

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing Matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th August, 1969, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, John Sweeney, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T. D., Edward Byrne, Henry J. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, James Gregory and Kevin Ryan. The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer and J. Flood, A/Chief Assistant County Engineer, were present.

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—

(a) In the names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge and John Temple:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Walter F. Mullen for the erection of one bungalow at Coolnagad, Delgany."

(b) In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley and F. Hynes:—

"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Mr. David Maharry (c/o Mr. Kelly, Ballymerrigan, Rathnew) for 5 bungalows."

(c) In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley and F. Hynes:—

"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Thomas McNabb, of Nun's Cross, Ashford, to development of his lands at Coolgarrow (Woodenbridge) for residential building."

(d) In the names of Councillors John Sweeney, William Cleary, James Whelan, Mary Walsh, F. Hynes, John Temple, J. Gregory, Edward Byrne, John Bourke, Mark Deering and G. Timmins:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Liam Treacy, Kilmagig, Avoca, to erect a bungalow at Raheen, Arklow."

(e) In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley and F. Hynes:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to P. O'Connor, Dunbur Road, Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Milltown North, Ashford."

(f) In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley and J. Gregory:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to James Doyle for hotel development at Balinapark, Jack White's Crossroads."

(g) In the names of Councillors Henry J. Byrne, Edward Byrne and John Temple:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission for the erection of 4 houses at Glencormac East, Kilmacanogue, Bray, Co. Wicklow. It is proposed to provide a service road so that there will be only one opening on to the main Road."

(h) In the names of Councillors John Temple, Mary Ledwidge and Edward Byrne:—

"We the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act to grant full planning approval for the retention of access from one private house to the public road at Drummin West, Glen of the Downs, Delgany, to Michael McNulty."

(i) In the names of Councillors Kevin Ryan, F. Hynes and Mary Walsh:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. John McEvoy, Croneynhorn, Carnew, to extend his house as per plans submitted."

(j) In the names of Councillors James Miley, Mark Deering and M. J. O'Neill:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission for the erection of a bungalow to William McCauley, Ballyward House, Manor Kilbride, on his farm at Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride, Co. Wicklow."

2. To fix date for further Meeting for consideration of Objections and Representations received in relation to Draft County Development Plan and adoption of Plan.

3. To fix dates for Meetings of Members of Council for the four Electoral Areas in relation to works to be carried out with the aid of Grant under the Local Improvement Scheme.

4. Applications for Supplementary Grants for new Dwellinghouses.

5. Applications for Loans for erection of Dwellinghouses.

6. Applications for consent to sales of Vested Cottages.

7. Proposed purchase of Vested Cottage No. 160/10 at Killavaney, Tinahely, from Reps. of Anne Pollard, Deceased.

8. Industrial Site at Dunlavin—Report of County Engineer.

9. Report on Housing Progress.

10 Cottages repaired during month of July, 1969, and to be repaired during month of August, 1969.

Item No. 1.—Notices of Intention to Move Resolutions Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as Follows:— (a) In the Names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge and John Temple:— "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Hereby Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Mr. Walter F. Mullen for the Erection of One Bungalow at Coolagad, Delgany."

The County Secretary stated that no application had been submitted by Mr. Mullen. The Council agreed that the Motion be not included on the Agenda unless an application was submitted by Mr. Walter F. Mullen for the erection of a bungalow at Coolagad, Delgany.

(b) In the Names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley and F. Hynes:— "That by Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission to Mr. David Maharry (c/o Mr. Kelly, Ballymerrigan, Rathnew) for 5 Bungalows."

The County Secretary stated that the proposal was for the building of 5 houses along the Rathnew/Glenealy Road at a point about midway between Rathnew and Glenealy. The houses would be sited alongside the road between the road and the railway line. A previous application had been refused as it was considered that the proposal would form a suburban type ribbon development along a main road in an unserviced rural area and would be injurious to the amenities of the district. The County Secretary read the grounds for refusal as notified to the applicant. The same objections applied to the present application.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Mr. David Maharry (c/o Mr. Kelly, Ballymerrigan, Rathnew) for 5 bungalows.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, W. Cleary, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, J. Whelan and K. Ryan—NINETEEN.

AGAINST: Councillor S. Costello.

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

(c) In the Names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley and F. Hynes:— "That by Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant

Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Thomas McNabb, of Nun's Cross, Ashford, to Development of his Lands at Coolgarrow (Woodenbridge) for Residential Building."

The County Secretary submitted details of the proposal and stated that a similar application had been refused as one half of the area of the site was considered unsatisfactory for housing development because of either severe slope or dampness, that a traffic hazard would arise from entrance on to the public road and that the proposal would injure amenity and give rise to a demand for services in an unserviced rural area and would form ribbon development along the public road. The application did not indicate how many houses it was proposed to erect on the site nor was there any indication as to how the houses might be sited on the lands. The Council decided to defer the consideration of the application for the submission of information as to the number of houses proposed to be provided and a lay-out plan showing the proposed siting of the houses.

- (d) In the Names of Councillors John Sweeray, William Cleary, James Whelan, Mary Walsh, F. Hynes, John Temple, J. Gregory, Edward Byrne, John Bourke, Mark Deering and G. Timmins:—"By virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Hereby Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Liam Treacy, Kilmagig, Avoca, to Erect a Bungalow at Raheen, Arklow."

As photographs showing the site and adjoining area had not been received from the applicant the Council decided to defer consideration of the application to the meeting to be held on the 18th August, 1969.

- (e) In the Names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley and F. Hynes:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Hereby Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to P. O'Connor, Dunbur Road, Wicklow, for the Erection of a Bungalow at Milltown North, Ashford."

The County Secretary stated that the proposal was for the erection of a house at Milltown North situated on the road connecting Tighe's Avenue with the Rathnew/Glenealy Road at the Brickworks. A previous application had been refused for the grounds that there was no public sewer in the area and that a proliferation of septic tanks would arise. It was considered also that the proposal would create undesirable urban type ribbon development in a rural area because permissions had already been granted for two houses on adjoining sites. A traffic problem would be created because the site was near a road junction.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to P. Connor, Dunbur Road, Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Milltown North, Ashford.

Passed unanimously.

- (f) In the Names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley and J. Gregory:—"By virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Hereby Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to James Doyle for Hotel Development at Ballinapark, Jack White's Crossroads."

The Co. Secretary stated that the proposal was for an extensive development at Ballinapark near Jack White's Crossroads, including the provision of a hotel. Previous applications had been refused because of the absence of piped services and that septic tank drainage would not be satisfactory and also because information supplied in relation to the extent of the development proposed was inadequate. A later application was refused because of the absence of piped services and unsuitability of soil for disposal of sewage effluent. The nearby stream would be polluted and this stream was liable to run dry in the summer time and the proposal was regarded as premature by reference to the absence of piped services. The present application proposed to provide drainage by means of either (1) I.C.I. Flocor System, (2) Oxigest System, or (3) Oxidation ditch, whichever was acceptable. As the application had been received only on the 6th August, 1969, it had not been possible for the County Medical Officer to complete the examination of the present proposal and the Council agreed that it be deferred pending the availability of the County Medical Officer's Report.

- (g) In the Names of Councillors Henry J. Byrne, Edward Byrne and John Temple:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Hereby Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission for the Erection of 4 Houses at Glencormack East, Kilmacanogue, Bray, Co. Wicklow. It is Proposed to Provide a Service Road so that There will be only One Opening on to the Main Road."

The County Secretary stated that the previous application on behalf of Mr. King had been refused on the grounds that the proposal would create a traffic hazard and cause injury to the amenities of the area. There was no evidence that permission would be given by Dublin Corporation for a water supply to serve the development. The County Engineer considered that the access from the development on to the Arterial Road would offset the improvement in carrying capacity and safety of the road and was in contravention of the Department's policy in relation to Arterial Roads. The County Engineer informed the Members of the Council that if the proposal were to be approved it would be necessary to provide a complex road junction at this point on the Arterial Road which would add considerably to the cost of the Arterial Road Improvement Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne.

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission for the erection of 4 houses at Glencormack East, Kilmacanogue, Bray, Co. Wicklow. It is proposed to provide a service road so that there will be only one opening on to the Main Road.

Passed unanimously.

(h) In the Names of Councillors John Temple, Mary Ledwidge and Edward Byrne:— "We the Undersigned Hereby Direct the Wicklow County Manager Under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act to Grant Full Planning Approval for the Retention of Access from One Private House to the Public Road at Drummin West, Glen of the Downs, Delgany, to Michael McNulty."

The County Secretary stated that permission had been granted for the construction of a house at this point adjoining the Arterial Road at the Glen of the Downs but subject to a condition that the access be not directly off the Main Road but off a side road serving adjoining development. Mr. McNulty claimed that he had been refused permission to use the private road as an access to the house. A previous application for permission to retain access to the Arterial Road had been refused as it was considered that entrance on to this section of the badly aligned and steeply graded section of the Arterial Road would constitute a traffic hazard and endanger public safety. An appeal had been made to the Minister against this refusal of permission by the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—We the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act to grant full planning approval for the retention of access from one private house to the public road at Drummin West, Glen of the Downs, Delgany, to Michael McNulty.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, W. Cleary, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, J. Whelan and K. Ryan—SEVENTEEN.

Councillors M. J. O'Neill and Miss N. O'Neill did not vote.

The Resolution was declared passed by seventeen votes in favour, two Members abstaining.

(i) In the Names of Councillors Kevin Ryan, P. Hynes and Mary Walsh:— "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Mr. John McEvoy, Croneyhorn, Carnew, to Extend His House as Per Plans Submitted."

The County Secretary stated that a previous application by Mr. McEvoy had been refused because the level of the field on which he proposed to instal the septic tank was considerably higher than the ground level at the rear of the house. Mr. McEvoy then indicated that a group sewerage scheme was being prepared to serve his house and other houses. It was found, however, that the site chosen for the joint sewerage scheme was unsatisfactory because of its position uphill of a well and the Department of Local Government's Inspector dealing with the matter had been informed and requested to state whether an alternative site could be suggested. Councillor Ryan stated that the well in question would not be used as soon as a group water supply scheme which was being prepared was put into operation.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. John McEvoy, Croneyhorn, Carnew, to extend his house as per plans submitted.

Passed unanimously.

(j) In the Names of Councillors Jame Miley, Mark Deering and M. J. O'Neill:— "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Hereby Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission for the Erection of a Bungalow to William McCauley, Ballyward House, Manor Kilbride, on his farm at Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride, Co. Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that a previous application of Mr. McCauley had been refused as the soil was unsuitable for the treatment of effluent from the septic tank and the site was situated within the upper Liffey catchment basin area. It had later been agreed that the effluent from the septic tank would be conveyed in jointed pipes to an adjacent 7 acre field in order to carry out adequate distribution but Dublin Corporation had since asked that a trial hole be dug on the site and approval was being recommended by the County Medical Officer subject to a satisfactory examination of the trial hole.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission for the erection of a bungalow to William McCauley, Ballyward House, Manor Kilbride, on his farm at Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride, Co. Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

Miss M. Walsh, Chairman, referring to the number of proposals to direct the County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to grant Planning Permission which had been on the Agenda expressed concern in the matter and questioned whether the public representatives were acting responsibly or whether the Council's Officers were being too cautious or not progressive. She stated that she felt that the Chief Planning Assistant should also be in attendance to answer questions and give details as to why permission was being refused when such proposals were under consideration. Councillor Temple again urged that when recommendations to refuse permission for proposals were received that the Members of the Council for the local electoral area be consulted before a final decision was given in such cases. Councillor Costello, agreeing that excessive resort was being made to the use of Section 4, pointed out that the public was obtaining the impression that it was not possible to obtain Planning Permission but that this was not correct as cases where permission was refused represented a small proportion of the total applications dealt with. He expressed the view that some Councillors were not judging applications on their merits and were sponsoring proposals under Section 4 because they were asked to do so.

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Resignation of Councillor H. J. Byrne.

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman, read a letter addressed to her by Councillor H. J. Byrne conveying his resignation from the membership of the Council following the meeting that day. In his letter Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that his decision to retire had not been an easy one to make but that he was confining his activities to his auctioneering business and found this as much as he could undertake to do. He expressed his thanks to the Chairman, the Members of the Council, the County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, and all the members of the Staff for their kindness to him during his membership of the Council on which he had served for the previous 27 years. The Chairman, on behalf of Members, expressed their regret that Councillor Byrne would not be remaining with them as a Member and wished him on behalf of the Members of the Council every blessing in his retirement. All the Members of the Council in turn paid tribute to the outstanding service given by Councillor H. J. Byrne as a Member of the Council and as Chairman and Vice-Chairman for so many years. The County Manager asked that he and the members of the staff be associated with the tributes paid to Councillor H. J. Byrne on his retirement and stated that by his retirement public life suffered a grievous loss. Councillor Byrne's integrity was always expressed in his approach to public affairs and his generosity was of quite an unusual type. In addition he brought to public life outstanding professional expertise. Councillor H. J. Byrne thanked the Chairman and Members and the County Manager for their kind remarks.

Letter From Enniskerry Citizens' Action Committee.

Miss M. Walsh, Chairman, informed the Council that a letter had been received from the Enniskerry Citizens' Action Committee enclosing a statement from the Committee in regard to the Powerscourt Estate and asking that the matter be brought before the next meeting of the Council. On the proposal of Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor Temple, the Council agreed that the matter be included on the Agenda for the Meeting to be held on the 18th August, 1969.

Item No. 2—To Fix Date for Further Meeting for Consideration of Objections and Representations Received in Relation to Draft County Development Plan and Adoption of Plan.

The Council decided that a special Meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 25th August, 1969, at 2.30 p.m. to continue the consideration of objections and representations received in relation to the Draft County Development Plan and the adoption of the Plan.

Item No. 3—To Fix Dates for Meetings of Members of Council for the Four Electoral Areas in Relation to Works to be Carried out with the Aid of Grant Under the Local Improvement Scheme.

The Council decided to hold meetings of the Members of the Council for the four electoral areas to consider the works to be carried out with the aid of Grant under the Local Improvements Scheme and in addition to consider the Report on Housing Progress (Item 9 on the Agenda) which had been circulated to the Members. The meetings were arranged for the following dates:—Arklow Electoral Area at Shillelagh on Wednesday, 27th August, 1969, at 4 p.m. Baltinglass Electoral Area at Baltinglass on Thurs-

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day, 28th August, 1969, at 3 p.m. Bray Electoral Area at the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 26th August, 1969, at 8 p.m. Wicklow Electoral Area at Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, on Wednesday, 20th August, 1969, at 3 p.m.

Item No. 4—Applications for Supplementary Grants for New Dwellinghouses.

The County Secretary stated that there were no applications to be considered under this heading.

Item No. 5—Applications for Loans for Erection of Dwellinghouses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,500 to Peter Crinnion, 10, Wolfe Tone Square, Bray, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Kilmacanogue South, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme. Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a loan of £2,200 to James Day, Boghall Road, Bray, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Boghall Road, Bray, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme. Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

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

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,500 to Patrick Murphy, 10, Edward Street, Baltinglass, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Shruhaun, Baltinglass, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme. Passed unanimously.

The Council deferred consideration of the application of Patrick Oliver Haughian, 2, Highfield Park, Dundrum, Dublin, for a Loan of £2,700 for further information regarding the applicants's circumstances.

Item No. 6—Applications for Consent to Sales of Vested Cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Reps. Daniel Masterson, deceased, of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 125/2 at Tober, Dunlavin, to John Lennon, Johnstown, Hollywood, for the sum of £800 subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £266 13s. 4d., the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed unanimously.

In regard to the proposed sale by Mr. James Heffernan of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 19/10 at Carrignamuck, Knockananna, the County Secretary stated that Councillor B. S. C. Phelan had confirmed that his offer of £200 for the cottage had been conveyed in writing to the Solicitors for the vendor. The County Secretary stated that an application had been made to the Council for consent to the sale of the cottage to a Mr. O'Callaghan and consideration of this

application had been deferred by the Council. The Solicitors for Mr. O'Callaghan had written to state that the arrangements made by him covered not only the sale by Mr. Heffernan of the vested cottage but also the sale by his wife of about 3 acres of land. They stated that one of the Contracts was with Mr. Heffernan in respect of the cottage, the purchase price being £150, and the other Contract was with Mrs. Heffernan in respect of the land at a purchase price of £150. No further application for the Council's consent to a sale to any other person had yet been received. The Council decided to defer the matter pending a reply from the tenant-purchaser in regard to the further offer made in respect of the purchase of the cottage.

Item No. 7—Proposed Purchase of Vested Cottage No. 160/10 at Killavaney, Tirahely, from Reps. of Anne Pollard, Deceased.

The County Secretary stated that this cottage had been unoccupied for some time but members of the deceased tenant-purchaser's family who had been living in England had paid the rent and had come home occasionally to occupy the cottage during holidays. The Council had intended taking proceedings to recover possession of the cottage but had been advised that the Courts had held that where a cottage was vacant because the tenant-purchaser was in England that this was not a ground for the Council obtaining possession unless it could be established that they had permanently left the cottage rather than having left temporarily. The late Mrs. Pollard's son had indicated that the representatives of the deceased tenant-purchaser would be prepared to give up the cottage to the Council provided they were compensated. The County Engineer had estimated the market value of the cottage at £600 and it was suggested that the Council might consider making an offer of £400 for the cottage. It was proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor T. Keenan, that the Council offer a sum of £400 for the purchase of Cottage No. 160/10 at Killavaney, Tirahely, from the legal personal representatives of Anne Pollard. Passed.

Item No. 8—Industrial Site at Dunlavin—Report of County Engineer.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

Wicklow Co. Council,
Co. Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

11th August, 1969

Re: Proposed Industrial Site at Dunlavin.

A Chara,

With reference to your of the 16th ultimo.

The following is an approximate estimate cost of services to meet the immediate requirements of the proposed factory:—

1. Spur Road, 18' 5" in width, and two 6' footpaths.	
footpaths	£600 0 0
2. Provide Septic Tank	£200 0 0
3. Bore well and lay on Water Supply	£650 0 0
4. Fencing	£350 0 0
TOTAL.	£1,800 0 0

The estimate for the Water Supply would depend on water being available on the site from a bored well. The septic tank is contingent on the County Medical Officer being satisfied that the ground is suitable. A trial hole, which he has requested to be dug, has not been made available for his examination.

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T. J. DONOVAN, County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we carry out the necessary works for the development of factory site at Dunlavin and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's estimate to defray the cost of these works.

Passed unanimously.

It was agreed that the Council's Officers keep in touch with the local Development Association at Dunlavin and that application be made for the appropriate Grants towards the cost of providing the services for the industrial site.

Water Supply at Carnew.

Councillor K. Ryan inquired as to what action was being taken to provide a water supply in Carnew and stated that at present there was no water in the village. He stated that the matter was one of urgency and drew attention to the risk of a fire occurring. The County Engineer stated that the water supply at Carnew tended to run dry at that time of the year but the position had been very acute in the present year. He was investigating the matter to see if there were any leaks. Councillor Keenan stated that local people had told him that there were other springs that could be tapped. The County Engineer agreed that the source of the Carnew supply was inadequate but stated that while Council workers had been on holidays some had been brought back to deal with the position at Carnew and if any other suitable springs were available in the area he would be glad to arrange to tap them. The Council noted that the County Engineer was dealing with the matter.

Disposal of Land at Bawnogue, Baltinglass.

The County Secretary stated that the necessary Notice under Section 80 of the Local Government Act, 1946, in regard to the proposed disposal of an area of land at Baltinglass to Mr. William Lee had been circulated to the Members and it had been indicated that the matter would be considered by the Council at the Meeting on that date but had been omitted from the Agenda in error.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

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

Resolved — That subject to the sanction of the Minister the plot of land at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, adjoining the Baltinglass-Rathvilly Road and containing 1 acre, 0 roods, 11 sq. perches, which had been acquired by the Council from Mrs. Marie Farrell, Bawnogue, Baltinglass, be disposed of to Mr. William Lee, Baltinglass, by way of a Lease for a period of 99 years subject to a Ground Rent of £5 per annum and subject to the condition that the dwellinghouse, outoffices and stores to be erected on the site be used for residential purposes only and not for business purposes.

Passed unanimously.

Complaint Regarding Offensive Smell at Glenealy.

The County Secretary stated that persons from Glenealy had inquired if they might inspect the memorial containing a list of names which had been received from Mr. T. Philips. The Council agreed that copy of the Memorial could be supplied to the group who had made the protest and that any persons concerned could also inspect the copy of the Memorial.

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Septic Tank—Six Houses at Laragh.

The County Secretary submitted the Report of the County Engineer of 16th July, 1969, with which he forwarded a plan showing proposed alterations to Laragh sewerage disposal system. As it would probably take some years before an adequate sewerage system for the village proper was constructed he suggested improvements by the construction of a new soakpit on Mr. J. Byrne's land which would lead to an open drain as shown on the plan. He stated also that the sewer line from the two new houses could not be completed until the septic tank was cleaned out and it was necessary also to alter the sewer line to include two cascade manholes. The estimated cost of the works including the acquisition of a right-of-way and provision for a new soakpit was £506 excluding the cost of cleaning of the septic tank which would be charged to sewerage scheme maintenance.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendations of the County Engineer in Report of 16th July, 1969, in regard to the provision of a new soakpit and alterations to sewerage scheme at Laragh including acquisition of right-of-way and site for soakpit at total estimated cost of £506, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the work.

Passed unanimously.

Housing Scheme at Kilgarron, Enniskerry.

In reply to inquiries from Members the County Secretary stated that on the advice of Counsel notice of forfeiture of the Contract had been served on the Contractor, Mr. William Eager, in respect of the Contract for the erection of 10 houses and the development of an additional 18 private sites on the grounds that he had repudiated the terms of the Contract and continued to do so. A Notice had also been served by the County Engineer on Mr. Eager informing him that if work was not resumed and conducted with reasonable diligence on the Scheme for the erection of 12 purchase type houses at Kilgarron, Enniskerry, within 14 days then the Council would enter on the site. Councillor Hynes and Councillor Gregory referred to the offer of the compromise made by the Solicitor for the Contractor and urged that the Council agree to pay an additional sum of £400 per house to the Contractor. It was contended that having regard to the level of the original Tenders even with an additional payment as suggested, the houses would still be completed at a lower price than by any other method and that this would avoid heavy expenses in legal proceedings. The County Engineer pointed out that there were defects in the houses and indicated that he was prepared to show these to any Members who wished to inspect the houses. He stated that the Contractor had informed him that he would require a payment of £4,000 before he would go back on the site. Following a discussion on the matter the Council asked that the views of the Members to the effect that an additional sum of £400 per house for the 22 houses under construction at Kilgarron be paid to the Contractor be submitted to the Department and that the sanction of the Minister be granted to his proposal, be submitted to the Department.

Notices of Motion:

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

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In the names of Councillors Roger Miley, James Gregory, Basil S. C. Phelan and F. Hynes:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Michael Holden, Derrybawn, for erection of a bungalow at Cullentra Big, Rathdrum."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— (a) "That public lighting facilities be provided at Ballycoogue." (b) "That dangerous bend be removed from James Byrne's land at Coolbawn."

In the names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan and James Whelan:— "That this Council take over and repair the road from the crossroads at Ballycoogue to the Post Office in Ballycoogue; this road is being used every day by the people of that district."

Notices of Motion in names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan and James Whelan:— (a) "That the following improvements be carried out in Ballycoogue: (1) that public lighting be provided in the village; (2) that the wall in front of the old school be removed in the interests of safety at this dangerous corner and (3) that the dangerous turn at Doyle's lane be removed." (b) "That the river bed at Aughrim be cleaned immediately to eliminate flooding of houses." (c) "That improvements be carried out to the dangerous turn and bridge at Tinnakilly, Aughrim"; (d) "That the old road at Whaley Abbey be tarred as far as old graveyard"; (e) "That the very dangerous turn at Churchlands, Tinahely, be removed."

In the names of Councillors James Whelan and Thomas J. Keenan:— "That pipes be laid in an open drain outside Rathcoyle N.S. and that the area be rolled and taken over by this Council."

In the name of Councillor James Miley:— "That a sewerage scheme be provided at Knockieran, Blessington, for the Council houses."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 18th August, 1969, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, John Sweeney, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, John J. Bourke, John Temple, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, J. Gregory and K. Ryan.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:—
 - (a) In the names of Councillors John Sweeney, William Cleary, James Whelan, Mary Walsh, F. Hynes, John Temple, J. Gregory, Edward Byrne, John Bourke, Mark Deering and G. Timmins:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Liam Treacy, Kilmagig, Avoca, to erect a bungalow at Raheen, Arklow."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors Roger Miley, James Gregory, Basil S. C. Phelan and F. Hynes:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Michael Holden, Derrybawn, for erection of a bungalow at Cullentra Big, Rathdrum."
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 14th July, 1969.
3. To declare an Office of Councillor vacant consequent on the resignation of Councillor H. J. Byrne.
4. Disabled (Maintenance Allowance) (Amendment) Regulations, 1969, and Infectious Diseases (Maintenance) Regulations, 1969—To authorise additional expenditure consequent on increase in amounts of Allowances.
5. Proposed increase in Home Assistance Allowance consequent on increases in Social Welfare and other Allowances.
6. Institutional provision for Old Persons (Chronic Sick and Aged).
7. Application of revised Salary Scales and Allowances agreed by Mental Hospitals Joint Industrial Council—Authorisation of Expenditure.
8. Plot of ground attached to Dispensary Residence at Blessington—Proposed use of land.
9. Scheme for Relief from Rates—Letter from Department of Local Government.
10. Construction of new bridge at St. Valerie near Bray—To authorise borrowing from Council's Treasurer.
11. Roads Administration—Reclassification of Rural Public Road Network and transfer of responsibility for National Routes to the Minister for Local Government.

12. Water Supply Extension—Killiskey, Ashford.
13. Knockananna Water Supply—Proposal that Council take it over.
14. Water Supply Extension—3 houses at Raheenglass, Coolboy.
15. Drainage of houses at Laragh—Provision of Septic Tank.
16. Planning Staff—To consider creation of additional post of Clerk/Typist.
17. School Reference Libraries—Letter from Department of Education and request from Library Advisory Committee.
18. Survey of Small Industries required by Department of Local Government and Industrial Development Authority.
19. Letter from Enniskerry Citizens Action Committee enclosing Statement regarding the Powerscourt Estate.
20. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Whelan:— "That Knockatomecoyle Lane and Knockanookra Lane be taken over by the Council."
21. Notice of Motion in names of the late Councillor James J. McCrea and Councillor F. Hynes:— "That Council take over (1) the road leading from Tombrean Bridge to Donishall, Carnew, (2) the road at the Green, Rathnew, for a distance of about 40 yards."
22. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and James Whelan:— "That improvements be made in the village of Avoca to relieve street flooding in front of shops."
23. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill and James Miley:— "That Miss Rose O'Neill, Clerk/Typist in Health Office, be promoted to Staff Officer's grade in view of the work which she undertakes."
24. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Miley:— "That practice in future in relation to deputations will be that the Council will receive as they may think fit deputations, hear their views, but do not enter into any discussion with such deputations and that Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of rescinding any Resolution to the contrary."
25. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— (a) "That grating be removed and shore enlarged at Taylor's, Shillelagh, to alleviate flooding of their shop and store." (b) "That dangerous bend be removed at the quarry at Ardoyne Crossroads, also turn at Ardoyne old burial ground."
26. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— (a) "That this Council lay footpaths at the Bank, Rathnew." (b) "That the Council lay a footpath along the roadside from Kavanagh's Ballybeg, Rathnew, to the old Brickworks, Rathnew."
27. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:— "That the two roads passed by Resolution of this Council be taken over at Cryhelp and Kylebeg."
28. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That the Council do something about widening the road at the Mall, Wicklow."
29. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and M. J. O'Neill:— "That sewerage be extended to serve Council's houses at Shroughaun, Baltinglass."
30. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan:— "That where Planning notices are inserted in the Press in the

Irish language that such plans, specifications, etc., be also in the same language when put before the Council's Planning Authority."

31. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That the Council extend a 3" watermain from Ballymerrigan Cottages to Mr. O'Brien's cottage."
32. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That Mangan's Lane be taken over and maintained by the Council."
33. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. Deering:— "That road serving houses at Logatryna, Dunlavin, be taken over and maintained by the Council."
34. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That this Council will provide a new Burial Ground at Carnew."
35. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council lay a 2" watermain from Deputy's Pass, Glenealy, to Bahana."
36. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan and James Whelan:— "That the Council investigate the shortage of water in the top of the town of Carnew and have the matter put right."
37. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— "That in view of recent near accidents the dangerous corner opposite the Church gates at Crosspatrick, Tinahely, be removed."
38. Notices of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory and John Temple:— (a) "That this Council build the urgently needed clinics and waitingroom in Wicklow County Hospital." (b) "That this Council instal earphones at each bed and also provide a T.V. set in Wicklow County Hospital." (c) "That this Council build an Extension to Newcastle Hospital in order to provide for institutional treatment for at least 150 patients."
39. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and James Whelan:— "That a footpath be provided along School Road in front of National School at Tinnakilly from the Aughrim Road to the Killaveney Road for safety of schoolchildren."
40. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:— "That land presently overgrown by a ditch be acquired opposite the Ashford salesyard and beside the premises of the Wicklow Co-Operative Society for the purpose of safety at what is a heavily used and highly dangerous point on the main south eastern road of Ireland."
41. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Sweeney and Thomas J. Keenan:— "That this Council take over and put into a proper condition the road from Rustygap to Kilcara."
42. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and Roger Miley:— "That this Council build a doctor's residence in Rathdrum and remove dangerous bends at Ballygannon."
43. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council provide sewerage and water for the tenants of the four cottages at Blainroe near Wicklow."
44. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John J. Bourke and J. Gregory:— "That the question of the Council Car Park at Kilmacmullagh, Newtownmountkennedy and the boundary wall between the Park and the Council houses be treated as of immediate urgency."

45. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:— "That the Council take immediate action for the acquisition of land at Brittas Bay for use as a public park."
46. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council and Wicklow Urban District Council extend their Refuse Collection Service to take in Ballynerrin and that this Council pay for this extended service."
47. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council re-lay the footpath from Glenealy R.C. Church to the Village."
48. Notices of Motion in names of Councillors John Sweeney, William Cleary and Mary Walsh:— "That this Council in the interests of road safety provide a pedestrian crossing on the Wexford Road side of the roundabout at the crossroads in Arklow."
49. Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan and J. Whelan:— "That this Council take over and repair the road from the crossroads at Ballycoogue to the Post Office in Ballycoogue; this road is being used every day by the people of that district."
50. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— (a) "That public lighting facilities be provided at Ballycoogue." (b) "That dangerous bend be removed from James Byrne's land at Coolbawn."
51. Notices of Motion in names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan and James Whelan:— (a) "That the following improvements be carried out in Ballycoogue:— (1) That public lighting be provided in the village; (2) That the wall in front of the old school be removed in the interests of safety at this dangerous corner; and (3) That the dangerous bend at Doyle's Lane be removed." (b) "That the river bed at Aughrim be cleaned immediately to eliminate flooding of houses." (c) "That improvements be carried out to the dangerous turn and bridge at Tinnakilly, Aughrim"; (d) "That the old road at Whaley Abbey be tarred as far as old graveyard." (a) "That the very dangerous turn at Churchlands, Tinahely, be removed."
52. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan and Thomas J. Keenan and M. J. O'Neill:— "That pipes be laid in in an open drain outside Rathcoyle N.S. and that the area be rolled and taken over by this Council."
53. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Miley:— "That a sewerage scheme be provided at Knockieran, Blessington, for the Council houses."
54. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Order.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to Move Resolutions Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:— (a) In the Names of Councillors John Sweeney, William Cleary, James Whelan, Mary Walsh, F. Hynes, John Temple, J. Gregory, Edward Byrne, John Bourke, Mark Deering and G. Timmins:— "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we Hereby Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Liam Treacy, Kilmagig, Avoca, to Erect a Bungalow at Raheen, Arklow."

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been deferred from the Meeting on the previous Monday pending the submission of photographs of the site. The photographs were now available. Particulars of the application and of the grounds for refusal of permission previously for this proposal were submitted to the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Liam Treacy, Kilmagig, Avoca, to erect a bungalow at Raheen, Arklow.

Passed unanimously.

(b) In the Names of Councillors Roger Miley, James Gregory, Basil S. C. Phelan and F. Hynes:— "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Hereby Direct the Co. Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Michael Holden, Derrybawn, for Erection of a Bungalow at Cullentra Big, Rathdrum."

The County Secretary stated that an application had not yet been submitted in respect of this proposal. Councillor R. Miley suggested that consideration of the Motion be deferred to the next Housing Meeting of the Council to be held on the 1st September and this was agreed.

Item No. 2—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 14th July, 1969.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—To Declare an Office of Councillor Vacant Consequent on the Resignation of Councillor H. J. Byrne.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved—That we hereby declare the Office of Councillor which had been held by Councillor H. J. Byrne to be vacant and determine to fill the vacancy at the Meeting of the Council to be held on 8th September, 1969.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Disabled (Maintenance Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations, 1969, and Infectious Diseases (Maintenance) Regulations, 1969—To Authorise Additional Expenditure Consequent On Increase in Amounts of Allowances.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure of £2,000 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates for Health Services to defray the cost of the increase in Allowances to disabled persons under the Disabled Persons (Maintenance Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations, 1969, taking effect from 1st August, 1969.

That we hereby authorise expenditure of £60 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates for Health Services to defray the cost of the increase in the Allowances payable under the Infectious Diseases (Maintenance) Regulations, 1969, taking effect from 1st August, 1969.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Proposed Increase in Home Assistance Allowances Consequent on Increases in Social Welfare and Other Allowances.

It was
Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;
Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:
Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure of £1,210 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates in respect of Home Assistance to allow for the payment of an increase of 10s. per week to Home Assistance recipients not benefiting from the increases in Social Welfare and Disabled Persons (Maintenance) Allowances which took effect from 1st August, 1969.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Institutional Provision for Old Persons (Chronic Sick and Aged).

It was
Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;
Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:
Resolved—That having noted Report of County Manager of 8th July, 1969, for Institutional provision for Old Persons (Chronic Sick and Aged) we approve in principle of the programme as set out in the Report.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Application of Revised Salary Scales and Allowances Agreed by Mental Hospitals Joint Industrial Council—Authorisation of Expenditure.

It was
Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;
Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:
Resolved—That we hereby approve of the application of revised Salary Scales, equal pay for female and male officers, marriage allowance for male Officers and night duty allowance in respect of Psychiatric Nursing Staff not above the level of Charge Nurse/Ward Sister in accordance with the Agreement adopted by the Mental Hospitals Joint Industrial Council on 27th June, 1969.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Plot of Ground Attached to Dispensary Residence at Blessington—Proposed Use of Land.

In the absence of Councillor J. Miley the Council agreed to defer consideration of this matter for his attendance.

