr. T. Broderick, County Development Officer

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The proposal of Councillor Miss M. O'Neill, the Council passed a resolution expressing their sympathy with Councillor John Temple, City Urban District Council, on the death of his sister.

The proposal of Councillor J. Lavanagh, D.D., the Council passed a resolution expressing their sympathy with the relatives of the late James Lavanagh, retired Council worker, on their bereavement.

The proposal of Councillor R. Milroy, the Council passed a resolution expressing their sympathy with the wife and family of the late John Doyle, retired Council worker, on their bereavement.

The proposal of Councillor J. Whelan, the Council passed a resolution expressing their sympathy with Mr. Robert Cleary, Wicklow, on the death of his wife.

The proposal of Councillor J. Milroy, the Council passed a resolution expressing their sympathy with the wife and family of the late John Keogh, retired Overseas, on their bereavement.

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It was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeteney, seconded by Councillor J. Keenan and unanimously agreed.

The minutes of the Housing Meeting held on 4th October, 1976, were confirmed and signed.

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ITEM 2 REPORT ON TOURISM IN WICKLOW

The report was prepared by the County Development Team in response to a request from the Council to consider the Bord Failte National Development Plan, 1976/80, with particular reference to its impact on planning and development within the County of Wicklow.

The report dealt with Wicklow as a tourist County; the distribution of revenue from tourism and County Wicklow's performance compared with other counties; the statistics on levels of accommodation in each county and an examination of Bord Failte's recommendations on improving accommodation in County Wicklow; marketing; comments on Bord Failte's proposals in relation to National Park, Glendalough Valley, Water Sports centre in Wicklow, need of increase in accommodation in West Wicklow area and decline of tourism in Bray.

The main findings of the report showed:-

- (1) That the estimated county revenue from tourism is less than 3% of the national total.
- (2) That County Wicklow's share of national overseas tourism revenue is only 2.4%.
- (3) That total approved accommodation in County Wicklow is less than 3% of the national total.
- (4) That unapproved accommodation is almost three times the amount of approved accommodation.

The Development Team's recommendations were:-

- (1) County Wicklow requires special attention from Bord Failte and the Regional Tourism Organisation if it is to develop as a tourist county. The setting up of a permanent development and marketing arm of the tourist Board in County Wicklow must be the first requisite.
- (2) A marketing strategy must be devised and implemented to attract overseas tourists to the county. This should include the production and overseas distribution of colour promotional literature in at least three languages.
- (3) Wicklow County Council should give some consideration to the establishment of a caravan and camping centre for touring caravans. The centre could be designed to cater for other activities particularly by the provision of indoor wet-day facilities.
- (4) Bord Failte grants for "day tripper" facilities should be diverted to the development of projects designed to attract the overseas visitor.
- (5) Higher grant levels for the expansion and improvement of existing hotels and guesthouses should be introduced. The Bord Failte hotel and guesthouse grant scheme for the provision of new accommodation should be reintroduced in the case of County Wicklow.
- (6) Additional Farmhouse and Town and Country homes accommodation should be encouraged in all parts of the county. The introduction of a grant scheme for the development of this type of accommodation in County Wicklow is long overdue.

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- (7) The rent an Irish Cottage scheme which has made an important contribution to both tourism and village renewal in other parts of Ireland should be extended to the West Wicklow area.
- (8) No major development which involves public expenditure should be encouraged unless it guarantees significant economic returns to the county.
- (9) Consideration should be given to the improvement of the after sales service of tourism by setting up additional tourist information offices in the county. The Bray office should be relocated or traffic access to the existing one improved.
- (10) Local communities and tourism interests in the county should also be encouraged to play a part in any effort to increase county income from tourism. Local Development Associations, Chambers of Commerce, etc. can make very worthwhile contributions by participation in the Tidy Towns competition, organising of festivals and other events, provision of local tourist information centres etc. Generally the effort must be made by the whole county to establish a tourist industry in County Wicklow which will play a major part in the economic, cultural, and social life of the county.

During the course of a discussion on the report, the following points were noted:-

- (i) Wicklow ranks with Kerry and Donegal as a scenic county, but was not getting its fair share of attention from Bord Failte.
- (ii) A meeting between officials of the Council and Bord Failte was arranged to clear lines of communication with particular references to proposals for Glendalough and a National Park. The Chairman of the Council would attend as Member of the County Development Team.
- (iii) Any proposals the officials were formally made aware of would be laid before the Council for discussion before implementation of proposals.
- (iv) Bord Failte was not allowed under existing law to promote an individual county; its promotion was of tourist areas.
- (v) The report was compiled not to lay blame for lack of development of tourism in Wicklow, but to highlight the fact that Wicklow has by far the largest part of its area designated a tourist area, but gets only 3% of the tourist industry.
- (vi) There had been no consultation from Bord Failte on the scoping study carried out in connection with development of National Park in County Wicklow.
- (vii) The Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation's proposals (which were stated not to be firm commitments) to spend £41,000 in County Wicklow, were being examined. The £10,000 provided by the Council in the 1977 Estimates would be considered in conjunction with the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation's proposals.
- (viii) Wicklow County Council has not the statutory responsibility to promote tourism. The report put forward suggestions to improve tourism within the County.

It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor R. Miley:-

"That Wicklow County Council request Bord Failte to designate County Wicklow as a separate region for tourist development. That an office be set up in the County, staffed with adequate trained staff to carry out the planning and development of the County in full co-operation with this Council, so as to expand the obvious tourist potential of the County".

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A vote was called for on this resolution which resulted as follows:-

In favour

Councillors J. Burke, P. Deering, F. Hynes, L. Kavanagh, C. Keegan, Th. Keenan, D. Kinsella, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, V. Blake, J. Whelan

Abstentions

Councillors Ml. Cullen and C. Murphy

It was agreed that a deputation from the Council would go to the Industrial Development Authority on Tuesday, 7th December, to discuss lack of industrial development in County Wicklow.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

James Miley
CHAIRMAN.
22/11/76
DATE.

The County Council has received a report from the County Development Committee on the progress of the County Development Plan for 1976-1981. The report was presented to the Council at its meeting on 11th November 1976. The Council has agreed to accept the report and to refer it to the County Development Committee for their consideration.

- During a debate on the report, the following points were raised:
- (a) A number of councillors expressed concern over the lack of progress in the development of the County.
 - (b) The County Development Committee was criticised for not having a more active role in the development of the County.
 - (c) The Council was urged to take more direct action in the development of the County.

Following a vote of 10 to 6, the Council agreed to refer the report to the County Development Committee for their consideration.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Resumed Estimates Meeting held on 12th November, 1976, in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT:- Councillor J. Miley, Chairman
Councillors T. J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, V. Blake, J. Whelan, P. Deering, J. Bourke, G. Timmins, T.D., S. Costello, Ch. Keegan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, C. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill, Ml. Cullen, T. Hynes, L. Kavanagh, T.D., and R. Miley

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE Mr. John J. Higgins, Acting County Manager
Mr. B. A. Fidgeon, Acting County Secretary
Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer
Mr. J. Horan, Acting County Accountant
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer
Mr. R. O'Ceallaigh, Administrative Officer
Mr. J. Forristal, Chief Assistant County Engineer
Mr. H. Jordan, Staff Officer, Housing
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES 1977

The County Manager informed the Meeting that the effect of the recent press release was a reduction of £72,480 in anticipated subsidy. The total number of rented houses to be maintained by the Council was approximately 1,000, 2/3rds of these were built in the last three years, and repairs to these should be minimal. He was satisfied that the £93,000 included in the estimates for repairs was sufficient to maintain the housing stock in reasonable repair. The Manager stated that the new rate in the 2, having regard to terms of Department's communication on housing subsidy and the additions added by Members at the Meeting held on 8th November, would be £9.33 plus 24.97p in respect of separate charges.

During a discussion on the Department's circular, the following points were made by Members:-

- A number of houses needing small repairs were put on the long finger and preference seemed to be given to houses needing major repairs.
- Repairs could be carried out by competent tradesmen. The County Engineer stated that the specification and estimate would have to be vetted by the Council staff.
- The amount provided for 1977 represented an increase of £14,000 over the 1976 figure, which was only £2,000 more than that provided in 1975.

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Councillor Costello, the County Manager gave an assurance that there would be no cut-back in cottage repairs figure of £93,000, arising from the reduction of £30,000. He could not see his way to increasing the provision for Cottage Repairs by £10,000, and containing the rate at £9.48.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., and resolved:-

"That Wicklow County Council adopt for the financial year ending 31st December, 1977, the estimate of expenses set out in Tables A, B1, and C of the said estimate, as amended".

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., and resolved:-

"That Wicklow County Council determine in accordance with the said estimate of expenses the rates set out in Column (11) of Table B1 (Part 1) and Column (11) of Table C to be the rates in the pound to be levied for the financial year ending 31st December, 1977, for the purposes set out in Column 1 of Table B1 (Part 1) and in Table C, viz.