Item No. 9—Scheme for Relief From Rates—Letter from Department of Local Government.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had suggested that the Council should again consider whether the possibility that accumulated arrears of Rates could be collected at some time in certain cases justified the exclusion on any basis from the scope of the Relief Scheme of all owner/occupiers irrespective of the merits of their claims for relief. The

Department asked that the correspondence on the matter be brought to the notice of the Council at their next Meeting and that the Department be informed of the outcome of the Council's further consideration of the scope of the scheme. The Council having noted the correspondence in the matter and the arrangement under which cases of hardship arising in respect of owner/occupiers could be met as at present by carrying forward Rates at the end of the year as temporary uncollectable the Council confirmed their approval of the Scheme as already submitted and approved by the Department.

Item No. 10—Construction of New Bridge at St. Valerie, (Near Bray —To Authorise Borrowing from Council's Treasurer.

It was
Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:
Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £14,000 from the National Bank of Ireland Limited, Wicklow, repayable over a period of 10 years, to defray the Council's share of the cost of the construction of a new bridge at St. Valerie, near Bray.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Roads Administration—Reclassification of Rural Public Road Network and Transfer of Responsibility for National Routes to the Minister for Local Government.

The Council considered letter of 6th August, 1969, ref: RA.288/1, from the Department of Local Government indicating that a decision in principle had been taken for the transfer of responsibility for national routes to the Minister so that a national programme for these routes could be designed and executed on a sound, uniform basis. The County Secretary stated that in Co. Wicklow the route from Bray via Rathnew to Arklow and to the Wexford boundary was the only national primary route and that the route from the Dublin boundary via Blessington and Baltinglass to the Carlow boundary was the only national secondary route. Members of the Council pointed out that the decision notified in the Department's letter involved a transfer from the local authority to the central authority of responsibility for the two major roads in the County and felt that this would be undesirable and should be objected to by local authorities. The Council agreed that the Department of Local Government be informed of the Council's objection to the transfer of responsibility for the national routes to the Minister and that it also be brought to the notice of the General Council of County Councils. Councillor J. Miley and Councillor M. J. O'Neill dissented.

Item No. 12—Water Supply Extension—Killiskey, Ashford.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had submitted copies of drawings, estimates and design data for a proposed water supply to serve the Killiskey area. The water would be pumped from the existing 4" main at Nuns Cross to a 10,000 gallon reservoir on the lands of Mr. Tottenham. Twenty-seven houses would be served and the estimated cost of the scheme was £9,234.

It was
Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;
Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer of 27th July, 1969, we approve of the Scheme submitted for the Water Supply Extension to Killiskey area and direct that the documents be submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval to the invitation of Tenders.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13 — Knockananna Water Supply — Proposal that Council Take it Over.

Due to the absence of Councillor Whelan it was agreed that consideration of this matter be deferred to the next Meeting.

Item No. 14—Water Supply Extension—3 Houses at Raheenglass, Coolboy.

In the absence of Councillor Whelan it was agreed that this matter be also deferred to the next Meeting.

Item No. 15—Drainage of Houses at Laragh—Provision of Septic Tank.

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been dealt with at the end of the Meeting on Monday, 11th instant, and the Council had approved of the recommendations of the County Engineer in his Report of 16th July, 1969, in regard to the provision of a new soakpit and alterations to the Sewerage Scheme at Laragh involving acquisition of a right-of-way and site for a soakpit at a total estimated cost of £506 and had authorised the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the work. The Council noted that this matter had been dealt with.

Item No. 16—Planning Staff—To Consider Creation of Additional Post of Clerk/Typist.

The County Secretary stated that due to the increase in the work in the Planning Department during recent years an additional Clerk/Typist was required. The number of applications received in the year 1966/67 had been 486 whereas in the year just completed the number received amounted to 665. During the quarter ended 30th June, 1969, 241 applications had been received.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the creation of additional post of Clerk/Typist for the Planning Department of the Council.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 17—School Reference Libraries—Letter from Department of Education and Request from Library Advisory Committee.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Education had agreed that in order to establish satisfactory library services for National Schools an annual payment from State funds of up to 2/-d per pupil enrolled in the National Schools of the local authority area would be paid conditional on an equal amount being forthcoming from local Rates. The Department would also contribute a further 3d. per head towards administration expenses and the Scheme would be subject to review at the end of five years. The Library Advisory Committee asked that the Council agree to provide in the coming year's Estimates a sum of £1,000 which is the estimate of the cost of the Council's contribution towards this proposed scheme and it was hoped that the Scheme could be extended to Co. Wicklow in the coming year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved—That having considered recommendation of the Library Advisory Committee we approve of provision being made in the Estimates for Libraries for the year 1970/71 of the sum of £1,000 towards the cost of the Scheme of Development for Primary School Libraries as outlined in letter of 26th February, 1969, from the Department of Education.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 18—Survey of Small Industries Required by Department of Local Government and Industrial Development Authority.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Planning Section, who had been assigned duties part-time as a Development Officer, had reported that the Industrial Development Authority wished to have a survey of all existing small industries in Co. Wicklow to determine their location, what articles they produced, how many were employed and where their products were sold, in order to ascertain how such industries and crafts could be improved or expanded. To obtain the information required it was proposed to send a questionnaire to local Development Associations, branches of I.C.A. and Muintir na Tire, to Council's Rate Collectors and Rent Collectors and to each member of the Council and to any other local bodies. The Council approved of the issue of the questionnaire. Councillor B. S. C. Phelan pointed out that the local Chambers of Commerce should be consulted as they would be in a particularly good position to supply the information required. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., urged that the Council consider the appointment of a wholetime Development Officer, which he felt would be very much in the interests of the economy of the County. The County Manager agreed to submit a special report on the suggestion for the next Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 19—Letter from Enniskerry Citizens Action Committee Enclosing Statement Regarding the Powerscourt Estate.

The following Statement received from the Enniskerry Citizens Action Committee was considered by the Council:—

June, 1969.

STATEMENT

The Enniskerry Citizens Action Committee demand that the Powerscourt Estate be taken over by the State and the Waterfall, Woodlands and the non-arable land be used as a National Park. In the interests of the Community we demand that the total arable land be acquired by the Land Commission to be used as a farming Co-operative.

We are opposed to any scheme which uses this arable land as a Wild Life Reserve or any other tourist venture.

Whether the idea of a wild life reserve is desirable or not is a matter for the State Enterprise to decide and we suggest that any decision should take into account the expert opinion of the Dublin Zoological Authorities.

We affirm our support for the concepts on which our Nation was founded as expressed in the first paragraph of the Democratic Programme of the first Dail.

"We declare in the words of the Irish Republican Proclamation the right of the people of Ireland to the ownership of Ireland and to the unfettered control of Irish destinies to be indefeasible, and in the language of our first President, Padraig Pearse, we declare that the Nation's sovereignty extends not only to all men and women

of the Nation, but to all its material possessions; the Nations soil and all its resources, all the wealth and all the wealth-producing processes within the Nation, and with him we reaffirm that all rights to private property must be subordinated to the public right and welfare."

Noel Sutton,
Information Officer,
Monastery,
Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow.

Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed that no action be taken on the petition. In principle the Council indicated that they would be against the breaking up of the Estate.

Item No. 20—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor James Whelan:— "That Knockatocoyle Lane and Knockanookra Lane be Taken Over by the Council."

The Council agreed that consideration be given to the proposal that these roads be taken over at the Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area when considering works under the Local Improvements Scheme.

Item No. 21—Notice of Motion in Names of the Late Councillor James J. McCrea and Councillor F. Hynes:— "That Council Take Over (1) The Road Leading From Tombrean Bridge to Donishall, Carnew, (2) The Road at the Green, Rathnew, for a Distance of About 40 Yards."

The Council noted from the Report of the County Engineer of the 23rd January, 1969, which was submitted, that the estimated cost of putting the road from Tombrean Bridge to Donishall, Carnew, into a state of repair for taking over was £1,250 and that the County Engineer did not recommend that the road be taken over until the necessary improvements had been carried out. On the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Timmins, it was agreed that the matter of this road be considered at the Meeting of Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area in relation to the Local Improvements Scheme.

Having noted the Report of the County Engineer of 15th January, 1969, regarding the road running from Fr. Dunlea's bungalow to the Merrymeeting Road and that the cost of putting the road in repair for taking over amounted to only £80 with annual maintenance cost of £6 the Council agreed, on the proposal of Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Hynes, that the necessary public notice of intention to take over the road be given.

Item No. 22—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and James Whelan:— "That Improvements be made in the Village of Avoca to Relieve Street Flooding in Front of Shops."

In the absence of Councillors Keenan and Whelan the Council agreed that this matter be deferred to the next Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 23—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill and James Miley:— "That Miss Rose O'Neill, Clerk/Typist in the Health Office, Be Promoted to Staff Officer's Grade in View of the Work Which She Undertakes."

The County Secretary stated that he understood that the proposal to promote was to Clerical Officer's grade rather than Staff Officer's grade. As there was not at present any office of Clerical Officer attached to the County Medical Officer's Section the Council

would first have to consider whether the creation of a post of Clerical Officer should be approved. The present staff in the County Medical Officer's Office consisted of 3 Clerk/Typists and the County Medical Officer had asked that in addition a post of Clerical Officer be created.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the creation of an additional office of Clerical Officer for the County Medical Officer's Section under Health Services.

Passed unanimously.

On the proposal of Councillor G. Timmins, seconded by Councillor J. Miley, the Council asked that the County Manager agree to the filling of the post of Clerical Officer in the Co. Medical Officer's Office when created by the promotion of Miss R. O'Neill, Clerk/Typist.

Item No. 24—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor James Miley:— "That the Practice in Future in Relation to Deputations Will Be That The Council Will Receive As They May Think Fit Deputations, Hear Their Views, But Do Not Enter Into Any Discussion With Such Deputations And That Standing Orders Be Suspended For The Purpose of Rescinding Any Resolution To The Contrary."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary;

Resolved—That the practice in future in relation to Deputations will be that the Council will receive, as they think fit, deputations, hear their views, but do not enter into any discussion with such Deputations and that Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of rescinding any Resolution to the contrary.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 25—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— (a) "That Grating be Removed and Shore Enlarged at Taylor's, Shillelagh, to Alleviate Flooding of their Shop and Store." (b) "That Dangerous Bend Be Removed at the Quarry at Ardoyne Crossroads, Also Turn at Ardoyne Old Burial Ground."

The Council noted the Report submitted by the County Engineer and agreed that the County Engineer use his discretion as to what work, if any, could properly be carried out by the Council towards relieving flooding of Mr. Taylor's premises. The Council noted that the laneway in question was a private lane and not maintained by the Council.

The Council noted from the Report of the County Engineer of 27th January, 1969, that the estimated cost of carrying out the necessary improvements to the three way junction at the quarry at Ardoyne Crossroads was £400 and the cost of easing the turn at Ardoyne old Burial Ground was £200, and agreed that provision for these works be included in the Estimates for Road Works for the year 1970/71.

Item No. 26—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor F. Hynes:— (a) "That This Council Lay Footpaths at the Bank, Rathnew." (b) "That the Council Lay a Footpath Along the Roadside From Kavanagh's, Ballybeg, Rathnew, to the Old Brickworks, Rathnew."

The Council noted the Report of the County Engineer that provision had been made in the current year's Estimates for laying a footpath at the Bank, Rathnew, and agreed that provision be made in the Estimates for the year 1970/71 for the provision of a footpath at Ballybeg, Rathnew.

Item No. 27—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Miley:—
"That the Two Roads Passed by Resolution of This Council Be Taken Over at Cryhelp and Kylebeg."

Having noted the Report of the County Engineer of 8th March, 1967, which indicated that both roads had been tarred and were in good condition, the Council agreed that public notice be given of the Council's intention to take over these roads for maintenance as public roads. The Council noted that it would be necessary to remove the gate on the road at Kylebeg, Lacken, when the road was taken over by the Council.

Item No. 28—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillor F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—
"That the Council Do Something About Widening the Road at The Mall, Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that improvement works would have to be carried out and road levels altered before the proposal could be implemented. He pointed out that there might also be objections from the residents in the Lower Mall. Councillor Hynes stated that since the new Post Office had been located at The Mall, Wicklow, and because of the substantial increase in traffic generally in recent years there was considerable congestion in the Main Street in Wicklow and particularly at either end of The Mall. The Council agreed that the County Engineer examine the matter and submit a report giving his recommendations for improvements at the next Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 29—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and M. J. O'Neill:—
"That Sewerage Be Extended To Serve Council's Houses at Shroughan, Baltinglass."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported in March, 1969, that owing to levels it was not possible to connect the houses to the existing main and that it would be necessary to provide a new Sewerage Scheme and a pumping station and that the matter was being investigated. It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill, and passed that these investigations be proceeded with as soon as possible.

Item No. 30—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Basil S. O. Phelan:—
"That Where Planning Notices Are Inserted in the Press in the Irish Language That Such Plans, Specifications, Etc., Be Also in the Same Language When Put Before the Council's Planning Authority."

Following a discussion on the proposal of Councillor B. S. O. Phelan, which was seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill, the Council agreed that this matter could not be made effective.

Item No. 31—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor F. Hynes:—
"That the Council Extend a 3" Watermain from Ballymerri-gan Cottages to Mr. O'Brien's Cottage."

The County Engineer reported that the estimated cost of extending the watermain from Ballymerri-gan Cottages to Mr. O'Brien's

cottage was £250. The County Engineer recommended the work. On the proposal of Councillor Hynes, seconded by Councillor R. Miley, it was agreed that the work be carried out and the necessary expenditure was authorised.

Item No. 32—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—
"That Mangan's Lane be Taken Over and Maintained by the Council."

Having considered Report of County Engineer of 13th March, 1969, in which he estimated the cost of putting the lane in a state of repair for taking over at £700 with an annual maintenance cost of £110 the Council agreed that provision for this work be made in the Estimates for the year 1970/71.

Item No. 33—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor M. Deering:—
"That Road Serving Houses at Logatryna, Dunlavin, Be Taken Over and Maintained by the Council."

The County Engineer reported that he had included this road in the list of roads to be done under the Local Improvements Scheme and that in addition to repairing and surfacing the lane there were two bad bends which would need to be removed which would bring the revised estimate of cost to £500. On the proposal of Councillor Deering, seconded by Councillor Timmins, it was agreed that this matter be considered at the meeting of the Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area in relation to the Local Improvements Scheme.

Item No. 34—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—
"That This Council Will Provide a New Burial Ground at Carnew."

The Council noted the Report of the Health Inspector that the present burial ground at Tomacork which served Carnew town was almost full and recommending the provision of a new burial ground for Carnew. The Council approved of the suggestion of the County Medical Officer that the existing graveyard at Tomacork be enlarged and asked that the matter of acquiring suitable additional land be examined.

Item No. 35—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor F. Hynes:—
"That This Council Lay a 2" Watermain From Deputy's Pass, Glenealy, to Bahana."

The County Secretary stated that the approval of the Department of Local Government had been sought to the laying of a 4" main at a cost of £2,699 to serve the six houses at Bahana and it had been pointed out to the Department that the larger 4" main would be required as a distribution main to serve the Ballard and Redcross areas from the proposed Garryduff Regional Water Supply Scheme and that the County Engineer had indicated that it would be bad economics and planning not to lay a 4" main in this case. The estimated cost of laying a 2" main was £1,300. The Council agreed that the Department be pressed to approve of the scheme for laying the 4" main. Councillor Timmins, T.D., stated that he understood that the Department of Local Government were not conveying sanction to proposals for extensions of mains submitted by the Council because they had not received the Council's list indicating the priorities of the minor water supplies and he asked if this list of priorities was yet available. The County Secretary, having stated that the County Engineer's recommendations on the order of priorities for these schemes had not yet been received, the

Council asked that the County Engineer submit as a matter of urgency a report indicating his recommendations as to the order of priority of the schemes approved by the Council to date.

Item No. 36—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan and James Whelan:— "That the Council Investigate The Shortage of Water in the Top of the Town of Carnew and Have the Matter Put Right."

The County Engineer stated that he was carrying out investigations at Carnew and that one leak had been found and a new spring located and the work was continuing. He stated that the water supply at Carnew became inadequate at certain times of the year and that until the regional scheme became available periodic shortages of supply would arise. The Council asked that a letter be addressed to the Department of Local Government urging that special consideration be given to the Carnew/Tinahely Water Supply Scheme and that the Department be asked to convey approval to the final documents and to the invitation of Tenders. In regard to the shortage of water in the top of the town at Carnew the County Engineer stated that water pressure at Town View Terrace, Carnew, was very low and that it was unlikely that anything could be done to improve the pressure.

Item No. 37—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— "That In View of Recent Near Accidents the Dangerous Corner Opposite the Church Gates at Crosspatrick, Tinahely, Be Removed."

The Council noted the Report of the County Engineer that visibility at the bend on County Road No. 213 opposite the Church at Crosspatrick, Tinahely, could be improved by removal of an elbow on the high earthen bank along by the road and that the estimated cost of carrying out the work was £30. The Council agreed that provision for carrying out this work be made in the Estimates for the year 1970/71.

Item No. 38—Notices of Motion in Names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, and John Temple:— (a) "That This Council Build the Urgently Needed Clinics and Waitingroom in Wicklow Co. Hospital." (b) "That this Council Instal Earphones at Each Bed and Also Provide a T.V. Set in Wicklow Co. Hospital." (c) "That This Council Build an Extension to Newcastle Hospital In Order to Provide For Institutional Treatment For At Least 150 Patients."

In regard to item (a) the County Secretary stated that particulars of the proposal to provide a small extension to the existing grounds attached to the District Hospital, Wicklow, and to site a new clinic on it so as to provide accommodation for clinics had been submitted to the Department of Health in July, 1968, but no decision on the matter had yet been received. The Council agreed that this matter be pursued with the Department of Health. The Council also asked that a report on the position in regard to the improvements at the Clinic at Bray be submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

In regard to item (b) in the Notices of Motion the Council recommended that earphones for radio reception be provided at each bed and that in addition a T.V. set be provided at the County Hospital, Wicklow.

In regard to the proposal that an extension be built to Newcastle Hospital to provide for institutional treatment for at least

150 patients Councillor Hynes expressed the view that with the existing staff or with very little additional staff the Wicklow patients at present receiving treatment in the Dublin Health Authority institutions could be accommodated and treated at Newcastle if the necessary additional beds were provided. He felt that this would effect substantial saving in the costs of the Mental Health Services which he contended were much higher per head of the population in Co. Wicklow than in Counties Carlow and Kildare. The Council asked that a report be submitted by Dr. Egan, R.M.S., Newcastle Hospital, giving particulars of patients being treated at Newcastle Hospital and of the numbers being treated at clinics in the County and indicating also the number of patients admitted and treated daily at Newcastle Hospital and those admitted to Newcastle Hospital for short term stays. The cost of transport of such patients to the Hospital was also requested. Particulars as to the numbers of patients from Co. Wicklow being maintained in the Hospitals of the Dublin Health Authority were also sought together with the details as to the types of patients in these hospitals. In reply to inquiries from Members the County Manager pointed out that when Newcastle Hospital first opened as a Mental Hospital the numbers of persons undergoing treatment for mental illness in the Dublin Health Authority Hospitals amounted to 330 whereas now the total number of patients undergoing treatment in institutions had been reduced to 220. He pointed out that this was a remarkable reduction in a very short time and that now the figures for numbers of patients undergoing treatment for mental illness in Co. Wicklow was lower than in any other County apart from Dublin. He felt that it must be agreed that the setting up by the Council of its own Mental Hospital Service had proved a tremendous success. He pointed out that many of the patients from Co. Wicklow in the Dublin Health Authority Hospitals were not suitable for treatment at Newcastle for various reasons, some requiring care in closed wards which were not available at Newcastle and others who were advanced in years and were not capable of being rehabilitated and discharged. There was also the difficulty which had been experienced in recruiting female nursing staff at Newcastle Hospital. The Council agreed that a special meeting of the Council be held at Newcastle Hospital on a date to be settled and that the Department of Health be requested to send representatives to attend at the meeting.

Venue for Council Meetings.

At the suggestion of Councillor Cleary the Council agreed that future meetings of the Council be held at the Council Chamber at the Courthouse, Wicklow.

Grants Towards Non-University Courses.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Sweeney who asked if the Council could make available a Grant towards a Course for Laboratory Technician the County Secretary stated that the Council had been informed by the Department of Education that the non-University Courses which the Council had urged should be accepted for the purposes of Higher Education Grants were not at present accepted as the equivalent of courses leading to University Degrees. The Council had then asked that the Department consider the matter further with a view to including such courses in the Scheme of Grants for Higher Education for next year and future years and a reply had been received stating that the Council's request had been noted.

Tenders for Delgany Refuse Collection.

Two Tenders received in response to public advertisement were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council and resulted as follows:—

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Kevin Cahill, Riverside Cottage, Kilmacanogue	£300	£980	—
John Connolly, 3, Blacklion, Greystones	£360	£1,080	£1,800

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

Letter From Glenealy Protest Committee.

The Council decided to mark "Read" a letter received from Glenealy Protest Committee asking that the Council as local representatives call on the Government to send Irish troops to Northern Ireland to protect the lives of Irish Catholic people, some of whom were being brutally murdered.

Aid To Refugees from Northern Ireland.

Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed that Members of the Council in each area would assist in organising on behalf of the Irish Red Cross a collection of contributions for aid to refugees from the North of Ireland.

Notice of Motion.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in and accepted by the Chairman:—

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— "That this Council will build a cottage at Thomastown, Arklow, for John Redmond, Barnacloy."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m., on Monday, 25th August, 1969.

The following Members attended:—

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, and Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Planning Section, attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notice of Intention to propose Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley and F. Hynes as follows:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Thomas McNabb, of Nun's Cross, Ashford to development of his lands at Coolgarrow (Woodenbridge) for residential building."

2. To consider Objections and Representations received in relation to Draft County Development Plan and the adoption of the Plan.

Item No. 1—Notice of Intention to Propose Resolution Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the Names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley and F. Hynes:— "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Thomas McNabb, of Nun's Cross, Ashford, to Development of his Lands at Coolgarrow (Woodenbridge) for Residential Building."

The Co. Secretary stated that in accordance with the Council's request at the previous meeting the applicant had submitted a plan indicating the proposed siting of 12 houses on the lands. Seven of the houses were sited on the northern side of the road from Woodenbridge to Ballycoogue and five houses on the southern side. The applicant stated that the houses would be of a bungalow type and that it was intended to plant trees and shrubs and landscape the holding also. The County Medical Officer had reported that while the position of the houses had been shown the position of the bored wells and septic tanks had not been indicated and this information would be necessary before a recommendation could be given by him in regard to the application. He stated that a multiplicity of bored wells and septic tanks in his opinion was not desirable from a public health point of view. The County Engineer reported that the present proposal overcame partially the second ground of objection to the original application which re-

lated to the use of a laneway on the north-eastern boundary of the site for the purposes of access but since half the total area of 32 acres, 3 roods, 2 perches was unsuitable for housing development the 12 houses were concentrated along the Woodenbridge/Ballycoogue Road with all entrances on to the road. Sites Nos. 1 and 2 were landlocked and the proposed access to these sites was inadequate. Houses Nos. 6 to 10 were sited prominently on a skyline in an area of considerable scenic importance and the proposed layout would result in a ribbon development along a public road in the rural area. The County Engineer recommended that outline permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. Five of the proposed houses are sited prominently on upland slopes in an unserviced rural area of considerable scenic value. The proper planning and development of the area required the restriction of sporadic residential development in such cases which could erode scenic and recreational values by being out of character with the countryside and because the public revenue from such development would not suffice to provide services (sewerage, public lighting and scavenging) which would in time be demanded. The present proposal was in serious conflict with these requirements and it would injure amenity in the area.
2. The proposal for housing development would result in a density of development inappropriate to a rural area.
3. The proposed development would initiate a form of ribbon development along a public road in a rural area.
4. The vehicular traffic entering and leaving the proposed 12 houses could seriously reduce the traffic carrying capacity of the road and give rise to a traffic hazard.
5. Sites 1 and 2 are landlocked and have no public road frontage and the long narrow access proposed was unsatisfactory.

Councillor B. S. C. Phelan, proposing that outline planning permission be granted, stated that the land was not suitable for any purpose other than housing. The site was about 4½ miles from Arklow and he contended that there was a need for housing for executives of the factories in Arklow. Councillor Cleary expressed the view that the area in which the site was located could not be described as a scenic area and that there should be no objection to houses in this part of the district. The County Manager pointed out that the proposed development was of a semi-urban type which was unsuitable for a rural area. He stated the site was remote and pointed out that part of Ireland's attraction for tourists from the Continent was due to the fact that areas of land were still to be found which were remote from built-up areas and still unspoiled. Following a further discussion on the details of the proposal and the recommendations made by the County Engineer:

It was
Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;
Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:
Resolved—That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Thomas McNabb, of Nun's Cross, Ashford, to development of his lands at Coolgarrow (Woodenbridge) for residential building for six houses. The siting of the houses to be

agreed between the applicant and the County Engineer.
Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. Temple, referring to the Chairman's remarks at the previous meeting in relation to the number of Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in relation to Planning urged that the County Manager agree that all applications recommended for refusal be submitted to the Council or to the Members of the Council for the local electoral area to which the application applied before decisions were made on such applications. Councillor Temple's proposal was seconded by Councillor J. Miley. The County Manager pointed out that during the quarter ended 30th June, 1969, 291 applications for Planning Permission had been received and that the numbers continued to increase. Through no fault of the Co. Engineer or the Planning Staff it frequently happened that recommendations to refuse permission for an application reached the County Manager for a decision within a day or so of the final date for issue in order to comply with the limit of two months for dealing with applications. Consequently, it would not be possible to submit all such recommendations to the Council prior to taking a decision in the matter. The County Manager also pointed out that he would be in grave difficulty if a decision were taken which was contrary to the advice of the County Engineer or the County Medical Officer and that even if the Council Members recommended otherwise he could not ignore the recommendations of the technical officers. He pointed out that the County Engineer and the Planning Staff endeavoured to find ways of overcoming difficulties in Planning applications to avoid the necessity to recommend a refusal of permission. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Oral Hearing of Planning Appeal.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor J. Temple the County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor did not attend at Oral Hearings of Planning Appeals unless legal matters were likely to arise. Councillor Temple pointed out that an Appeal against a grant of permission by the Council following a direction under Section 4 of the 1955 Act in respect of housing development for Mr. White at Kilmacanogue was fixed for the 9th September and urged that the Council's Solicitor be authorised to attend in order to put forward the views of the Members of the Council and reasons for the decision to recommend the grant of permission. It was agreed that the Council's Solicitor attend for the purpose of representing the Members of the Council and conveying their views to the Inspector at the Oral Hearing.

Item No. 2—To Consider Objections and Representations Received to Draft County Development Plan.

The Council continued with the consideration of the objections and representations received to the Draft County Development Plan:—

12. Peter White, 29, Stradbroke Road, Windsor Estate, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.

The County Secretary stated that the Draft Development Plan if adopted would not affect Planning Permissions which had already been granted by the Council. The Council had by Resolution under Section 4 of the 1955 Act granted permission for development of lands at Glencormac for Mr. White and this was the subject of an Appeal to the Minister for Local Government and

the decision on the Appeal was awaited. In 1953 it had been indicated by the Council that there was no objection in principle to the erection of houses on the lands of Mr. White but this did not represent a Grant of Permission. Circumstances had changed very much since 1953 and the refusal by the Council of permission for the erection of the house on Mr. White's land had been upheld by the Minister on Appeal. The Council noted that the provisions of the Draft County Development Plan would not affect decisions already taken in respect of Mr. White's lands.

13. C. J. Louth and Son, Solicitors, for Mr. James O'Neill, Ardinary, Brittas Bay.

The County Secretary stated the Draft Development Plan did not provide for any new road passing through Mr. O'Neill's lands. A special plan was being prepared for the Brittas Bay area and if any proposals in that Plan affected Mr. O'Neill's land he would have an opportunity to object at that time. The Council noted that the present Plan did not provide for any new road through Mr. O'Neill's lands at Ardinary.

14. Joseph T. O'Byrne, B.E., for Messrs Peter Leon and Bernard White.

The County Secretary stated that the Draft County Development Plan did not contain any proposal affecting the lands of Mr. Leon and Mr. White. A special Plan was being prepared for the Brittas Bay area and Mr. Leon and Mr. White would have the opportunity of objecting to any proposals which might be included in that Plan in relation to their lands. The Council noted that the Draft County Development Plan contained no proposal which would affect the lands of Mr. Leon and Mr. White.

15. J. G. O'Connor and Co., 9, Clare Street, Dublin, and E. M. Graf Westerholt.

The Council noted that the purpose of listing Kilraneleagh House and gates and the stone circle at Boley, Carrigeen, in the Draft Development Plan was solely for the purpose of ensuring that the Council were notified of any proposals to alter or demolish them and agreed that this did not cause any depreciation in the value of the premises.

16. Hugh J. O'Hagan Ward and Co. for Mr. Richard Chambers, Mrs. Eileen Chambers and Mr. Myles Cullen.

The County Secretary stated that the matter of the access road to the Council's Housing Schemes at Blessington had been considered by the Council previously and that the Council had agreed that it was necessary to provide for such access. The County Engineer had examined the route of the proposed access road with a view to seeing if the objections of Mr. Chambers could be met but had reported that it would not be possible to alter the line of the road as suggested by Mr. Chambers. The Council agreed that the provision of the access road was necessary and urged that arrangements be made immediately for acquiring the necessary lands and for determining reasonable compensation.

The County Secretary indicated that the amendments made by the Council in the Plan related to the figures for density and building height in the Greystones/Delgany area and to the replacement of the words "5 acres" by the words "1 acre" in the section of the Draft County Development Plan headed "Development

Policy in the Rathdown Rural District." As the amendments made by the Council would appear to be material changes in the Plan it would seem that it would be necessary to publish a revised Draft County Development Plan embodying the amendments and to allow the appropriate time for inspection and for the making of objections or representations in relation thereto.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That having considered the objections and representations received to the Draft County Development Plan which was approved for publication by the Council on 24th June, 1968, and having considered the Reports of the persons appointed by the Council to hear objections or representations we hereby approve of the following amendments to the Draft Plan as published:—

(a) Density and Building Height on page 32 of the Draft Plan relating to the Scheduled Town of Greystones/Delgany shall be amended to read as follows:—

Zones	Figures of Density Control
Mixed Residential and Commercial Zone A	Maximum Floor Space Index 0.5 Maximum Density:— 8 Dwellings per acre. Maximum number of Storeys 2.
Residential Zone B1	Maximum Density:— 6 Dwellings per acre. Maximum number of storeys 2.
Residential Zone B2	Site curtilage 1 acre minimum. Maximum number of storeys 2.
Residential Zone B3	Site curtilage 2 acres minimum. Maximum Number of Storeys 2
Residential Zone B4	
Residential Zones B1 and B2 are regarded as the limits for "early development" and these areas only may be sewered.	

(b) The section of the Draft County Development Plan headed "Development Policy in the Rathdrum Rural District" shall be amended by the substitution of the words "one acre" in place of the words "five acres" on page 51 of the Plan so as to read "the site curtilage generally required will be one acre or more or alternatively the use of the land in the vicinity will be regulated to control density."

That we hereby approve of the publication of the Draft County Development Plan as amended by this Resolution.
Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That application be made to the Minister for Local Government for the extension of the period for the making of the County Development Plan to 31st March, 1970, so as to allow sufficient time for the publication of the revised Draft Development Plan and the receipt and consideration by the Council of such objections or representations that may be received within the prescribed period.

Passed unanimously.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing Matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 1st September, 1969, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman.

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

Mr. K. J. Brangan, Deputy County Manager, Mr. J. O. Gavin, Acting County Secretary and the County Engineer were present.

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows.—
 - (a) In the names of Councillors Roger Miley, James Gregory, Basil S. C. Phelan and F. Hynes:—
 "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Michael Holden, Derrybawn, for erection of a bungalow at Cullentra Big, Rathdrum."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors John Sweeney, Thomas J. Keenan and William Cleary:—
 "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. P. J. Fitzpatrick for the erection of a bungalow at Ballinaheese, Arklow."
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6. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— "That this Council will build a cottage at Thomastown, Arklow, for John Redmond, Barnaclay."

Item No. 1 — Notices of Intention to Move Resolutions Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as Follows:— (a) In the Names of Councillors Roger Miley, James Gregory, Basil S. C. Phelan and F. Hynes:— "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Hereby Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Michael Holden, Derrybawn, for Erection of a Bungalow at Cullentra Big, Rathdrum."

Councillor R. Miley stated that Mr. Michael Holden, Derrybawn, had since purchased a house in the area which was suitable for him and that in consequence it was not proposed to proceed with the Motion to direct the grant of Planning Permission. The Council noted that the matter was not being proceeded with.

- (b) In the Names of Councillors John Sweeney, Thomas J. Keenan and William Cleary.— "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Mr. P. J. Fitzpatrick for the Erection of a Bungalow at Ballinaheese, Arklow."

The Deputy County Manager stated that the previous application by Mr. P. J. Fitzpatrick which had been made on the 19th June, 1969, was refused on the 13th August, 1969, for the following reasons:—

1. The proposal would give rise to ribbon development on the public road in a rural area.
2. Having regard to a number of other houses erected or for which Planning Permission had been granted in the area this proposal would lead to a density inappropriate to a rural area.
3. The proposal was contrary to proper planning and development as it was in a rural area lacking services and the public revenue which might be derived would not be sufficient to provide the services which in time would be demanded.
4. There were a number of entrances already made from houses on to this road in the vicinity of the site and a further entrance would seriously reduce the carrying capacity of the road and give rise to a traffic hazard.
5. The soil was unsuitable for effective treatment of effluent and a further septic tank would give rise to a proliferation of septic tanks in the area.

Councillor Sweeney stated that the applicant was prepared to pipe the effluent from the septic tank and discharge it into an adjoining stream and that this would overcome the difficulty in relation to sewerage services.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary;

Resolved — That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to P. J. Fitzpatrick for the erection of a bungalow at Ballinaheese, Arklow, subject to the condition that effluent from septic tank be piped to discharge into an adjoining stream.

Passed unanimously.

Resolutions Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

Councillor J. Temple referring to the discussion which had taken place at the previous Meeting in regard to the number of Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the 1955 Act which had come before the Council alleged that the County Manager and County Secretary were exceeding their authority in notifying Bord Failte when a decision to grant permission was made by the County Manager following a direction by the Council by way of Resolution under Section 4. He suggested that Bord Failte was asked to object to applications in instances where the Council had directed the County Manager to grant permission. He also contended that when the Council had given a direction under Section 4 in respect of a Planning application that the Manager was obliged to grant permission and that Bord Failte could not object unless such objection had been made following the giving of public notice by the applicant and before the decision to direct the grant of Planning Permission. The Council noted that the matter was not being proceeded with.

cision was taken. The Deputy County Manager quoted from Section 26 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, which set out the powers of the Council in dealing with applications for permission and in particular Sub-Section 5 thereof which set out the period within which an Appeal could be made to the Minister by any person against a decision of the Planning Authority. In reply to Councillor Temple the Deputy County Manager also stated that the Planning Authority was defined in the Act as the Council of a County in the case of a County exclusive of any Borough or Urban District therein. He pointed out that the powers of the Planning Authority were exercised by the Members of the Council in respect of the preparation of the County Development Plan and by the County Manager in respect of decisions on individual applications. In regard to notifications to prescribed Bodies, such as Bord Failte, the Deputy County Manager read Article 12 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, (Permission) Regulations, 1964, and stated that Bord Failte were notified of applications coming within the terms of that Article and were also, as provided in the Article, informed of the decision of the Council on such applications. On the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor J. Miley, the Council asked that the opinion of the Council's Solicitor be obtained on specific points as set out by Councillor Temple in relation to the matters raised by him. Councillor Temple subsequently handed in a statement of three points on which the Council's Solicitor's advice was required.