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| | pence |
| Housing and Building | 48.41 |
| Road Transportation | 393.22 |
| Water Supply and Sewerage | 118.23 |
| Development incentive and control | 38.87 |
| Environmental Protection | 100.46 |
| Recreation and Amenity | 33.51 |
| Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare | 76.94 |
| Miscellaneous Services | 113.34 |
| Total:- | 923.03 |

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| Separate Charges- | |
| Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board | .25 |
| Vocational Education | 16.50 |
| Criminal Injuries | 7.52 |
| Total:- | 24.97". |

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., and resolved:-

"That Urban demands as set out hereunder be prepared and transmitted to the appropriate Urban District Councils;

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| Arklow Urban District Council | £43,268.86 |
| Bray Urban District Council | £125,881.01 |
| Wicklow Urban District Council | £34,785.71". |

Councillors S. Costello, . . and D. Kinsella voted against the resolution to adopt a rate of £9.48.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

James Miley
CHAIRMAN.

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vacancy. Following a vote by a show of hands, Councillor . . . was elected by nine votes to six.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on the 14th November, 1977,
in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT:- Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., Chairman
Councillors T. J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney,
V. Blake, J. Whelan, P. Deering, J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D.,
J. Byrne, Ch. Keegan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, A. Murphy, C. Murphy,
T.D., Miss N. O'Neill, J. J. Bourke, Ml. Cullen, F. Hynes,
and R. Miley

ALSO IN Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager
ATTEND- Mr. B. A. Fidgeon, Acting County Secretary
ANCE:- Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer
Mr. R. O'Ceallaigh, Administrative Officer
Mr. H. Jordan, Staff Officer
Mrs. P. Rutledge, Assistant Staff Officer

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor D. Kinsella and agreed that the Minutes of Meeting held on the 17th October, 1977, and also of Adjourned Meeting held on the 10th October, 1977, be confirmed and signed.

It was agreed that the Members of the Council would view Ballymorris House with a view to assessing its suitability as a community centre.

ITEM 2 CASUAL VACANCY IN MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL

It was agreed to defer consideration of the filling of the vacancy in membership of the Council and subsidiary committees caused by the death of Councillor S. Costello, to the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

ITEM 3 VACANCY ON COUNTY WICKLOW VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan and unanimously agreed that Rev. Fr. C. McCarthy be elected to fill the vacancy on the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee arising from the resignation of Rev. Fr. Kavanagh.

ITEM 4 NAAS NO. 2 OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE

The Council was informed that three names had been submitted to fill the vacancy which had arisen since Mr. Myles Balfe was appointed Clerk of the Committee. It was agreed to adjourn consideration of the vacancy and that the Council Members on the Committee would try to get agreement on who would fill the vacancy.

Councillor K. Ryan was informed that the Clerk of the Shillelagh Old Age Pension Sub-Committee was endeavouring to get names of people who might be interested in serving on that Committee.

ITEM 5 ARKLOW DEVELOPMENT CO. LTD.

The Council was informed that until recently the Council had a Member on the Board of Directors of the Arklow Development Co. Ltd., viz. the late Councillor Wm. Cleary.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge that Councillor J. Sweeney be elected to fill the vacancy. It was proposed by Councillor P. Deering, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne that Councillor D. Kinsella be elected to fill the vacancy. Following a vote by a show of hands, Councillor D. Kinsella was elected by nine votes to six.

ITEM 6 DEPUTATION OF SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE TO MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE

The Council was informed that a joint meeting of Wicklow and Wexford Sheep Dipping Committees had been held in Arklow on the 28th October, 1977, to discuss outbreaks of sheep scab and other sheep dipping problems. This meeting agreed, subject to the consent of both County Councils, that the Minister for Agriculture be asked to receive a joint deputation from both Sheep Dipping Committees in connection with changing the sheep dipping period. It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., and unanimously agreed that the Council Members of the Sheep Dipping Committee form a deputation to the Minister for Agriculture to discuss the matters raised at the meeting in Arklow.

ITEM 7 BLESSINGTON SEWERAGE SCHEME

The Council had been circulated with a report giving information on the existing sewerage scheme and the proposed new treatment works. The storm flow would go into Poulaphuca Lake, but the effluent from the treatment works would have to be pumped outside the catchment area of Poulaphuca reservoir as Dublin Corporation would not allow effluent into the lake. The scheme is divided into three stages:-

Stage 1 Covering Blessington town, Blessington demense and Burgagemore. The area of 215 acres can be drained by gravity and will serve a population of 5,000 at a cost of £823,100.

Stage 11 Consisting of Old Paddocks, New Paddocks, Edmonstown and Slaney Hill, costing £594,200.

Stage 111 Embracing Blessington Demense, Newtown Little and Kilmolin costing £609,500

The completed scheme would eventually serve a population of 20,000 involving an area of 795 acres. A sum of £185,000 was included in the cost for pumping the effluent outside the Poulaphuca catchment area.

In the course of a discussion on the report, queries were raised as to when additional water would be available in the Blessington area. The County Engineer stated that this was being investigated in conjunction with Dublin Corporation. It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and unanimously resolved that the scheme as prepared by the Consultants be forwarded to the Department of the Environment with a request that Stage 1 of the development be sanctioned and that if Dublin Corporation insists on the effluent being pumped outside the Poulaphuca catchment area, the Minister be asked that Dublin Corporation be responsible for the cost of pumping involved, i.e. £185,000.

ITEM 8 BRAY URBAN BOUNDARY EXTENSION ORDER, 1977

The Council was informed that the Committee set up to deal with the boundary extension having heard all persons interested during the course of the local enquiry held, had recommended that the boundary of the Bray Urban District be altered in accordance with the original request from Bray Urban District Council, but excluding the townland of Kilruddery Demense West (60 acres).

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Byrne and resolved that the Bray Urban Boundary Extension Order, 1977, hereunder be made.

BRAY URBAN BOUNDARY EXTENSION ORDER, 1977

"WHEREAS The Council of the Urban District of Bray (hereinafter referred to as the "Urban Council") have applied under Section 10 of the Local Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1936, to the Council of the County of Wicklow (hereinafter referred to as the "County Council") for an Order altering the Boundary of the Urban District of Bray (hereinafter referred to as the "Urban District") so as to include therein the portion of the County Health District of Wicklow specified in the Schedule hereunto annexed:

AND WHEREAS the "Urban District" is an Urban District (other than a Borough) situate in the County of Wicklow (hereinafter referred to as "The County"):

AND WHEREAS the County Council being satisfied that a prima facie case existed for the alteration of the boundary of the Urban District caused an inquiry to be made in the locality:

AND WHEREAS the County Council have complied with the provisions of the Urban Districts (Alteration of boundaries) Regulations 1937:

NOW THEREFORE the County Council in exercise of the powers vested in them by sub-section (2) of Section 10 of the Local Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1936, hereby order as follows:-

1. (1) This Order shall come into operation on the 1st day of January, 1979.
- (2) The Interpretation Act, 1937, (No. 38 of 1937) shall apply to this Order.
2. On the coming into operation of this Order the area described in the Schedule hereunto annexed (hereinafter referred to as "The Transferred Area") shall be detached from the County Health District of Wicklow and shall be added to the Urban District, and thence forward the transferred area shall cease to form part of the County Health District of Wicklow and shall be included in and form part of the Urban District for all purposes and the boundary of the Urban District shall be altered accordingly.
3. Every person holding office on the coming into operation of this Order as Urban District Councillor for the Local Electoral area of Bray Urban shall be deemed to have been elected for the local electoral area of Bray Urban as extended by this Order.
4. (1) The provisions of any public General Act adopted by the Council of the Urban District at the coming into operation of this Order and of any statutory instrument applying to the Urban District and then in force shall apply to the Urban District as extended by this Order and references in any such instrument to the area comprised in the Urban District at the coming into operation of this Order shall be construed as references to the Urban District as extended by this Order.
- (2) All bye-laws and regulations of the County Council and of the Council of the Urban District that are in force in the Urban District at the coming into operation of this Order shall apply to the Urban District as extended by this Order.
5. (1) The County Council and the Council of the Urban District may by agreement make any adjustment of property, rights and liabilities which may be necessary in consequence of this Order.
- (2) In default of agreement, any such adjustment of property, rights and liabilities shall be made by such person as shall be appointed for the purpose by the Minister for the Environment.

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6. In the schedule to this Order -

A reference to the existing boundary shall be construed as a reference to the boundary of the Urban District as existing immediately before the coming into operation of this Order.

SCHEDULE

The transferred area shall be all that area comprised between the existing boundary and a line drawn as follows:-

From the point on the South-Eastern side of the Dargle Road on the existing Urban Boundary on the County Brook, and proceeding in a South-Western and then a South-Eastern and a Southern direction along the Eastern or left-hand Boundary of the Dargle Road (Officially Road No. 4), to its junction with Killarney Road (Officially Road No. 3), and proceeding in a North-Eastern direction along the North-Western or left-hand Boundary of Killarney Road (Officially Road No. 3), to a point opposite the Northern Boundary of the access lane to "Giltspur Cottage", and proceeding across Killarney Road (Officially Road No. 3), and in a South-Easterly and Southern direction along the Eastern or left-hand Boundary of the aforesaid access lane to the intersection of this Boundary with the Southern Boundary of Ballywaltrim Townland, and thence in an Easterly direction along the Southern boundaries of Ballywaltrim Townland and Irishtown Townland to a South-Eastern corner of Irishtown Townland, and proceeding thence in a generally Northern direction along the Western boundary of Kilruddery Demesne West to its intersection with the Southern Boundary of Oldcourt Townland, and proceeding thence in an Easterly direction along the Northern Boundary of Kilruddery Demesne West Townland to its intersection with the access laneway (which leads to Boghall Road), and proceeding in a South Easterly direction along the Northern Boundary of Kilruddery Demesne West Townland to its junction with the Western Boundary of Kilruddery Demesne East Townland, and thence in a Northern direction along the Western Boundary of Kilruddery Demesne East Townland to the South-Eastern Boundary of the 4.464 acre field (situated at the junction of Boghall Road and Vevay Road), and thence in a North-Easterly direction along this South-Eastern Boundary of the 4.464 acre field to the centre of the Cockbrook and thence in a North-Easterly direction along the centre of the Cockbrook to the Eastern side of Vevay Road (Officially Road No. 2), and thence in a South-Easterly direction along the North-Eastern Boundary of Vevay Road (Officially Road No. 2) to the South-Eastern Boundary of the 9.764 acre field, and thence in a North-Eastern and Eastern direction along the South-Eastern Boundary of this 9.764 acre field to its intersection with the existing Urban District Boundary.'