Item No. 2 — Applications for Supplementary Grants for New Dwellinghouses. — (a) Joseph Tomkins, Cronelea, Shillelagh.

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

Department of Local Government,
Custom House,
Dublin.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

15 Lúnasa, 1969.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 15th July, 1969 regarding a supplementary grant application from Mr. Joseph Tomkins, Cronelea, Shillelagh. When determining applications such as this, many housing authorities have regard to the rateable valuation of the applicant's property at the time of commencement of the house. If the authority are satisfied that the applicant's circumstances have changed prior to that date in such a way as to necessitate a reduction in the valuation at the next revision, it is open to them to determine that the reduced valuation should apply for grant purposes.

I am to point out, however, that the making of a decision in this case, as in all individual grant applications, is entirely a matter for the local authority concerned.

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The Council's Solicitor in letter of 23rd August, 1969, stated that due to Mr. Tomkins' valuation he would appear to be outside the Council's Scheme and therefore not eligible for a Grant. At the time that the house was commenced in October, 1965, the valuation of Mr.

Tomkins' property as recorded in the Valuation Lists was £87. 18. 0. It was claimed by Mr. Tomkins that he had sold approximately 10 acres of his holding and the house which he then occupied in August, 1965, for the sum of £4,600 and that the monies obtained from the sale had been used to finance the erection of the new dwelling and to stock the land. A provisional apportionment of the valuation was made on the 1st April, 1966, which reduced Mr. Tomkins' valuation to £51. 9. 0. but on 1st April, 1967, when the new house was valued the total valuation amounted to £68. 9. 0. The application for the Supplementary Grant had been refused on two grounds, one being that Mr. Tomkins' valuation exceeded the maximum allowable under the provisions of Section 26 of the Housing Act, 1966, and also because it was considered that Mr. Tomkins was not eligible for a grant under the terms of the Council's Scheme which provided that a Grant would be payable only in cases where the Council was satisfied that the circumstances of the applicant did not enable him to provide a house with the aid of a State Grant or Loan. It was considered that Mr. Tomkins having sold the house in which he had resided would have had the necessary funds available to him to build a new house without needing to avail of a Supplementary Grant. Having considered the matter the Council decided to defer a decision and asked that the Council's Solicitor reconsider the matter and advise the Council more fully as to whether or not the applicant was eligible for payment of a Supplementary Grant.

(b) Application of Thomas O. Doyle, Main Street, Baltinglass, for Supplementary Grant.

The Deputy County Manager stated that in reply to an inquiry addressed to the Department of Local Government on the matter of the eligibility of Mr. Thomas O. Doyle, Main Street, Baltinglass, for a Supplementary Housing Grant the Department of Local Government had indicated that when assessing income from land for Grant purposes most local authorities followed some guideline and generally speaking this was of the order of £20 income per £1 valuation. Accordingly it would be in order for the Council to adhere to their methods of assessing income in this case. In this connection the Department reminded the Council that Section 26 (5) of the Housing Act, 1966, provided that a determination of a Housing Authority of the income of a person applying for a Grant under the Section was final and unappealable. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., pointed out that Mr. Doyle had submitted an Affidavit in which he set out the actual income from the letting of the lands as Mr. Doyle did not work the land himself and that on the basis of such ascertained income Mr. Doyle was within the limits of remuneration and was entitled to a Supplementary Grant. It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

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

Resolved — That we approve of payment of Supplementary Grant to Thomas O. Doyle in respect of erection of new dwellinghouse. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3 — Applications for Loans for Erection of Dwellinghouses.

The Deputy County Manager stated that there were no applications for submission to the Council under this heading.

Item No. 4 — Applications for Consent to Sales of Vested Cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan;

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

Denis Reynolds, Killalesh, Kiltegan, being the legal personal representative of the late John Murphy, of Borklebeg, Kiltegan, of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 47/1 at Borkle, Kiltegan, to Mr. Aidan Clare, Ballykilmurray, Hacketstown, for the sum of £270 subject to the payment to the Council of the sum of £90, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable, subject to the Market Value as determined by County Engineer not being in excess of £270. Passed unanimously.

Application for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottage No. 20/10 at Carrignamuck.

The Deputy County Manager stated that Mr. S. O'Connor, who had intended to purchase the vested cottage at Carrignamuck from Mr. Patrick Kavanagh, had indicated that he did not propose to proceed with the purchase since he had been informed that it was not the Council's policy to allow the redemption of the annuity in such cases and that he was also required to undertake to carry out repairs to the cottage. Following a discussion on the matter in the course of which Members referred to the high cost of the repairs which would be required based on the Report of the County Engineer the Council noted that Mr. O'Connor had withdrawn his application to purchase and that it was a matter for the tenant/purchaser, Mr. Kavanagh, to submit a new proposal.

Proposed Sale of Cottage No. 19/10 at Carrignamuck, Knockananna.

The Deputy County Manager stated that a letter had been received from Mrs. Mary Ann Heffernan stating that Mr. James Heffernan and herself were satisfied with Mr. O'Callaghan as purchaser of the Vested Cottage at Carrignamuck, Knockananna, and the 3 acres and the undivided rights of Carrignamuck and Carrignameal. It appeared accordingly that Mr. and Mrs. Heffernan wished the Council to decide on Mr. O'Callaghan's application and were not disposed to consider the offer made by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved — That we approve of consent being given to the sale by James Heffernan of his interest in Cottage No. 19/10 at Carrignamuck, Knockananna, to Michael O'Callaghan, 68, Merrion Square, Dublin, 2, subject to the payment to the Council of the sum of £75. 10. 0., the statutory conditions apart from the condition requiring the occupation of the cottage by a qualified person to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors T. J. Keenan, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, J. Whelan — FOUR.

AGAINST: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, W. Cleary, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, K. Ryan — SIXTEEN.

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

It was indicated by Members voting against the proposal that Mr. O'Callaghan not being a qualified person should not be accepted as a purchaser of the cottage.

Item No. 5 — Housing Scheme at Kilgarron, Enniskerry — Letter from Department of Local Government.

The Deputy County Manager stated that as directed by the Council at the previous meeting a letter had been addressed to the Department of Local Government seeking the sanction of the Minister to the proposal that the Contractor, Mr. W. Eager, be paid an additional sum of £400 per house in respect of the 22 houses at Kilgarron, Enniskerry, and the following reply had been received from the Department:—

Department of Local Government,
Custom House
Dublin, 1.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.
26 Lúnasa, 1969.

Housing Scheme at Kilgarron Park, Enniskerry.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 14th instant and to state that your Council's proposal herein is noted. I am to inform you that additions to the sanctioned tender price for a contract are normally only allowable where increases occur in the prices of materials and wages subsequent to the date of the tender — which increases are covered by the Prices Variation Clause in the contract — or where extra work on the contract is subsequently approved. A blanket increase such as proposed here would be contrary to normal practice and the Minister is not prepared to sanction this proposal.

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The Deputy County Manager stated that the Council's Solicitor had advised that the Council's passing of the Resolution on the 11th August proposing, subject to sanction, to pay the extra sum of £400 in respect of each of the houses had the effect of waiving the forfeiture notice which had been served on Mr. Eager. He stated that in consequence it would be necessary to serve a new forfeiture notice which should be in similar terms to that previously served. The Deputy County Manager stated that this notice would be served immediately. He stated that notice had also been served on the Contractor by the County Engineer in regard to the Contract for the erection of 12 houses at Kilgarron giving him notice that unless he prosecuted the works of erecting these 12 houses without any further default or neglect the Council would at the expiration of fourteen days determine his employment for the erection of these houses. Mr. Eager's Solicitor had subsequently informed the Council that Mr. Eager was resuming work on these 12 houses but in fact he had returned to the site only for the purpose of restoring fittings which had been removed and to place felt on the roofs of two houses over timber which he had been instructed to remove. As he had not proceeded with the work in accordance with the notice it was intended to notify the Contractor that the Council would enter on the site. Councillor J. Temple stated that there were a number of the applicants for these houses who were tradesmen and would be prepared to come together in a group to erect some of the houses. It was pointed out by the Deputy County Manager, however, that until the Council had recovered possession of the site it would not be possible for any such arrangement as suggested. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 6 — Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh.— "That This Council Will Build A Cottage at Thomastown, Arklow, for John Redmond, Barnaclay."

The Deputy County Manager stated that an application form for provision of a Council house had been forwarded to Mr. Redmond for completion and the County Medical Officer had been asked to investigate his circumstances and report as soon as possible. When the necessary information was obtained the matter would be submitted to the Council.

Proceedings to Establish Right-of-Way at Brittas Bay.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the Council's Solicitor had written to state that the Solicitors for Mrs. Philomena Maguire had inquired if the Council would be interested in joining the present proceedings in relation to the right-of-way at Brittas Bay and stating that by doing so this would save the cost of two hearings. The Council's Solicitor asked for the views of the Council on the matter. In a further letter the Council's Solicitor explained that Mrs. Maguire had taken proceedings in the High Court against Councillor Costello and Others as she alleged there was no right-of-way and that they were interfering with her lands. The case had been adjourned by agreement on Mrs. Maguire agreeing to a temporary right-of-way pending the hearing of the case. Her Solicitors had suggested that the Council should agree to the Council being added as a co-defendant for the sole purpose of determining whether there was a right-of-way or not. They pointed out that as Mrs. Maguire's case would be heard as soon as the Courts re-open on the 1st day of November that it would be quicker and cheaper if the Council agreed to their suggestion. The Council's Solicitor had indicated that he saw no objection to the Council being added as a defendant as it could be made quite clear to the Court that the Council were only entering into the case for the purposes of establishing a right-of-way for the public and nothing more and would not be associated in any way with the other defendants. Following a discussion on the matter the Council agreed to defer a decision on the suggestion of Councillor Costello that he would inform his Solicitor of the matter and that his Solicitor and the Council's Solicitor could then discuss the proposal following which the Council's Solicitor would submit a recommendation to the Council.

Application to Attend Council Meeting.

The Deputy County Manager read a letter which had been handed in to the Chairman on behalf of Mr. Michael Whelan, Carrignameal, Knockananna, who asked for permission to attend a meeting of the Council and stated that it was in connection with a lane job. On the proposal of Councillor Whelan, seconded by Councillor Keenan, the Council agreed to receive Mr. Whelan at the Meeting to be held on the 8th September, 1969.

Glenealy Protest Committee.

The Council considered a letter from Mrs. E. Prendergast, Secretary, Glenealy Protest Committee, Ballydowling, Glenealy, stating that the Committee were anxious that the Council receive a Deputation as they wished to air their grievance to the complete chamber and asking to be let know the day and date most suitable for the reception of the Deputation. The Council agreed to receive the Deputation at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 8th September, 1969.

The Deputy Manager submitted a further letter from Mrs. E. Prendergast, Secretary, Glenealy Protest Committee, stating that a number of Deputies and County Councillors attended a meeting at Glenealy Hall on the 8th August at which some of the County Councillors suggested that the Committee should accompany the Councillors on their inspection of Ballyfree Farms and asking that their Committee be informed of the date and time on which the visit would take place. Following a discussion on the matter as to the date on which the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area would visit Mr. Philips' farm at Ballyfree it was decided to leave the matter of the determination of the date to be agreed between the members for the area.

Powerscourt Estate.

A letter dated 27th August, 1969, from the Enniskerry Citizens' Action Committee in regard to the Statement which had been submitted by the Committee in relation to Powerscourt Estate was submitted to the Council. In the letter the Committee expressed the view that the statement submitted by them had not been fully discussed and further stated that they had not advocated the breaking up of the Estate but rather its acquisition by the State, the arable land not to be divided but to be run as a farming co-operative. Councillor S. Costello urged that the matter be considered further and that the Council should agree with the proposals that the parkland and waterfall be maintained as a national park and that the arable land be operated as a co-operative farm. The Council noted, however, that the matter had been already discussed by the Council and that unless Standing Orders were suspended the matter could not be discussed again. The Council were not agreeable to suspend Standing Orders for the purpose of having the matter considered again.

Supply of Drugs From Bray Dispensary to Patient at Enniskerry.

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge raised the matter of the supply of drugs to a patient at Enniskerry and stated that the patient had called to Bray Dispensary to obtain the drugs but the Pharmacist had refused to issue them. It was agreed that the matter be inquired into.

Bray Dispensary and Clinic.

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge inquired when improvements proposed for the Clinic and Dispensary at Bray would be carried out and stated that toilets were urgently needed and also improved waiting accommodation for patients. The Council asked that the County Medical Officer investigate the operation of the Dispensary at Bray, the hours of attendance of Medical Officers, and the length of time that patients had to wait for attention, the availability of drugs, etc., and submit a report to the Council.

Carnew Water Supply.

Councillor K. Ryan again drew attention to the shortage of water in Carnew and inquired as to when effective steps could be taken to improve the water supply position. The County Engineer reported that work was proceeding with a view to seeing if additional springs could be taken in and improvements made but stressed that the water supply position would not be fully satisfactory until the new water supply scheme for the Carnew/Tinahely area became available. Representations had been made to the Department of Local Government for sanction to proceeding with the major scheme.

Notices of Motion.

The following Notices of Motion were handed in an accepted by the Chairman:—Notice of Intention to propose Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the names of Councillors James Miley, G. Timmins, Mark Deering and M. J. O'Neill:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant permission to Newcrete Products Factory at Goldenhill."

Notice of Intention to propose Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the names of Councillors Nancy O'Neill, Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne and John Temple:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. R. M. Cross, 4, Wyckham Park, Dundrum, to erect a bungalow at Monastery, Enniskerry."

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— "That repairs be completed satisfactorily to carry out vesting of cottage for Mrs. Bridget Cleary, Ballyshonogue, Tinahely."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council open the entrance to the Old Dunbur Road that joins the Wicklow/Brittas Road as the entrance is closed by the erection of fences."

In the name of Councillor S. Costello:— "That the pay slips used to pay Council Roadworkers be printed in Ireland instead of in London."

In the names of Councillors John Sweeney, Mary Walsh and Thomas J. Keenan:— "Where a student qualifies for a University Grant but wishes to take a Course at a College of Technology that this Council make available a Grant in this case."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 8th September, 1969, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor Miss Mary Walsh, Chairman.

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

The County Manager, Acting County Secretary, County Engineer and Mr. P. Heraty, Staff Officer, were in attendance.

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:-
 - (a) In the names of Councillors James Miley, G. Timmins, Mark Deering and M. J. O'Neill:-
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant permission to Newcrete Products factory at Goldenhill."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors Nancy O'Neill, Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne and J. Temple:-
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. R. M. Cross, 14, Wyckham Park, Dundrum, to erect a bungalow at Monastery, Enniskerry."
2. To receive Deputation from Glenealy Protest Committee.
3. To receive Deputation from Mr. M. Whelan, Carrignameil, Knockananna.
4. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 12th May, 26th May, 16th June, 23rd June and 30th June, 1969.
5. To authorise Overdraft on General Account for the Quarter ending 31st December, 1969.
6. To fill vacancy on the Council caused by the resignation of Councillor H. J. Byrne.
7. Higher Education Grants Scheme — Letter of 15th August, 1969, from Department of Education regarding making of Grants at higher rate to all students in the County qualifying under the Scheme.
8. Local Improvements Schemes — Letter from County Engineer in regard to supervision and administration of Schemes.
9. Proposed disposal of plot of land adjoining Baltinglass/Rathvilly Road.
10. Use of plot of ground at Blessington Dispensary Residence.
11. Drumgoff Barracks, Glenmalur — Report of County Engineer on cost of maintenance.
12. Roadworkers — Payment of Wages weekly: Letter from Irish Transport and General Workers' Union.
13. Knockananna Water Supply — Proposal that Council take it over.

Bray Dispensary and Clinic

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge inquired when the proposal for the Clinic and Dispensary at Bray would be put out and said that the Clinic was urgently needed and that the County Council should consider the proposal. The Council agreed that the County Manager should investigate the proposal and report to the Council. The Council also agreed that the County Manager should investigate the proposal and report to the Council.

Carney Water Supply

Councillor K. Ryan inquired when the proposal for the Carney Water Supply would be put out and said that the Carney Water Supply was urgently needed and that the County Council should consider the proposal. The Council agreed that the County Manager should investigate the proposal and report to the Council. The Council also agreed that the County Manager should investigate the proposal and report to the Council.

14. Water Supply Extension — Three Houses at Raheenglass, Coolboy.
15. Additional Public Lighting at Tinahely.
16. Provision of Water Supply and Sewerage facilities for Houses at Main Street, Newtownmountkennedy.
17. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and James Whelan:- "That improvements be made in the village of Avoca to relieve street flooding in front of shops."
18. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and James Whelan:- "That a footpath be provided along School Road in front of National School at Tinnakilly from the Aughrim Road to the Killaveney Road for safety of school children."
19. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. O. Phelan:- "That land presently overgrown by a ditch be acquired opposite the Ashford salesyard and beside the premises of the Wicklow Co-Operative Society for the purpose of safety at what is a heavily used and highly dangerous point on the main south eastern road of Ireland."
20. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Sweeney and Thomas J. Keenan:- "That this Council take over and put into a proper condition the road from Rustygar to Kilcarra."
21. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and Roger Miley:- "That this Council build a doctor's residence in Rata-drum and remove dangerous bends at Ballygannon."
22. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council provide sewerage and water for the tenants of the four cottages at Blainroe, near Wicklow."
23. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John J. Bourke and J. Gregory:- "That the question of the Council Car Park at Kilmacullagh, Newtownmountkennedy and the boundary wall between the Park and the Council houses be treated as of immediate urgency."
24. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:- "That the Council take immediate action for the acquisition of land at Brittas Bay for use as a public car park."
25. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council and Wicklow Urban District Council extend their Refuse Collection Service to take in Ballynerrin and that this Council pay for this extended service."
26. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council re-lay the footpath from Glenealy R.C. Church to the village."
27. Notices of Motion in names of Councillors John Sweeney, William Cleary and Mary Walsh:- "That this Council in the interests of road safety provide a pedestrian crossing on the Wexford Road side of the roundabout at the crossroads in Arklow."
28. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan and J. Whelan:- "That this Council take over and repair the road from the crossroads at Ballycoogue to the Post Office in Ballycoogue; this road is being used every day by the people of that district."
29. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- (a) "That public lighting be provided at Ballycoogue." (b) "That dangerous bend be removed from James Byrne's land at Coolbawn."

30. Notices of Motion in names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan and James Whelan:- (a) "That the following improvements be carried out in Ballycoogue:- (1) That public lighting be provided in the village; (2) That the wall in front of the old school be removed in the interests of safety at this dangerous corner; and (3) That the dangerous bend at Doyle's lane be removed." (b) "That the river bed at Aughrim be cleaned immediately to eliminate flooding of houses." (c) "That improvements be carried out to the dangerous turn and bridge at Tinnakilly, Aughrim." (d) "That the old road at Whaley Abbey be tarred as far as old graveyard." (e) "That the very dangerous turn at Churchlands, Tinahely, be removed."
31. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whehan and Thomas J. Keenan and M.J. O'Neill:- "That pipes be laid in an open drain outside Rathcoyle N.S. and that the area be rolled and taken over by this Council."
32. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Miley:- "That a sewerage scheme be provided at Knockieran, Blessington, for the Council houses."
33. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council open the entrance to the Old Dunbur Road that joins the Wicklow/Brittas Road as the entrance is closed by the erection of fences."
34. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:- "That the pay slips used to pay Council Roadworkers be printed in Ireland instead of in London."
35. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Sweeney, Mary Walsh and Thomas J. Keenan:- "Where a student qualifies for a University Grant but wishes to take a Course at a College of Technology that this Council make available a Grant in this case."
36. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1 — Notices of intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:- (a) In the names of Councillors James Miley, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, and M. J. O'Neill:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant permission to Newcrete Products Factory at Goldenhill."

The County Manager indicated that this was a similar application to that received on the 6th May, 1969, which was refused on the grounds that the site of the proposal was situated in a landscape area of high amenity value, in respect of which it was policy to restrict development which would injure amenity by being out of character with the countryside or by prominence on upland slopes. The proposal would be out of character in the area and would lead to erosion of amenity. There was also no piped service available to serve the proposed site which was in the Upper Liffey basin catchment area. The site is served by a recently tarred road 10 feet wide and it was considered that this road was too narrow and of insufficient structural strength to carry heavy commercial vehicles.

The Manager informed the Meeting that the Chairman of West Wicklow Development Association had represented that permission be granted. The Meeting was also informed that Kevin J. Ennis, Glen Hest, Manor Kilbride, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Ennis, Goldenhill, Manor Kilbride, and Samuel B. Murphy, Woodend, Blessington, had objected

to the grant of permission. An appeal against the refusal of this application was at present before the Minister for Local Government. It was

Proposed by Councillor James Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant permission to Newcrete Products factory at Goldenhill.

In proposing the Motion Councillor J. Miley informed the Meeting that the Appeal to the Minister for Local Government against the Council's original refusal had now been withdrawn.

The Motion being put to the Meeting was passed unanimously.

- (b) In the names of Councillors Nancy O'Neill, Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne and J. Temple:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. R. M. Cross, 14, Wyckham Park, Dundrum, to erect a bungalow at Monastery, Enniskerry."

The County Manager stated that the application submitted by Mr. R. M. Cross was similar to that received on 6th June, 1969, and which had already been refused on the grounds that the site lay on upland slopes in a landscape area of outstanding natural beauty. The site of the proposed development is not in any of the areas where development has occurred in the area and the isolated residential development would constitute a precedent for similar development in the area and lead to further serious injury to the considerable natural amenities of the area.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. R. M. Cross, 14, Wyckham Park, Dundrum, to erect a bungalow at Monastery, Enniskerry.

Following a discussion the Resolution was put to the Meeting and passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—To Receive Deputation from Glenealy Protest Committee.

It was noted that a letter had been received from Mrs. Eileen Prendergast, Secretary of the Committee, indicating that due to the short notice given for this Deputation it was regretted that they could not attend and asking that a further date be arranged for the reception of a Deputation. After discussion it was agreed that a Deputation be received at the October statutory Meeting. It was proposed by Councillor Miss Mary Walsh, seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill, that the Members of the Wicklow Electoral Area report on their visit to Mr. Phillips' farm at Glenealy on September 5th last. Councillor Basil Phelan reported that at 5 p.m. on Friday, 5th September, the Members for the Wicklow area met Mr. Phillips Snr. and his son at Ballyfree Farm. There were a number of people from Glenealy outside the premises but Mr. Phillips refused to show the Members around the farm in the company of members of the Protest Committee. Following a discussion between the Members and Messrs. Phillips it was agreed that the local residents be admitted. There followed a visit to various parts of the farm including fowl houses and

to a group of houses occupied by a person who had stated that there was an unpleasant odour from the farm at his house at all times but on that particular day no offensive odour could be found away from the tanks holding material swept from the fowl houses. Councillor Hynes agreed with what Councillor Phelan had stated and suggested that the matter be left over for two or three months to see if the present satisfactory position could be maintained. He noted, however, that Mr. Phillips had admitted that there would probably be an offensive odour coming from his premises on at least ten occasions during the year. Councillor Roger Miley supported the proposal that the matter be left over for a period of three months to see if the present condition could be maintained. It was finally agreed that the matter be adjourned for one month and that meantime the County Medical Officer should inspect the premises and report to the next monthly Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 3 — To Receive Deputation from Mr. M. Whelan, Carrignameil, Knockananna.

Mr. M. Whelan was introduced by Councillor James Whelan and he addressed the Meeting. He stated that he had been employed on Special Employment Schemes off and on during the period 1963 to 1968 when the work was handed over by the Office of Public Works to the County Council. He had been informed by the County Council that his name would go on a panel for employment on similar schemes and he had met Mr. Donovan, County Engineer, in Tinahely on the 18th November, 1968, in this connection. He also stated that a cow owned by him had been drowned in a drain on his land which had been dug by the County Council in connection with road works and that because of this the local Engineer would not employ him on schemes in the area. He stated that the local Engineer took men off other road jobs in the area when a lane at Ballymacroneigh was being repaired. He further stated that though his name was on a list of men supplied by the Labour Exchange at Baltinglass he was not offered employment. Another lane was now being repaired in the area and he had got no employment on it either. He felt he was being victimised by the local Engineer. On being informed by the Chairman that the matter would be discussed at the next Meeting and that he would not be allowed enter into the discussion on that day he stated that he had two questions to put to the Assistant County Engineer for the area: (1) "What was against him that he did not get a job?" (2) "Why was he not taken on for employment from the list supplied by Baltinglass Labour Exchange?" It was agreed that the Co. Engineer would have a report for the next Council Meeting and that the local Engineer would also be present.

Coast Protection — Wicklow Urban District.

The following letter from the Office of Public Works was submitted:—

OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS,
51 St. Stephen's Green,
Dublin 2.

An Runai Chontae,
Comhairle Chontae Chille Manntain,
Cill Manntain.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 23rd July, 1969, about the Coast Protection Scheme at the Murrough, Wicklow, I wish to inform you that the Commissioners of Public Works have made a determination

under Section 10 (2) (b) of the Coast Protection Act, 1963 that the only alteration which is to be made in the said Scheme is to vary the percentage set out at (2) of Schedule E of the Scheme from fifty per cent. to sixty per cent. Accordingly, your Council should now proceed to make a declaration under Section 10 (3) of the Act and forward to us a certified copy of this declaration, which should be under the Seal of your Council.

Mise, le meas,

S. O. BAIREID,

3 Mean Fomhair, 1969.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Mary Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That having been informed by the Commissioners of Public Works that they, the Commissioners, have made a determination under Section 10 (2) (6) of the Coast Protection Act, 1963, that the only alteration which is to be made in the Scheme for Coast Protection at The Murrrough, Wicklow, is to vary the percentage set out at (2) of Schedule E of the Scheme from fifty per cent. to sixty per cent. it is hereby declared that the Scheme, as so altered by the Commissioners, is to be proceeded with. Passed unanimously.

The County Manager stated that a copy of the Resolution under Seal would be forwarded to the Commissioners of Public Works to enable the Scheme to proceed.

Item No. 4 — Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

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

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 12th May, 26th May, 16th June, 23rd June and 30th June, 1969. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5 — To Authorise Overdraft on General Account for the Quarter Ending 31st December, 1969.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Limited, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 31st December, 1969, shall not exceed £350,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6 — To Fill Vacancy on Council Caused by the Resignation of Councillor H. J. Byrne.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

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

Resolved—That we hereby choose Mr. Christopher White, Enniskerry, as a Member of Wicklow County Council to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor H. J. Byrne.

An amendment was proposed by Councillor J. Miley: That we hereby choose Anthony Lawlor to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Councillor H. J. Byrne.

After a discussion on whether the office of Chairman and Vice-Chairman should rotate among the various parties represented on the Council Councillor Miley withdrew his amendment.

The Chairman then put the Resolution to the Meeting and it was passed unanimously. The Chairman then asked Councillor White to take his seat and welcomed him to the Council. A number of other Councillors extended a welcome to Councillor White and he suitably replied.

Item No. 7 — Higher Education Grants Scheme — Letter of 15th August, 1969, from Department of Education Regarding Making of Grants at Higher Rate To All Students in the County Qualifying Under The Scheme.

In a letter of 15th August, 1969, the Department of Education stated that the Minister was unable to alter the decision already conveyed to the Council on their request that all Higher Education Grants in the County be paid in full irrespective of the place of residence of the Grant holder. The Members of the Council expressed disappointment at the decision of the Minister in this matter and the following Resolution was passed on the proposal of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh, that we request the Minister for Education to receive a Deputation from the Council to hear their views on their decision to pay Higher Education Grants at the higher rate to students from Co. Wicklow.

Item No. 35—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Sweeney, Mary Walsh and Thomas J. Keenan:— "Where a Student qualifies for a University Grant but wishes to take a Course at a College of Technology that this Council make available a Grant in this case."

A letter from the Department of Education of 15th August, 1969, was submitted in connection with this matter. The letter stated that the Council's request to make Grants available for certain Courses in Colleges of Technology was noted. A letter of 10th July, 1969, from the Department indicated that the Higher Education Grants Scheme was intended to enable students to pursue a Course leading to University Degree or its equivalent. The Courses mentioned by the Council, viz. those of Laboratory Technician, Physical Education and Business Administration, were not at present accepted as the equivalent of a Course leading to a University Degree.

The County Manager pointed out that he had been in touch with the Department of Education on this matter and had been informed that the Department could not accept the Courses mentioned for Higher Education Grants in view of the terms of the Act authorising such Grants. Courses to be recognised for Grants must be equivalent to one leading to University Degree and must be wholtime throughout the entire period of the Course. The request of the Council would receive further consideration by the Department but in the meantime the Department could not approve of a Course in Laboratory Technology having regard to the provisions of the Act. It was suggested, however, that the County Vocational Education Committee might consider the awarding of a Scholarship to a student from Arklow who had obtained five Honours in the recent Leaving Certificate Examination and wished to pursue a Course in Laboratory Technology in Kevin Street College of Technology, Dublin. It was understood that the Com-

mittee already had approved of Scholarships to Colleges of Technology outside the County in respect of Courses which were not provided in the Committee's own schools.

It was agreed that the County Vocational Education Committee would be asked to give favourable consideration to the making available of a Scholarship to the student in question and that the Committee be asked to arrange to bring forward their meeting to Tuesday, 16th September, 1969, for this purpose.

Item No. 8 — Local Improvements Scheme — Letter from County Engineer in regard to Supervision and Administration of Schemes.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:-

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
26th August, 1969.

County Secretary.

Re: Local Improvements Schemes—Fees To Local Authority Engineers.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 21st instant, enclosing letter from the Department of Local Government (Ref: E.L.371), dated the 13th instant.

The decision in regard to the payment of fees in this scheme would not seem to be a very logical one, as Counties where Engineers enjoyed fees and had staff geared to supervise and administer the Schemes will continue to receive fees. Counties like Wicklow will now have to take on the organisation, administration and supervision of these Schemes, and it would seem will have to do it without any increase in Staff, and will not be paid fees for the extra demand being made on their services. The engineering staff, owing to pressure of work, will not be able to organise, administer and supervise these schemes, without neglecting the supervision of some of the existing services. This situation should be brought to the notice of the Council.

There is a sum of £625 available from the Schemes to cover the cost of administration of these schemes in the County. I find that owing to the large number of roadworks in the present Roadworks Scheme which have to be designed that the Temporary Assistant County Engineer (Design), is not able to handle all the work and have schemes prepared for forwarding to the Department for approval. I would suggest, therefore, that a second Assistant County Engineer (Design), be appointed, and that part of his salary be defrayed from this £625. This Design Engineer could take the load off the Assistant County Engineers in regard to doing some survey work, and the setting out of important reconstruction works in their areas, and thus make time available for them to administer, organise and supervise Local Improvement Schemes in their area.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,
County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That having considered letter of 26th August, 1969, from County Engineer we approve of the temporary employment of an Assistant County Engineer (Design) for the purpose of carrying out survey work and setting out important reconstruction works in the four Engineering Districts and hereby authorise the necessary additional

expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the remuneration of the additional temporary Assistant County Engineer.
Passed unanimously.

In the discussion it was suggested that the Department of Local Government be asked to provide an increased Grant to recover monies allocated last year and not spent on Improvement Schemes amounting to £4,100.

Item No. 9 — Proposed Disposal of Plot of Land Adjoining Baltinglass/Rathvilly Road.

The County Manager reported that in this instance if the Council agreed to the sale of the land to Mrs. Farrell in the sum of £60 that the appropriate notices would be issued to the Members in accordance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and the matter would come before them at a future date.
It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

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

Resolved—That we approve of the sale to Mrs. Marie Farrell, Bawnogue, Baltinglass, of plot of land containing approximately 1,600 sq. yards alongside the public road and adjoining the Garda Barracks at Baltinglass for the sum of £60 and direct that the appropriate Notices be issued to each Member of the Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10 — Use of Plot of Ground at Blessington Dispensary Residence.

The County Manager stated that the plot in question might be allocated to a firm wishing to establish an industry in Blessington but that before the plot could be disposed of the Council would require the agreement of the Department of Health. It was mentioned that as the Dispensary Residence had been improved the Department of Health should be requested to inform the Council as to the present position regarding the appointment of a District Medical Officer at Blessington.

Item No. 11 — Drumgoff Barracks, Glenmalur — Report of County Engineer on Cost of Maintenance.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:-

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
14th August, 1969.

County Secretary.

Re: Drumgoff Barracks, Glenmalur.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 13th instant.

The estimate cost of removing the remainder of the roof and some slates is £200. There will be no other expenditure involved, in maintaining the buildings in their present condition as the remaining structure consists of masonry wall which should not deteriorate further. I consider the Council would be unwise to accept any responsibility for any accidents occurring to people visiting the site as they

could not possibly exercise control over their activities. Accidents, such as visitors falling on the stone stairways could occur.

It was mentioned at a Council Meeting that consideration should be given to converting the building for use as a Youth Hostel. This is what I had in mind when I gave an estimate of £12,000 to £15,000.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

It was mentioned that some of the outer walls had been breached and that it might be desirable to erect a fence so that entry to the building could only be gained by the main entrance. It was finally decided that the matter be deferred as the Members were doubtful if money could be spent on the building as it was not the property of the Council.

Item No. 12 — Roadworkers — Payment of Wages Weekly: Letter from Irish Transport and General Workers' Union.

The Manager indicated that the cost involved would amount to £8,500 in the first year and that it would necessitate the employment of extra staff and the purchasing of accounting equipment and there was also the problem of decimalisation which would come into effect in February, 1971. The Members agreed to defer a decision on the matter until there was discussions with the Unions representing the men.

Item No. 13 — Knockananna Water Supply — Proposal That Council Take It Over.

Councillor Whelan asked that the matter be deferred for the moment and that the Council write to the Secretary of the Group Water Supply Committee so that they could have details of charges to be made by the Council.

Item No. 14 — Water Supply Extension — Three Houses at Raheen-glass, Coolboy.

Councillor Whelan asked that this matter also be deferred.

Vote of Sympathy.

At the end of the Meeting Councillor Roger Miley proposed a vote of condolence with the relatives of Dr. O'Shaughnessy, former District Medical Officer, Annamoe. The Chairman and other Members of the Council expressed their sympathy and the County Manager on behalf of the staff was associated with the vote of condolence.

Purchase of Land at Kindlestown Lower, Greystones.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that negotiations were in progress for the purchase of a site at Kindlestown Lower, Greystones, from Miss Anna Quinn.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the purchase by the Council of a site containing 3 acres 16 perches from Miss Anna Quinn at Kindlestown Lower, Greystones, for the sum of £2,000.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this Council lay a main sewer and a watermain for the people of Red-cross."

In the names of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple:- "We hereby request the County Council to take over the road from Upper Windgates to the Cliff Hotel thereby serving the houses on the said road."

In the names of Councillors James Whelan and Thomas J. Keenan:- "That the junction at the bottom of Moyne Hill be improved before a fatal accident occurs and the junction at the end of Faranbreaga Lane be also improved as it is very dangerous with summer traffic."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council in future repair all Council cottages whether the tenants have applied to vest or not."

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:- "That this Council provide a water pump to serve three cottages at Ballymorris, Aughrim."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing Matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, 6th October, 1969, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors Miss M. Walsh, Chairman Wm. Cleary, Thomas J. Keena, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, John J. Bourke, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, Basil S. C. Phelan, and C. White. Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors E. Byrne and R. Miley.

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The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notice of Intention to propose Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley and J. Gregory, as follows:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to James Doyle for Hotel development at Ballinapark, Jack White's Crossroads."

2. Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 — Advice of Council's Solicitor.
3. Right-of-Way at Brittas Bay—Letter from Council's Solicitor.
4. Application for Closing of Roads at Dunlavin.
5. Health Bill, 1969—Establishment of Boards to deal with administration of Health Services: To appoint Delegation to meet Minister for Health.
6. Applications for Supplementary Grants for erection of new dwellinghouses.
7. Application for Loans towards cost of erection of new dwellinghouses.
8. Applications for consent to sales of Vested Cottages.
9. Scheme of Letting Priorities—To consider Draft Scheme circulated to Members.
10. Grattan Park Housing Scheme—Letter from Department of Local Government regarding Tenders received.
11. Acquisition of Lands at Aughrim.
12. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That repairs be completed satisfactorily to carry out vesting of cottages for Mrs. Bridget Cleary, Ballyshonogue, Tinahely."
13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council in future repair all Council cottages whether the tenants have applied to vest or not."
14. Cottages repaired during month of September, 1969, and Cottages to be repaired during month of October, 1969.

Item No. 1—Notice of Intention to Propose Resolution Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the Names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley and J. Gregory, as follows:— "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Hereby Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to James Doyle for Hotel Development at Ballinapark, Jack White's Crossroads."

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been before the Council at a previous meeting but had been deferred for information in regard to the provision of water supply and sewerage services and for the report of the County Medical Officer following submission of that information. Messrs McCabe and Delaney, Consulting Engineers for the applicant, had indicated that full treatment of sewerage was proposed which would result in an effluent of 5 ppm BOD. This would be piped to a suitable outfall in the event that dry level flow was negligible. They stated that a water diviner recently confirmed their interpretation of the geological survey of Ireland that there was abundant storage of excellent water under the site. Deep well bores would be employed to provide a supply of about 4,000 gallons per hour. The following Report of the County Medical Officer was submitted:—

Mr. A. Hughes,
Staff Officer.

22nd September, 1969

Re: Planning Application (Outline) 2698/69.

James Doyle, Ballinapark, Hotel Development.
A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 11th inst. I am satisfied that an adequate water supply would be available from deep wells bored on the site. The ground was water logged and there was even water on the surface on the site in May and June, 1969.

With regard to sewage disposal, the soil is not suitable for disposal of effluent from septic tanks or other disposal systems, i.e., I.C.I. Floccar system, Oxygist or Oxidation ditch. The soil—heavy marl clay—is unsuitable for soakage or absorption of sewage effluent. The effluent would therefore either lie on the surface and cause a nuisance or drain into the stream adjacent to the site. If the effluent lodged on the surface it could contaminate the water in the wells. This stream was observed to have only a trickle of water flowing in it during August—the dry weather flow reported was 1,700 gallons per day.

The Consultant Engineers, Messrs. McCabe and Delaney, in a letter dated 9-9-69, state that deep bored wells will be used to provide 4,000 gallons per hour x 24, that is 96,000 per day. Even if one quarter of this amount of water is used in the project, the volume of effluent from a disposal system would be many times greater than the volume of water in the stream, instead of the opposite, which should be the case, especially when the stream runs low. The effluent would cause pollution in the stream to the detriment of users of the water downstream (watering animals, etc.), and this pollution could not be permitted. In effect the stream would become an open sewer, a nuisance and a danger to health.

As far as I am aware there is no proposal for the provision of a public sewer and sewage treatment works in this area at present, as it is entirely rural.

This site is unsuitable for the disposal of a large volume of sewage effluent such as would be produced in a project of the size proposed. I therefore recommend refusal of the proposal on the above grounds.

Mise, le meas,

C. F. WARD,

Chief Medical Officer.

Following discussion on the matter the Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal and asked that a conference be arranged between the County Engineer and County Medical Officer

with the Engineering Advisers of the applicant with a view to seeing whether satisfactory arrangements for water supply and sewerage services could be provided.

Resolutions of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with Councillor Seamus Costello on the death of his father. Councillor Costello thanked the Members for their kind expression of sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the members with the widow and relatives of the late Mr. James O'Toole of Bray who had been a former Member of the Co. Council and a Dail Deputy for the County.

Item No. 2—Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963—Advice of Council's Solicitor.

The County Secretary submitted the reply received from the Council's Solicitor to the queries in regard to the interpretation of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, and Regulations made thereunder and sought by Councillor Temple. The Council approved of the suggestion of Councillor Temple that a copy of the advice given by the Council's Solicitor be circulated to the Members of the Council and that the matter be included on the Agenda for the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 3—Right-of-Way at Brittas Bay—Letter from Council's Solicitor.

The following letter from the Council's Solicitor was submitted:—

4 Church Street,
Wicklow.

27th September, 1969

re: Proceedings to establish Right-of-Way at Brittas Bay.

—Mrs. Philomena Maguire.

Dear Sir,

Further to yours of the 3rd instant, we have been in touch with Messrs Lehane and Hogan, the Solicitors for Mr. Costello and the other Defendants and as a result, we are of opinion that it would save time and expense if the Council agreed to be joined as Defendants in the present proceedings against Mr. Costello and others and the Council's Attitude would merely be to establish a right-of-way for the public and nothing more and would not be associated in any way with the other Defendants, save in as far as establishing the public right-of-way.

As the High Court will be opening shortly, we would be obliged for your instructions in early course.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. MCCARROLL,

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

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That having considered recommendation of Council's Solicitor of 27th September, 1969, we agree that for the purpose of establishing a right-of-way for the public at Brittas Bay the Council be joined as Defendants in the present Proceedings being taken by Mrs. Philomena Maguire against Mr. Costello and Others. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Application for Closing of Roads at Dunlavin.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the roads around the Fairgreen, Dunlavin, as set out hereunder on Sunday, 12th October, 1969, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. and hereby authorise the holding of Kart Races on these roads while so closed to public traffic:—

Part Main Road 315 between National School and junction of Main Street with Stephen Street—Length 300 yards.

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

Part County Road 336 between Catholic Church and National School—Length 120 yards.

The closing of the roads shall be subject to the conditions that (1) the Council be indemnified against all claims and damages arising from the Kart Race, (2) any damage caused to Council property shall be repaired to the satisfaction of the Council or the cost of such repairs recouped to the Council, and (3) adequate warning notices be provided in regard to the closing of the roads and the necessary diversions in order to comply with the Road Traffic Act Regulations, 1961.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Health Bill, 1969—Establishment of Boards to Deal With Administration of Health Services: To Appoint Delegation to Meet Minister for Health.

The County Secretary stated that the Health Bill, 1969, provided for the establishment of new Boards to deal with the administration of the Health Services. The Bill provided that the Minister would by Regulations establish a number of Health Boards and that before making these Regulations he would consult the Councils of the Counties and County Boroughs concerned. It was proposed also that local Committees whose functions would be mainly advisory would be established and the Regulations in regard to these would also be the subject of consultation with the relevant local authorities. While the formal consultation could not take place until the Bill was enacted the Minister considered that it would be desirable for the period of discussion on the new pattern of administration to be as long as possible and accordingly wished to arrange tentative consultations with local authorities. The Minister proposed to arrange for one of the series of meetings with representatives of County and City Councils to be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, 20th October, 1969, at which he wished the council to be represented. The venue for the meeting would be the Conference Room in the Custom House. The object of the meeting was to explain to the local members the Minister's tentative proposals and to have a discussion and exchange of views on them. It was indicated in the letter that the Minister regretted that all the members of the Councils could not be invited to the meetings but that it would be understood that this was not practicable and accordingly he invited

a delegation consisting of the Chairman and six other members to attend, together with the County Manager and County Medical Officer. The County Manager stated that since receipt of the letter particulars of the tentative details of the proposals for Health administration in the Bill had been received from the Department of Health. Wicklow would form part of the Eastern Health Board which would comprise Dublin City and County and Counties Kildare and Wicklow, and would include Dun Laoghaire Borough. It was proposed that the Board be constituted of 32 members of whom sixteen would be local authority representatives, 13 would be representatives of professional bodies and 3 would be Ministerial nominees. There would be 6 members of Dublin Corporation, 1 member from Dun Laoghaire Corporation, and 3 members from each of the County Councils of Dublin, Kildare and Wicklow. It was indicated in the Memorandum that the case for changing the basis of Health Administration was on the following main grounds:—

1. For many of the services provided in Hospitals and for the general organisation of Hospitals Services the County was too small a unit and by co-ordinating Hospitals for a group of Counties and concentrating expensive specialised facilities in the larger units a much more effective and economical Hospital service could be provided. The Hospital Service was by far the most expensive undertaking within the Health Services. Over three quarters of Health expenditure was for services in Hospitals. The service was highly complex and employed large numbers of professional and technical staff of different kinds, some of which were in short supply and much better value would be obtained from this service by its organisation in larger units.
2. Hundreds of patients were sent annually from many Counties at the expense of the local Health Authority to Hospitals in other areas and the Health Authority had no say in the organisation or operation of these Hospital services which it did not itself provide. With the grouping of Counties under Health Boards many Counties would be directly associated with the Hospital centres to which they had traditionally sent patients and would have a voice in the creation of policy in regard to Hospital Services in those centres.
3. For other Services, such as General Medical Services, Public Health Nursing Service and Child Welfare Services, there would be very considerable advantages in being able to organise them readily across County boundaries and having a broadly based Health Board with comprehensive responsibility for both them and the Hospital Services with which they must have very close links.
4. There was an ever increasing State financial contribution towards the cost of Health Services. The fraction of local Health expenditure met by payments from Health Services Grant had risen from 50 per cent. to 56 per cent. In addition in rural areas if Agricultural Grant were taken into account a much further substantial contribution to the cost of the Services was made by relieving Rates for farmers. Over the country as a whole almost three quarters of the total cost of the Health Services was met from State funds. The 1966 White Paper had indicated that a partnership between local government and central government and the vocational organisations was well justified.

The Chairman pointed out that the immediate question to be dealt with was the appointment of six Members who would form,

with the Chairman, the delegation to meet the Minister on the 20th of October. Councillor J. Temple expressed the view that a Deputation of six Members and the Chairman could not hope to convey all the views of the Council and urged that the Minister be asked to receive the entire Council. Councillor J. Miley stated that apart from the sending of a deputation or otherwise it would be necessary for the Council to discuss the possible effect of the provisions in the new Bill and:

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That a special meeting of the Council be held for the purpose of considering the proposals in the Health Bill, 1969, on 14th October, 1969, at 2.30 p.m.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That the Minister be informed that the Members of the Council as a whole wished to be received by the Minister.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Applications for Supplementary Grants for Erection of New Dwellinghouses.

The Council approved of the making of Supplementary Grants in the following cases:—

Christopher Nugent, New Road, Greystones (Proposed by Councillor Miss O'Neill, Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge).

James Menley, Ballinabarney, Rathnew (Proposed by Clr. B. S. C. Phelan, Seconded by Clr. F. Hynes).

John Napier, Main Street, Bray (House at Lott Lane, Kilcoole). (Proposed by Clr. S. Costello, Seconded by Clr. Miss O'Neill).

Patrick Marah, Milltown North, Rathnew (Proposed by Clr. F. Hynes, seconded by Clr. B. Phelan).

E. Darcy, Kyle, Ballinglen, Arklow (Proposed by Clr. Miss Walsh, seconded by Clr. J. Whelan).

Edward Halpin, Knockfodda, Roundwood (Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan, seconded by Clr. C. Whyte).

George Williams, Oughill, Redcross (Proposed by Clr. T. Keenan, seconded by Clr. J. Whelan).

James Murray, 2, Main Street, Baltinglass (Proposed by Clr. M. Deering, seconded by Clr. M. J. O'Neill).

John Twamley, Rosnastraw, Tinahely (Proposed by Clr. Miss Walsh, seconded by Clr. J. Whelan).

The County Secretary suggested that the Council might deal with the Items under No. 8 on the Agenda before considering Item No. 7 as some applications for Loans would be dependent on decisions in regard to sales of Vested Cottages.

Item No. 8—Applications for Consent to Sales of Vested Cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by the Legal Personal Representative of Mr. Martin Byrne of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 140/10 at Coolflake, Rathdrum, to Patrick O'Loughlin, Shanabeg, Aughrim, for the sum of £900, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £300, the statutory

conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan,

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Patrick Kavanagh of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 20/10 at Carrignamuck to Patrick Treacy, Shieldstown, Knockananna, for the sum of £235, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £78 6s. 8d., the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been made by Mrs. Mary Duffy, tenant-purchaser of Vested Cottage No. 36/11 at Ballybeg, Rathnew, for the transfer of her interest in portion of the plot to her sons, Edward and Thomas Duffy. Mrs. Duffy's sons had been operating a sawmill on the part of the plot proposed to be transferred for some time past and Mrs. Duffy wished to transfer the plot to her sons so as to ensure that they could continue to use the plot for this purpose which was their livelihood. The County Secretary stated that the use of part of the cottage plot for business purposes was contrary to the statutory conditions applying to the vested cottage but if the Council were agreeable to the continued use of the plot for this purpose it would seem necessary that the consent of the Minister be obtained to the sub-division of the plot and to the redemption of the annuity on the portion of the plot being transferred.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

Resolved—That we approve of the sub-division of the plot of Vested Cottage No. 36/11 at Ballybeg, Rathnew, of which the tenant-purchaser is Mrs. Mary Duffy, and of the transfer of her interest in the portion of the plot to her sons, Edward and Thomas Duffy, subject to the redemption of the part of the annuity applicable to the part of the plot being transferred, subject to consent of Minister.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had approved of the proposed sub-division of the vested cottage plot attached to Cottage No. 38/3 at Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride, of which Mrs. Teresa Doyle was the tenant-purchaser, and had recommended that the plot be transferred without any payment to the Council. It had been pointed out by the Department of Local Government that the statutory payment to the Council for redemption of portion of the annuity should be obtained. The County Engineer estimated the value of the plot being sold at £250 and for the redemption of the annuity on this plot a payment of £164 5s. 8d. would be required. Councillor J. Miley contended that the plot should not be valued at a greater sum than £100, which was the sum that the Council had paid for the purchase of cottage plots in the area. The Council again asked that the figure of £100 as the amount to be paid to the Council be accepted and that the matter be considered further.

The Council also considered the application of Mr. Michael Doyle, tenant/purchaser of Cottage No. 86/6, Main Street, Newtownmountkennedy, to sell portion of his plot to Mr. Dermot Fenlon, South Flat, Eastwood, Newtownmountkennedy, for the sum of £150. The amount to be paid to the Council for the redemption of the an-

nuity on the portion of the plot being transferred would be £93 15s. 0d. On the proposal of Councillor J. Gregory, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, the Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the next meeting.

Item No. 7—Applications for Loans Towards Cost of Erection of New Dwellinghouses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £675 to Patrick K. O'Loughlin, Main Street, Rathdrum, towards the cost of purchasing existing dwellinghouse at Coolflake, Rathdrum (Vested Cottage), subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,000 to Liam Tracy, Kilmagig, Avoca, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Raheen, Arklow, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

The Council deferred consideration of the application of Mr. Patrick Haughian for a Loan towards the erection of a dwellinghouse on portion of a Vested Cottage plot at Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride, of which Mrs. Teresa Doyle was the tenant/purchaser, pending a decision on the matter of the sub-division of the plot.

Having considered the application of Mr. Patrick Byrne, Vallemount, for a Loan towards the cost of erection of a new house at Vallemount, the Council noted that the applicant was single and decided to defer consideration of the application pending satisfactory evidence of Mr. Byrne's intention to get married.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. James Murphy, tenant of Cottage No. 74/9, to have the cottage vested in him. Mr. Murphy was a widower, aged 70 years, and lived alone in the cottage and it had not been the practice for the Council to approve of the vesting of cottages in single persons.

It was

Proposed by Councillor K. Ryan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we approve of the vesting of Cottage No. 74/9 at Tombrean, Carnew, in Mr. James Murphy, the present tenant.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Scheme of Letting Priorities—To Consider Draft Scheme Circulated to Members.

Copy of the revised Scheme of Letting Priorities embodying recommendations made by the Department of Local Government for revision of the original Scheme had been circulated to the Members of the Council. The Council asked that a copy of the Department's letter of August, 1968, be circulated to the Members and the matter be included again on the Agenda for the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 10—Grattan Park Housing Scheme—Letter from Department of Local Government Regarding Tenders Received.

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

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

22 Mean Fomhair, 1969.

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I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of 23rd July, 1969, regarding the erection of 20 Council houses and 9 purchase-type houses at Grattan Park, Greystones, and to state that on the grounds that the cost of the local authority dwellings would be excessive on the basis of the tender proposed for acceptance the Minister is not prepared to approve of same. The Council's further proposals in the matter will be awaited. I am to add that a detailed review of the plans for the scheme in the light of the content of the Department's Circular N.1/69 on economies might result in reductions in the cost of the scheme. It is also suggested that the lowest tenderer, Mr. John O'Toole, might be more fully investigated to see what organisation he could put to work if he were awarded the contract and also what reduction could be made in the contract period given by him in his tender.

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In reply to inquiries from Members the County Secretary stated that the County Engineer when submitting his recommendation for the acceptance of the Tender of Seamus Gavigan, Ltd., had pointed out that he was satisfied from experience of the Contracts on which the two lowest Tenderers were engaged on by the Council that they had not the organisation to complete the contract in a satisfactory manner in a reasonable time. The Council agreed with the views of the County Engineer that it would not be possible for the lowest Tenderer to effect any substantial reduction in the time for completion and the Council asked that the Department of Local Government be informed that the Council considered that the Tender recommended by the County Engineer be accepted. The Council asked that the great need for the provision of houses as a matter of urgency in the Greystones area be stressed to the Department and that it be indicated that it was the view of the Council that any saving which might be effected by accepting the lowest tender in this case would be offset by the increase in costs which might be expected to occur during the longer period for completion of the houses which would result if the lowest tenderer obtained the Contract. It was pointed out also that already since the date of receipt of the Tenders a substantial increase in costs had occurred.

Councillor Hynes drew attention to the delay in the completion of the houses at Rathnew by Mr. J. O'Toole, Contractor, and asked what action could be taken by the Council to expedite the completion of these houses. He agreed that there would be no point in asking Mr. O'Toole to review his period for completion given in his Tender for the Grattan Park houses in view of the Council's experience in regard to the houses at Rathnew. Councillor Costello proposed that time clauses should be enforced in all Housing Contracts and the Council agreed with this proposal. The County Manager pointed out the difficulties experienced by the Council in

obtaining Contracts for the erection of houses due to the scarcity of tradesmen which arose from the higher rates being paid in Dublin as would be evident from advertisements in the newspapers for craftsmen.

Contracts With Mr. W. Eager.

The Council proceeded to discuss in Committee the position in regard to Mr. Eager's Contracts with the Council. The County Secretary stated that there had been discussions between the Council's Solicitor and the Solicitor for Mr. Eager with a view to seeing if any agreement could be reached regarding the matters in dispute but there did not appear to be any possibility of reaching any agreement. Mr. Eager's Solicitor had now submitted a reply to the Notice of Particulars served by the Council indicating the basis on which his client claimed that there was a sum of £10,682 19s. 0d. due to him by the Council. In addition there had also been submitted a statement of further extras alleged to be due by the Council amounting to £7,857 10s. 0d., making a total of £18,540 9s. 0d. Notice of Forfeiture of the Contract for the erection of 10 houses and development of a further 18 sites at Kilgarron had been served by the Council and also Notices had been served on the Contractor requiring the resumption of work on the twelve purchase type houses at Kilgarron and for the completion of the 5 houses at Kilcole but the Contractor had not complied with the Notices, the period for which had now expired. It seemed that the Council would have no alternative but to enter on the sites with a view to completing these Schemes. Councillor Temple, having raised again the suggestion that some of the applicants for the purchase type houses at Kilgarron, who were qualified tradesmen, would be prepared to assist in completing houses there if a suitable arrangement could be made with the Council the Council agreed, on the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor J. Miley, that a meeting be arranged at the Town Hall, Bray, between the applicants for the purchase type houses at Kilgarron and the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area together with the County Engineer, to be held at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 15th October, 1969.

Item No. 11—Acquisition of Lands at Aughrim.

The County Secretary stated that the County Accountant had attended at the Auction of lands in the ownership of the Meath Estates which was held at Aughrim on the 30th September, 1969, but the Council had been successful only in obtaining the site containing 2.032 acres, part of which was at present used by the Council for the purpose of a dumping ground. The cost of acquisition of the site was £300 with £15 Auctioneer's fees.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the purchase of plot of land at Aughrim containing 2.032 acres from the Meath Estate for the sum of £300 for the purposes of a dumping ground in Aughrim.

Passed unanimously.

Application for Permission to Attend at Council Meeting.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. G. Copcutt, Chairman of the Redcross Improvement Association, had written to ask if three representatives of the Association might attend the meeting of the Council at which the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Hynes concerning the provision of water supply and

sewerage services for Redcross would be considered. The Council agreed that three representatives of the Association attend at the Meeting.

Pedestrian Crossing at Upper Dargle Road.

The matter of the need for a pedestrian crossing at Upper Dargle Road was raised by Councillor J. Temple and the County Secretary stated that in June, 1969, representations had been received from the Richmond Hill Tenants' Association asking that 10 mile speed limit signs be provided starting at St. Peter's Road, Bray; that a zebra crossing be provided at the front entrance off Richmond Hill with warning signs of the crossing on both sides of Upper Dargle Road, Bray, and that warning signs be erected on the Dublin Road at Industrial Yarns, Ltd., at the zebra crossing and located sufficiently far back from the crossing to ensure a slowing down of traffic. The views of the Garda Síochána had been sought in regard to these proposals and the Traffic Superintendent, Garda Síochána, had replied on the 17th September, 1969, stating that the 10 mile speed limit was a matter for the Department of Local Government but that the Gardai would not agree to such an unrealistic speed limit for this or any similar area. In regard to the zebra crossing on Upper Dargle Road it was stated that before a decision could be taken on the matter particulars of both vehicle and pedestrian counts for Upper Dargle Road at the entrance to Richmond Hill would be required. The Gardai had no objection to the erection of warning signs on Dublin Road on the approach to the pedestrian crossing. The Richmond Hill Tenants' Association had been informed of the reply received from the Traffic Superintendent and the County Engineer had been asked to supply particulars of the vehicle and pedestrian counts for the Upper Dargle Road to the Traffic Superintendent. Councillor Temple stressed the urgency of the matter and the Council agreed that the County Engineer arrange to meet the Traffic Superintendent as soon as possible with a view to seeking agreement to the provision of a pedestrian crossing at the Upper Dargle Road. The County Engineer pointed out that some adjustments would be required in the entrance to the Housing area as the crossing could not be placed directly opposite Ledwidge's Garage.

Water Supply at Windgates.

In reply to Councillor S. Costello the County Secretary stated that the following letter had been received from the Upper Windgates Residents' Association for submission to the Members of the Council:—

30th September, 1969.

To the Members of Wicklow County Council.

The residents are very concerned about the progress of the work to date in connection with the provision of a piped water supply to Upper Windgates. The work commenced on 18th March last and continued until 23rd July. Since the latter date there does not appear to have been any further work carried on. We are all very anxious as to the reason for this and earnestly request that work be resumed so that the scheme can be completed as early as possible.

Yours faithfully,

C. MASON.

The County Secretary stated that a reply had been sent to the Chairman of the Association stating that the letter would be brought to the notice of the Members at the Meeting on that date but also indicating that the work to be carried out by the Council on the water supply was almost completed but until the electricity supply was made available the Council could not arrange to put the supply into operation. It appeared that due to the strike of certain of the E.S.B. staff the Board had not been able to arrange for the provision of the electricity supply. The Deputy County Engineer had stated that as soon as the supply was available the water supply could be put into operation within a few days.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors Edward Byrne, John Temple, Mary Ledwidge, C. White and Nancy O'Neill:— "That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Messrs. Anthony Killeen and Anthony Clancy for the erection of two bungalows at Rathdown Upper, Greystones, for their own use."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:— (1) "That this Council remove the dangerous bends in Kennystown Lane, Carnew. These bends are a danger to the school car which has to travel them." (2) "That this Council have the open drains at each side of the road piped from the end of the houses in Coolboy to the bridge and from Greagan's shop, Coolroe, to the bridge. Both drains are on the Coolroe side of Coolboy." (3) "That this Council extends the footpath along the main road from the Fair Green gate to Ardeen Cheshire Home gate, Shillelagh." (4) "That this Council erect public lights on the main road from Shillelagh to the Cheshire Home and from Shillelagh to Quarry Street."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council lay a water main to supply water for the people of Kingston, Rathdrum." In the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:— "That the limit for Loans for existing houses be raised."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 13th Oct., 1969, at 2.30 p.m. The following Members attended:—

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

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

AGENDA

1. Notice of Intention to propose Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the names of Councillors Edward Byrne, John Temple, Mary Ledwidge, C. White and Nancy O'Neill as follows:—
"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Messrs. Anthony Killeen and Anthony Clancy for the erection of two bungalows at Rathdown Upper, Greystones, for their own use."
2. To receive Deputation from Glenealy Protest Committee.
3. Application for Extension of University Scholarship.
4. Higher Education Grants Scheme, 1969 — (a) Letter from Minister for Education re application for reception of Deputation; (b) Proposed Awards of Grants.
5. Application for Closing of Roads in West Wicklow on Sunday, 7th December, 1969, for purposes of Motor Car Rally.
6. Proposed Sale of Plot of Ground at Bawnogue, Baltinglass.
7. Report of County Engineer in regard to complaint of Mr. M. Whelan in relation to employment.
- 7 (a). Application of Irish Local Government Officials' Union for implementation of second stage of 11th Round increase in remuneration to Officer Grades represented by the Union.
8. Coast Protection Works, Bray — Letter from Town Clerk, Bray U.D.C.
9. North-East Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme — Report of Consultant and Final Drawings.
10. Priority List for Minor Water Supplies — Report of Co. Engineer.
11. Extension of Sewerage to Houses at Monaline and Ballinahinch.
12. Proposed Sewerage Scheme for Churchlands, Tinahely.
13. Water Supply Extension to serve Houses at Lugduff, Tinahely.
14. Extension of Water Supply to serve Cottages at Lott Lane, Kilcoole.
15. Public Lighting at Ballycoogue and Annacurra.
16. Proposed creation of permanent post of Staff Officer — Housing Section.
17. Report of Local Government Auditor on Audit of Accounts for Year ended 31st March, 1968.
18. Enniskerry Town Clock — Letter from Enniskerry Development Association.
19. Additional Public Lighting at Tinahely.
20. Provision of Water Supply and Sewerage facilities for Houses at Main Street, Newtownmountkennedy.
21. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and James Whelan:— "That improvements be made in the village of Avoca to relieve street flooding in front of shops."

22. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and James Whelan:- "That a footpath be provided along School Road in front of National School at Tinnakilly from the Aughrim Road to the Killaveney Road for safety of school children."
23. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:- "That land presently overgrown by a ditch be acquired opposite the Ashford salesyard and beside the premises of the Wicklow Co-Operative Society for the purpose of safety at what is a heavily used and highly dangerous point on the main south eastern road of Ireland."
24. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Sweeney and Thomas J. Keenan:- "That this Council take over and put into a proper condition the road from Rustygap to Kilcarra."
25. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and Roger Miley:- "That this Council build a doctor's residence in Rathdrum and remove dangerous bends at Ballygannon."
26. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council provide sewerage and water for the tenants of the four cottages at Blainroe, near Wicklow."
27. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John J. Bourke and J. Gregory:- "That the question of the Council Car Park at Kilmacullagh, Newtownmountkennedy and the boundary wall between the Park and the Council houses be treated as of immediate urgency."
28. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:- "That the Council take immediate action for the acquisition of land at Brittas Bay for use as a public car park."
29. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council and Wicklow Urban District Council extend their Refuse Collection Service to take in Ballynerrin and that this Council pay for this extended service."
30. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council re-lay the footpath from Glenealy R.C. Church to the village."
31. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Sweeney, William Cleary and Mary Walsh:- "That this Council in the interests of road safety provide a pedestrian crossing on the Wexford Road side of the roundabout at the crossroads in Arklow."
32. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan and J. Whelan:- "That this Council take over and repair the road from the crossroads at Ballycoogue to the Post Office in Ballycoogue; this road is being used every day by the people of that district."
33. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That dangerous bend be removed from James Byrne's land at Coolbawn."
34. Notices of Motion in names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan and James Whelan:- (a) "That the following improvements be carried out in Ballycoogue:- (1) That the wall in front of the old school be removed in the interests of safety at this dangerous corner; and (2) that the dangerous bend at Doyle's Lane be removed." (b) "That the river bed at Aughrim be cleaned immediately to eliminate flooding of houses." (c) "That improvements be carried out to the dangerous turn and bridge at Tinnakilly, Aughrim." (d) "That the old road at Whaley Abbey be tarred as far as old graveyard." (e) "That the very dangerous turn at Churchlands, Tinahely, be removed."
35. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan and Thomas J. Keenan and M. J. O'Neill:- "That pipes be laid in an open drain outside Rathcoyle N.S. and that the area be rolled and taken over by this Council."

36. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Miley:- "That a sewerage scheme be provided at Knockieran, Blessington, for the Council houses."
37. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council open the entrance to the Old Dunbur Road that joins the Wicklow/Brittas Road as the entrance is closed by the erection of fences."
38. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:- "That the pay slips used to pay Council Roadworkers be printed in Ireland instead of in London."
39. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Sweeney, Mary Walsh and Thomas J. Keenan:- "Where a student qualifies for a University Grant but wishes to take a Course at a College of Technology that this Council make available a Grant in this case."
40. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this Council lay a main sewer and a watermain for the people of Redcross."
41. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple:- "We hereby request the County Council to take over the road from Upper Windgates to the Cliff Hotel thereby serving the houses on the said road."
42. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan and Thomas J. Keenan:- "That the junction at the bottom of Moyne Hill be improved before a fatal accident occurs and the junction at the end of Farranbreaga Lane be also improved as it is very dangerous with summer traffic."
43. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:- "That this Council provide a water pump to serve three cottages at Ballymorris, Aughrim."
44. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1 — Notice of Intention to Propose Resolution Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the names of Councillors Edward Byrne, John Temple, Mary Ledwidge, C. White and Nancy O'Neill as follows:- "That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Messrs. Anthony Killeen and Anthony Clancy for the erection of two bungalows at Rathdown Upper, Greystones, for their own use."

The County Secretary stated that an application had been made in February, 1969, by Mr. Thomas Treacy for Outline Permission for the use of two sites at Ennis Lane, Rathdown Upper, for housing and this was refused. In July of the present year applications were received from Messrs. Anthony Killeen and Anthony Clancy for permission for the erection of houses on the same site and these were refused for the following reasons:-

1. The sites were outside the extensive development area for Greystones/Delgany. They were situated on upland slopes in a coastal rural area and would intrude on a landscape of tourist and recreational significance. The Proposal was considered to be contrary to proper planning and development of the area by being unsympathetic and seriously injurious to scenic and recreational values and because they would set a precedent for further development and lead to serious erosion of amenity in the area.
2. There was no public sewer and the road was unsatisfactory as access to new housing development by reason of gradient, alignment and surfacing. The public revenue from such devel-

opment would not suffice to provide the services which would be demanded.

The present applications were identical with those previously submitted and the County Engineer had recommended refusal on the same grounds as in the case of the previous applications.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved—That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Messrs. Anthony Killeen and Anthony Clancy for the erection of two bungalows at Rathdown Upper, Greystones, for their own use.

In proposing the Resolution Councillor Byrne stated that he did not see what difference these two houses would make to the scenic amenities of the area and pointed out that there was a farm house and a number of County Council cottages on the road. The Resolution was passed unanimously.

Item No. 2 — To Receive Deputation from Glenealy Protest Committee.

The Council received a Deputation from Glenealy Protest Committee who were represented by Col. Martin, Chairman, Mrs. Richardson, Vice-Chairman, Mrs. E. Prendergast, Secretary, Mr. J. Bourke, Organiser, and Mrs. Bourke, Mrs. O'Gorman, Mrs. Kavanagh and Mr. L. Byrne. Mrs. Prendergast, Secretary, thanked the Council for receiving the Deputation and introduced the members of the Deputation. Col. Martin referred to the position regarding Planning Permission for certain of the poultry houses which he stated were less than the specified distance from an adjoining dwelling and to the condition imposed by the Minister that the matter be reviewed after seven years. He stressed that there was an onus on the operators to avoid any cause of complaint. He stated that before the protests had been organised Glenealy was unbearable to live in due to the smell arising from the spreading of liquified hen manure and claimed that this attracted flies and rats and was a danger to health. He stated that the Committee noted that the Health Inspector visited and inspected the premises but that the County Medical Officer had reported that there was no objectionable smell on the day of the Health Inspector's visit. He stated that on that date the contents of the tanks were not manure but "sink water" containing a strong deodorant. He referred to an undertaking having been given by Ballyfree Farms that liquid manure would be spread only when wind and weather were suitable and stated that this had not been kept. The smell was so objectionable that the National School had to be closed on a number of days. Mr. Laurence Byrne also addressed the Council and gave details of the conditions which existed at Barnbawn when liquid manure was being spread. He claimed that the neutraliser being used by Ballyfree Farms was not effective or it was not being used properly. Col. Martin appealed to the Council to exercise their powers as Health Authority in what they considered to be a serious health and social hazard. He emphasised that the Committee did not at any time suggest or urge the closure of the Ballyfree industry and that their sole purpose was to enjoy fresh clean air. Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman, agreed that the statements made by the Deputation were serious ones and deserving of full consideration by the Council. She informed the Deputation that the County Manager would be asked to have available at the next meeting of the Council all necessary reports and information and that the matter would be considered by the Council at that meeting.