The Order was passed with Councillor K. Ryan abstaining. In reply to queries, the County Manager informed the Members that for the purposes of the revision of the County Development Plan now being revised, the area being transferred to Bray Urban District Council would be catered for in conjunction with Bray Urban District Council's revised Development Plan.

ITEM 9 GRANTS UNDER ARTS ACT, 1973

The Council was informed that a sum of £3,000 had been provided in the 1977 Estimate of Expenses for the purposes of making grants under Section 12 of the Arts Act, 1973. The Council had adopted a scheme which provided that grants, not exceeding 50% of the net deficit, could be paid in respect of events in the County Health District, and where finance permitted, for events organised within the Urban Districts of Bray, Wicklow and Arklow.

Eleven applications for assistance had been received to date and of these only five were wholly or partially events organised within the County Health District. It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne and unanimously agreed that grants as set out hereunder be paid under the Council's scheme as adopted:-

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| NAME OF ORGANISATION | EVENT OR EXHIBITION | GRANT APPROVED |
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| Carnew Choral Group | "Pirates of Penzance" | £130 |
| Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann | Concerts & Music Classes | £440 |
| Kilcoole Music Festival | Kilcoole Music Festival | £ 13 |
| Conradh na Gaeilge | Daonscoil Chaoimhin | £ 75 |
| Greystones Operatic & Dramatic Society | "The Gondaliers" | £400 |
| Arklow Music Festival | Arklow Music Festival | £155 |
| Arklow Music Centre | Teaching of Music | £180 |
| Wicklow Musical Society | "The Gypsy Baron" | £370 |
| De La Salle Musical Society | "Oliver" | £120 |
| Wicklow Choral Society | "St. Paul" | £290 |
| Bray Musical Society | "Lisa" | £ 90 |

It was further agreed that the Council make provision in the 1978 Estimates for the making of grants only in respect of events or exhibitions held in the County Health District, and that the scheme be so amended, and that the Council should write to the Urban District Councils informing them of this decision so as to enable the Urban Districts to make provision for the payment of grants under the Arts Act, 1973, if they so decide.

ITEM 10 PROVISION OF TELEPHONE KIOSKS

The Members considered a report which had been circulated setting out the present position of telephone kiosks in the County, which had been the subject of Notices of Motion at various Council meetings since 1974. Following a comprehensive discussion on the report, during which the social needs of the provision of kiosks were stressed, the following resolutions were passed:-

- (a) It was proposed by Councillor P. Deering, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and unanimously resolved:-

"That this Council ask the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to erect a public telephone kiosks in Lacken, Ballyknockan and Cranabeg, and the Council agree to guarantee to cover any losses incurred by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs in the administration of these kiosks"

- (b) It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor K. Whelan and unanimously resolved:-

"That the Department of Posts and Telegraphs be written to again about provision of telephone kiosks at Emmet Place, Carnew and Coolruss, Tinahely".

The Department was to be written to also in connection with the provision of kiosks at Kilcarra, Ballycoogue and Merrymeeing. It was pointed out that Post Offices close at 5 o'clock and no public telephone facilities are available after that time.

ITEM 28 RELOCATION OF TELEPHONE KIOSK AT MAIN STREET, BRAY

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., was considered:-

"That the Council be given a further report on the request for the relocation of the two telephone kiosks at Main Street, Bray".

The Council was informed that these kiosks were re-sited in order to allow adequate visibility for traffic at Bray Bridge and the Royal Starlight Hotel. In conjunction with the Department of Posts and Telegraphs, a suitable location was chosen. If the kiosks had to be removed, the cost would have to be borne by the Council.

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Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge pointed out that the kiosks were sited directly opposite Mrs. Fortune's front door and overshadowed her shop and premises. The County Engineer stated that the cables were located underground and that an estimate of the cost of moving the kiosks would be got from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs. There had been no objection to the siting of the kiosks when they were being erected. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., and agreed that the Council relocate the two telephone kiosks at Main Street, Bray, twelve paces northwards. It was agreed that the quotation for the cost of removal would be re-submitted to the Council.

ITEM 11 CREATION OF ADDITIONAL POST OF ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER

The Council was informed that an additional Assistant County Engineer was required to cater in particular for increased workload arising under the Council's Small Water and Sewerage Scheme proposals. It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge and unanimously agreed that the Wicklow County Council request the sanction of the Minister for the Environment to the creation of an additional post of Assistant County Engineer.

It was suggested that the new Engineer be also given responsibility for the administration of the Council's Local Improvements Schemes operations. It was also agreed to write to the Local Appointments Commission and request them to expedite the filling of the vacant posts of Assistant County Engineers.

ITEMS 12 to 27 & 29 to 57 WERE DEFERRED TO THE SPECIAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON THE 28th NOVEMBER, 1977

ITEM 58 CORRESPONDENCE & OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Wicklow Harbour Commissioners - Finance

Reference to the Minute of the Council's meeting held on the 25th April, 1977, was made and it was pointed out that the Department of Transport and Power required the position of the Council's liability with regard to the annual contribution of £15,000 to Wicklow Harbour Commissioners clarified. It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., and unanimously resolved agreed that Wicklow County Council guarantee the sum of £15,000 annually for the duration of the loan to be raised by Wicklow Harbour Commissioners from the Office of Public Works for the purposes of carrying out improvements to the South Quay, Wicklow, as outlined to the Council at their meeting held on the 14th March, 1977.

Dunlavin Vocational School

The Council was informed that following discussions by the Manager with the Department of Education, the Department had accepted an amended offer, viz.

- (1) Wicklow County Council would transfer ownership of nine acres of its land at Dunlavin to the Vocational Education Committee as a site for a new Vocational School.
- (2) In exchange for the nine acres, the Council would:-
 - (a) acquire ownership of the Committee's existing school building and land at Dunlavin when the school is eventually vacated by classes.
 - (b) Assume responsibility from date of take-over of the existing school for re-payment of the Department's share of the outstanding loan charges on the present school. (The amount of the loan charges outstanding on the 1st May, 1977, was £33,973.98).

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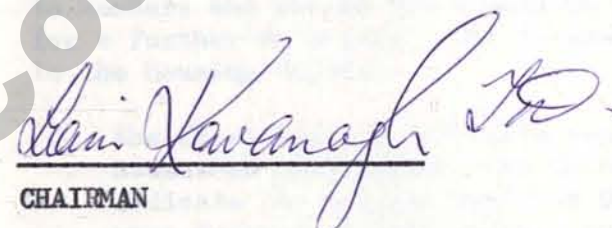
The Council expressed satisfaction with the arrangement.

Water Quality Management Plans

The Council was informed that the South Eastern Regional Development Organisation had engaged An Foras Forbartha to prepare a Water Quality Management Plan for the river Slaney, on behalf of the local authorities who are members of that organisation. Wicklow County Council was invited to join in the preparation of this plan for the Slaney, as it was considered essential that the whole catchment area should be covered.

Section 15 of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act, 1977, enables local authorities to make water quality management plans for any waters situated in its functional areas. The approximate cost of Wicklow participating in the plan for the Slaney would be £1,500. It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor A. Murphy and agreed that Wicklow County Council agree in principle to the preparation of a water quality management plan for the river Slaney catchment area.

Members of the Council adjourned to the Grand Hotel, Wicklow, for the presentation of the new chain of office to the Chairman of the County Council by the Bank of Ireland.


CHAIRMAN

12th Dec 77
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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Housing Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on the 5th December, 1977, in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT:- Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., Chairman
Councillors T. J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan,
J. Sweeney, V. Blake, J. Whelan, P. Deering, J. Miley,
G. Timmins, T.D., J. Byrne, Ch. Keegan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge,
A. Murphy, C. Murphy, T.D., Miss N. O'Neill, J. J. Bourke,
M. Cullen, F. Hynes, and E. Miley

ALSO IN Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager
ATTEND- Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer
ANCE:- Mr. B. A. Fidgeon, Acting County Secretary
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes
Mr. E. MacNeill, Chief Assistant County Engineer
Mr. F. O'Toole, Staff Officer, Environmental Services

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and agreed that the minutes of the Housing Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on the 7th November, 1977, be confirmed and signed.