Item No. 3 — Applications For Extension of University Scholarships.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Resolved — That we approve of the extension for a further year of University Scholarship awarded to Edward A. Marah, 19, Merrymount, Rathnew, to enable him to pursue the Course for the Degree of Master of Economic Science and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost involved.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the suspension of the Higher Education Grant of £300 obtained by Patrick K. Keenan, 1, Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim, to enable him to repeat his First Year Engineering Examination in the academic year 1969/'70.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4 — Higher Education Grants Scheme, 1969 — (a) Letter from Minister for Education re Application for Reception of Deputation;

The following letter from the Secretary to the Minister for Education was submitted:-

Oifig An Aire Oideachais,
Baile Atha Cliath, 1.
7 Deireadh Fomhair, 1969.

An Runai,
Comhairle Chontae Chille Manntain,
Ard Chille Manntain,
Cill Mhanntain.
A Chara,

The Minister for Education, Mr. Padraig Faulkner, T.D., desires me to refer to your letter of the 9th September, 1969 containing a resolution passed by your Council requesting him to receive a deputation in connection with the Council's proposal to pay higher education grants at the higher rate to all students from County Wicklow.

Before deciding on your Council's request the Minister would be glad to know what consideration, if any, was given by the Council to the stated grounds on which the proposal to pay grants to all students at the higher rate was refused, namely, that students residing in certain districts of Co. Wicklow can and do travel daily between their houses and institutes of higher education in Dublin.

Mise, le meas,

C. A. h-UGIN,

Runai an Aire.

The Council agreed that the Minister be informed that the Council considered that all students should be paid Grants at the higher rate since even in those cases where students resided at home and travelled daily to Institutions of Higher Education in Dublin they were involved in expenses of travelling and subsistence in Dublin as they had to leave at an early hour in the mornings and return home late at night.

(b) Proposed Award of Grants.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved — That we approve of the award of Higher Education Grants under the Scheme for 1969 to qualified candidates as shown on attached list:-

Name of Pupil	Address	Attended School	Proposed Grant £
Kieran Armstrong	Roundwood.	Presentation College, Bray	300
Brendan Brennan	Churchlands, Tinahely.	Sacred Heart College, Carrignavar, Co. Cork.	300
John J. Byrne	35, Mellowes Ave., Arklow.	St. Kevin's, C.B.S., Arklow.	100
John M. Conroy	"Ballybawnlodge," Kilmacanogue.	St. Brendan's C.B.S., Bray.	175
John B. Corcoran	30, Ferrybank, Arklow.	St. Kevin's C.B.S., Arklow.	300
James T. Farrell	42, Dargan St., Bray.	St. Brendan's C.B.S., Bray.	175
Margaret A. Hickey	33, Main Street, Arklow.	Gortnor Abbey, Crossmolina, Co. Mayo.	300
Ann Jackson	Bortlemore, Hacketstown.	Brigidine Convent, Tullow, Co. Carlow.	300
Stephen J. Kane	Glenealy.	Gormanstown College.	300
John G. Kilcoyne	Mill Street, Baltinglass.	Knockbeg College.	300
Mary J. Kirwan	Arbutus Lodge, Bray.	Loreto Convent, Bray.	175
Thomas A. Lee	4, Main Street, Rathdrum.	St. Kevin's, Arklow.	300
Catherine E. Martin	115, Main Street, Bray.	Sandymount High School.	175
Mary T. McBride	8, Raheen Park, Bray.	Loreto Convent, Bray.	145
Liam D. McCarthy	Bungalow 1, Ballygahan, Avoca.	St. Kevin's, Arklow.	200
Joseph W. McGarry	St. Jude's, Herbert Road, Bray.	St. Brendan's, Bray.	175
Patrick J. McLoughlin	Roundwood.	Presentation, Bray.	200
Aidan T. Murphy	17, Oldcourt Park, Bray.	Presentation, Bray.	175
John C. Moylan	Munster House, Bray.	Presentation, Bray.	175
Maurice T. O'Sullivan	Sheepwalk, Arklow.	Colaiste Chiarain.	200
Thomas P. O'Toole	Post Office, Avoca.	Presentation, Bray.	250
Paul R. Sheane	Ballymacsimon, Glenealy.	Wesley College.	300
Elizabeth Wadden	71, St. Peter's Place, Arklow.	St. Mary's, Arklow.	300
Marguerite Dicker	18, Main Street, Bray.	Loreto Convent, Bray.	175
Irene Clooney	3, Glendale Drive, Bray.	Loreto Convent, Bray.	85
			<u>£5,580</u>

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5 — Application For Closing of Roads in West Wicklow on Sunday, 7th December, 1969, For Purposes of Motor Car Rally.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

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

Resolved—That we hereby approve of public notice being given of our intention to close to public traffic the roads described hereunder for the purposes of a Motor Car Rally between the hours of 4 a.m. and 7.30 a.m. on Sunday, 7th December, 1969.

- County Road No. 286 at Ballycore from junction with Main Road L. 180 at Rathtoole to junction with County Road 304.
County Road No. 304 at Knocknamuck from junction with County Road 286 to junction with County Road 285.
County Road No. 285 at Barronstown from junction with County Road 304 to junction with County Road 287.
County Road No. 287 at Moneymore from junction with County Road 285 to junction with County Road 284.
County Road 284 at Hartstown from junction with County Road 287 to its junction with County Road 300.
County Road No. 300 at Rathbran from junction with County Road 384 to junction with County Road 302.
County Road No. 303 at Rathbran from junction with County Road 300 to junction with County Road 312.
County Road No. 312 at Freynestown from junction with County Road 303 to junction with County Road 313.
County Road No. 313 at Moanavaun from junction with County Road 312 to junction with County Road 314.
County Road No. 314 at Randalstown from junction with County Road No. 313 to junction with County Road 302.
County Road No. 302 at Winetavern from junction with County Road No. 314 to junction with County Road 300.
County Road No. 301 at Stratford from junction with County Road 300 to Stratford Village.
- County Road No. 275 at Woodfield from junction with County Road 273 to junction with County Road No. 291.
County Road No. 274 at Talbotstown from junction with County Road 273 to junction with County Road No. 272.
County Road No. 272 at Colvinstown from junction with County Road 267.
County Road No. 267 at Keadeen from junction with County Road 272 to its junction with County Road No. 293.
County Road No. 293 at Kilranelagh from junction with County Road 267 to junction with County Road 299.
County Road No. 299 at Eadestown from junction with County Road 293 to junction with County Road 321.
County Road No. 297 at Eadestown from junction with County Road 293 to junction with County Road 296.
County Road No. 296 at Coolamadra from junction with County Road 297 to junction with County Road 295.
County Road No. 295 at Knockaderry from junction with County Road 296 to junction with County Road 294.
County Road No. 294 at Spinans from junction with County Road No. 295 to junction with County Road No. 293.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6 — Proposed Sale of Plot of Ground at Bawnogue, Baltinglass.

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

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow.
2nd October, 1969.

CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF COUNTY COUNCIL.

re: **Proposed Sale of Plot of Ground at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, for the purpose of Extension and Consolidation of existing Property.**

Dear Councillor,

In accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, Notice is hereby given that it is intended to dispose, by way of sale, of the land described hereunder and which is not required for the purposes of the powers and duties of the Council:-

Plot of land at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, adjoining Baltinglass/Rathvilly Road and containing 1 rood, 16 perches as shown on map attached hereto.

The land was acquired by the Council from Mrs. Gleeson, Bawnogue, Baltinglass, and it is proposed to sell the plot of ground to Mrs. Marie Farrell, Bawnogue, Baltinglass, for the price of £60. The proposal will be submitted for approval by the Council at Meeting to be held on 13th October, 1969.

Yours sincerely,

K. J. BRANGAN,
County Secretary.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the disposal by sale to Mrs. Marie Farrell, Bawnogue, Baltinglass, for the sum of £60 of the land described hereunder and which is not required for the purposes of the powers and duties of the Council:-

Plot of land at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, adjoining Baltinglass/Rathvilly Road and containing 1 rood, 16 perches as shown on map attached hereto.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7 — Report of County Engineer in Regard to Complaint of Mr. M. Whelan in Relation to Employment.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:-

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
13th October, 1969.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: M. Whelan, Carrigameil: **Item 7 on Agenda.**
A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 18th ultimo.

Mr. Whelan was not employed on the Ballymaconey Lane Scheme as Supervisor, as the Council were able to supervise the work with their existing staff. The method and organisation in which the Council carry out such works differs from that of the Bord of Works who employ very little road construction machinery. The labour employed by the Council in order to carry out the work economically with modern road making techniques is very little. The ganger which the Council employed on the scheme was familiar with these techniques and the economic employment of machinery in getting the work done in a

most efficient and economic manner. Mr. Whelan has not this experience on the utilisation of Council machinery and road construction plant on roadworks.

It would, therefore, in my opinion, cost extra money to carry out the Schemes if Mr. Whelan were employed, thereby incurring extra expense on the beneficiaries and also cutting down on the amount of money available to carry out the schemes from the fixed allocation provided by the Department.

About seven men were recruited from the Labour Exchange on the Ballymaconey Lane Scheme which lasted approximately three weeks. If these schemes are to be carried out efficiently and economically the selection of supervisory staff and the men, must be left to the Assistant County Engineer in charge of the scheme.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,
County Engineer.

Members of the Council having expressed the view that the Report was not satisfactory the County Engineer stated that he understood that Mr. Whelan wished to have employment as a Supervisor on a particular scheme and not as a workman. In consequence he had not been offered work as a labourer. The Council agreed that the matter be considered by the Committee of the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area with the local Engineer.

Item No. 7 (a)—Application of Irish Local Government Officials' Union For Implementation of Second Stage of 11th Round Increase in Remuneration to Officer Grades Represented by the Union.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That having considered application of Irish Local Government Officials' Union we approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister, of the application of the second stage of the 11th Round Increase to Officers of the Council in accordance with the terms of the agreement accepted by the Union and providing for the payment of an increase in existing rates of pay of Council Officers from 1st June, 1969, at 4 per cent. on the first £1,800 per year and 3 per cent. on the balance over £1,800, subject to a minimum increase of 25/- per week for wholtime Officers and of 12/6 per week for part-time Officers, the increase to apply to Nursing and Medical Staffs subject to the acceptance by their representatives of the terms of the agreement. We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of payment of the revised rates of remuneration.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8 — Coast Protection Works, Bray — Letter From Town Clerk, Bray Urban District Council.

The County Secretary submitted a letter received from the Town Clerk, Bray U.D.C., indicating that following correspondence with the Department of Local Government the Urban District Council were of opinion that the Commissioners of Public Works should be requested to proceed with a Preliminary Examination in accordance with the provisions of the Coast Protection Act, 1963, in regard to the need for coast protection at the promenade in Bray. The Council agreed that the Commissioners of Public Works be requested to carry out the Preliminary Examination as had been determined by the Council by Resolution passed at the Meeting held on 12th February, 1968.

Item No. 9 — North-East Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme — Report of Consultant and Final Drawings.

The County Secretary stated that the Consultant Engineer, Mr. J. B. Barry, B.E., had forwarded the Final Drawings for the proposed Regional Water Supply Scheme for North-East Wicklow and subject to the approval of the Council these were being submitted to the Department of Local Government for sanction to the invitation of Tenders. The Scheme was designed to supply one and a half million gallons of water per day from the river Dargle. The intake would be located on the Powerscourt Estate near Tinnahinch Bridge and the Scheme would serve the Bray, Delgany and Greystones area. The estimated cost of the Scheme was £265,000. The Scheme had already been approved in principle by the Council. In reply to inquiry from Councillor Gregory as to whether the Scheme would supply Kilpedder and Newtownmountkennedy as these were areas where Dublin Corporation were not prepared to allow any connections to their water main the County Manager stated that discussions were being held shortly with Dublin Corporation and Dublin County Council in regard to the County Council's proposal to take a water supply from North-West Wicklow at Cloghleaigh and it was intended to raise the whole matter of water supplies in the northern part of the County with the Corporation at that meeting. Mr. G. Timmins, T.D., urged that the Corporation be pressed strongly to make available supplies of water where necessary in the northern part of the County.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary;

Resolved—That we approve of the submission to Department of Local Government for approval to the invitation of Tenders the final drawings for the proposed North-East Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme as received from Mr. J. B. Barry, B.E., Consulting Engineer, and approved by the County Engineer.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10 — Priority List For Minor Water Supplies — Report of County Engineer.

The following list of Priority Schemes had been circulated to the Members of the Council:-

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HOUSING AND SANITARY SERVICES SECTION

Courthouse, Wicklow.

10th October, 1969.

To/ Each Member of the Council.

Re: Priority List For Water Supply Schemes And Sewerage Schemes. A Chara,

The County Engineer has submitted the following list of small water supply and sewerage extensions which are completed, in progress or are being investigated. It will be necessary to place these in order of priority for submission to the Department of Local Government.

WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES

(A) Schemes Completed and in Progress	Estimated Cost
Milltown/Ballinabarney.	£4,040
Rathnew/Knockrobin.	£1,510
Ennis Lane.	£1,082
Templecarrig/Windgates.	£4,017
Blessington - Knockieran.	£ 260
Burgamore,	£ 304

Newcastle - Blackditch.	£2,960
Monaline - Ballinahinch.	£ 392
Coolmoney.	£1,625
Saundersgrove, Baltinglass.	£ 240
Weaver's Square, Baltinglass.	£ 820
Shraughnaun, Baltinglass.	£2,550
TOTAL	£19,800

(B) Schemes For Which Plans Have Been Prepared And Submitted To The Department For Approval.

Rathnew/Cronekeary.	£4,276
Genealy - Bahana.	£2,699
Hollywood.	£6,500
Ballymanus Lane.	£1,521
Ashford - Killiskey.	£5,500
TOTAL:	£20,496

(C) Plans For A Scheme For The Extension of the Water Main From Tinahely To Lugduff At An Estimated Cost of £1,100 Is About To Be Submitted To The Department For Approval.

(D) Schemes For Which Plans Are Being Prepared:

Coynes Cross, Ashford.	£2,600
Killoughter - Ballinapark.	£6,284
Tinnahinch to Ballybawn.	£5,200
TOTAL:	£14,084

(E) Schemes Which Are Recommended To Be Done From Revenue. Estimated Cost

Lott's Lane.	£196
Coolboy, Raheenglass.	£445
Kilcoole - Bulford.	£140
Raheen - Baltinglass.	£320
Extension to O'Brien's Cottage, Rathnew.	£250
Baltinglas - Deerpark.	£590
TOTAL:	£1,941

(F) Schemes Which Are Being Investigated:

Ballyknockan Village.
Kilcandra (Group Scheme).
Donard region.
Crosskeys and Rocks, Dunlavin.
Colbinstown.
Annacurra Cottages.
Stratford - Manger.
Ballycapple, Redcross.
Ashtown Lane.
Fassaroe (Group Scheme).
Doody's Bottoms, Donard.
Fort Faulkner, Aughrim.
Killegar (Group Scheme).
Rathdangan Village (Group Scheme).
Coolboy - Hillbrook.
Ballinaclash - Avoca.

SEWERAGE SCHEMES

(A) Schemes For Which Plans Have Been Prepared.			
Churchlands, Tinahely.	£7,316	0	0
Monaline - Ballinahinch.	£3,633	2	0
Redcross.	£3,500	0	0
TOTAL:	£14,449	2	0

- (B) Schemes Being Investigated.
Killacoran, Aughrim.
Shraughaun, Baltinglass.

Mise, le meas,

P. HERATY, STAFF OFFICER.
For/Co. Secretary.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved — That having considered recommendation of County Engineer we approve of the following priority list of minor Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes:-

Water Supply Schemes:

Rathnew/Cronekeary	£4,276
Glenealy - Bahana	£2,699
Hollywood	£6,500
Ballymanus Lane	£1,521
Ashford - Killiskey	£5,500
Ballynerrin, Wicklow	—

Sewerage Schemes:

Churchlands, Tinahely.	£7,316	0	0
Monaline - Ballinahinch	£3,633	2	0
Redcross	£3,500	0	0

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11 — Extension of Sewerage to Houses at Monaline and Ballinahinch.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved — That we hereby approve of the Scheme for Sewerage Extension to serve houses at Monaline and Ballinahinch and hereby approve of the raising of a Loan of £3,633 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years to defray the cost of the Scheme. We note that a charge of 1/3d. per week will be made to tenants as contribution towards the cost of the provision of the Sewerage Scheme to serve the houses.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12 — Proposed Sewerage Scheme For Churchlands, Tinahely.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan;

Resolved — That we approve of a Scheme for provision of Sewerage for Churchlands, Tinahely, and hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £7,316 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years to defray the cost of the Scheme and note that a charge of 1/9d. per week will be made to Council tenants and a contribution of £70 sought from private householders towards the cost of provision of the Sewerage Scheme.
Passed unanimously.

Item N. 13 — Water Supply Extension To Serve Houses at Lugduff, Tinahely.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan;

Resolved — That we hereby approve of the provision of a Water Supply Extension to serve houses at Lugduff, Tinahely, and hereby authorise the borrowing of £1,510 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years to defray the cost of the Scheme. We note that a charge of 1/9d. per week will be made to Council tenants towards the cost of the provision of the Scheme.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14 — Extension of Water Supply To Serve Cottages at Lott Lane, Kilcoole.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan;

Resolved — That we approve of proceeding with the provision of a Water Supply Scheme for cottages at Lott Lane, Kilcoole, at an estimated cost of £196 and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the Scheme.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15 — Public Lighting at Ballycoogue and Annacurra.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan;

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of Quotation of the E.S.B. for the provision of public lamp at Ballycoogue Church for the sum of £27 and for the provision of a lamp near the bridge at Annacurra Village for the sum of £41.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16 — Proposed Creation of Permanent Post of Staff Officer — Housing Section.

The County Secretary stated that from experience since the temporary appointment of a Staff Officer in the Housing and Sanitary Services Section was approved by the Council it was considered that the volume of work in the section was unlikely to reduce and that a permanent appointment was desirable. In addition to the work at present being discharged the administration of Loans for the purchase or acquisition of new houses in respect of the Urban Districts of Arklow and Wicklow would be discharged by the Council as from 1st April, 1970, and the County Council would also be responsible for payment of Supplementary New House Grants to qualified persons in these areas and this would be additional to the present duties being discharged in the Housing and Sanitary Services Section.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved — That we hereby approve of the creation of a second post of Staff Officer for the Housing and Sanitary Services Section.
Passed unanimously.

Councillor Hynes, while agreeing that the permanent post of Staff Officer be created, stated that there was undue delay in the letting of Council houses and that an increase in Engineering Staff and in the Health Inspectorate would also be needed. The County Manager stated that he was not satisfied that additional staff would be required at present in these sections.

Item No. 17 — Report of Local Government Auditor On Audit of Accounts For Year Ended 31st March, 1969.

The Council noted the submission of the Report of the Local Government Auditor on his Audit of the Accounts of the Council for the year ended 31st March, 1969, a copy of which had been circulated to each of the Members of the Council.

Item No. 18 — Enniskerry Town Clock — Letter From Enniskerry Development Association.

The following letter from Enniskerry Development Association was submitted:-

"Ferndale,"
Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow.
16th September, 1969.

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

Re: Clock Tower in Enniskerry.

Dear Mr. Brangan,

I have been asked by the Enniskerry Development Association to suggest that Wicklow County Council should consider purchasing the Clock Tower in Enniskerry from Lord Powerscourt.

As you know the Estate was sold some years ago to Mr. Slazenger and all the houses in the village were sold to the tenants, but, as far as we know the Clock Tower is still the property of Lord Powerscourt.

It is essential that this fine stone monument in the centre of the village should be preserved. It is in good order and would require very little maintenance. We fear it might even pass into other hands and we realise it would be safe in the possession of the Council.

We should be glad if the Council would explore the possibility of acquiring it from Lord Powerscourt whose solicitors are Messrs. Moore, Kelly and Lloyd, 31 Molesworth Street, Dublin.

Yours sincerely,

THOMAS CORCORAN,
Hon. Secretary,
Enniskerry Development Association.

The County Secretary stated that the Solicitors for the Powerscourt Estate had indicated that Lord Powerscourt was not anxious to continue the liability for the maintenance of the Clock Tower and that he would be quite anxious that the plot of ground and the Clock Tower would be taken over by the Council. For some time past the flower beds and ground around the Clock Tower had been maintained to a very high standard by the Enniskerry Guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Association. The Council while agreeing that the Clock Tower should be maintained asked that it be ascertained from the Enniskerry Development Association and the Guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Association whether these organisations would be agreeable to accept responsibility for the maintaining of the flower beds and grounds around the Clock Tower if the Council accepted responsibility for maintaining the Clock Tower itself. Councillor White stated that he would raise the matter at the next meeting of the Enniskerry Development Association.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor C. White;

Resolved — That we approve of the Council's accepting responsibility for any repairs that may become necessary to the Enniskerry Town Clock, subject to the Enniskerry Development Association and/or I.C.A.

Guild agreeing to be responsible for the maintenance of the ground around the Clock Tower.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 19 — Additional Public Lighting at Tinahely.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan;

Resolved — That we hereby approve of the acceptance of Quotations from the E.S.B. of 8th August, 1969, for the provision of public lights at Weir's house, Dwyer Square, Tinahely, adjoining Murphy's Hotel, and at the pole near the speed limit sign on the approach road from Shillelagh and the transfer of the light on the pole at Darcy's house on the approach road from Shillelagh to the pole at Hatton's bungalow at a total cost of £67.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 20 — Provision of Water Supply and Sewerage Facilities For Houses at Main Street, Newtownmountkennedy.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Resolved — That we approve of proceeding with the work of installing water and sewerage facilities in the three houses at Main Street, Newtownmountkennedy, occupied by John Burke, Joseph Byrne and Michael Doyle by direct labour at an estimated cost of £420 and note that the occupants of the houses have agreed to contribute 3/6d. per week towards the cost of the provision of the facilities. We hereby authorise expenditure of £420 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of this work.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 21 — Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and James Whelan:- "That Improvements Be Made In The Village of Avoca To Relieve Street Flooding In Front Of Shops."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that there was a slight stream of water running from above the old school at Avoca down to the shops and that there was a lot of seepage into this from the hillside. To pipe it and put in the necessary gully traps would cost about £300. Councillor Keenan stated that he understood that the existing pipes under the street were adequate and that if the gully traps were increased in size the flooding complained of could be relieved. It was agreed that the County Engineer re-examine the matter with a view to seeing if increasing the size of the gully traps would prove effective.

Item No. 22 — Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and James Whelan:- "That a Footpath be provided along School Road in front of National School at Tinnakilly from the Aughrim Road to the Killaveney Road for safety of school children."

The County Engineer recommended that new footpaths be provided on School Road, Aughrim, as follows:-

(a) 100 lin. yds. of new tarmac footpath in front of a group of cottages (from O'Neill's Cottage to Nolan's Cottage). Estimated cost £250.

(b) 240 lin. yds. of new tarmac footpath from new National School to Killaveney Road. Estimated cost £600.

On the proposal of Councillor Keenan, seconded by Councillor Whelan, the Council agreed that provision for these works be made in the Roads Estimates for 1970/71.

Item No. 23 — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:-
 "That land presently overgrown by a ditch be acquired opposite the Ashford Salesyard and beside the premises of the Wicklow Co-Operative Society for the purpose of safety at what is a heavily used and highly dangerous point on the Main South Eastern Road of Ireland."

Councillor Phelan stated that the County Engineer had arranged for the widening of the road on the opposite side, that is adjoining the mart at Ashford, and that he understood there were proposals for new development at the point referred to in his Notice of Motion. He asked that the County Engineer have regard to the need for further improvements at this junction.

Item No. 24 — Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Sweeney and Thomas J. Keenan:- "That this Council take over and put into a proper condition the Road from Rustygap to Kilcarra."

The County Engineer reported that the question of the taking over of this road had been before the Council on many occasions and had been included in Road Works Schemes but had always been rejected by the Council. The road was about a mile and a half long and the work would cost about £1,800. There were two cottages on the road and three farms. The Council agreed that the matter of arranging for the improvement of the road under a Local Improvements Scheme be looked into and the County Engineer agreed to send the necessary forms and information to the persons concerned.

Item No. 25 — Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and Roger Miley:- "That this Council build a Doctor's Residence in Rathdrum and remove dangerous bends at Ballygannon."

The County Secretary stated that the proposal to provide a Doctor's residence in Rathdrum had been deferred in view of the intention indicated in the White Paper on Health Services that a choice of doctor system would be introduced. The Council asked that the Department of Health be requested to reconsider the matter in view of the proposed appointment of a Doctor for the combined post of District Medical Officer and Medical Officer of St. Colman's Hospital and that the Department be informed that there would be difficulty in obtaining a Doctor to fill this post unless a residence were available. In regard to the dangerous bends at Ballygannon the County Engineer reported that the cost of taking down the two corners at the entrance to Ballygannon Cottages and erecting a new fence was £150. This scheme had been included in the Road Works Scheme for 1968/69 but monies had not been provided and no monies were available in the current year's Estimates. The Council agreed that provision for this work be included in the Estimates for 1970/71.

Item No. 26 — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council provide Sewerage and Water for the Tenants of the Four Cottages at Blainroe, near Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that a report on this matter was not yet available and the Council accordingly deferred consideration of the proposal.

Item No. 27 — Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John J. Bourke and J. Gregory:- "That the question of the Council Car Park at Kilmacullagh, Newtownmountkennedy, and the Boundary Wall between the Park and the Council Houses be treated as of immediate urgency."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer was arranging to check in the Land Registry the exact boundaries of the lands

owned by the Council at Kilmacullagh, Newtownmountkennedy. In reply to inquiry from Councillor Gregory the County Secretary stated that the car park at Kilmacullagh was in the ownership of the Council and was leased for a term of 31 years under a condition that the car park be available for the use of the general public.

Item No. 28 — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:-
 "That the Council take immediate action for the acquisition of land at Brittas Bay for use as a Public Car Park."

In the absence of Councillor S. Costello the Notice of Motion was adjourned to the next meeting.

Item No. 29 — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:-
 "That this Council and Wicklow Urban District Council extend their Refuse Collection Service to take in Ballynerrin and that this Council pay for this extended service."

The County Secretary stated that the Town Clerk, Wicklow U.D.C., had written to say that an extension of the service would not be feasible at the moment in view of the fact that the present vehicle was not proving adequate to cater for existing demands and also having regard to the fact that the Urban District Council's new dump was almost two miles from the town. This meant that it was now necessary to have the scavenging service on one extra day a week. In the circumstances it was regretted that it was not possible to extend the Refuse Collection Service. Councillor Hynes pointed out that the refuse collection vehicle would pass the houses at Ballynerrin when going to the new dump and it was agreed that further representations be made to the Urban District Council for an extension of the service to these houses.

Item No. 30 — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:-
 "That this Council re-lay the Footpath from Glenealy R.C. Church to the Village."

The Council noted that the length of footpath referred to was at present being attended to by the County Engineer who indicated that he was breaking out areas which were badly worn and replacing them.

Item No. 31 — Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Sweeney, William Cleary and Mary Walsh:- "That this Council in the interests of Road Safety provide a Pedestrian Crossing on the Wexford road side of the roundabout at the Crossroads in Arklow."

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:-

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
 Courthouse, Wicklow.

14th August, 1969.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Notice of Motion: "That this Council in the interests of Road Safety provide a Pedestrian Crossing on the Wexford road side of the Roundabout at the Crossroads at Arklow."

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 16th ultimo.

To construct the pedestrian crossing at Vale Crossroads, Arklow, it will be necessary to acquire two strips of ground, one owned by Messrs. J. T. Keogh and Co., and the other on which there is a building belonging to Messrs. David Allen and Sons.

Mr. John Keogh has stated that he would be in a position to let me know his conditions of sale in a couple of weeks time when he had consulted his brothers and his Solicitor.

Messrs. David Allen have been written to requesting their conditions of tenure of the site so that the Council could negotiate with them. I believe that they have only a lease of the site but the name of the ground landlord cannot be ascertained. It is not Arklow Properties Ltd. the ground landlords of most of Arklow.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

Councillor Whelan stated that he understood that both sites were in the ownership of Mr. Keogh. On the proposal of Councillor Sweeney, seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh, the Council agreed that manually controlled traffic lights be provided and that the Council acquire the necessary lands for the purpose.

Item No. 32 — Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan and J. Whelan:- "That this Council take over and repair the road from the Crossroads at Ballycoogue to the Post Office in Ballycoogue; this road is being used every day by the people of that district."

The County Engineer reported that the road was 270 lin. yards long and 12 to 16 feet wide and that it would cost about £150 to reconstruct and surface dress it. There was no money in the current year's Estimates to carry out the work. On the proposal of Councillor Keenan, seconded by Councillor Sweeney, the Council approve of the road being repaired. The County Secretary pointed out that no provision had been made in the Estimates in the current year for the work but the Members urged that in view of the small amount involved that the County Engineer endeavour to arrange for it.

Item No. 33 — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That dangerous bend be removed from James Byrne's land at Coolbawn."

The Council noted the Report of the County Engineer that the dangerous bend at James Byrne's land at Coolbawn would be removed when the tarring programme was finished and that the matter was already in hands.

Item No. 34 — Notices of Motion in names of Councillors Thomas J. Keenan and James Whelan:- (a) "That the following improvements be carried out in Ballycoogue:- (1) That the wall in front of the Old School be removed in the interests of safety at this dangerous corner; and (2) that the dangerous bend at Doyle's Lane be removed." (b) "That the river bed at Aughrim be cleaned immediately to eliminate flooding of houses." (c) "That improvements be carried out to the dangerous turn and bridge at Tinnakilly, Aughrim." (d) "That the old road at Whaley Abbey be tarred as far as Old Graveyard." (e) "That the very dangerous turn at Churchlands, Tinahely, be removed."

(a) (1) The Council noted the Report of the County Engineer that the wall in front of the old school was parochial property and that the matter had been discussed with the Parish Priest who wished to have time to consider it further. (2) The Council agreed that provision be made in the Estimates for 1970/'71 for removing the dangerous bend at Doyle's Lane.

(b) The County Secretary stated that the matter of the cleaning of the river bed at Aughrim had been considered by the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area at a local meeting and the Council had approved of the expenditure of £20 by the Council on

improving access to a point on the river to enable a local Contractor to remove gravel from the river. The County Engineer stated that the Contractor concerned was prepared to remove the gravel without charge to the Council. In reply to inquiry from Councillor Keenan as to what steps could be taken to relieve the danger of flooding from the river at Aughrim generally the County Engineer stated that a Consultant who had been engaged to report on the matter of a scheme for flood prevention at Aughrim had indicated that the cost of such a scheme would be in the region of £40,000 and that this would not be an economic proposition.

(c) The County Engineer reported that this would require an elaborate scheme involving a detailed survey and preparation of an estimate. No monies had been provided in the current Estimates for the work and in view of recent Circular from the Department of Local Government in regard to allocation of finance from central funds it was unlikely that funds would be made available by way of Grant. The Council agreed that provision be made for this work in the Estimates for 1970/'71.

(d) The County Engineer reported that this was a private road 500 yards long at the end of Road 144. There were two gates across the road and it was normally used by two persons and as far as was known there had been no burial in the graveyard for over 10 years. To take over and reconstruct the road would cost about £400. The County Manager pointed out that there appeared to be no public right-of-way along the road and that consequently the Council could not carry out work on the road. The Council noted the position in the matter.

(e) The County Engineer reported that the estimated cost of widening the dangerous turn at Churchlands on the main Tinahely/Aughrim Road was £1,000. The work would entail removal of approximately 250 lin. yards of bank alongside the road, removal of trees, erection of fencing, etc. The Council agreed that provision for the work be made in the Estimates for 1970/'71.

Item No. 35 — Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan and Thomas J. Keenan and M. J. O'Neill:- "That pipes be laid in an open drain outside Rathcoyle N.S. and that the area be rolled and taken over by this Council."

The County Engineer reported that the estimated cost of piping the open drain with 9" pipes, rolling and surface dressing and all associated work was £150. The Council approved of the County Engineer's recommendation that provision be made for this work also in the Estimates for 1970/'71.

Item No. 36 — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Miley:- "That a Sewerage Scheme be provided at Knockieran, Blessington, for the Council Houses."

In the absence of Councillor J. Miley, the Council deferred consideration of the proposal.

Item No. 37 — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council open the entrance to the Old Dunbur Road that joins the Wicklow/Brittas Road as the entrance is closed by the erection of fences."

The Council noted that the matter of the erection of a fence across the entrance to the Old Dunbur Road from the Brittas Bay Road had been taken up with the owner of the lands who had been instructed to remove the fence.

Item No. 38 — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:-
 "That the pay slips used to pay Council Roadworkers be printed in Ireland instead of in London."

In the absence of Councillor S. Costello this matter was deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

Item No. 39 — Notice of Motion in names of Councillors John Sweeney, Mary Walsh and Thomas J. Keenan:- "Where a student qualifies for a University Grant but wishes to take a Course at a College of Technology that this Council make available a Grant in this case."

The Council noted that this matter had been dealt with at a previous meeting.

Item No. 40 — Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this Council lay a Main Sewer and a Water main for the people of Redcross."

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:-

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
 Courthouse, Wicklow
 15th September, 1969.

Secretary,

Sanitary Services Section.

Re: Nuisance At Johnston's Field, Redcross.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 29th ultimo.
 (S.D./A.D.)

To construct a septic tank as a temporary measure and extend existing old sewer and carry out repairs to it would cost £450. This arrangement, however, would only deal with the existing effluent and further connections to the old sewer would have to be severely restricted. An alternative arrangement would be to extend the existing 9" pipe along the road for a distance of 300 yards from the field where it is proposed to construct a sewerage disposal plant and to construct a septic tank with the effluent percolating to the river. The estimate cost of this work would be £900. The advantage of this latter proposal is that the pipeline could be used in connection with the complete Sewerage Scheme for the Village.

To carry out a full scheme with treatment works to serve the entire Village of Redcross would cost in the region of £3,500. A water supply, however, for the village would be first essential before a full sewerage treatment works could be installed.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,
 County Engineer.

As agreed at the previous meeting of the Council the Council received a Deputation from Redcross and Professor G. Coppitt addressed the Members. He explained the steps that were being taken by the local Improvements Association to improve the village of Redcross and emphasised that a piped water supply and sewerage system were essentials for the future development of the village. He stated that the County Engineer's second alternative, that is the scheme estim-

ated to cost £900, would be quite acceptable to the local residents as this would provide a sewerage scheme for 18 out of the 24 houses in Redcross. The County Engineer pointed out that before a sewerage scheme could be provided a water supply would have to be made available. The Council approved of the scheme for the extension of the existing 9" pipe and the construction of a septic tank with effluent percolating to the river at an estimated cost of £900. The Council also agreed that plans be prepared for a water supply to serve the village of Redcross.

Item No. 41 — Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple:- "We hereby request the County Council to take over the road from Upper Windgates to the Cliff Hotel thereby serving the houses on said road."