ITEM 2 HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT

The report for the month ended 30th November, 1977, was circulated to Members and showed 250 houses in progress, with tenders accepted for a further 80 houses. The following points were noted in regard to the Housing Report:-

the Chief Medical Officer's report was awaited on the vacant houses in Baltinglass; the Chief Medical Officer's report would indicate the housing needs in Dunlavin; the Enniskerry houses were delayed by bad weather, but should be ready in January, 1978; some of the Kilbride houses could be ready by April, 1978; some of the work had to be re-done here due to bad workmanship; a notice had been served on the contractor to complete the Tinahely houses; the Newcastle houses had started; the isolated cottage at Trooperstown was completed; the contract for 24 houses at Rathnew had been signed; the other contractors, from whom tenders were accepted, had been given 7 days to sign contracts; plans for negotiated tenders were going ahead; there was difficulty in getting a suitable site for a septic tank in Barndarrig; the County Engineer was to explore the possibility of acquiring a whole field here; there was room for another 20 houses on the site in Avoca; survey work had been done for Rathdangan and Laragh schemes.

The County Manager stated that the formation of a panel of contractors for building houses by negotiated tenders was going ahead. It was agreed that information would be supplied on schemes in the course of preparation as to when it was likely that these would go ahead.

Private Sites

The Council was informed that the applicants for private sites in Greystones would be notified at an early date of the cost of the sites. An application had been received for renewal of the licence for sites at Greystones. No decision has yet been taken on this matter. It was hoped that sites would be available in Blessington and Baltinglass in 1978. It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan,

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seconded by Councillor J. Whelan and agreed to advertise for applicants for private sites in Carnew to determine the demand for private sites in that area.

Acquisition of Land Ballycoogue

An alternative site was being investigated.

Ballyconnell

The landowner refused to sell. An alternative site was to be investigated.

Johnstown (Kilpedder)

An appeal had been lodged to the High Court against the Compulsory Purchase Order.

Valleymount

A report was being prepared in connection with a Compulsory Purchase Order. It was decided to discuss this matter at the next Area Meeting of the Council.

Shillelagh

Councillor K. Ryan suggested that approaches be made to the Land Commission for the acquisition of land for housing purposes in the Coollattin Estate, which had recently been sold.

ITEM 3 STRUCTURAL GUARANTEE SCHEME

The Council was informed that a scheme of Structural Guarantee for newly built private houses and flats offered for sale will be introduced early next year. The scheme was developed jointly by the Department of the Environment and the Construction Industry Federation. The scheme will provide for the registration of house builders who are competent, financially and technically, to undertake house building to standards acceptable to the Department and also to the company to be set up by the Construction Industry Federation to operate the scheme. Any person buying a house from a registered builder will receive a six year structural guarantee from the Company. The guarantee will, in the first instance, be the responsibility of the builder, but in the event of the builder failing, for any reason, to honour the guarantee the company will take the necessary steps to rectify structural defects.

The Department's involvement in the scheme will be two-fold. An inspection service will be provided by technical officers of the Housing Grants Section of the Department. They will examine all plans and specifications and inspect each house on at least three occasions (foundations, roofing and completion). Two observers from the Department will attend meetings of the company to monitor and report on the operation of the scheme. The Government, when approving of the scheme, undertook to introduce an alternative scheme if, after a reasonable period, there should be serious dissatisfaction with the proposed scheme.

The documentation in relation to the Council's housing loans will contain a reference to the Structural Guarantee Scheme as requested by the Minister.

The County Manager recommended that the Council await for full details of the scheme before raising any queries thereon. Agreed.

ITEM 4 AMENDMENT TO LOAN SCHEME FOR EXISTING HOUSES

The Council was informed that under the present loan scheme the maximum loan for purchase of existing houses was limited to 75% of the market value of the house, and the limit for new house loans had recently been increased to £7,000 with the result that a maximum of £5,200 could be allocated to purchase an existing house. Cont/d....

It was recommended that the Council's scheme be amended to allow advances of 95% of the sale price or market value, subject to a limit of £7,000. It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill that the Council's Loan Scheme for existing houses be amended, raising the maximum loan from 75% of the market value or sale price to 95% of the market value or sale price.

The Council was informed that the Law Agent is presently liable for money advanced under the House Purchase Loan Scheme, so that he has to be satisfied that title is in order before releasing instalment of the loan.

ITEM 5 WATER SUPPLY SCHEME AT BALTINGLASS

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., was considered:-

"That proper water supply be provided at Raheen, Baltinglass".

The Council was informed that it was not possible to extend the Baltinglass water supply to serve this area as it would leave houses on higher ground without a supply. It was agreed that the matter be referred to the next Local Area Meeting in the western area.

ITEM 6 WATER SCHEMES IN WEST WICKLOW

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley was considered:-

"That this Council be given the present position of the water schemes in all places in West Wicklow area at the next meeting of this Council".

Details of the schemes were circulated to Councillors from the western area. Councillor Miley stated that what he required was the up-to-date position of schemes which were the subject of Notices of Motion during the past three years. He was informed that the information would be supplied as soon as possible.

ITEM 7 WATER SUPPLY AT AVOCA

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors T. Keenan, J. Sweeney and J. Whelan was considered:-

"That the County Council improve the water supply to Avoca as it gave endless problems to the people in that area over the past years".

The Council was informed that at present investigations are in progress to improve the above water scheme. It is intended that Ballinaclesh water supply be extended to the Meetings and from there be extended to Avoca. In order to augment the supply it will be necessary to pump from the Avonbeg at the Meetings to a service reservoir. A treatment works will be necessary at the Meetings. The County Engineer stated that some improvements were carried out during the summer and that a survey was being carried out.

ITEM 8 DONARD WATER SUPPLY

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Miley and C. Murphy, T.D., was considered:-

"That the Donard Water Supply be extended to a couple of houses on the Newtown. Crossroads leading from Donard".

The Council was informed that investigations were being carried out on the extension and that an estimate of the cost would be submitted when investigations were finalised. The County Engineer stated that there was not sufficient pressure in the system to supply these houses. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., suggested that a storage tank be provided and that the people would contribute towards the cost of the improvements.

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ITEM 9 WATER SUPPLY AT KNOCKANARRIGAN

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors C. Murphy, T.D., and J. Miley was considered:-

"That a further report on the water supply at Knockanarrigan be given to the Council".

The Council was informed that steps were being taken by the Council to carry out work on valves on the Coolmoney water supply. If this was successful it was hoped that the problems in the higher areas served from the former Davidstown Group Scheme would be solved. Problems were being experienced on the Gibstown pump some weeks ago and this added to the problem of the area. The County Engineer stated that he was in communication with the Army and it was decided that a further report be submitted.

ITEM 10 TOILET FACILITIES FOR MR. G. CONDRON

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Whelan and T. Keenan was considered:-

"That the Council provide toilet facilities for Gerry Condrón, Knockananna, who is unable to do this himself owing to illness".

The Council was informed that Mr. Condrón lives in a vested cottage and as such the Council were not empowered to carry out any improvement works. Mr. Condrón could avail of a re-construction loan and grant and a sewerage grant. Councillor J. Whelan referred to a scheme which was approved by the Council some years ago to carry out improvements to vested houses. The County Manager stated that he would look into this matter, the Council could advise Mr. Condrón on the installation of toilet facilities, but he felt it would be unlikely that the Council could lawfully do the work.

ITEM 11 ACCOMMODATION FOR MISS NAN DUNNE

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Whelan and T. Keenan was considered:-

"That the Council provide a demountable dwelling for Miss Nan Dunne, formerly of Sheilstown, Co. Wicklow, who had to take temporary accommodation in County Carlow."

The Council was informed that Miss Dunne was presently living in a holiday shalet near Hacketstown and that a report on her circumstances from the South Eastern Health Board was awaited.

ITEM 12 WATER SUPPLY AT UPPER ROAD, LARAGH

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors L. Kavanagh, T.D., and F. Hynes was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council make arrangements for the continuation of local water supply to the houses and sites at Upper Road, Laragh, which serves the following people:- Denis Carter, Patrick Kavanagh, Henry Carter, Christy Brennan, Patrick Byrne, John Preston, Pat. Cullen, Patrick O'Rourke, Anthony O'Rourke, and James O'Rourke".

It was recommended that a Group Scheme be formed to serve the houses in this area as it would not be possible to serve all the houses without pumping.

Councillor Murphy stated that the formation of a Group Scheme was "not on" and that the Council should consider the installation of the pump. It was agreed that a further report be submitted.

ITEM 13 WATER SUPPLY AT UPPER ROAD, LARAGH EAST

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors C. Murphy, R. Miley and M. Cullen was considered:-

"That households on Upper Road, Laragh East, be supplied with a water supply".

It was recommended that a Group Scheme be formed to serve these houses. Following a discussion, during which it was stated that formation of a Group was unlikely, it was agreed that a further report be submitted about the possibility of providing the water supply to this area.

ITEM 14 EXTENSION OF REFUSE COLLECTION

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors M. Cullen and R. Miley was considered:-

"That the refuse collection be extended to the Kilmacoo/Knockenree areas".

The Council was informed that due to the over-loading of the refuse service, it was not possible to consider extending the service at present.

It was agreed that this matter would be looked at when the new refuse truck, the purchase of which has recently been approved by the Council, was delivered.

ITEM 15 PROVISION OF ACCOMMODATION FOR THE KENNY FAMILY, BALLINACLASH

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors T. Keenan, C. Murphy and J. Sweeney was considered:-

"That the County Council provide a mobile home or demountable dwelling to house the Kenny Family at Ballinaclash who are living in a rotten caravan".

The Council was informed that Mr. Kenny and his family had been re-housed in a mobile home in Ballinaclash. In reply to queries from Councillor D. Kinsella, in connection with Mr. Kavanagh from Arklow, he was informed that a mobile home had been ordered for him.

ITEM 16 EXTENSION OF REFUSE COLLECTION

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., was considered:-

"That the refuse collection be extended from Kennedy's Corner to Ballinastoe Cross, Roundwood, to include approx. 32 households".

The Council was informed that due to the overloading of the refuse service, it was not possible to consider extending the service at present. It was agreed that this matter would be looked at when the new refuse truck, the purchase of which had recently been approved by the Council, was delivered.

ITEM 17 SHELTERED HOUSING ADJACENT TO ST. COLMAN'S HOSPITAL

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, C. Murphy, M. Cullen and R. Miley was considered:-

"Would the officials concerned please let us have any information available regarding the need, etc., for sheltered housing which it was proposed to provide adjacent to St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum".

The Council was informed that the land being offered by the Eastern Health Board adjacent to St. Colman's Hospital was suitable for building and would meet any needs for housing, including housing for disabled persons. Approximately 5 acres of land were in the area concerned.

The Chief Medical Officer had been asked to submit details of the number of cases needing sheltered housing and his report was awaited. Councillors expressed the view that there was ample demand for single units consisting of one large room and that people would prefer this type of accommodation rather than having to be accommodated in the adjacent hospital.

ITEM 18 EXTENSION OF REFUSE COLLECTION

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors T. Keegan, A. Murphy and G. Timmins, T.D., was considered:-

"That this Council arrange to have the refuse collection extended to the Glenree Centre for Reconciliation".

The Council was informed that due to the over-loading of the refuse service, it was not possible to consider extending the service at present.

It was agreed that this matter would be looked at when the new refuse truck, the purchase of which has recently been approved by the Council, was delivered.

ITEMS 19 to 30 WERE ADJOURNED TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

ITEM 31 CORRESPONDENCE & OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Deputation - Sheep Dipping Committee

The Council was informed that due to his present heavy commitments the Minister for Agriculture was not in a position to receive the proposed deputation, but arrangements could be made for a meeting between representatives of the Committee and Departmental Officials. This matter was referred to the Sheep Dipping Sub-Committee.

County Councils' General Council

The Council was informed that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council would take place on the 15th December, 1977.

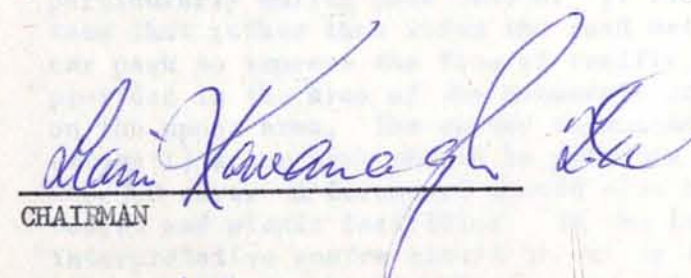
Crowe Abbey, Kindlestown Lower

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill referred to the condition of the road at Crowe Abbey. She was informed that the contractor would indemnify the Council in the case of any accidents and that he had been stopped from doing further work until the trenches were re-instated properly.

Pedestrian Crossing at Charnwood Estate, Vevay Road, Bray

It was proposed by Councillor J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy and agreed that immediate steps be taken to have a pedestrian crossing provided at Charnwood Estate, Vevay Road, Bray, adjacent to the new supermarket.

This concluded the business of the meeting.


CHAIRMAN

DATE 9/1/78

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday, 28th November, 1977, in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Present:- Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., Chairman
Councillors T. J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, V. Blake, J. Whelan, P. Deering, J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., J. Byrne, Ch. Keegan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, A. Murphy, C. Murphy, T.D., Miss N. O'Neill, J. J. Bourke, Ml. Cullen, F. Hynes, and R. Miley

Also in attend-
ance:- Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager
Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer
Mr. B. A. Fidgeon, A/County Secretary
Mr. T. Gibson, Chief Planning Assistant
Mr. T. Broderick, County Development Officer
Mr. R. O'Ceallaigh, Administrative Officer
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes

Mr. G. Bagnall, Bord Failte
Mr. B. Rogers, Forestry Division, Department of Agriculture
Mr. P. Scanlon, Office of Public Works
Mr. P. Kearns, Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation
Mr. Martin, Consultant

The meeting was called to consider the report of Bord Failte on the survey of Glendalough.

ITEM 1

The Chairman welcomed the representatives from Bord Failte, Office of Public Works, Forestry Department and Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation and Consultants and invited Mr. Bagnall of Bord Failte to outline the survey.

Mr. Bagnall stressed the importance of Glendalough as a National Monument and indicated that approximately 300,000 people per annum visited the area. He called on Mr. Martin, Consultant, to explain details of the survey to the Council. Mr. Martin indicated that the main problems of the area arose from the fact that the valley was a cul-de-sac with only one entrance/exit. The bulk of the activity in the valley occurred in two areas, viz. at the Monument site and in the upper car park area. These areas were beginning to show signs of deterioration by way of wear and tear on footpaths, litter and vandalism. There was at present a proliferation of sign posts, some of which were of little use. Furthermore, there was a birch tree invasion of the valley floor and the river banks were showing signs of erosion and silting. At peak season now, it is not unusual to have 2,000 to 3,000 cars visit the area in one day, and these numbers will increase. Car parking, toilets and picknicking facilities were inadequate to cater for the numbers of visitors to the site, particularly during peak season. It was the opinion of the survey team that rather than widen the road between the hotel and the upper car park to improve the flow of traffic, that facilities should be provided in the area of the monuments and hotel to relieve pressure on the upper area. The survey recommended that in the short-term (stage 1) a car park should be provided at the hotel end to cater for 280/300 cars. A forecourt should also be provided, together with toilet and picnic facilities. In the long term (stage 2) an interpretative centre should be set up incorporating offices of each interested body which would provide information about the valley and surrounding areas. It was also desirable that a warden service be provided.

The Chairman welcomed the representatives from Ford Motor, Office of Management, Bureau of Government and Eastern Regional Tourism Organization, and invited Mr. Joseph J. Ford, Director of Ford Motor

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After Mr. Martin, of Brady, Shipman and Martin, Consultants, had concluded outlining the survey, the Chairman invited comments from Members of the Council. Councillor E. Miley indicated that there were two things wrong with Glendalough, viz. (1) no toilets at the lower end (near Monastic Settlement), and (2) congestion at the bridge at the hotel. Councillor Miley mentioned that as far back as 1926, there was a proposal to do something with the bridge, but nothing happened since. He felt that the suggestion in the survey that a new road be provided at the rear of the hotel was ludicrous. The road should go straight at the hotel and come out further on - the house nearby should be demolished.

The Chairman thanked the representatives from Bord Failte, the Office of Public Works, Forestry Department and Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation and Consultants for attending the meeting, and for providing such a clear exposition of the problems at Glendalough.

The Council was informed that the Minister for the Environment had amended the Public Bodies Order 1946-1977, fixing the period 23rd November, 1977, to 31st December, 1977, as the prescribed period under the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, for the preparation by rating authorities of their Estimate of Expenses, and the holding of estimates meetings in respect of the year 1978, and that he had placed an upper limit of 11% increase on the 1977 rate in the £, which rating authorities may levy in respect of the 1978 rate.

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Council of Europe Conference

It was proposed by Councillor P. Deering, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne and unanimously agreed that the Chairman and the County Manager attend a conference of the Council of Europe Convention on the problems of regionalisation in Bordeaux, on the 30th January and 1st February, 1978.

CONTINUATION OF AGENDA -- 14th NOVEMBER, 1977

ITEM 12 PARKING SPACE AT BALLINGLEN

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. J. Bourke and V. Blake was considered:-

"That parking space at Ballinglen be restored".

The Council was informed that the space referred to is a road verge which was left after a bend was removed some three years ago to improve visibility. The land was acquired from a Mr. Boyd for the purpose of carrying out the improvement. In recent times, Mr. Boyd complained about (a) flooding caused to his land as a result of the improvement and (b) his fence was being broken down by cars owned by customers of Mr. Patrick Doyle who owns the public house in Ballinglen. As a result of Mr. Boyd's complaints, a drain was provided in the verge to remove the surface water during wet periods. This drain also prevented cars from breaking down his fence. Some time ago Mr. Doyle was informed by the Assistant County Engineer that the parked cars were (1) causing a traffic hazard, (2) responsible for damaging a fence which was erected by the County Council during the execution of road improvement works and (3) preventing proper drainage from being carried out to relieve flooding.

It was recommended that Mr. Doyle be advised to provide adequate car parking facilities for his customers within the curtilage of his own property.

Councillor V. Blake referred to the traffic hazard created by the deep hole on the side of the road, and it was agreed to refer this matter to the local area meeting.

ITEMS 13 and 14 WERE DEFERRED TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

ITEM 15 LANE AT REERE OF OLD COURT PARK

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors A. Murphy, C. Keegan and G. Timmins, T.D., was considered:-

"That the lane at the reere of Old Court Park be extended into a triangular piece of land owned by the Council in order to provide a turning bay on this lane which has been taken over by the Council. Also that Cluny Construction be required to complete the connection of water and the completion of the site in accordance with the planning permission given as an urgent matter".