At the request of Councillor E. Byrne it was agreed that this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

Item No. 42 — Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan and Thomas J. Keenan:- "That the junction at the bottom of Moyne Hill be improved before a fatal accident occurs and the junction at the end of Farranbreaga Lane be also improved as it is very dangerous with Summer traffic."

As the County Engineer had not had sufficient time to prepare a report on this matter it was deferred to the next meeting.

Item No. 43 — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:- "That this Council provide a Water Pump to serve three cottages at Ballymorris, Aughrim."

The County Engineer suggested that a Group Water Supply Scheme would be the proper way of dealing with this matter as the Grant from the Department and from the Council in each case would easily cover the total cost of the work and each of the houses would have its own running water supply. Councillor Miss Walsh stated that the occupants of these cottages would not be in a position to make any contribution towards the cost of providing a private water supply and on the proposal of Councillor Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor Keenan, the Council agreed that a pump be provided to serve these cottages.

Dangerous Bend at Glenart on Woodenbridge/Arklow Road.

Councillor J. Sweeney referred to the serious accident which had occurred to the school bus at a dangerous bend at Glenart on the Woodenbridge/Arklow Road and the Council agreed that the County Engineer prepare a report and recommendation for carrying out improvements at this bend.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, John J. Bourke and F. Hynes:- "That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Judith O'Reilly, Mount Carmel, Wicklow, for the building of eight houses on her land at Ballynerrin Lower, Wicklow."

In the names of Councillors J. Gregory and F. Hynes:- "That this Council waive their portion of the redemption money claimed from Mr. Doyle, Newtownmountkennedy, out of the sale of his plot of ground."

In the name of Councillor Roger Miley:- "That the Council will repair the footpath at Glenealy up to the cottages at Deputy's Pass Road as the road is dangerous for children going to school."

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Friday, 14th October 1929, to consider the proposals of the Dublin Bill, and in particular the proposed meeting with the Minister for Health in relation to the National Health Authorities proposed in the Bill.

Councillors: William, George, J. Keenan, Basil, John, and
Sweeney, James, William, John, and James, John, M. J. O'Neill,
G. Timmins, T.D., Mrs. J. O'Neill, Miss Mary O'Neill, John
Temple, John J. O'Neill, John, Roger, Miles, Basil, J. C. O'Neill,
and G. White.

An apology for the above subject was received from Donald R. Byrnes.

The County Clerk and County Secretary attended.

The following letter from the Department of Health was received from the Council:

Department of Health
Ontario, Canada

10. **Direct Practice:** _____

In the name of Councillors J. Gregory and F. Hynes: "That the Council waive their portion of the redemption money claimed from Mr. Doyle, Newtownmountkennedy, out of the sale of his plot of ground."

In the name of Councillor Roger Miley: "That the Council will repair the footpath at Glenties up to the cottages at Deputy's Pass Road as the road is dangerous for children going to school."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 14th October, 1969, to consider the provisions of the Health Bill, 1969, and in particular the proposed meeting with the Minister for Health in relation to the Regional Health Authorities proposed in the Bill.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman.

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

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor E. Byrne.

The County Manager and County Secretary attended.

A copy of the Memorandum received from the Department of Local Government in relation to the proposed changes in Health administration had been circulated to the Members.

The following letter from the Department of Health was submitted to the Council:-

Department of Health,
Custom House,
Dublin 1.
10 Deire Fomhair, 1969.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Health to refer to your letter of 7th instant regarding the Tanaiste's forthcoming meetings with local authorities in connection with the establishment of health boards. If the request in your letter were acceded to, it would be necessary to invite to the meeting all the members of each county and borough council in the area proposed for the health board. If this were done the attendance at the meeting would total about eighty. A meeting of this size would not be conducive to a clear exposition of the views of each area.

It will be appreciated too that the Minister would be unable to meet any one council separately from a joint meeting with the others.

The Tanaiste regrets that in the circumstances he cannot accede to your Council's request to meet all the members of the Council. He, accordingly, hopes that your council will accept his invitation to send a deputation consisting of the Chairman and six other members to the meeting to be held in the Custom House at 11 a.m. on 20th October, 1969.

Mise, le meas,

B. HENSEY.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

Councillor Temple having suggested that having regard to the terms of the Department's letter he felt that the Council should agree to send the Deputation consisting of the Chairman and Six Members as proposed by the Department of Health, on the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, the Council proceeded to consider the selection of the Members to accompany the Chairman on the Deputation. The following Councillors were proposed and seconded:

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge—Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan, seconded by Councillor M. O'Neill;

Councillor J. Temple—Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor C. White;

Councillor J. Miley—Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary, seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Councillor B. S. C. Phelan—Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Councillor J. Sweeney—Proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan, seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Councillor F. Hynes—Proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Councillor R. Miley—Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan.

The Council noted that two Members from the Bray Electoral Area had been nominated, one from the Baltinglass Electoral Area, 1 from the Arklow Electoral Area, and 3 from the Wicklow Electoral Area. The Council agreed that only two of the three Members proposed for the Wicklow area should be included on the Deputation and agreed that the names of Councillors Hynes, Phelan and R. Miley be placed in a hat and that the names of two members be drawn to make up the six members on the Deputation. The draw resulted in Councillors Phelan and R. Miley being selected to act on the Deputation, Councillor Hynes having been eliminated.

It was Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;
Resolved—That having considered letter of 17th September, 1969, from Department of Health, ref.: P.36/10, we hereby appoint the following Members of Wicklow County Council, together with the Chairman of the Council, to form the delegation to meet the Minister for Health at the Custom House, Dublin, on Monday, 20th October, 1969, for a tentative consultation in regard to the provisions in the Health Bill, 1969, for the establishment of new Boards to deal with the administration of the Health Services:-

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge

Councillor J. Temple

Councillor J. Miley

Councillor J. Sweeney

Councillor R. Miley

Councillor B. S. C. Phelan

Passed unanimously.

The Council then proceeded to discuss the matters which should be considered at the meeting with the Minister.

Following the discussion in the course of which the County Manager at the request of the Members submitted comments in relation to the provisions in the Health Bill, 1969, and the Memorandum received from the Department of Health the Council asked that the County Manager prepare and circulate to the Members prior to the meeting with the Minister a summary of the views of the Members of the Council as expressed in the course of the meeting. The following summary was subsequently circulated to the Members of the Council:-

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Re-Organisation of Health Services and Establishment of Regional Health Boards — Views of Wicklow County Council

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held on 14th October, 1969, and there was a lengthy discussion on the contents of the Health Bill 1969, the proposals for the re-organisation of the Health Services, and the Memorandum on the Health Bill which had been received from the Department of Health and circulated to the Members.

Cost of Health Services.

It was noted that for the country as a whole the total cost of the Health Services at present comes to over £48 million which would represent a charge of over £16 per head of population. For the average household of about four persons this would also represent an annual yearly cost of about £65 which has to be met from taxation and from Rates.

It was also noted that hospital treatment is responsible for about 75 per cent. of the total cost of the Health Services and consequently it is quite evident that the trend of hospital costs will have a very special impact on the cost of the services as a whole.

In common with other local authorities the Members of Wicklow County Council felt that a greater part than at present of the cost of the Health Services should be defrayed from central funds. In this connection Members expressed the view that the interpretation of the phrase "further extensions of the Health Service" as used in the White Paper on Health Services had given rise to much questioning. The Members of local authorities had interpreted this reference as meaning that additional costs of the Health Services would be defrayed from central funds and would not fall on local Rates. Members inquired as to the Services which had been regarded as extensions to existing services and the cost of which was being met specially from central funds. They were informed that examples of these would be: provision of Insulin for diabetic patients; a small State Grant (in case of Co. Wicklow £1,500 for 1969-'70) for new services for Old Persons; Virology Service; contribution to Irish Heart Foundation. The Members noted that the outlay involved in connection with these services was very small and only trifling in relation to the cost of the Health Services for Co. Wicklow as a whole.

In the current year (1969/'70) the cost of the Health Services in Co. Wicklow is estimated to come to £1,074,000 and of this cost £558,000 would be met from the State Grant. It was also noted by the Members that the gross of the Health Services in County Wicklow was roughly the same as for the country as a whole, viz. £16 per head of population in the year.

Establishment of Regional Health Boards.

The Council noted the arrangements proposed to be made for Regional Health Boards and that Wicklow County would be included with Dublin City and County Kildare in an Eastern Health Board. This Board would serve a population of 921,000 and the estimated budget was £15,000,000 per year. As to the constitution of the Board the Members noted that the total membership would be 32 of which 3 would be Members of Wicklow County Council. The other representatives of local authorities being 6 from Dublin Corporation, 3 from Dublin County Council, 3 from Kildare County Council and one from Dun Laoghaire Corporation. This would mean that of the total membership of 32 one half or 16 would represent the local authorities in the area. Of the remaining 16 members 3 would be appointed by the Min-

ister and the balance of 13 would represent professional organisations, viz. 9 doctors, 1 general nurse, 1 psychiatric nurse, 1 dentist and 1 pharmacist. Doubt was expressed as to this division of membership and the advisability of having so many staff representatives was raised. Generally it was felt that the proportion of Members from the local authorities should be greater than one half especially as the representatives of local authorities would have a special interest and a responsibility in relation to the meeting of the costs involved.

Regarding the future costs of the Health Services many Members felt that it was not clear how the new proposals might be expected in the long run to achieve economies in costs together with efficiency, especially as many of the Members of the new Boards would not have any responsibility other than in an indirect way for accounting to the public and to public bodies and ratepayers (who still have to meet part of the costs) for the level of costs which might result from their activities on the Boards.

Hospital Services.

The costs of the existing hospital service were discussed and it was felt that nowadays the rising trends of hospital costs were due to a number of causes:

1. Increases in the remuneration of all staffs (medical, nursing and domestic);
2. Alterations in working conditions (such as shorter working hours and new leave arrangements);
3. Improvement of living conditions for indoor staff;
4. The provision of new and costly specialist services;
5. Employment of additional staffs for specific purposes such as Research Workers, Technologists, Radiographers, Almoners, etc.

It was mentioned that hospital authorities, such as those in charge of the voluntary hospitals, need not concern themselves unduly nowadays with the upward trend of costs seeing that outlay will automatically be met with charges made to local authorities and the subventions from Hospital Trust funds.

The Memorandum on the Health Bill received from the Department mentioned that the health authority at present has no say in the organisation or operation of those services which it does not itself provide but that with the establishment of the Health Boards many Counties would be directly associated with those hospital centres to which they have traditionally sent patients and would have a voice in the creation of policy in regard to the hospital service in those centres.

Members expressed the view, however, that it was not clear how this would be given effect to under the new arrangements. In particular it was not clear that the new Health Boards could exercise any measure of direction and control over the voluntary hospitals, their organisation and the level of costs in them. It was pointed out that in the "Outline of Future Hospital System" (known as the "Fitzgerald Report") it was recommended that in Dublin there should be two major hospital groups, one in the north side of the city and the other in the south side. Information was not available, however, as to whether this recommendation was being accepted and would be given effect to through the operations of the new Regional Hospital Board.

Some Members inquired if in the admission of patients to hospitals in the Dublin region first preference would be given to persons from that area and it was replied that this was not clear from the

information available. It was, however, evident that some of the hospitals in Dublin, such as St. Laurence's, Meath Hospital, and St. Vincent's, already provided specialist services for the country as a whole.

It was noted that a Regional Hospital Board based on Dublin would apparently provide special services not only for the Eastern Region but also for the Midland, North Eastern and South Eastern Regions. In Paragraph 13 of the Memorandum from the Department of Health it was stated that the three Hospital Boards to be established in Dublin, Cork and Galway would not be concerned with the day to day running of hospitals but with general organisation and development and it was felt that further information as to this division of responsibilities would be helpful.

Generally at this stage the Members of the Council felt that further information on the Health Services would be desirable rather than leaving the details to be worked out later in special regulations.

Administrative Arrangements.

It was felt by the Members of the Council that there should be further clarification of the proposals for the administrative arrangements such as for example where would the headquarters for the Eastern Region be located and what staff will remain at local centres. The provision of Information Offices would not be adequate in itself if the location of the greater part of administrative activities were to be removed from the existing County centres. The Members of the Council would like information at this stage as to the categories of existing staff which might be transferred to a new headquarters or other centres. Doubt also was expressed as to the trend of costs if a large new administrative centre had to be established for the Eastern Health Board, especially if it were to be located in Dublin City. It is quite evident that the cost of new office accommodation would be very high if provided in the capital. Some members urged that the vacant accommodation in the Nurses Home in Newcastle Phychiatric Hospital might be used for staff purposes. The future of local hospitals was not referred to in the Memorandum and Members would like to have an indication as to the manner in which they were to be used under the new arrangements. It was felt that they still could provide useful institutional services for the local community and should not be closed.

Eligibility For Services.

It was noted that the determination of eligibility for services would be more clearly defined but information as to whether definite income limits would be used was not available.

It was thought that further information on the arrangements for an Appeals System would be desirable. For example, would the Appeals Officer have independent status? It was noted that he was to be appointed by the Minister.

General Practitioner Services.

Members would like to know if a "choice of doctor system" would be introduced and if so when. Members were also of the opinion that some rural areas might not have adequate or convenient medical practitioner services under a "choice of doctor system" and that for middle class persons the new arrangements of this type might prove very costly. In other areas Members felt that if, as happens at present, a District Medical Officer is available at a particular centre the costs of medical services for private patients would be less than if doctors had to be resorted to who may live in towns rather far removed from the remoter rural areas. (In this connection it is proposed to inquire as to the arrangements for District Medical Officers for Blessington,

Rathdrum, Kiltegan and Tinahely districts. At present Annamoe Dispensary District also has a vacancy for a Medical Officer).

Defraying of Cost of the Health Services.

It was not clear from the information so far available as to the manner in which the cost to be met by the contributory bodies in the Eastern Region (viz. Dublin Corporation, Dublin County Council, Dun Laoghaire Corporation, Kildare County Council and Wicklow County Council) would be apportioned. (Costs will be apportioned on a valuation or population basis).

Grants and Local Contributions to Health Boards.

It was noted that Section 31 (3) of the Bill provided for such contributions from local authorities to Health Boards "as may be specified by regulations made by the Minister for Local Government" and in sub-section (5) of the same section it would be enacted that the total of contributions specified by such regulations would be such sum as would be sufficient to meet that part of the expenditure of the Board which would not be met by Grants and other receipts.

The Memorandum received from the Department of Health refers on Page 3 to the 1966 White Paper on the Health Services and to the acceptance by the Government "that the cost of specific further extensions of the services would not be met in any proportion by the local rates." Members felt that the reference to the "cost of specific further extensions of the services" was not sufficiently clear and they noted that in the White Paper the reference was to "the cost of the further extensions of the services," i.e. the word "specific" was not used in the White Paper. Members stated that they would like further information as to the functions of the local committee which it was proposed to establish under Section 7 of the Bill for each County. Whilst it was noted that these generally would be advisory committees it was found that a Health Board could delegate functions to them. Members would like further information as to what functions might be delegated to such local committees. It also was not clear who would appoint the two other persons referred to in paragraph 11 of the Memorandum (P.7). The Members of the Council noted that under Section 24 and 25 of the Bill reciprocal arrangements could be made between Health Boards and local authorities for the provision of services and for the use of staff for this purpose. It was felt, however, that further information under this heading would be required. For example the Chief Medical Officer and his staff, including Health Inspectors, provide special services for County Councils and Urban Authorities acting as Sanitary Authorities, such as in relation to housing, sanitation, etc. Would the County Council have any power of direction and control over these officers in relation to the provision of such services, such as special housing reports and recommendations, etc. Again Assistance Officers at present are wholly paid for by the County Councils to provide special services required in connection with the administration of the Health Acts, such as reporting eligibility for services, etc. Would the Assistance Officers continue to provide these special services, and would they remain under the direct control of the County Council? Will the assistance services still remain the special responsibility of the County Councils and will the cost of this service still continue to have to be met completely from rates.

Care of Mentally Handicapped.

Some Members noted that the Memorandum on the Health Services did not make any reference to the provision of special care and treatment for the mentally handicapped. It was pointed out that one

of the difficulties here was the lack of suitable institutions and of trained personnel. It was the view of the Council that the full cost of the care and treatment of mentally handicapped should be defrayed as a charge on the Health Services and that parents or guardians should not be required to meet any part of the cost.

Charge For Health Services.

It was generally agreed by the Members of the Council that the making of charges (up to 10/- per day) for hospital treatment in the middle income group should be discontinued. It was stated that the income from this source to Wicklow County Council was comparatively small and that for the country as a whole it only reached about £400,000 or £500,000. Having regard to the difficulties of investigation and cost of collection and the reaction on the part of the patient it was felt that this charge should be abandoned especially as it represented such a very small part of the total outlay on health.

NOTE: Proportion of Cost of Health Services Met from State Grants.

The Memorandum received from the Department of Health mentioned that nowadays about three fourths of the cost of the Health Services, when account is taken of the effect of the Agricultural Grant, is met from State funds. (Page 3 of the Memorandum). At the Meeting on 14th instant information as to the effect of the Agricultural Grant was sought and these are the figures in respect of the present year:

Total cost of Health Services in Co. Wicklow in 1969/'70:	£1,074,000 (approx.)
Health Grant:	£558,000 (approx.)
Proportion of Agricultural Grant which could be attributed to cost of Health Services:	£142,000
Total State Grants applicable towards cost of Health Services:	£700,000
It will be seen from these details that roughly 70 per cent. of the cost of the Health Services in Co. Wicklow is at present being met from State Grants when the Agricultural Grant is brought into account. The calculation in respect of the effect of the Agricultural Grant may be of interest and is as follows:	
Total Agricultural Grant receivable for 1969/'70:	£385,000
Proportion of County Rate (77/- approx.) which is attributed to the Health Service is:	37 per cent.
37 per cent. of Agricultural Grant (i.e. 37 per cent. of £385,000):	£142,000
16th October, 1969.	

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor J. Miley:- "That I or some Member for me move at the next Housing Meeting that Mrs. Doyle, Oldcourt, redeem her annuity on her cottage."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That I or someone for me will propose that this Council will build a house for William Condell, Ballymaghroe, Ballinglen."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing Matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 3rd November, 1969, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:-

(a) In the names of Councillors Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, John J. Bourke and F. Hynes:-

"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Judith O'Reilly, Mount Carmel, for the building of eight houses on her land at Ballynerrin Lower, Wicklow."

(b) In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley and J. Gregory:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to James Doyle for Hotel Development at Ballinapark, Jack White's Crossroads."

2. Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 — Advice of Council's Solicitor (Copy circulated to Members of Council).

3. Letter from Wicklow County Executive of National Farmers' Association in regard to applications by farmers for permission to build dwellinghouses for themselves on their own land.

4. Applications for Supplementary Grants for erection of new Dwellinghouses.

5. Applications for Loans towards cost of erection of new Dwellinghouses.

6. Application for Loan for Repair and Improvement of dwellinghouse.

7. Applications for consent to Sales of Vested Cottages.

8. Applications for consent to sub-division of Vested Cottage plots at Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride, and Newtownmountkennedy.

9. Scheme of Letting Priorities — To consider Draft Scheme circulated to Members.

10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council in future repair all Council cottages whether the tenants have applied to vest or not."
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins:- "That the limit for Loans for existing houses be raised."
12. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Gregory and F. Hynes:- "That this Council waive their portion of the redemption money claimed from Mr. Doyle, Newtownmountkennedy, out of the sale of his plot of ground."
13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:- "That Mrs. Doyle, Oldcourt, redeem her annuity on her cottage."
14. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That this Council will build a house for William Condell, Ballymaghroe, Ballinglen."
15. Cottages repaired during month of October, 1969, and Cottages to be repaired during month of November, 1969.

Item No. 1 — Notices of Intention to Propose Resolutions Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:- (a) In the names of Councillors Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, John J. Bourke and F. Hynes:- "That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Judith O'Reilly, Mount Carmel, Wicklow, for the building of eight houses on her land at Ballynerrin Lower, Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that Councillor Roger Miley, who was unable to attend the Meeting to-day, had asked that this matter be deferred to the Meeting to be held on Monday, 10th November. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the next Meeting on the 10th November.

(b) In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley and J. Gregory:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to James Doyle for Hotel Development at Ballinapark, Jack White's Crossroads."

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been considered by the Council at a previous meeting and had been deferred for the purpose of discussions between the Consulting Engineer for the applicant and the County Engineer and County Medical Officer in relation to the water supply and sewerage services proposed for the development. The following Reports of the County Engineer and County Medical Officer were submitted:-

COUNTY SECRETARY.

3rd November, 1969.

Re: Planning Ref. 2698/69 — James Doyle — Hotel Development at Ballinapark — Application For Outline Permission.

A. Chara,

With reference to yours of the 30th ultimo.

I have discussed the proposal for the provision of services for this development with Mr. R. P. McCabe of Messrs. McCabe and Delaney,

Consultants, and the County Medical Officer. The applicants now propose to put in a proper sewerage treatment works on the site with the effluent piped to the sea outfall. The gauges on the flow of the stream adjacent to the site has proved to be too low to allow the effluent to be discharged into the stream.

I see no objection to the proposed development, from the services point of view, provided the Treatment Works are carried out and constructed in a proper manner to the Council's satisfaction and that adequate water supply is provided on the site with a storage facility of 15,000 gallons.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

Public Health Department,
Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow.

3rd November, 1969.

A. Hughes, Esq.,
Staff Officer,
Planning Section.

Re: Planning Application (Outline) 2698/69

James Doyle, Ballinapark Hotel Development.

A. Chara,

With reference to previous reports re above application, I met the County Engineer and Mr. McCabe, Consultant Engineer for the applicant on the 31st October re the problem of disposal of sewage from the proposed development. The applicant proposes to use an Oxidation Ditch to treat the sewage and the resulting effluent (4.0 ppm BOD) to be piped to the sea. It was admitted that the stream had run dry and that the water in it would be insufficient to dilute the effluent from the Oxidation Ditch. There is no objection from a Public Health point of view if the effluent is piped to the sea and discharged below the low water mark. Two electric motors should be provided for the paddles in the ditch in case of failure of one.

I note that the applicant proposes to supply 400 gallons of water per hour from a deep bore well and this should be adequate in my opinion.

Mise, le meas,

C. F. WARDE,

County Medical Officer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to James Doyle for Hotel development at Ballinapark, Jack White's Crossroads, subject to the conditions recommended by the County Engineer and County Medical Officer.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2 — Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 — Advice of Council's Solicitor.

The following letter of 27th September, 1969, from the Council's Solicitor had been circulated to the Members of the Council:-

4, Church Street,
Wicklow.
27th September, 1969.

**Re: Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 —
Advice required by Members of Council:**

Dear Sir,

We duly received your communication herein and in our opinion Councillor Temple has not construed the Act correctly when he stated that Bord Failte were not entitled to appeal to the Minister as they had not originally objected to the application following the giving of Public notice.

The following are the replies to the three queries which Councillor Temple required the Law Agent's advice on:-

- (1) It is legal for the Planning Authority to consider objections after the passing of Section 4 where the Notice of Intention had been published in a press.
- (2) Section 25 Subsection 2F of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 provides that the Minister has power to make provisions for requiring Planning Authorities to furnish to the Minister and other specified persons any specified information with respect to an application and in pursuance to this Section the Local Government (Planning and Development) Permission Regulations 1964 were passed and one of the bodies referred to is Bord Failte.
- (3) The County Manager is obliged to grant permission when the Council pass a Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. McCarroll and Co.

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

The Council noted the advice given by the Council's Solicitor.

Item No. 3 — Letter from Wicklow County Executive of National Farmers' Association in regard to applications by farmers for permission to build dwellinghouses for themselves on their own land.

The following letter addressed by the Hon. Secretary of the Wicklow County Executive of the National Farmers' Association to the Chairman of the Council was submitted:-

**NATIONAL FARMERS' ASSOCIATION
WICKLOW COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

Hon. Secretary,
James J. Nolan, Esq.,
Tinakilly Upper,
Aughrim.
18th October, '69.

The Chairman,
Wicklow County Council.

Dear Madam,

This Executive is anxious to press home to your Council members the serious plight of some farmers, notably in the Enniskerry area.

There are instances of farmers who wish to build dwellinghouses for themselves, on their own land and who are being refused planning permission. This is to deny a basic human need and right on the highly questionable grounds of scenic amenity, as though sparsely scattered human habitations were offensive to the eyes of chance tourists.

We submit that a great deal of hardship is normally associated with the agricultural way of life and if there should be any marked priority in this country, then agriculture might reasonably be expected to claim it.

Therefore, we are requesting you and your members to do all in your power to contain some of the stringent and absurd demands of the planners and to look with sympathy on the type of application which is herein indicated.

With grateful thanks, I am

Yours faithfully,

James J. Nolan,
Hon. Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that he was not aware of any case where a farmer sought permission for the provision of a dwellinghouse for his own occupation on his own lands which had been refused. Members of the Council expressed disagreement and referred to certain instances in the northern part of the County. The Council agreed that details of the cases referred to in the letter from the National Farmers' Association be obtained. Councillor Phelan referred to the survey carried out by Professor Aalen on behalf of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd. entitled "Tourism in Ireland East—Guidelines for Development" which was of considerable importance to the County. He stated that the Survey indicated that County Wicklow was a tourist area which catered mainly for Dublin City and County and expressed doubt as to the extent of the income from tourism in Co. Wicklow.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved—That a meeting be arranged between the Members and Officers of the Council with representatives of Bord Failte to discuss Planning policy.

Passed unanimously.

Letter From Glenealy Protest Committee.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Costello the County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Glenealy Protest Committee asking to be notified of the date on which the discussion on the Ballyfree Farms case would take place as they were anxious to attend same in the form of a Deputation. Following a discussion on the matter in the course of which reference was made to the recent reception by the Council of a Deputation from the Committee and the Chairman drew attention to the decision of the Council that members of a Deputation could not take part in any discussion by the Council of matters raised by the Deputation.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan;

Resolved—That a Deputation from Glenealy Protest Committee be received at the Meeting to be held on 10th November, 1969.

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

In Favour: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, C. White, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, J. Whelan and K. Ryan — Seventeen.

Against: Councillors W. Cleary and J. Sweeney — Two.

Councillor J. Miley did not vote.

The Resolution was declared passed by seventeen votes in favour to two against.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor S. Costello, the Council agreed that the Report of the County Medical Officer in relation to this matter be circulated to the Members of the Council and to the Secretary of the Glenealy Protest Committee prior to the Meeting on the 10th November.

Item No. 4 — Applications for Supplementary Grants for Erection of New Dwellinghouses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan;

Resolved — That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £400 to Christopher Dempsey, Ballyshonogue, Tinahely, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Ballyshonogue.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £150 to Digby Johnson, Barndarrig, Kilbride, in respect of the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Ballyshonogue.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5 — Applications for Loans Towards Cost of Erection of New Dwellinghouses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

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

Resolved — That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,000 to Patrick Byrne, Vallemount, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Monamuck, Vallemount, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor C. White;

Resolved — That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,000 to James A. Gaskin, Ballinastoe, Kilpedder, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Ballinastoe, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor C. White;

Resolved — That we approve of the making of a Loan of £1,800 to Patrick Cunningham, Ballinastoe, Kilpedder, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Ballinastoe, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary;

Resolved — That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,500 to Michael J. Tyrrell, Marlborough House, St. Mary's Terrace, Arklow, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Killiniskeyduff, Arklow, subject to compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

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

Resolved — That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,400 to Samuel B. Murphy, Woodend, Blessington, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Golden Hill, Manor Kilbride, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Resolved — That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,500 to Anthony McLoughlin, 6, Quinsboro Road, Bray, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Templecarrig, Greystones, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Resolved — That we approve of the making of a Loan of £1,500 to Patrick J. Costello, Newcastle Hospital, towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Lott Lane, Kilcoole, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

The Council deferred consideration of the application of Mr. Patrick Haughian for a loan towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Old Court, Manor Kilbride, pending decision on the matter of the subdivision of the cottage plot involved.

Item No. 6 — Application for Loan for Repair and Improvement of Dwellinghouse.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor C. White;

Resolved — That we approve of the making of a loan of £670 to Daniel Hatton, 9, Mill Bank, Killincarrig, Delgany, towards the cost of reconstruction of a dwellinghouse at 9, Mill Bank, Killincarrig, subject to compliance with the requirements of the Council's Scheme. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7 — Applications for Consent to Sales of Vested Cottages.

The Council considered the application of Mrs. Mary J. Connell of Brittas, Donard, for consent to the sale of her Vested Cottage No. 9/2 to Mr. Charles E. Ebrill, St. Clare, Foster Avenue, Blackrock, for the sum of £600. The Council noted that the proposed purchaser was an Accountant living in Dublin and that the Rent Collector had reported that the cottage was in an isolated area and that it would be difficult to get a tenant to stay in it. The Council decided to defer consideration of the application and asked that the matter of the demand for cottages in the area be further investigated. A letter was also handed in by Councillor J. Miley from a person who was seeking a cottage in the area.

In regard to the matter of the sale of Cottage No. 19/10 at Carrignamuck, Knockananna, of which Mr. Jas. Heffernan was the tenant/purchaser, the County Secretary stated that no new application for consent to the sale of the cottage had been received. Councillor Phelan stated that a new application was being submitted.

Item No. 8 — Applications for consent to Sub-Division of Vested Cottage Plots at Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride, and Newtownmountkennedy.

In regard to the proposed sub-division of Vested Cottage plot of Mrs. Teresa Doyle, No. 38/3, at Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride, the Council also considered Item 13 on the Agenda, being a Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley: That Mrs. Doyle be allowed to redeem the annuity on her cottage. The County Secretary stated that the market value of the plot had been estimated by the County Engineer at £250 and accordingly the contribution which would be required to be paid to the Council was £164 5s. 8d. Councillor Miley had submitted that the value of the plot should not be taken at any figure greater than £100, this being the price paid to tenants in Blessington for portions of their cottage plots. The County Secretary stated that the areas of the plots in Blessington averaged 26 sq. perches whereas the area of the plot being sold to Mr. Haughian by Mrs. Doyle was half an acre. In addition the payment made to the tenants in Blessington did not represent the market value but was the balance due to the tenant after the Council had deducted the contribution which would be required to comply with requirements indicated by the Minister for Local Government. In regard to the proposal that Mrs. Doyle should be allowed to redeem the annuity on the cottage the County Secretary stated that the amount payable if the Council were to agree to redemption would be £450 calculated on the basis of 22½/35 of £700, being the market value as estimated by the County Engineer. Councillor J. Miley contended that Mrs. Doyle should be required only to

pay the sum related to the amount of the annuity being paid by her in respect of the cottage and asked that the matter be deferred. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal.

In regard to the application of Mr. Michael Doyle for approval to the consent to the sale of his interest in part of his vested cottage plot No. 86/6 at Main Street, Newtownmountkennedy, to Mr. Dermot Fenelon, the Council also considered Item No. 12 on the Agenda, being the Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Gregory and F. Hynes: That the Council waive their portion of the redemption money out of the sale of the plot of ground. The County Secretary stated that the market value of the plot being sold was estimated at £150 and the contribution to be made to the Council was £93 16s. 10d. The Council was required to obtain this contribution and had no power to waive the requirement.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved — That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Michael Doyle of his interest in portion of vested cottage plot No. 86/6 at Main Street, Newtownmountkennedy, to Dermot Fenelon for the purpose of the erection by Mr. Fenelon of a dwellinghouse on the plot for the sum of £150, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £93 15s. in respect of redemption of the purchase annuity on the portion of the plot to be transferred to Mr. D. Fenelon. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9 — Scheme of Letting Priorities — To Consider Draft Scheme Circulated to Members.

The County Secretary stated that a copy of the revised Draft Scheme to meet the suggestions made by the Department of Local Government had been circulated to the Members of the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Resolved — That having reviewed the Scheme of Letting Priorities made by the Council on 4th December, 1967, in the light of the observations received from the Department of Local Government we hereby make, in accordance with the provisions of Section 60 of the Housing Act, 1966, and subject to the approval of the Minister, a Scheme determining the priorities to be accorded to categories of persons specified in the Scheme in the letting of dwellings provided by the Council and of which the Council is the owner in accordance with the draft submitted to this Meeting. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10 — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council in future repair all Council Cottages whether the tenants have applied to vest or not."

The County Secretary stated that the Council had 3,413 cottages of which 2,621 had been vested to date. A sum of £15,000 had been provided for repairs in the present year and of this sum £5,200 had been paid and orders or accounts in respect of repairs authorised amounted to £8,000 making a total of £13,200. It had been the policy of the Council to give preference in carrying out repairs to cottages where the tenants had applied to purchase. Councillor Hynes expressed the view that this policy should not be continued and pointed out that if a house needed to be repaired in the present year and the work was not carried out the repairs would cost much more in the

following year. He suggested that it was bad policy not to repair houses when the necessity arose. The County Manager pointed out that in view of the expenditure incurred to date and having regard to the number of cottages already vested that there might be a possibility of carrying out all repairs in date order irrespective of whether there was an application to purchase but there was the possibility that it would be necessary to seek further funds from the Council for this purpose. In regard to the vesting of cottages Members of the Council inquired as to the present position in relation to the preparation of maps for vesting purposes. The County Engineer stated that while it had been possible previously to assign an Engineer to carry out mapping of cottage plots due to vacancies on the staff which had not yet been filled no Engineer was assigned wholetime to this work at present. The Council asked that the County Engineer arrange to assign an Engineer to this work in order to have all maps completed. In relation to the matter of preparation of maps for vesting of cottages the County Manager pointed out that although copies of Land Registry Folios were available at the County Registrar's Office in Wicklow the relevant maps were not available locally and this gave rise to difficulties for the County Engineer and his staff not only in the preparation of maps for the vesting of cottages but also in regard to the acquisition of lands for road improvement or for other purposes. He suggested that it would be very desirable that local Land Registry Offices should have available copies of all Land Registry Maps in relation to the County. The Council agreed that the provision of a local Land Registry with all relevant maps available was necessary and that this matter be brought to the notice of the General Council of County Councils.

Item No. 11 — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins:-
"That the Limit for Loans for existing houses be raised."

Councillor Timmins stated that the present limit under the Council's Scheme which was determined in 1959 required that a Loan should not exceed 75 per cent. of the market value of the house or £1,200 whichever was the lesser. He considered that this limit should be raised to £2,000. The County Manager pointed out that if the Council were to increase substantially the number of Loans made available for the purchase of existing houses that this would limit Council's ability to make Loans for the purchase of new houses. In the latter case the Loans made available resulted in an increase in the stock of houses in the County but this was not the case when a Loan was granted for the purchase of an existing house. Councillor Timmins suggested that the proposed increase in the limit to £2,000 apply in cases only where the applicants were on the Council's Housing List.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved — That condition No. 2 in the Council's Scheme for Loans under Section 39 of the Housing Act, 1966, in respect of the purchase of existing houses be amended to read as follows:-

2. Amount of Loan: A Loan under this Scheme shall not exceed 75 per cent. of the market value of the house to be purchased subject to maxima of (a) £2,000 in cases where applicants are on the Council's Housing List, or (b) £1,200 in all other cases.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12 — Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Gregory and F. Hynes:- "That this Council waive their portion of the redemption money claimed from Mr. Doyle, Newtownmountkenedy, out of the sale of his plot of ground."

The Council noted that this matter had been dealt with under Item No. 8.

Item No. 13 — Notice of Motion in names of Councillor J. Miley:- "That Mrs. Doyle, Oldcourt, redeem her annuity on her cottage."

The Council noted that this matter had been dealt with under Item No. 8.

Item No. 14 — Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That this Council will build a house for William Condell, Ballymaghroe, Ballinglen."

The County Secretary stated that a completed application form had been received from Mr. William Condell and that the County Medical Officer had been asked for a report on his need for housing. Councillor Miss Walsh stated that Mr. Condell was a small farmer and was in need of housing and wished to have a house built for him on his own lands.

Item No. 15 — Cottages repaired during month of October, 1969, and cottages to be repaired during month of November, 1969.

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired during October and of those to be repaired during the month of November, 1969.

Pedestrian Crossing on Upper Dargle Road.

Councillor J. Temple referred to the discussion at the previous Meeting of the Council regarding the urgent need for the provision of a pedestrian crossing at Upper Dargle Road, Bray, and stated that he understood that the Garda Authorities required a census of the traffic on the road before they would agree to the provision of the pedestrian crossing. Councillor Temple stated that he felt there was grave danger of children being killed crossing the road at this place and:

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;

Resolved — That the Minister for Local Government be asked to approve immediately the provision of a pedestrian crossing at Upper Dargle Road, Bray, and to receive a Deputation on the subject as a matter of urgency.

Passed unanimously.

The County Engineer in reply to inquiries from Members stated that he could erect school crossing signs pending approval to the provision of a pedestrian crossing. The Council agreed that the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area together with Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., would constitute the Deputation to the Minister.

Raising of Pipes at Cottages of Messrs. Thompson and Doran at Knockrobin.

Councillor Hynes stated that the County Engineer had estimated the cost of altering a pipe running across the cottage plots of Mr. Thompson and Mr. Doran at Knockrobin at £30. As one of these plots was attached to a vested cottage the County Manager had indicated

that the tenant/purchaser would have to pay part of the cost of altering the pipes. Councillor Hynes stated that the pipes had been incorrectly laid in the first instance and that consequently the work should be done by the Council without any charge to either the tenant or the tenant/purchaser.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved — That pipes be lifted at Thompson's and Doran's, Rathnew, and that the work be proceeded with.

Passed unanimously.

Flooding of River at Aughrim.

Councillor Keenan referred to the approval given by the Council for an expenditure of £20 on piping a drain near the entrance to the bridge at Aughrim to enable a local Contractor to remove gravel and stones which it was understood at the time he was prepared to do without charge and stated that it now was found that the Contractor concerned would not be in a position to carry out this work. Councillor Keenan stated that the removal of this gravel and stones was essential to alleviate the risk of flooding at Aughrim and that any work necessary should be done before the water in the river deepened. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that if the Council were anxious to alleviate flooding to some degree it would be necessary to blast a ridge of rocks further downstream and to employ a dragline to drag the gravel and stones to one side to make a deeper channel. The cost of carrying out this work would be about £200 and as it was not a road work it would seem that it could be done only by way of Local Authorities Works Act.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Resolved — That we expend £200 on relief of flooding in Aughrim.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager pointed out that if the Council carried out any work on the river at this place the Council could find themselves liable for any flooding or damage which might be caused downstream of the place where the work would be carried out. Councillor Keenan stated that the removal of this obstruction could not have any adverse effect on the property downstream and the Council would not be running any undue risk in carrying out the work.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors C. White, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple, B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley and J. J. Bourke:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to H. J. Hamilton for the erection of a bungalow at Coolakay, Kilmacanogue, Co. Wicklow."

In the names of Councillors C. White, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. J. Bourke and J. Temple:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to R. W. Martin for the erection of a bun-

galow at Kilmolin, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow."

In the names of Councillors C. White, Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, and J. Temple:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to W. Fleming-Thomson, Winnowing Hill, Greystones, for the erection of a bungalow at Drummin East, Delgany, County Wicklow."

In the names of Councillors James Miley, M. Deering, M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Permission to Edward Kearns to erect new houses on his own land at Woodend."

In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan and W. Cleary:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Tierney, Rathdrum, for the erection of eight bungalows at Clogga Beach, Askintinny."

In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, J. J. Bourke and F. Hynes:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Clarke for the purpose of providing two homes for himself and his son at his sites at Ballinalea, Ashford."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That repairs be carried out immediately to chimney and door for Mrs. Walker, Ballybeg, Tinahely."

In the name of Councillor M. Deering:- "That Logatryna Lane, Dunlavin, be taken over and maintained by the Council."

In the name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:- "That this Council extend the footpath to the bottom of the hill in Mill Street at Carnew at each side."

In the name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:- (a) "That this Council extend street lighting to the end of the houses at Coollatin Road, Carnew." (b) "That this Council extend street lighting to the end of the houses on Shillelagh Road, Carnew."

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:- "That the old refuse dump at Tinahely be closed immediately and the new dump be put into service forthwith."

In the name of Councillor James Miley:- "That we, the Wicklow County Council, do hereby recommend that the County Manager fill the vacant position in the Health Section by the promotion of Miss R. O'Neill to the post of Clerical Officer therein. We further recommend that Miss R. O'Neill's permanent service as Clerk/Typist with this Council be taken into account in this regard and we further recommend that this Resolution be forwarded to the appropriate Minister."

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday, 10th November, 1969.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 10th November, 1969.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman.

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

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

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:-

- (a) In the names of Councillors Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, John J. Bourke and F. Hynes:-

"That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Judith O'Reilly, Mount Carmel, Wicklow, for the building of eight houses on her land at Ballynerrin Lower, Wicklow."

- (b) In the names of Councillors C. White, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple, B. S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley and J. J. Bourke:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to H. J. Hamilton for the erection of a bungalow at Coolakay, Kilmacanogue, Co. Wicklow."

- (c) In the names of Councillors C. White, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. J. Bourke and J. Temple:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to R. W. Martin for the erection of a bungalow at Kilmolin, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow."

- (d) In the names of Councillors C. White, Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, and J. Temple:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to W. Fleming-Thomson, Winnowing Hill, Greystones, for the erection of a bungalow at Drummin East, Delgany, County Wicklow."

- (e) In the names of Councillors James Miley, M. Deering, M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Permission to Edward Kearns to erect new houses on his own land at Woodend."

- (f) In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan and W. Cleary:-
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Tierney, Rathdrum, for the erection of eight bungalows at Clogga Beach, Askintinny."
- (g) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, J. J. Bourke and F. Hynes:-
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Clarke for the purpose of providing two homes for himself and his son at his sites at Ballinalea, Ashford."
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of County Council Meetings held on 30th May, 14th July, 21st July, 18th August, 25th August and 8th September, 1969.
3. To receive Deputation from Rathdrum Development Association.
4. To receive Deputation from Glenealy Protest Committee and to consider Reports in connection with complaint of objectionable odour.
5. Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation — To nominate Representative to attend Annual General Meeting and to nominate Director to hold Office for the ensuing year.
6. Application from Leinster Motor Club Ltd. for closing of Roads at West Wicklow on Sunday, 7th December, 1969, for purposes of Motor Car Rally.
7. Application of Motor Enthusiasts Club for closing of Roads in Altadore/Ballinastoe Area on Saturday, 17th January, 1970, for Car Driving Manoeuvrability Tests.
8. Pay in the Public Service — Proposed Increases in Remuneration of Council Employees.
9. Weekly Payment for Roadworkers — Application of Union on behalf of Council Employees.
10. Mechanical Accounting System — To consider introduction of Mechanical Accounting Systems for Rate Apportionment and recording and analysis of Expenditure, and issue of payments.
11. Allowance to Rate Collectors in respect of Travelling and Other Expenses.
12. Employment Schemes in Rural Areas — Letter from Department of Local Government.
13. Speed Limits — Report of Technical Committee in regard to recommended alterations and additions to Road Traffic (Speed Limits) (County of Wicklow) Regulations, 1968.
14. Disposal of Land at Bawnogue, Baltinglass — Mr. William Lee — Letter from Department of Local Government.
15. Letter from Irish Heart Foundation expressing thanks for Council's contribution.
16. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council provide sewerage and water for the tenants of the four cottages at Blainroe near Wicklow."

17. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:- "That the Council take immediate action for the acquisition of land at Brittas Bay for use as a public car park."
18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Miley:- "That a sewerage scheme be provided at Knockieran, Blessington, for the Council houses."
19. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:- "That the pay slips used to pay Council Roadworkers be printed in Ireland instead of in London."
20. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple:- "We hereby request the County Council to take over the road from Upper Windgates to the Cliff Hotel thereby serving the houses on said road."
21. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Whelan and Thomas J. Keenan:- "That the junction at the bottom of Moyne Hill be improved before a fatal accident occurs and the junction at the end of Farranbreaga Lane be also improved as it is very dangerous with summer traffic."
22. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:- (a) "That this Council remove the dangerous bends in Kennystown Lane, Carnew. These bends are a danger to the school car which has to travel them." (b) "That this Council have the open drains at each side of the road piped from the end of the houses in Coolboy to the bridge and from Grogan's Shop, Coolroe, to the bridge. Both drains are on the Coolroe side of Coolboy." (c) "That this Council extend the footpath along the Main Road from the Fair Green Gate to Ardeen Cheshire Home Gate, Shillelagh." (d) "That this Council erect public lights on the main road from Shillelagh to the Cheshire Home and from Shillelagh to Quarry Street."
23. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council lay a watermain to supply water for the people of Kingston, Rathdrum."
24. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Roger Miley:- "That the Council repair the footpath at Glenealy up to the cottages at Deputy's Pass Road as the road is dangerous for children going to school."
25. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. Deering:- "That Logatryna Lane, Dunlavin, be taken over and maintained by the Council."
26. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:- "That this Council extend the footpath to the bottom of the hill in Mill Street at Carnew at each side."
27. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:- (a) "That this Council extend street lighting to the end of the houses at Coollatin Road, Carnew." (b) "That this Council extend street lighting to the end of the houses on Shillelagh Road, Carnew."
28. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:- "That the old refuse dump at Tinahely be closed immediately and the new dump be put into service forthwith."
29. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Miley:- "That we, the Wicklow County Council, do hereby recommend that the Co. Manager fill the vacant position in the Health Section by the promotion of Miss R. O'Neill to the post of Clerical Officer therein. We further recommend that Miss R. O'Neill's permanent service

as Clerk/Typist with this Council be taken into account in this regarding and we further recommend that this Resolution be forwarded to the appropriate Minister."

30. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

As Deputations from the Glenealy Protest Committee and from Rathdrum Development Association were present the Council decided to receive the Deputations before dealing with Item No. 1 on the Agenda.

Item No. 4 — Deputation From Glenealy Protest Committee.

Col. Martin, on behalf of the Glenealy Protest Committee, informed the Council that the Committee would prefer to have the points which the Committee had raised at the previous Deputation discussed by the Members of the Council before receiving the Deputation. Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman, drew attention to the decision of the Council in regard to the procedure for reception of Deputations and stated that a Deputation could not enter into discussion with the Members of the Council or take part in the Council debate. Councillor Phelan stated that the copy of the County Medical Officer's Report was received by the Secretary of the Protest Committee on the previous Saturday morning and the Committee had not had time to arrange a meeting to discuss the terms of the Report with their local representatives. Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman, informed the members of the Deputation that if they felt they had not had adequate time to consider the Report of the County Medical Officer or to discuss it with their local representatives the Council could adjourn consideration of the matter to the next meeting. Alternatively, the Council would be glad to hear the further views of the Deputation. Mr. J. Burke, on behalf of the Deputation, asked for a brief adjournment to allow the Committee to consider whether they would proceed with the Deputation on that date or ask that the matter be adjourned to another meeting. Following a short adjournment the Deputation returned and indicated that they were agreeable to put their views to the Council but wished to register a protest against the form of procedure adopted.

Col. Martin then addressed the Council and expressed disagreement with the terms of the Report of the County Medical Officer and contended that a nuisance to health did exist in Glenealy as a result of the objectionable odour. He suggested that the problem could be overcome if the manure was spread dry. He emphasised that the Committee had no desire to close down the business of Ballyfree Farms but considered that action would have to be taken to ensure that the objectionable smell to which they objected was not allowed to continue to arise. It was stated also by members of the Deputation that the existence of the objectionable smell made it impossible for persons at times to eat their meals and it was contended that this had an effect on the health of people in the area. It was also contended that rats and flies were attracted by the poultry manure and by dead chickens and that persons had become ill from the effects of the smell. It was claimed also that streams in the area had been contaminated by poultry manure and had become polluted and that fish had been poisoned. Mr. J. J. Burke in thanking the Chairman and Members of the Council for receiving the Deputation stated that the objectionable smell occurred on seventy to ninety days a year and alleged that a senior official of the Council had been intimidated by the American Embassy to withdraw objections to the poultry houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved — That a special meeting be held on Monday, 17th November, at which the County Medical Officer, Health Inspector and a senior Medical Officer of the Department of Health and the Council's Solicitor would attend to consider the the complaints regarding an objectionable smell at Glenealy.
Passed unanimously.

A proposal by Councillor S. Costello: "That we reject the Report of the County Medical Officer" had been seconded by Councillor J. J. Bourke who subsequently withdrew his seconding of the Motion which consequently failed.

Item No. 3 — To receive Deputation From Rathdrum Development Association.

The Council decided to receive the Deputation from Rathdrum Development Association during the period while the Members of the Deputation from the Glenealy Protest Committee had withdrawn to consider whether or not they would proceed with the Deputation at that meeting. Messrs. Aiken, Whelan, Belton and Olahan, representing the Rathdrum Development Association, addressed the Council. Mr. Aiken referred to the difficulties experienced by the absence of a permanent resident District Medical Officer in the Rathdrum district and urged that a residence be provided to accommodate the Doctor who would fill the post of District Medical Officer and Medical Officer to St. Colman's Hospital. He stated that it was considered that there would be difficulty in obtaining a resident Doctor in view of the limited private practice which he might have in the area and that in consequence the residence was essential. He pointed out that the last permanent District Medical Officer had resigned the post as he had been unable to obtain a suitable residence.

Mr. Aiken expressed appreciation of marked improvement carried out in water supply. In regard to matter of a public convenience it was felt that the convenience should be located in a central position and he suggested that it might be provided underground in the public square. Mr. Olahan referred to the need for new housing in Rathdrum and the period of time which had elapsed since the Council had last provided houses in the area. Mr. Whelan urged the need for provision of better road signs and stated that visitors tended to bypass Rathdrum due to the lack of adequate sign posts. He suggested that the signs at the entrance to the town should be located one beyond the Brewery and the other at the Mill. The sign at the Crossroads did not indicate Rathdrum in a proper manner. He suggested that two signs were required, one at the bottom of the Lower Street and one at the crossroads. A speed limit for the town was considered necessary and the Association disagreed with the recommendation of the Technical Committee on this matter. "Yield" signs were required at two dangerous junctions near the Fairgreen and it was considered that the "Yield" sign at the top of the lower hill should be placed on the Glendalough Road rather than on the steep hill. It was also stated by the Deputation that while they appreciated the improvement in the water supply the pressure had been reduced and they asked if this could be attended to. The Chairman thanked the members of the Deputation for attending and stated that the matters they had raised would be considered by the Council with the necessary Reports from the Council's Officers at the next Meeting.

Item No. 1 — Notices of intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:— (a) In the names of Councillors Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, John J. Bourke and F. Hynes:— "That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and

County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Judith O'Reilly, Mount Carmel, Wicklow, for the building of eight houses on her land at Ballynerrin Lower, Wicklow."

The County Secretary submitted the Reports of the County Engineer and County Medical Officer recommending that permission be refused for this application. The applicant had indicated that application would be made to the County Council for permission for a connection to the County Council main at the back of Mount Carmel and that application was being made to the Urban District Council for permission to connect to the Urban Council sewers but that in the meantime it was proposed to proceed with the erection of two houses which would be served by septic tanks. It was recommended that permission be refused on the following grounds:-

1. The Council has no sewerage services available to serve this proposal.
2. The proposed method of drainage is unsatisfactory as the 2.7 acre field in which the eight sites lie slopes considerably between public road boundaries. A heavy concentration of septic tanks on inadequate (approx. one-third acre) adjoining sites would result. This would be seriously prejudicial to public health and amenity in the area.
3. The public road frontages of the sites are on hazardous road bends where vehicular access would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard and obstruction of road users.
4. The proposal would give rise to ribbon type development along a rural road and would constitute a precedent for similar undesirable development along rural roads. It is inconsistent with the proper planning and development of the area and would lead to serious injury to the rural amenity thereof.

Members of the Council urged that permission be granted and stated that Mr. Clarke wished to be able to retain his staff in employment and that this Scheme would enable him to do so. They did not agree that the development would give rise to a public health nuisance if properly carried out.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved — That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Judith O'Reilly, Mount Carmel, Wicklow, for the building of eight houses on her land at Ballynerrin Lower, Wicklow.
Passed unanimously.

- (b) In the names of Councillors C. White, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple, B. S. C. Phelan, Roger Miley and J. J. Bourke:-
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to H. J. Hamilton for the erection of a bungalow at Coolakay, Kilmacanogue, Co. Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that the previous application by Mr. Hamilton for permission for the erection of bungalow at Coolakay had been refused on grounds of injury to amenity because of the prominence of the site in a scenic area and because the proposed structure was out of character with existing structures in the area and the access

was unsatisfactory. The present application was for a bungalow with a low pitched roof which it was considered would not obtrude and the entire field would form the curtilage to the house. Grant of Permission for the revised proposal was now recommended by the County Engineer. The Council noted the position in the matter and agreed that the Motion to direct the County Manager under Section 4 not be proceeded with.

- (c) In the names of Councillors C. White, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. J. Bourke and J. Temple:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to R. W. Martin for the erection of a bungalow at Kilmolin, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that no new application had been received from Mr. R. W. Martin and that consequently this matter could not be dealt with at the Meeting. The Council noted the position in the matter, and deferred consideration of the proposal.

- (d) In the names of Councillors C. White, Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Temple:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to W. Fleming-Thomson, Winnowing Hill, Greystones, for the erection of a bungalow at Drummin East, Delgany, County Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that a previous application which was identical with the present one had been submitted by Mr. Fleming Thomson on the 12th August, 1968, and had been refused by the Council on the 10th October, 1968, on the grounds that it would be obtrusive and injurious to amenity in an area of high scenic values. The applicant had appealed to the Minister and in Order of 2nd September, 1969, the Minister had refused permission on the following grounds:-
"The site is in an area of high scenic value where a bungalow as proposed would seriously injure the amenity of the area because it would be too conspicuous. The proper planning of the area requires that its open character should be preserved free from building." The County Secretary stated that the site for the house adjoined Barry's Bridge at Drummin, Delgany, and was on lands formerly in the ownership of Miss Cherry which had been used by the County Council as a dumping ground for many years.

The Co. Manager referred to the survey which had been carried out and the Report submitted on Guide Lines for Tourism on behalf of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd. by Professor Aalen and Mr. Bird and pointed out that the major attractions which Ireland had to offer to tourists from abroad was the natural landscape and rural character of the country and that it was essential that this valuable asset should not be eroded. It was considered that the proposed house at this location would be unduly prominent and would detract from the natural scenic attractions of the area.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. White;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Resolved — That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to W. Fleming-Thomson, Winnowing Hill, Greystones, for the erection of a bungalow at Drummin East, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.

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

In Favour: Councillors J. Bourke, C. White, W. Cleary, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, R. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D. — Twelve.

Against: Councillors E. Byrne, S. Costello, T. J. Keenan, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. Sweeney — Six.

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

(e) In the names of Councillors James Miley, M. Deering, M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant permission to Edward Kearns to erect new houses on his own land at Woodend."

The County Secretary stated that the site for the house was in the Upper Liffey catchment area and adjoined the lake at Blessington. The Co. Medical Officer had required that a trial hole be provided on the site and the Health Inspector had reported following inspection of the trial hole that it was not possible to carry out a percolation test and though the hole had been free of water he understood that water had been pumped from it. In order to make a satisfactory assessment he had arranged to inspect the hole after heavy rain. The Senior Engineer of Dublin Corporation Waterworks Department had reported that the site was unsuitable for treatment of septic tank effluent and that the Corporation would object to it. He found 6" of water in the hole during an exceptionally dry period. Councillor J. Miley stated that he had inspected the site and had seen the trial hole and that the ground was quite suitable for septic tank drainage.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

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

Resolved — By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Outline Permission to Edward Kearns to erect a new house on his own land at Woodend.

Passed unanimously.

(f) In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan and W. Cleary:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Tierney, Rathdrum, for the erection of 8 bungalows at Clogga Beach, Askintinny."

The County Secretary stated that the application in this case had been received only on the previous Friday and there had been inadequate time to enable the County Engineer and County Medical Officer to examine the proposals. The Council agreed accordingly to defer consideration of the matter to the next meeting.

(g) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, J. J. Bourke and F. Hynes:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Clarke for the purpose of providing two homes for himself and his son at his sites at Ballinalea, Ashford."

The County Secretary stated that a previous proposal for the erection of two bungalows at this location had been received on the 19th August, 1969, and had been refused because the sites were without public road frontage and poorly related to the existing pattern of village development, the area of each site was less than a half an acre and drainage was proposed by septic tank, and the dwellings would be injurious to amenity being out of character with each other and existing developments in the area. The present proposal provided for the building of two identical two-storey houses and the areas of the sites had been increased. In July, 1969, Mr. Clarke had applied for permission to build four houses on the field, of which the present sites formed part, but had withdrawn that application the following month. Permission had been granted to Mr. Clarke in September, 1967, for the erection of a workshop and stores at his premises in Ballinalea, Ashford. It was recommended by the County Engineer and County Medical Officer that permission be refused on the following grounds:-

1. The sites are unsuitably located being without public road frontage or adequate means of access. Residential development on these sites would be poorly related to the existing pattern of village development and contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The proposed two-storey dwellings would be injurious to visual amenity by being out of character with development existing in area generally and would also be injurious to the residential amenities of the nearby County Council cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved — By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Clarke for the purpose of providing two homes for himself and his son at his sites at Ballinalea, Ashford.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5 — Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation — To nominate representative to attend Annual General Meeting and to nominate Director to hold Office for the ensuing year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved — That we hereby nominate Councillor B. S. C. Phelan as our representative to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd. and as a Director to hold office for the ensuing year.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6 — Application from Leinster Motor Club Ltd. for Closing of Roads at West Wicklow on Sunday, 7th December, for purposes of Motor Car Rally.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill:

Resolved — That we hereby approve of the closing to public traffic of the roads in West Wicklow as shown in the Schedule attached from 4 a.m. to 7.30 a.m. on Sunday, 7th December, 1969, and authorise the

holding of a Motor Car Rally on these roads during the period they are so closed to public traffic.

SCHEDULE OF ROADS TO BE CLOSED

- I.
- County Road No. 286 at Ballycore. From its junction with main road L 180 at Rathtoole to its junction with County Road 304.
 - County Road No. 304 at Knockamuck. From its junction with County Road 286 to its junction with County Road 285.
 - County Road No. 285 at Barronstown. From its junction with County Road 304 to its junction with County Road 287.
 - County Road No. 287 at Moneymore. From its junction with County Road 285 to its junction with County Road 284.
 - County Road No. 284 at Hartstown. From its junction with County Road 287 to its junction with County Road 300.
 - County Road No. 300 at Rathbran. From its junction with County Road 384 to its junction with County Road 302.
 - County Road No. 303 at Rathbran. From its junction with County Road 300 to its junction with County Road 312.
 - County Road No. 312 at Freynestown. From its junction with County Road 303 to its junction with County Road 313.
 - County Road No. 313 at Moanavaun. From its junction with County Road 312 to its junction with County Road 314.
 - County Road No. 314 at Randalstown. From its junction with County Road No. 313 to its junction with County Road 302.
 - County Road No. 302 at Winetavern. From its junction with County Road No. 314 to its junction with County Road 300.
 - County Road No. 301 at Stratford. From its junction with County Road 300 to Stratford Village.

II.

- County Road No. 275 at Woodfield. From its junction with County Road 273 to its junction with County Road No. 291.
- County Road No. 274 at Talbotstown. From its junction with County Road 273 to its junction with County Road No. 272.
- County Road No. 272 at Colvinstown. From its junction with County Road 267.
- County Road No. 267 at Keadeen. From its junction with County Road 272 to its junction with County Road 293.
- County Road No. 293 at Kilranelagh. From its junction with County Road 267 to its junction with County Road 299.
- County Road No. 299 at Eadestown. From its junction with County Road 293 to its junction with County Road 321.
- County Road No. 297 at Eadestown. From its junction with County Road 293 to its junction with County Road 296.
- County Road No. 296 at Coolamadra. From its junction with County Road 297 to its junction with County Road 295.
- County Road No. 295 at Knockaderry. From its junction with County Road 296 to its junction with County Road 294.
- County Road No. 294 at Spinans. From its junction with County Road No. 295 to its junction with County Road No. 293.

Passed unanimously.

Tomacork Water Supply — Group Scheme.

Councillor Ryan raised the matter of the Group Water Supply Scheme at Tomacork and asked if a final decision could be given in regard to the Scheme to enable it to proceed. The County Engineer stated that the proposed Regional Scheme for the Tinahely/Carnew/Shillelagh area provided for the laying of a 7" main along part of the route which was included in the Group Scheme and the question

arose as to whether the Council might at this stage lay a 7" main in this section. 3" mains were required for another section of the Group Scheme. The Council agreed that in order to expedite the carrying out of the Scheme the Council would agree to a 3" main only being provided.

Pedestrian Crossing In Bray.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor J. Temple the County Secretary stated that an acknowledgment had been received from the Department of Local Government in regard to the Council's request for the reception of a Deputation but no further reply had yet been received.

Tinahely Water Supply.

Councillor Whelan complained that houses on higher ground at Tinahely had been without water for a period during the preceding week and that this appeared to be due to the caretaking arrangements not being satisfactory. He urged that further consideration be given immediately to appointing a Caretaker for the Scheme. It was agreed that the County Engineer would look into the matter immediately.

Notice of Motion.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in and accepted by the Chairman:-

Notice of Intention to move Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the names of Councillors John Temple, Edward Byrne and Seamus Costello:-
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Brett P. Nelson for the provision of a bungalow at Whitegates, Glencap Road, Kilmacanogue."

Councillor Temple moved the motion and seconded it. The County Secretary stated that a reply would be available to the Council by the end of the month. He stated that the County Manager had received it would be submitted to the Council. The County Secretary stated that the County Manager had received it would be submitted to the Council. The County Secretary stated that the County Manager had received it would be submitted to the Council.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL
Public Health Department
Kilbride, Wick
10th November 1969
Mr. J. J. BRIDGES
COUNTY SECRETARY
The Complaint of Objectionable smell arising from Operations of Poultry Houses at Ballymore Farm, Glencap

A Chair
With reference to report of the 11th inst. re above Poultry houses at Ballymore Farm, Glencap, the Council has decided to grant a licence for the keeping of poultry on the site of the above houses on the condition that the owner shall be responsible for the removal of the droppings from the site of the houses and for the cleaning of the houses.

Holding of a Motor Car Rally on these roads during the period they were closed to traffic on Monday, 10th November, 1969.

County Road No. 285 at Rathfriland, From its junction with County Road No. 284 to its junction with County Road No. 286.

County Road No. 286 at Rathfriland, From its junction with County Road No. 285 to its junction with County Road No. 287.

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County Road No. 303 at Rathfriland, From its junction with County Road No. 302 to its junction with County Road No. 304.

County Road No. 304 at Rathfriland, From its junction with County Road No. 303 to its junction with County Road No. 305.

County Road No. 305 at Rathfriland, From its junction with County Road No. 304 to its junction with County Road No. 306.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

As arranged at the Meeting of the Council held on the 10th November, 1969, a Special Meeting of the Council to consider the complaint in regard to objectionable odours arising from the operation of Poultry Houses at Ballyfree Farms, Glenealy, and the remaining Items on the Agenda for the Meeting held on the 10th November, 1969, was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on 17th November, 1969.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, County Medical Officer, County Solicitor, and Mr. P. Duffy, Health Inspector, were present.

Members of the Glenealy Protest Committee were present in the public gallery.

Complaint in Regard to Objectionable Odours Arising from the Operation of Poultry Houses at Ballyfree Farms, Glenealy.

The County Secretary stated that as requested by the Glenealy Protest Committee a copy of the Committee's letter of 11th November, 1969, had been circulated to the Members of the Council. The County Secretary also submitted a letter received from the Department of Local Government in regard to the Council's request that a Departmental Inspector be made available to attend the Meeting to advise the Council in relation to the matter and indicating that as the matter was one for decision by the Local Authority it was not appropriate for the Minister to intervene. As requested by the Council the Chief Agricultural Officer had been asked to obtain information and advice from the Department of Agriculture in relation to the Poultry Houses at Ballyfree Farms and had replied stating that he had forwarded the Council's request to the Department of Agriculture and had asked that a reply be available for the Meeting of the Council and that if received it would be supplied. The County Secretary stated that a reply had not yet been received from the Department of Agriculture. As requested by the Council the County Medical Officer had submitted the further Reports in regard to points which had been raised by the Deputation from the Glenealy Protest Committee and the following Reports of the County Medical Officer were submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Public Health Department,
Kilmartin Hill,
Wicklow

14th November, 1969.

Mr. K. J. Brangan,

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Complaint of Objectionable Smell arising from Operation of Poultry Houses at Ballyfree Farm, Glenealy.

A Chara.

With reference to yours of the 11th inst. re above. Poultry manure in a manure heap can attract rats but I doubt if rats are attracted to the slurry tanks. Rats are controlled by poisoning which is laid on the

farm. I have seen neither rats nor dead chickens on the farm during my inspections.

I have had no reports of illness of the children of the area from the District Public Health Nurse nor from the General Practitioners in the area, on enquiries made. This business of the children not eating their meals after school is largely a psychological one, also. Pollution of one small brook flowing past Ballyfree Farm is caused by the overflow of effluent from the septic tank draining the cottages in Ballyfree and under the care of the Co. Council. Pollution did occur along the Bawnbawn road in 1966, where slurry entered a stream. This was cleared up and the stream is clear now. The large brook which flows through the Deputy's Pass was also polluted, I understand, in the past, but I have had no complaints about it this year. I would respectfully suggest that Councillor Martin make his suggestions to the owners of Ballyfree Farms as regards the disposal of the poultry manure.

The slurry tanks constructed at the Battery Poultry Houses in Ballyfree are, in my opinion, properly constructed and covered and they are specially designed for this purpose. The objectionable odour is caused by the disturbance of the slurry from the tanks when emptying same, and spreading the manure on land from the slurry tankers. The odour is caused by the high content of the higher fatty acids in the poultry manure. Poultry manure is wholly organic in character, highly nitrogenous and possesses good potential as plant food. The commonest method of disposing of it is, as fertiliser into land and on to land. These methods are used at Ballyfree.

Mise, le meas,

DR. C. F. WADE,

County Medical Officer.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Public Health Department,
Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow

14th November, 1969.

Mr. K. J. Brangan,
COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Protest Committees Memorandum

A Chara,

I wish to make the following comments re above.

(1) I do not agree with the suggestion that the air in Glenealy is foul, and foul air is not being pumped by fans in the vicinity of the people's houses. Has the Protest Committee done an analysis on the composition of the air?

(2) I inspected the farm on the following dates:— 3/7/69, 17/9/69, 21/10/69, 30/10/69, 3/11/69, 7/11/69 and 13/11/69. There was no noticeable increase in the flies on the farm during my inspections and the weather has been fine and warm this year.

(3) An "unbearable smell" is one of degree. The word "unbearable" is taken from your letter of the 17th October. Mr. L. Byrne claimed "That the conditions in the area were unbearable." By this I understand that he was objecting to the smell.

(4) I made enquiries from Very Rev. Fr. Taylor, P.P., Ashford, Manager of Glenealy N.S., Very Rev. Fr. O'Kane, C.C., in charge of the R.C. Church and school in Glenealy, Nurse Kieran, District Public Health Nurse for the area, Dr. McEnroy, D.M.O., Dr. Liston, Dr. Conway and Dr. Pippett. I also visited Glenealy N.S. in the course of the

polio immunisation scheme and no complaints were made to me on that date. The Health Inspector visited the farm on the following dates: 23/4/69, 7/8/21 May, 14/20 June, 8/9/16 July, 15/24/25 Sept., 6/9/16/21/28/29/30 October, 5/13 November.

He passed through the village of Glenealy on the following dates: 23/27 March, 10/11/15/21/22/24 April, 2/28/30 May, 4/24/19/26/30 June, 1/10/15 July, 6/7/8/26/28/29 August, 1-3-5-15-17-22 Sept., 1/22/23/24/31 October, 3/4/6/11 November, 1969.

Disposal of poultry manure like ordinary domestic sewage:— I am not aware that this is being done anywhere in the world. The value of the manure as fertiliser in land is too great because of its high nitrogenous content, and it is commercially advantageous to use it as manure on land.

To treat the manure as domestic sewage would entail a large sewage works near Glenealy and the aeration and disturbance and agitation of the manure could still produce a continuous odour of decaying poultry manure in the vicinity.

Mise, le meas,

DR. C. F. WADE,

County Medical Officer.

Councillor J. Miley stated that the matter at issue was as to whether the objectionable smell complained of at Glenealy was a health hazard. Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman, expressed the view that the Council's function was to decide whether or not there was a health hazard or a common law nuisance. In reply to a request for his view the County Medical Officer confirmed his Report and stated that the smell complained of at Glenealy was not a danger to public health. He stated that he had consulted with the General Practitioners in the area and the District Nurse and had obtained no evidence to justify an opinion that the health of people in the district had been affected. Councillor J. Temple stated that the Council could not ignore or override the County Medical Officer's advice on the matter of whether or not a health hazard existed at Glenealy. The County Secretary submitted the following Report of the Council's Solicitor on the matter:—

4 Church Street,

Wicklow

18th October, 1969.

Re: Poultry Houses at Ballyfree Farms—Complaint of Objectionable Odour.

Dear Sir,

I duly received yours of the 17th instant with the enclosures mentioned therein.

The Council's function as the Sanitary Authority is to deal with nuisances that are a danger to Health. The fact that there is an objectionable odour is not in itself sufficient to maintain a Prosecution under the Public Health and/or Sanitary Acts, there must be a danger to Health.

I note from the County Medical Officer's Reports that he made numerous inspections with the Health Inspector of this property and that on no occasion had he found that there was any danger to Health and that accordingly no Public Health nuisance existed. In these circumstances the Council has no Statutory Power except where there is a danger to Health.