The Council was informed that the lane referred to was one which met the Boghall Road at a point 230' west of the junction of Old Court Park and Boghall Road, and was approximately 500' long and stopped at a boundary to a private garden. The private garden was 50' wide and beyond the garden is a triangular piece of open space which is owned by the Council. To extend the lane into this space and provide a turning bay would involve acquiring part of the garden, and the cost of the work would be approximately £2,000 and would include for land acquisition, kerbing, fencing, providing roadway and turning bay.

It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne and unanimously agreed that this matter be included for consideration in the 1978 roadworks proposals.

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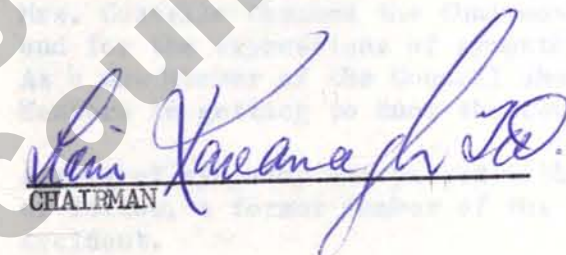
In connection with the completion of the site in accordance with planning permission, the Council was informed that Cluny Construction Ltd. had been given one week to complete the services in accordance with the planning permission granted and if they failed to do so an Enforcement Notice would be served on the Company. Councillors referred to the dangerous condition of the road and the inconvenience that the local people were being put to and urged a strong action be taken against the contractor. The County Manager stated that everything that was legally open to the Council to remedy the situation would be done.

Correspondence and Other Matters raised with the permission of the Chairman

Vote of Sympathy

It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., Chairman, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., that a vote of sympathy be passed with Mr. H. Jordan on the death of his Father, Mr. Jack Jordan. The County Manager associated himself with the vote on behalf of the staff.

This concluded the business of the meeting.


CHAIRMAN

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Business of the Council

The Chairman informed the Council that the County Manager had been asked to look into the possibility of a new site for the County Council offices. The County Manager had been asked to look into the possibility of a new site for the County Council offices. The County Manager had been asked to look into the possibility of a new site for the County Council offices.

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Minutes of Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on
Monday, 19th December, in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow,
commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Present:- Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., Chairman
Councillors T. J. Keenan, P. Deering, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney,
V. Blake, J. Whelan, J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D.,
J. Byrne, Mrs. Maelisa Costello, Ch. Keegan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge,
C. Murphy, T.D., Miss N. O'Neill, J. J. Bourke, Ml. Cullen,
F. Hynes, and R. Miley

Also in Mr. Seamus Hayes, County Manager
Attend- Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer
ance:- Mr. B. A. Fidgeon, A/County Secretary
Mr. J. Horan, A/County Accountant
Mr. R. O'Ceallaigh, Administrative Officer
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer
Mr. H. Jordan, Staff Officer, Housing
Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer, Engineering Section
Mr. F. O'Toole, Staff Officer, Environmental Services
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor
A. Murphy.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. M. Costello as a Member of the Council and
wished her every good luck as a representative of the people of
Wicklow. On behalf of the staff, the County Manager extended a
welcome wishing her a fruitful and happy time as a Member of the Council.
Mrs. Costello thanked the Chairman and County Manager for the welcome
and for the expressions of sympathy on the death of her husband, Seamus.
As a new Member of the Council she asked for assistance from the other
Members in getting to know the Council's business.

A vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late Ann Cannon
of Tullow, a former member of the staff who was killed in a recent
accident.

A vote of sympathy was passed with Councillor Keegan on the death of
his mother.

The County Manager associated himself with the votes of sympathy on
behalf of the staff.

Estimate of Expenses

The Estimate of Expenses, together with the County Manager's report
thereon, had been circulated to Members. The estimate provided for
a Rate of £10.1860 in the pound, an increase of 95.57 p over the 1977
Rate. The County Manager stated that there was a limit of 11%
increase over the adopted Rate for 1977 determined by the Minister for
the Environment, and this allowed an approximate increase of 14.3%
in expenditure. He was satisfied that there was sufficient monies in
the 11% increase in the Rate to meet commitments and make provision
for additions to services for the year 1978.

PROGRAMME 1 HOUSING & BUILDING

Gross expenditure was estimated at £1,650,194 and receipts at £1,445,301.
A sum of £25,000 in respect of excess expenditure in 1977 was
included, leaving a Rate of 71.93 p required for this service. A
sum of £120,000 was included for cottage repairs, an increase of
£27,000 over the 1977 provision. The Council was informed that
there were 800 - 900 non-vested houses which had to be maintained.
There was a back-log of repairs in the northern and south-eastern
part of the county. Provision was included in the £120,000 to recruit
additional staff to tackle the repairs problem.

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As a result of the Council's decision to allow redemption of annuities, 1,500 of the 2,800 vested tenant purchasers had applied to redeem. The County Manager was requested to look into the tenancies of some Council houses - a number of these did not have tenants appointed when the former tenant died.

The Council was informed that a new scheme of reconstruction and water and sewerage grants had been introduced by the Government. Under the new scheme, supplementary grants would not be payable, but grants under the old scheme would continue for some time. Provision had been made in the Estimates for loan charges on existing loans and new loans to meet outstanding commitments.

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., and agreed that the Housing and Building estimate prepared by the County Manager, be adopted, and that a Rate of 71.93 p be levied for this service.

PROGRAMME 11 ROADS, TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY

Gross expenditure of £2,271,526 was estimated under this heading, and this included a sum of £362,859 for main and county road improvements. £30,550, being the 4th Phase of the 4 Year Plan for dealing with Councillor's proposals for roadworks which was adopted by the Council in 1974, was included in the Roadworks Scheme. Over expenditure of £50,000 had been incurred on snow and frost clearance, and repairs arising from same and provision was included in the estimates for this.

The Council was informed that 107 men had been taken on under the Christmas Relief Scheme. The permanent staff had been increased by 14 in 1976 and by 26 in 1977. The County Engineer was asked to reconsider the transfer of roads from the western area to the southern engineering area.

A sum of £28,000 was included for the implementation of Stage 111 of the Public Lighting Improvement Plan, and it would take another year to complete the Programme.

Councillors urged that representations be made to the Department for an increased allocation for Local Improvement Scheme Grants.

The Council was informed that provision had been made in the heading 'Motor Taxation' for an additional Clerical Officer. It was proposed by Councillor R. Miley, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, and agreed, that an additional post of Clerical Officer be created in the Motor Taxation Department under Section 6 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955. The County Manager stated that the expenditure involved would be recouped in full from the Department.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and agreed that the Roads Estimate in the sum of £2,271,526 be adopted, and that a Rate of 466.36 p be levied for this service.

Travelling Expenses and Subsistence Allowances of Members of Local Authorities

The Council was informed that Circular G. 8/77 of the 15th December, 1977, proposed the revision of rates of travelling expenses and subsistence allowances which may be made to Members of Local Authorities in respect of their attendance at meetings and conferences. The new rates were:-

- (a) 22p per mile for travelling to meetings (old rate 18p per mile) and
- (b) £3.75 (over 3, under 7 hours) and £5.40 (over 7 hours) for subsistence allowances (old rates £3.00 and £4.30 respectively).

The new rates could be applied with effect from the 1st September, 1977.

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It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor V. Blake and unanimously resolved that the terms of Circular G. 8/77 be implemented with effect from the 1st September, 1977.

At this point, the Chairman had to leave the meeting and the Chair was taken by Councillor F. Hynes, having been proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., and seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

PROGRAMME 3 WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE

The net expenditure under this heading was £425,158 and would require a Rate of 136.14p. In reply to queries from Councillors, it was stated that £50,000 had been included in the estimates for provision of Small Water and Sewerage Schemes, £25,000 of this being financed directly from the rates and £25,000 from development charges. The Department had been given a complete list of schemes which had come within the ambit of the Small Water and Sewerage Schemes and an increased allocation was sought. In 1977 the Council received an allocation of £60,000. Councillors queried the amount of development charges, particularly on schools. The County Manager stated that without development charges the Small Schemes could not be undertaken, and that he would keep the charge on schools under consideration.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, seconded by Councillor R. Miley that the list of Small Schemes be looked at at Area Meetings, and that encouragement be given to groups to form group schemes. Group schemes would benefit considerably as a result of the increased grants recently announced for the provision of water and sewerage facilities. A suggestion was made that the Council should supply a pump for yield testing and that this would facilitate group schemes. The County Engineer stated that the Council had contributed, in some cases, towards the extra cost of the provision of 4" mains, where these had been provided by group schemes, to facilitate further extensions.

The normal connection fee of £30.00 had been reduced to £15.00 where the connection was made when a new scheme was being installed.

It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne and agreed that the Water Supply and Sewerage Rate of 136.14 in the £, as proposed by the County Manager be adopted.

PROGRAMME 4 DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES AND CONTROLS

The Council was informed that there was an increase of 1.18p over the 1977 Rate, which represented a net increase of £7,675 in expenditure. A provision of £15,000 had been made to provide services to the Council's Industrial Sites. It was intended to proceed with the development of the Murrough, Wicklow, in 1978. With regard to provision of factory work-shops at Kilcoole and Blessington, it was suggested that the County Engineer should engage specialists to prepare plans for these work-shops. The County Manager stated that this would be kept in mind and it was hoped that the provision of the work-shops would be proceeded with in 1978. The County Development Officer stated that these projects were comparatively small ones and that he was expecting a quotation from an interested consortium in the near future. In the absence of other suitable premises, the work-shops were basically a nursery for larger industries. There had been 12 to 14 operations during the past 12 months, and 10 new factories were provided with which the County Development Team was associated. As a result of these developments, 700-800 new jobs would come on stream. The south and west of County Wicklow were difficult areas to promote, but a special case was being made for Shillelagh by the County Development Team. There had been no developments in the Baltinglass site, although the Industrial Development Authority had indicated that this was a priority area. There had been no success, as yet, in attracting a new industry to Blessington, but negotiations for the sale of the Classic Clothing factory were at an advanced stage.

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The County Development Officer gave the Members an indication of the general re-action of industrialists to the smaller areas such as Carnew and Tinahely, and these included the availability of labour, land, water and sewerage services and Trade Union action, etc. Ninety-five per cent of the enquiries from industrialists related to the north-eastern part of the county, and the success rate was low. Councillors were asked to inform the County Development Team if they were aware of any individual or group who wished to start or expand an industry, either of a manufacturing or service type.

It was suggested that the Council should advertise the industrial sites in the county and state the locations where they are situated. The Council was informed that provision was being made in the estimates for an increase of £500 in the contribution to the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, and that a sum of £1,500 had been included towards the cost of the production of a new tourist brochure on County Wicklow. It was proposed by Councillor T. Keenan, seconded by Councillor R. Miley and agreed that this sum be increased to £2,000 which would allow additional brochures to be produced.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge and unanimously agreed that the estimate as prepared by the County Manager for the Development Incentives and Control Programme be adopted, and that a Rate of 40.05p in the £ be levied for this service.

PROGRAMME 5 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Total expenditure under this heading was estimated at £471,526.00. The net expenditure would require a Rate of 114.01p in the £. Queries were raised in connection with the following burial grounds - Cranerin, Rathdangan, Redford, McCreddin, Kilquiggan and Rosahane (fencing). It was agreed that an up-to-date report on the burial grounds under the control of the Council would be submitted to the Council Members. Favourable progress was reported on Roundwood and Glendalough burial grounds. When preparing the estimates, the County Manager had allowed for an increase in the burial charges with effect from the 1st January, 1978, to take account of increased costs. The extra charge would be of the order of 11%.

At this point it was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and agreed that an extension of time be allowed.

Domestic Refuse

The County Engineer was asked to look into the possibility of changing the collection day for the Blessington area.

Fire Services

The Council was informed that plans for Tinahely Fire Station were at an advanced stage. The County Manager stated that it would be necessary to borrow money for the erection of this fire station.

Civil Defence

Congratulations were extended to the Civil Defence on winning the National Rescue Competition. It was proposed by Councillor J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor V. Blake and agreed that the Environmental Services estimate, as prepared by the County Manager, be adopted and that a Rate of 114.01 p be levied for this service.

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PROGRAMME 6 RECREATION AND AMENITY

Total expenditure of this Programme was estimated at £135,514 and required a Rate of 36.98 p in the £. The County Manager stated that the Library Committee had recommended the adoption of an estimate of £78,250, and this was agreed to. It was noted that a sum of £5,000 was included as a contribution towards the deficit on the Bray Swimming Pool. Queries were raised on Open Spaces in housing schemes. Councillors were informed that these are maintained by the County Council where the schemes have been taken over by the Council. A problem had arisen with regard to the location of equipment in some Open Spaces. The maintenance of Open Spaces by teams of workers was to be looked at again. Councillor J. Whelan was informed that provision had been made in the Roadworks Scheme for improvements at the Diamond, Tinahely.

It was agreed to resume consideration of the Estimates on Wednesday, 4th January, 1978.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

CHAIRMAN

DATE _____

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday, 12th December, 1977, in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT:- Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., Chairman
Councillors T. J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, V. Blake, J. Whelan, P. Deering, J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., J. Byrne, Ch. Keegan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, A. Murphy, C. Murphy, T.D., Miss N. O'Neill, J. J. Bourke, Ml. Cullen, F. Hynes and R. Miley

ALSO IN Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager
ATTEND- Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer
ANCE:- Mr. B. A. Fidgeon, Acting County Secretary
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer
Mr. R. O'Ceallaigh, Administrative Officer
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge and agreed that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 14th November, 1977, be confirmed and signed.

Councillor C. Murphy was informed of the Statutory provisions in relation to advertising the Bray Urban District Council Boundary Extension Order, 1977.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge and agreed that the Department of Posts and Telegraphs be requested to expedite an estimate in relation to the removal of two telephone kiosks at Main Street, Bray.

ITEM 2 FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY IN WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL & SUBSIDIARY BODIES

It was proposed by Councillor D. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor A. Murphy that Mrs. Maelisa Costello be elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Councillor S. Costello, Roseville House, Dublin Road, Bray.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge that Mr. Kevin Whelan, Moorpark, Kilmacanogue, Bray, be elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Councillor S. Costello.

A ballot was taken which resulted as follows:-

For Mrs. M. Costello

Councillor J. Bourke
" J. Byrne
" P. Deering
" F. Hynes
" L. Kavanagh
" Ch. Keegan
" D. Kinsella
" A. Murphy
" K. Ryan
" G. Timmins
" V. Blake

Total:- 11

For Mr. Kevin Whelan

Councillor Ml. Cullen
" Th. Keenan
" Mrs. M. Ledwidge
" J. Miley
" R. Miley
" C. Murphy
" Miss N. O'Neill
" J. Sweeney
" J. Whelan

Total:- 9

Mrs. M. Costello was, accordingly, declared elected to the vacancy on Wicklow County Council.

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Vacancy on the Committee of Agriculture

It was proposed by Councillor Ch. Keegan, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. that Mr. Harry Williams, Ballybrew, Enniskerry, be appointed under Section 13 of the Agricultural Act, 1931, to fill the vacancy on the Committee of Agriculture caused by the death of Councillor S. Costello.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney that Councillor Ml. Cullen be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Committee of Agriculture.

A ballot was taken which resulted as follows:-

For Mr. Harry Williams

Councillor J. Bourke
" J. Byrne
" P. Deering
" F. Hynes
" L. Kavanagh
" Ch. Keegan
" D. Kinsella
" A. Murphy
" K. Ryan
" G. Timmins
" V. Blake

For Councillor Ml. Cullen

Councillor Ml. Cullen
" Th. Keenan
" Mrs. M. Ledwidge
" J. Miley
" R. Miley
" C. Murphy
" Miss N. O'Neill
" Mr Sweeney
" J. Whelan

Total:- 11

Total:- 9

Mr. H. Williams was, accordingly, appointed to fill the vacancy on the Committee of Agriculture.

Eastern Regional Development Organisation

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne that Councillor F. Hynes be appointed to fill the vacancy in the membership of the Eastern Regional Development Organisation caused by the death of Councillor S. Costello.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, seconded by Councillor T. Keenan that Councillor J. Miley be appointed to fill the vacancy in the membership of the Eastern Regional Development Organisation.

A ballot was taken which resulted as follows:-

For Councillor F. Hynes

Councillor J. Bourke
" J. Byrne
" P. Deering
" F. Hynes
" L. Kavanagh
" Ch. Keegan
" D. Kinsella
" A. Murphy
" K. Ryan
" G. Timmins
" V. Blake

For Councillor J. Miley

Councillor Ml. Cullen
" Th. Keenan
" Mrs. M. Ledwidge
" R. Miley
" J. Miley
" C. Murphy
" Miss N. O'Neill
" J. Sweeney
" J. Whelan

Total:- 11

Total:- 9

Councillor F. Hynes was, accordingly, appointed to fill the vacancy on the Eastern Regional Development Organisation.

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ITEM 3 VACANCY ON NAAS NO. 2 OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE

The Council was informed that the vacancy in the membership of the sub-committee arose due to the appointment of Mr. Myles Balfe as Clerk of the Committee. Mr. Balfe was formerly a member of the committee. It was proposed by Councillor P. Deering, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins that Mrs. Margaret Murphy, Blessington, be appointed to the vacancy. It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy that Mr. Brian Dempsey, Blessington, be appointed to fill the vacancy.

A ballot was taken which resulted as follows:-

For Mrs. Margaret Murphy

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| Councillor J. Bourke |
| " J. Byrne |
| " P. Deering |
| " F. Hynes |
| " L. Kavanagh |
| " Ch. Keegan |
| " D. Kinsella |
| " A. Murphy |
| " K. Ryan |
| " G. Timmins |
| " V. Blake |

For Mr. Brian Dempsey

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| Councillor Ml. Cullen |
| " Th. Keenan |
| " Mrs. M. Ledwidge |
| " J. Miley |
| " R. Miley |
| " C. Murphy |
| " Miss N. O'Neill |
| " J. Sweeney |
| " J. Whelan |

Total:- 11

Total:- 9

Mrs. Murphy was, accordingly, appointed to fill the vacancy on the Naas No. 2 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.

ITEM 4 VACANCY ON THE LOCAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne that Mr. D. Kinsella, M.C.C., be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor F. Hynes.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge that Councillor Miss N. O'Neill be appointed to fill the vacancy.

A ballot was taken which resulted as follows:-

For Councillor D. Kinsella

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| Councillor J. Bourke |
| " J. Byrne |
| " P. Deering |
| " F. Hynes |
| " L. Kavanagh |
| " Ch. Keegan |
| " D. Kinsella |
| " A. Murphy |
| " K. Ryan |
| " G. Timmins |
| " V. Blake |

For Councillor Miss N. O'Neill

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| Councillor Ml. Cullen |
| " Th. Keenan |
| " Mrs. M. Ledwidge |
| " J. Miley |
| " R. Miley |
| " C. Murphy |
| " Miss N. O'Neill |
| " J. Sweeney |
| " J. Whelan |

Total:- 11

Total:- 9

Councillor Kinsella was, accordingly, appointed to fill the vacancy in the membership of the Local Health Advisory Committee.

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ITEM 5 CREATION OF ADDITIONAL PERMANENT POST OF CLERK OF WORKS

The Council was informed that a Temp. Clerk of Works had recently tendered his resignation and that there was great difficulty in getting, and retaining, Temporary Clerk of Works. Two permanent posts of Clerk of Works exist in the Council and it is recommended that a third permanent post be created. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan and unanimously resolved that subject to the sanction from the Department of the Environment, Wicklow County Council, create an additional permanent post of Clerk of Works under Section 6 of the City and County Management Act, 1955.

ITEM 6 REVISION OF SALARY SCALES FOR DRAUGHTSMEN AND TECHNICIANS

The Council was informed that as a result of an arbitration hearing, the following salary scale was recommended with effect from the 1st June, 1976:-

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| Draughtsman Grade 11 | |
| and | £2,753 x £117 (9) - £3,806 x £123 (1) - £3,929 |
| Civil Engineering Technician | |
| Draughtsman Grade 1 | £3,929 x £ 94 (6) - £4,493 |

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne and unanimously resolved that in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, the revised salary scales be implemented with effect from the 1st June, 1976, subject to the sanction from the Minister for the Environment, and that the expenditure involved be regarded as excess expenditure for the year, 1977.

ITEM 7 OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1978

It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes and unanimously resolved that subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, the Council request accommodation, by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account, up to a maximum of £500,000, with the Council's Treasurer, the Bank of Ireland, Wicklow, for the 12 months ending 31st December, 1978.

ITEM 8 ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BRAY

The Council was informed that St. Paul's Church, Bray, had been closed to public worship and that recently, planning permission had been granted on appeal for use of the building as an organ factory. Bray Urban District Council had recently considered a report from the Bray Town Engineer with regard to the adaption of the premises as a museum and also with regard to the operational expenses of such a venture, and were seeking joint involvement with Wicklow in relation to meeting the cost of capital outlay and operational expenses. While the matter was primarily one for Bray Urban District Council, Members of Wicklow County Council urged that the building be used as a museum. It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne and agreed that the County Manager approach the select vestry to discuss the possibility of having the St. Paul's Church used as a museum.

The County Manager informed the Council that this item would be discussed by Bray Urban District Council at their next meeting, and pending the outcome of the discussion he would get in touch with the select vestry.

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ITEM 9 AGREEMENT UNDER THE FIRE BRIGADES ACT, 1940

The Council was informed that for the past number of years, Wicklow County Council had been carrying out functions under the Fire Brigades Act, 1940, and the Factories Act, 1955, on behalf of Bray, Arklow and Wicklow Urban District Councils on an informal basis. At the request of Wicklow County Council the three Urbans concerned had passed resolutions in accordance with Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955, that it would be more convenient that the powers, functions and duties under Sections 7 and 8 of the Fire Brigades Act, 1940, and Section 45 of the Factories Act, 1955, be exercised or performed by Wicklow County Council on behalf of the Urban Councils. The Council was informed that there would be no change in the present financing arrangements as a result of realising the existing arrangements.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor F. Hynes and unanimously resolved that "whereas the Urban District Council of Bray has, by resolution, requested this Council to exercise or perform on its behalf the powers, functions and duties set out herein, and this Council, being able and willing to exercise such powers, functions and duties, this Council hereby pursuant to the Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955, agrees to exercise or perform the powers, functions and duties on behalf of the Urban District Council of Bray:-

- (1) Generally the powers, functions and duties of Bray Urban District Council under Sections 7 and 8 of the Fire Brigades Act, 1940.
- (2) Generally the powers, functions and duties of Bray Urban District Council under Section 45 of the Factories Act, 1955.
- (3) Generally the powers, functions and duties of Bray Urban District Council under the Public Dance Halls Act, 1935, Cinematographic Act, 1901, and Petroleum and Dangerous Substances Acts.
- (4) The performance of functions of inspection by the Chief Fire Officer for the purpose of the Planning and Development Act, 1963, as amended."

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor F. Hynes and unanimously resolved that "whereas the Urban District Council of Wicklow has, by resolution, requested this Council to exercise or perform on its behalf the powers, functions and duties set out herein and this Council being able and willing to exercise such powers, functions and duties, this Council hereby pursuant to Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955, agrees to exercise or perform the powers, functions and duties on behalf of the Urban District of Wicklow:-

- (1) Generally the powers, functions and duties of Wicklow Urban District Council under Section 2 (3) and under Section 7 and 8 of the Fire Brigades Act, 1940."

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor F. Hynes and unanimously resolved that "whereas the Urban District Council of Arklow has, by resolution, requested this Council to exercise or perform on its behalf the powers, functions and duties set out herein, and this Council being able and willing to exercise such powers, functions and duties, this Council hereby pursuant to Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955, agrees to exercise or perform the powers, functions and duties on behalf of the Urban District Council of Arklow:-

- (1) Generally the powers, functions and duties of Arklow Urban District Council under Section 7 and 8 of the Fire Brigades Act, 1940.
- (2) Generally the powers, functions and duties of Arklow Urban District Council under Section 45 of the Factories Act, 1955. "

ITEMS 10 & 11 APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE - WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley was considered:-

"That this Council appoint a Planning Committee of County Councillors to deal with applications before a refusal is signed".

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors C. Murphy, T.D., and Miss N. O'Neill was considered:-

"That this Council appoint a Planning Sub-Committee to consider Planning Applications".

It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge that Wicklow County Council appoint a Planning Committee of County Councillors to deal with applications before a refusal is signed.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney that this County Council appoint a Planning Sub-Committee to consider planning applications.

In the course of the debate on these notices of motion, the following points were made:-

- (a) A sub-committee set up to deal with refusals could save time and trouble with the planning appeal procedure.
- (b) The local representatives should have a vital say in the planning of their areas.
- (c) The zoning of the county for planning, meant inhabitants were being pushed out of their areas.
- (d) A more humane approach to planning should be adopted when dealing with applications.
- (e) Policy of sterilisation of land should be looked at again.
- (f) The Development Plan adopted by the Council should be general and provide for exceptions.
- (g) The problems of the new County Development Plan should be emphasised by the officials to the members of the Council when the Plan is being discussed.
- (h) Setting up a sub-committee to deal with refusals would create a false expectation of appeal to the sub-committee against decisions taken.
- (i) Applicants for planning permission should, have prior consultation with officials of the Council about planning applications to discuss likelihood of getting permission on basis of proposals to be submitted.
- (j) Too many and too technical conditions were being applied to permissions granted.
- (k) Land was not being used to the best advantage.
- (l) All planning applications should be considered by a committee to get a balanced view of planning in the county.
- (m) All planning applications and decisions are circulated to members of the Council.
- (n) Under the 1976 Planning Act, applicants can be invited to submit revised plans or to extend the period for dealing with planning applications.

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- (o) The previous history of the site was a determining factor in deciding the planning application.
- (p) The local Engineer should consult with local representatives in cases where refusals are likely.
- (q) The setting up of a Planning Sub-Committee could put pressure on the Councillors and staff.

The County Manager stated that under the Planning Acts, planning decisions are the responsibility of the County Manager working within the perimeter of the County Development Plan, adopted by the Members. He was not against a Planning Sub-Committee but suggested it would not be feasible for a Committee to look at all applications or refusals owing to the statutory time factor and the various technical reports to be submitted. When the Development Plan was being revised, Members should look carefully at the restrictions imposed in the Plan. The draft plan could be discussed at area meetings in the first instance.

Councillor J. Miley withdrew his motion to set up a Committee to look at refusals. It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan, that the setting up of a Committee be deferred until the new Development Plan was being discussed and that a Sub-Committee be appointed when the Development Plan was approved, the Sub-Committee to meet every three months to monitor the operation of the Plan in the light of planning decisions made under it.

Finally, it was agreed that the County Manager would submit a report on the operation of Planning Committees in other counties and also information on the number of refusals over the past few years and details of the areas of the county where the refusals were involved.

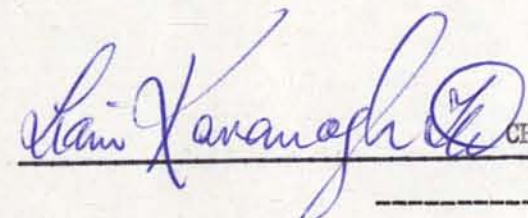
ITEMS 12 TO 84 WERE ADJOURNED TO THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

ITEM 85 CORRESPONDENCE & OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Councillor D. Kinsella made representations on behalf of the occupier of house number 10 at Avoca. He stated that the roof was leaking badly in this new house. The County Engineer was requested to examine this house and also number 13 at Avoca, as a matter of urgency.

Councillors requested that the road to Avoca Mines, which was being used by Council lorries, be reinstated, and if possible be taken over by the County Council. The County Engineer stated that temporary repairs were to be carried out.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

 CHAIRMAN

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