I should point out, however, that local residents could obtain an Injunction if a nuisance exists but this is a matter for the individual and not for the County Council.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. McCarroll.

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

The Council's Solicitor explained the Council's powers under the provisions of the Public Health Act of 1878 and stated that he had given his opinion based on the Report of the County Medical Officer that there was no public health hazard and that the Members of the Council and himself could act only on the advice of the County Medical Officer in this regard. Since the County Medical Officer was of opinion that there was no public health hazard involved the Council's Solicitor stated that that was the end of the case from the Council's point of view and that the Council would not be justified in taking proceedings under the Public Health Acts. He stated that he was satisfied that the people of Glenealy had a genuine grievance and expressed the view that they would succeed in obtaining an Injunction if they took proceedings themselves. He stressed that the matter was not one for prosecution by the Council but was a matter for the local people concerned. Councillor Costello contended that the evidence given by the members of the Deputation from the Glenealy Protest Committee to the effect that eating habits of persons in the area were upset was in itself evidence of a danger to health and he proposed that the Council accept the evidence of people at Glenealy and reject the Report of the County Medical Officer and direct that proceedings be taken against Ballyfree Farms to restrain the Company from causing the offensive odours. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., pointed out that while the Members of the Council agreed that there was a very offensive smell at Glenealy at times the Council's Solicitor had pointed out that the Council could not sustain a case in Court having regard to the advice given by the County Medical Officer. He felt that the people at Glenealy themselves could sustain a case against Ballyfree Farms. Councillor Costello's proposal not having been seconded failed and

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved — That having considered Report of County Medical Officer of 6th November, 1969, and advice of Council's Solicitor as set out in his Report of 18th October, 1969, we note that since the County Medical Officer reports that no public health nuisance arises from the use of the Poultry Houses at Ballyfree Farms, Glenealy, the Council would not be empowered to take action in relation to them.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors E. Byrne, C. White, W. Cleary, M. Deering, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, J. Whelan — FOURTEEN.

AGAINST: Councillors J. Bourke, S. Costello, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, R. Miley and K. Ryan — SEVEN.

The Motion was declared passed by fourteen votes in favour to seven against.

Councillor Costello stated that the Council might be agreeable to other action in relation to the spreading of the poultry manure. He considered that Mr. Philips of Ballyfree Farms should be required to give the Council 24 hours notice before any poultry manure was spread in the fields at Glenealy and that an Officer of the Council be requested to go to the farm and supervise the putting in of the special deodorant and supervise the spreading of the poultry manure. He expressed some doubt as to whether sufficient deodorant was being used and that this was the only action the Council could take at the present stage. Councillor Costello's suggestion was agreed by the Council.

The Council then proceeded to consider the Items remaining on the Agenda for the Meeting held on the 10th November, 1969.

Item No. 7 — Application of Motor Enthusiasts Club for Closing of Roads in Altadore/Ballinastoe Area on Saturday, 17th January, 1970, for Car Driving Manoeuvrability Tests.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved — That we hereby close to public traffic County Roads 39 and 41 in the Altadore/Ballinastoe area from the junction between the main Roundwood/Bray Road at Ballinastoe and the junctions from Trunk Road T. 7 at Willow Grove, Delgany, and Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturday, 17th January, 1970, and hereby authorise the holding of the Hewison Trophy Irish Championship Car Driving Manoeuvrability Tests on the roads while so closed to public traffic, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the Council be indemnified against all claims and damages arising from the closing of the roads;
2. That any damage to Council property be repaired to the satisfaction of the Council or that the Council be recouped the cost of doing so;
3. That adequate notices be provided in regard to the closing of the roads and necessary diversions to comply with the Road Traffic Act Regulations, 1961.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8 — Pay in the Public Service — Proposed Increases in Remuneration of Council Employees.

The County Secretary stated that agreement had been reached between the Public Services Committee of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions and the County and City Managers' Association for the application to employees of the Council of increases in remuneration. The Department of Local Government in letter of 31st October, 1969, had indicated that sanction might be assumed for payment of increases within the limits provided for in paragraph 7 of the Agreement to Roadworkers employed by County Councils, allied grades and other workers whose wages were directly related to the Roadworkers' wage rate by parity or differential. The Agreement also provided that these increases be applied to non-nursing personnel, including categories whose wages were directly related thereto by parity or differential. Paragraph 7 of the Agreement provided for an increase of 25/-d per week from 1st June, 1969, less any increases already granted under a phased agree-

ment and payable from a date in 1969 together with a further increase of 20/- per week from 1st October, 1969. The Council had already paid increases in remuneration of 15/-d. per week from 1st April, 1969, to Roadworkers and allied workers and accordingly a further 10/-d would now be payable as from 1st June, 1969, and an additional 20/-d per week from 1st October, 1969. It was provided also that pro rata increases be granted to part-time employees. The County Secretary stated that the cost of applying the increases in remuneration was estimated at £19,000 approximately. The Council would hope that 50 per cent. of the increase in respect of Health staffs, estimated at £2,500, would be met by way of additional grant but at present there was no indication as to whether the Grant would be increased. In the case of Roadworkers it appeared that only about £1,000 of the increase would be met by way of increases in Road Grants, this being in respect of workers employed on works which were financed in full from the Road Fund.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved — That we approve of the terms of the Agreement dated 16th October, 1969, for the application to employees of Local Authorities of increases as set out in the Statement "Pay in the Public Service" issued on 28th May, 1969, by the Government Information Bureau and approve accordingly of payment of increases in wages to Roadworkers and allied workers and other workers whose wages are directly related thereto by parity or differential and to non-nursing personnel, including categories whose wages are directly related thereto by parity or differential, of increases in accordance with Paragraph 7 of the Agreement. We approve also of payment of an increase in wages in accordance with Paragraph 9 of the Agreement to other full time employees (not specifically excluded from Part 1 of the Agreement). We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the payment of the increases in remuneration now approved. Passed unanimously.

Revision of Salary Scales of Mental Hospital Staff.

The County Secretary stated that at a meeting of the Mental Hospitals Joint Industrial Council on the 6th November, 1969, agreement had been reached on revised salary scales for certain of the staff in Mental Hospitals to be effective from 1st April, 1968, and inclusive of the 11th Round 9 per cent. increase.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor T. Keenan:

Resolved — That having noted Report of Agreement reached by the Mental Hospitals Joint Industrial Council in relation to revision of salary scales for staff of Mental Hospitals we approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister, of the application of the following revised salary scales from 1st April, 1968, being inclusive of the 11th Round 9 per cent. increase and hereby authorise expenditure of £1,000 in excess

of the amounts provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of these revised salary scales:—

Matron.

£1,340 X £43 — £1,555 plus phased increase at each point of the salary scale from 1st April, 1969, to 1st April, 1973, inclusive, to give a salary scale of £1,415 X £43 — £1,630 with effect from 1st April, 1973.

Deputy Matron.

£1,230 X £42 — £1,440 plus phased increase at each point of the salary scale from 1st April, 1969, to 1st April, 1973, inclusive, to give a salary scale of £1,325 X £35 — £1,500 with effect from 1st April, 1973.

Head Night Nurse (Female).

£1,230 X £35 — £1,405 plus phased increase at each point of the salary scale from 1st April, 1969, to 1st April, 1973, inclusive, to give a salary scale of £1,320 X £35 — £1,495 with effect from 1st April, 1973.

Deputy Head Night Nurse (Female).

£1,205 X £35 — £1,380 plus phased increase at each point of the salary scale from 1st April, 1969, to 1st April, 1973, inclusive, to give a salary scale of £1,300 X £35 — £1,475 with effect from 1st April, 1973.

Phased increases over 5 years will have the effect of bringing the salary scales applicable to the offices of Matron, Deputy Matron, Head Night Nurse (Female) and Deputy Night Nurse (Female) into line with those applicable to Head Nurse (Male), Deputy Head Nurse (Male), Head Night Nurse (Male) and Deputy Head Night Nurse (Male) respectively by 1st April, 1973.

General Trained Nurse (In training for Psychiatric Qualifications).

£740 X £25 — £790.

Dual Qualified Female Staff Nurse (R.P.N. and R.G.N. Qualifications).

£875 X £30 — £1,145 plus addition of £20 per annum at each point of the salary scale from 1st April, 1969, to 1st April, 1973, inclusive.

The County Secretary stated that the cost involved was estimated at £1,000 in the present year.

Revision of Remuneration of Craftsmen and Labourers.

The County Secretary stated that agreement had been reached between the Federation of Builders, Contractors and Allied Employers of Ireland and the employees' Unions for a revision of remuneration of Craftsmen and Building Operatives. Under the terms of the agreement Craftsmen would be paid an increase of 1/-d per hour from 1st September, 1969, of 6d per hour from 1st January, 1970, and 3d per hour from 1st July, 1970. Labourers would receive 10d. per hour increase from 1st Sept., 1969, 5d. per hour from 1st January, 1970, and 3d. per hour from 1st July, 1970. It had been the Council's practice to pay Craftsmen and Labourers employed by the Council at the rates agreed upon between the Federation of Builders, Contractors and Allied Employers of Ireland and the Construction Industry Trade Unions. The cost involved would amount to approximately £1,200 in the present financial year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved — That we approve of the application to Craftsmen and

Builders' Labourers employed by the Council of the rates of wages agreed between the Federation of Builders, Contractors and Allied Employers of Ireland and the Construction Industry Trade Unions affiliated to the Irish Congress of Trade Unions as set out in the Contract Agreement 1969. We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the application of the revised rates of wages.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9 — Weekly Payment for Roadworkers — Application of Union on Behalf of Council Employees.

The County Secretary stated that as requested by the Council at a previous Meeting discussions had taken place with representatives of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union on the matter of the introduction of weekly pay for Council employees and it was recommended to the Council that a system of weekly payment be introduced as from 1st May, 1970. The representatives of the Unions had urged that a definite date be fixed for the introduction of weekly payments. The County Secretary stated that the cost of introducing weekly payments would amount to about £4,000 in a year but in addition it would be desirable that a mechanical accounting system be introduced which would facilitate weekly payments as well as being generally necessary.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor C. White:

Resolved — That having considered Report of discussion with representatives of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union we approve of the introduction of a system of weekly payments for Council employees with effect from 1st May, 1970, and direct that the necessary provision be made in the Council's Estimates for the financial year 1970/'71 to meet the cost of the application of weekly payments.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Mechanical Accounting System—To consider introduction of Mechanical Accounting Systems for Rate Apportionment Recording and Analysis of Expenditure, and issue of Payments.

The County Secretary stated that the approval of the Council was sought to the introduction of a system of Rate Apportionment on the basis proposed would simplify and expedite the production of the Rate Books and issue of Demand Notes and effect a saving in costs. The system would allow of the issue of one Demand Note to each ratepayer covering all his holdings and giving full details of all of them. It would also facilitate the production of statistics in relation to valuations, remissions, instance of rates, on different categories of valuations, etc. The County Secretary stated that in recent years the Council had found difficulty in obtaining temporary staff for work on the preparation of the Rate Books and there had been a large turnover in staff in each year. The introduction of the present system would still require that a limited number of staff would be needed each year. The cost of the system in the first year would be approximately £3,700 but in subsequent years the cost would be reduced to £1,400 and this would effect a substantial saving.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the County Accountant for the introduction of a system of Rate Apportionment in accordance with the I.B.M. Data Centre Proposal for Rates Accounting submitted by International Business Machines and note that the cost for the first year for the new system would be £3,700 approx. and in subsequent years would be £1,400 approximately. We hereby authorise the necessary additional expenditure required in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of applying the new system in preparation for the year 1970/'71.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the increase in volume and complexity of work in Accounts Section rendered it necessary to arrange as soon as possible for the introduction of a system of mechanised accounting. The Council's agreement to the introduction of weekly payment for Roadworkers would be facilitated by having available a mechanised accounting system. It was expected that the cost of the necessary machinery could be defrayed over a period of years at an annual charge in the region of £1,000.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the introduction of a system of mechanised accounting to facilitate the issue of weekly payments to Council employees and to provide for the recording and classification of Expenditure and Receipts and other accounting data.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Allowance to Rate Collectors in respect of travelling and other expenses.

The County Secretary stated that he had been informed by the Irish Local Government Officials' Union that discussion on this matter would be premature as the matter had not been finally agreed by the Officers concerned. The Council agreed that the matter be deferred pending agreement by the Union.

Item No. 12—Employment Schemes in Rural Areas—Letter from Department of Local Government.

The County Secretary submitted letter from the Department of Local Government indicating that it was not possible in the present year to allocate new Grants under sub-head K of the Local Government Vote for Employment Schemes in Rural Areas (non-urbanised towns). It was stated that after allowing for the payment of Grants outstanding on Schemes authorised in past years the reduced provision for Rural Employment Schemes would not be sufficient for an allocation of Grants for new works. The County Secretary stated that

in 1968/69 a Grant of £450 had been made available subject to a local contribution of £150 and this had been expended on the provision of footpaths at Rathnew and Quarry Street, Shillelagh. The Council had provided in the current year's Estimates a total sum of £7,600 for Winter Relief Works. The Council expressed regret that no Grants for non-urbanised towns would be available in the present year and asked that the Minister be requested to reconsider the matter and to make available Grants for this purpose which assisted in the relief of unemployment during the Winter period.

Item No. 13—Speed Limits—Report of Technical Committee in regard to recommended alterations and additions to Road Traffic (Speed Limits) (County of Wicklow) Regulations, 1968.

The County Secretary submitted the Report of the Meeting of the Technical Committee on Speed Limits held on 26th June, 1969, and the list of the recommended alterations and additions to the Road Traffic (Speed Limits) (County of Wicklow) Regulations, 1968, arising from the decision reached at the meeting and subsequent meetings on various sites between Garda representatives and members of the Council's Engineering Staff. The County Engineer in submitting the Report had referred to the proposal that a 40 m.p.h. built-up area speed limit be imposed on the Bray/Greystones Road and had stated that following an examination of the route it was considered that such a restriction was unwarranted but it was recommended that signs be erected warning of the dangerous bends at Windgates. In the case of Roundwood it was stated that the extension of the speed limit on the Annamoe Road was warranted but not on the Dublin Road. The Council noted the recommendations made by the Committee but expressed the view as urged by Councillor Sweeney that the 40 m.p.h. speed limit sign at Templaraine be moved to a point North of the junction with the Beach Road. Members of the Council noted that Rathdrum was not referred to in the Report and the Co. Engineer stated that the matter of a speed limit at Rathdrum had been considered but it was not considered that a speed limit would be necessary in the town. Councillor Timmins, T.D., asked that the matter of providing a speed limit at Grange Con be examined.

Item No. 14—Disposal of land at Bawnogue, Baltinglass—Mr. William Lee—Letter from Department of Local Government.

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

Department of Local Government,
Custom House,
Dublin 1.
31 Deire Fomhair, 1969.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to

your letter of the 5th ultimo regarding the proposed disposal of a plot of ground at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, to a Mr. Lee and to state that he has been advised that the proposed rent is inadequate and that a rent of £10 per annum would be considered fair and reasonable for the site. It is noted that the site in question is a portion of the area acquired at a cost of £200 for road works and charged to the main Road Improvement Grant. Such acquisition costs may only be charged to the Grant to the extent that the land acquired is actually incorporated in the road improvement scheme. A sum of £85 is therefore due to be repaid to the Road Fund.

It is considered that the entrance to the site should be located on the old diverted section of the road and not on the realignment. Your observations on the above are requested.

Mise, le meas,

K. A. RYAN.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow

10th November, 1969.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Proposed Disposal of Land at Bawnogue, Baltinglass,
to Mr. William Lee.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 4th instant.

The entrance from the house will not be on the realigned section of the road. The plan submitted for Planning permission, for which approval has been given, shows the entrance onto the old road.

It would appear that the Department are claiming the sum of £85 to be repaid to the Road Fund as a valuation of the land, which was originally purchased through the Road Fund, and which has now been sold to Mr. Lee. It would seem, however, that if the Department insist that they are entitled to this refund, the question of the ground rent per annum, would not be one for me to decide.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

The Council approved of the charging of a rent of £10 per annum to Mr. William Lee in respect of the plot of ground at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, leased to him by the Council.

Item No. 15—Letter from Irish Heart Foundation expressing thanks for Council's contribution.

The Council noted the letter received from the Irish Heart Foundation expressing thanks for the payment of £294 by the Council

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and asking that their appreciation of the Council's contribution be brought to the attention of the Members.

Item No. 16—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor F. Hynes:—
"That this Council provide sewerage and water for the tenants of the four cottages at Blainroe near Wicklow."

The County Engineer reported that these cottages were very isolated and could not be supplied with water from an existing pipe supply system. In his opinion the most satisfactory arrangement would be to organise a Group Scheme for them. He stated he was investigating the possibility of this being arranged. Councillor Hynes stated that one of the persons concerned would scarcely be in a position to contribute towards the cost of a Scheme. It was agreed, however, that the County Engineer would proceed with his investigation of the proposal.

Item No. 17—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor S. Costello:—
"That the Council take immediate action for the acquisition of land at Brittas Bay for use as a Public Car Park."

As a Report on the matter was not yet available from the County Engineer it was agreed that the Item be deferred to the next Meeting.

Item No. 18—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor James Miley:—
"That a Sewerage Scheme be provided at Knockieran, Blessington, for the Council Houses."

The County Engineer reported that the provision of a sewage disposal system for these houses was being investigated but during the previous months the Council's efforts were directed to relieve the shortage of water in the various villages and towns due to the unusual dry spell and this had interfered with the progress of the investigation. The Council noted that the matter was still under examination by the County Engineer.

Item No. 19—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor S. Costello:—
"That the pay slips used to pay Council Roadworkers be printed in Ireland instead of in London."

The County Secretary stated that an Anson Machine was used for the production of the wages card, pay slip and payroll and it was essential that the documents used line up exactly on all three forms. The pay slips and other documents were purchased from the Agents of Messrs Anson in Ireland. As the stationery was copyright it could not be printed without permission and very few firms in Ireland produced this type of work. The Agents for Messrs Anson had sought quotations from local firms some time previously but found the cost was much in excess of the price at present being charged by the Company. The total cost of the slips in a year amounted to £45. The Council noted that the documents were copyright and also noted

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that following the introduction of mechanised accounting system these slips would no longer be required.

Item No. 20—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple:— "We hereby request the County Council to take over the Road from Upper Windgates to the Cliff Hotel thereby serving the houses on said road."

At the request of Councillors E. Byrne and J. Temple the Council agreed to defer consideration of this proposal.

Item No. 21—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors James Whelan and Thomas J. Keenan:— "That the junction at the bottom of Moyne Hill be improved before a fatal accident occurs and the junction at the end of Farranbreaga Lane be also improved as it is very dangerous with Summer traffic."

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow

7th November, 1969.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Improvement of the Junctions at the Bottom of Moyne Hill and at the End of Farbreaga Lane—Item No. 21 on Agenda.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 30th September, 1969.

The sight line at the junction of Moyne Hill is limited and in order to improve this portion of the fence at the junction and its approaches should be removed. This will improve the sight line somewhat, but due to the differences in levels between the two roads—County Roads 134 and 135 some hazard may still exist.

There are no monies included in the present year's Road Works Scheme for the work. It is recommended that it be considered for inclusion in the 1970/'71 Road Works Scheme.

It would cost £180 to improve the junction at the end of Farbreaga Lane.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

The Council agreed that these proposals be included in the Road Works Scheme for 1970/'71 for submission to the Council.

The Council deferred consideration of the remaining Items on the Agenda to the next meeting.

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Notices of Motion.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in and accepted by the Chairman:—

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council remove the bend on the road at the top of Ballinabarney opposite Red Pegs Road."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing Matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 1st December 1969, at 8.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, James Walsh, John Deering, James M. J. O'Neill, G. Thompson, T.D., Edward S. O'Connell, Miss Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John J. O'Neill, John J. Bourke, J. Greaney, F. Hynes, Roger Nibbel, Basil E. O'Connell, and O. White. The County Manager, County Engineer, County Registrar, Acting Chief Planning Assistant, and Social Welfare Housing and Place of Births attended.

The County Secretary informed the Council that Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman, had indicated that she would be unable to attend the Meeting. Councillor F. Hynes, Vice-Chairman, took the chair. Councillor Miss M. Walsh attended the Meeting later.

AGENDA

Notice of intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the County Management (Amendment) Act, 1958, as follows:—

In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan and W. Cleary:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1958, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Tierney, Rathfarnham, for the erection of 3 bungalows at George Street, Rathfarnham."

(b) In the names of Councillors John Temple, Edward Ryan and Seamus Costello:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1958, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Brett P. Neave for the erection of a bungalow at Whitegates, Clonsilla, Rathfarnham."

2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 9th June, 10th July, 11th August, and 1st September, 1969.

3. Planning Policy—Discussion with Representatives of Epsom, Dalkey

4. Letter from Enniskerry and District Development Association re proposed establishment of Wild Life Reservations in Powerscourt.

5. Application from Bray Regional Settlement Committee for recognition of Depopulation.

6. Applications for Supplementary Grants for erection of new dwellinghouses.

7. Applications for Loans towards cost of erection of new dwellinghouses.

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Notices of Motion.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in and accepted by the Chairman:—

In the name of Councillor P. Hynes:— "That this Council remove the bend on the road at the top of Ballinabarnay opposite Red Pest Road."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing Matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 1st December, 1969, at 2.30 p.m.:—

The following Members attended:—

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Acting Chief Planning Assistant, and Staff Officers, Housing and Planning Sections, attended.

The County Secretary having informed the Council that Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman, had indicated that she would be unable to attend the Meeting, Councillor F. Hynes, Vice-Chairman, took the chair. Councillor Miss M. Walsh attended the Meeting later.

AGENDA

1. Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—
 - (a) In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan and W. Cleary:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Tierney, Rathdrum, for the erection of 8 bungalows at Clogga Beach, Ashtinstown."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors John Temple, Edward Byrne, and Seamus Costello:—

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Brett P. Nelson for the provision of a bungalow at Whitegates, Glencap Rd., Kilmacanogue."
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 9th June, 7th July, 11th August, and 1st September, 1969.
3. Planning Policy—Discussion with Representatives of Bord Fáilte.
4. Letter from Enniskerry and District Development Association re proposed establishment of Wild Life Reservation in Powerscourt.
5. Application from Bray Itinerant Settlement Committee for receipt of Deputation.
6. Applications for Supplementary Grants for erection of new dwellinghouses.
7. Applications for Loans towards cost of erection of new dwellinghouses.

- 8.—Application for consent to sales of Vested Cottages.
9. Applications for consent to sales of Vested Cottages.
10. Letter from Enniskerry Citizens' Action Committee in relation to Kligarron Housing Scheme.
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That repairs be carried out immediately to chimney and door for Mrs. Walker, Ballybeg, Tinahely."
12. Cottages repaired during month of November, 1969, and Cottages to be repaired during month of December, 1969.

Item No. 1 — Notices of Intention to Propose Resolutions Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:— (a) In Names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan and W. Cleary:— "By virtue of Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Tierney, Rathdrum, for the Erection of 8 Bungalows at Clogga Beach, Askintinny."

As Members of the Council who had given Notice of Intention to move the Resolution were not in attendance the Council agreed to defer consideration of the matter to the next meeting.

(b) In the Names of Councillors John Temple, Edward Byrne, and Seamus Costello:— "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) 1963, to Brett P. Nelson for the Provision of a Bungalow at Whitegates, Glencap Road, Kilmacanogue."

The County Secretary stated that the present application was identical with a previous application which had been refused by the Council on the 28th August, 1969. The County Engineer recommended that permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The proposal would be injurious to visual amenity in this area of high scenic and recreational value by being unduly prominent in the foreground of views from the Sugarloaf and because the proposal would result in the felling of a number of mature trees which contribute to the amenity of the area.
2. The road on to which the site fronts is incapable of accommodating satisfactorily any increase in vehicular traffic because of its inadequate width and alignment.

Councillor Costello stated that he did not see how the proposed development would spoil the amenity value of the area and considered that the road was adequate to take such extra traffic as would be generated by the building of this house. He pointed out that the applicant was a local man and every effort should be made to assist him in providing a house for himself. Councillor E. Byrne stated that he had visited the site and could not see that the proposed development would cause any difficulties. It was stated by Councillor Temple that the

applicant was an Engineer at present working abroad and he wished to erect the house in order to return home.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Brett P. Nelson for the provision of a bungalow at Whitegates, Glencap Road, Kilmacanogue.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 9th June, 7th July, 11th August and 1st September, 1969.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Costello stated that he had indicated on previous occasions that it was not reasonable to submit Minutes of a number of Meetings for confirmation at one Meeting of the Council. The County Secretary pointed out that Minutes were prepared promptly and forwarded to the Printers but that delays had occurred in receiving printed copies of the Minutes from the Printers and, consequently, it was necessary to submit several sets of Minutes for confirmation at a Meeting. The Council asked that in future not more than two sets of Minutes be submitted for confirmation at any Meeting.

Item No. 3—Planning Policy—Discussion with Representatives of Bord Failte.

Mr. K. Barry and Mr. J. O'Donnell of Bord Failte attended at the Meeting and Mr. Barry addressed the Members. He thanked the Council for the opportunity of coming to Wicklow to explain the role of Bord Failte under the Planning Act and to reiterate the Board's dependence on the Planning Authorities for the conservation of the primary resource of Irish tourism—the countryside. He pointed out that Wicklow was one of the most important Counties in Ireland from the point of view of tourist earnings and was exceeded in this respect only by Dublin, Kerry, Cork and Donegal. He emphasised the importance of tourism to the Irish economy and stated that national revenue from tourism had risen from £44.2m. in 1960 to £93m. in 1968. Resort and accommodation in Wicklow had benefited in the previous five years by over £350,000 in Bord Failte Grants. Local Authorities had also invested money in tourist projects at Bray, Greystones and in other parts of the County. Wicklow was fortunate in having 90 per cent. of the car ferry traffic entering the country through ports close to its boundaries. The Board saw great opportunities for farmhouse accommodation development in West Wicklow. The income from Tourism in Wicklow was estimated at £62 per capita in 1968 which was the highest in the State and over twice the national average. Mr. Barry emphasised that mountain, pastoral and coastal scenery of Co. Wicklow was the primary resource which must be protected if tourist income in Wicklow was to continue to grow and if their investment was to be justified. Tourists sought peaceful countryside and scenery

unspoiled by unsightly and inappropriate development and the charm of Wicklow was that it had an abundance of outstanding scenery. He referred also to the problems arising in amenity conservation on account of the proximity of Dublin by the demands on Wicklow for provision to meet recreational needs, litter problems, vandalism and traffic congestion and for creation of rights of way and access to sea, mountain and lakeside. He pointed out that the need for amenity conservation, including restriction on house building, had been underlined in three major Planning Studies which had included Wicklow in recent years, the Dublin Regional Plan, Tourism in Ireland East, and Development in West Wicklow.

In regard to the suggestion that Bord Failte was opposed to house building in Wicklow even to the extent of opposing in some cases dwellings for the farming community he stated that since the Planning Act came into operation in 1964 only 153 Planning Applications out of a total of almost 3,000 dealt with by the Planning Authority had been referred to Bord Failte and refusals had been recommended in 26 cases. The Board had never opposed the granting of Planning Permission for dwellings for farmers though they had sometimes suggested an alteration of the siting of the house so that it might fit in well in the area. He expressed regret that a County Plan had not yet been made in Wicklow and referred to the extent of the use of Section 4 of the City and County Management Act for the granting of Planning Permission, often apparently without regard to the preservation and improvement of amenity. He pointed out that a proper planning policy including recreation planning based on the natural attractions of the County would benefit the people of Wicklow and in particular the towns with growing industry such as Bray, Arklow and Wicklow. Failure to guard Wicklow's heritage of scenery and failure to make provision for recreational demands would bring serious problems to Wicklow in terms of litter, vandalism, traffic congestion and would cause such erosion of scenic resources that complacency would be impossible at national level. Councillor Phelan contrasted the expansion of population in Dublin, 33 per cent. in five years, with the increase in population in Co. Wicklow of only 3 per cent. He considered that the provision of more housing was of primary importance and looked forward to a large increase in the population of the County and, consequently, in its prosperity in the years to come. Councillor Costello pointed out that the problem was to reconcile conflicting interests. He stressed that the benefit from tourism must be preserved and agreed that scenic amenities were the main tourist attraction that the County had to offer. Councillor Temple expressed the view that the Council's staff should work in closer association with Bord Failte and co-operate with the Board in relation to Planning Applications. Councillor R. Miley contended that all proposals in the Glendalough area had been objected to by Bord Failte and he disagreed with the views expressed by Mr. Barry and by Councillor Costello. In reply to a suggestion by Councillor Phelan that a person who was refused Planning Permission for development of his land should be compensated the County Manager pointed out that the value of land for building depended on the services provided by the Local Authority. Land in mountain areas would have very low value for building purposes if roads and other services were not available and these services were provided by the Local Authority and the State and not by the owner of the land. He agreed that Wicklow was being required to provide amenity services for the city of Dublin.

Mr. Barry in replying to points raised by the Members emphasised that the designation of any area as being a Special Amenity Area did

not mean that building could not take place. Buildings could be erected in such areas but it was essential that all such development be suitably sited and controlled. Mr. J. O'Donnell, Bord Failte, stated that a survey of traffic carried out in the Enniskerry area in February had yielded a count of 3,000 cars. He referred to the problem with litter, much of which was thrown over boundary walls by visitors. This problem in regard to visitors to the County arose particularly in North-East Wicklow.

In regard to the development of the area around the lake in West Wicklow Councillor J. Miley inquired when the Blessington/Lacken Road could be completed and urged that a further Grant be sought for this road. The County Engineer stated that the work which had been approved had not been started as it had not been possible to obtain the necessary lands by agreement. Councillor Miley urged that the Council use compulsory powers for acquiring the necessary land.

Resolutions of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor Miss M. Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. Bourke, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the brother, sister and relatives of the late Canon Darcy, P.P., Parish Priest of Tinahely.

On the proposal of Councillor F. Hynes, Chairman, the Council passed a Resolution of sympathy with the County Secretary on the death of his mother.

Item No. 4—Letter from Enniskerry and District Development Association re proposed establishment of Wild Life Reservation in Powerscourt.

The following letter and Resolution from Enniskerry Development Association was submitted:-

ENNISKERRY AND DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Leicester Arms Hotel,
Enniskerry
14th November, 1969.

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

I would be grateful if you would be good enough to inform the members of the Council of the views of the Enniskerry Development Association as expressed in the enclosed resolution in connection with the proposed establishment of a Wild Life Reservation in Powerscourt.

I should like to emphasise that we believe we can claim to represent the great majority of the residents of Enniskerry and the surrounding district.

Yours sincerely,

THOMAS CORCORAN
(Hon. Secretary).

The following resolution was passed unanimously by the Executive Committee of the Enniskerry and District Development Association at its meeting held on Thursday, 13th November, 1969:—

"That the Enniskerry and District Development Association representing the interests of the majority of the residents of the locality, fully supports the proposal to establish a game reserve at Powerscourt and congratulates the Slazenger family on the initiative they have taken in this important tourist promotion."

Item No. 5—Application from Bray Itinerant Settlement Committee for reception of Deputation.

The following letter from the Bray Itinerant Settlement Committee was submitted:—

THE BRAY ITINERANT SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE

13th November, 1969.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council
Wicklow.

Dear sir,

The committee of Bray Itinerant Settlement Association has asked me to enquire whether, in view of the increasing urgency of this problem, the Wicklow County Council would receive a deputation of our members, to discuss the provision of a permanent camp site in County Wicklow, and/or temporary halts with sanitation and grazing.

We should be glad to attend at any time convenient to the Council.

Yours faithfully,

SHEILA PIM,

Hon. Sec.

The Council agreed to receive the Deputation at the Meeting to be held on the 15th December, 1969. Following a discussion in regard to the time at the Council Meetings occupied by the reception of Deputations:

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That Deputations be received at 4.30 p.m. in future.

Passed, Councillor Costello dissenting.

Item No. 6 — Applications for Supplementary Grants for erection of new dwellinghouses.

The Council approved of the making of Supplementary Grants as follows:—

Applicant	Amount of Grant	Proposer	Seconder
Sean P. Lally	£300	Co. B. Phelan	Co. F. Hynes
Milltown North, Rathnew.			
John Doyle	£400	Co. F. Hynes	Co. B. Phelan
4, Knockrobin, Wicklow.			
William F. Kelly,	£450	Co. B. Phelan	Co. R. Miley
Ballylusk, Ashford.			
Robert Barrett	£350	Co. G. Timmins	Co. M. J. O'Neill
Gibstown, Knockenarrigan, Donard.			
Daniel Byrne	£450	Co. M. O'Neill	Co. G. Timmins
Barraderry, Kiltegan.			
Edward Handbridge,	£350	Co. G. Timmins	Co. M. Deering
Ballintruer, Stratford-on-Slaney			

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., inquired as to whether an application had been received for a Grant for the erection of a new dwellinghouse from Mrs. Bridget Molloy, Killalesh, Kiltegan. The County Secretary stated that this application had been refused as the valuation of the holdings of the applicant and her husband exceeded the limit of £60. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., asked that this application be reconsidered and stated that Mrs. Molloy had previously been Mrs. Murphy and the house for which Mrs. Molloy was rated had been built for the Murphy family and left to her eldest son but due to his illness it had not been possible to transfer the property to him. He considered that this holding should not be taken into account when determining the eligibility of Mrs. Molloy in the present application. On the proposal of Councillor G. Timmins, seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill, the Council agreed that subject to the necessary statutory authority being available that a Supplementary Grant be made to Mrs. Molloy.

Item No. 7—Application for Loans towards Cost of Erection of New Dwellinghouses.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., inquired whether a Loan had been approved for a Mr. Michael Purcell for the purchase of an existing house. The County Secretary stated that Mr. Purcell had been informed that the Council could not consider his application as any monies available to the Council had to be reserved for Loans for new houses to which the Council was already committed. The allocation of capital made to the Council for the current financial year for the purpose of making Loans available to persons wishing to provide their own houses had to cover both Loans for the purchase of new houses and for the purchase of existing houses and the Council gave preference to the making of Loans for the purchase of new houses. It was necessary to ensure that sufficient monies would be available to meet the Council's commitment for Loans for new houses which might arise during the period to the 31st March. Councillor Timmins urged that the application of Mr. Purcell be considered as if he did not acquire his own house he would be seeking a house from the Council. In reply to inquiries from Members the County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the house being purchased was about sixty years built but was in fairly good condition throughout and its value was estimated at £3,000. The house was situated at Main Street, Kilcoole. The applicant sought a Loan of £2,000 and the purchase price was £2,950. The Council decided to defer consideration of the matter and asked that particulars of the application be supplied to the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area in which the applicant resided and to the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area in which area the house was situated.

Item No. 8—Applications for Consent to Sales of Vested Cottages.

The Co. Secretary stated that at the previous Meeting the Council had considered application of Mrs. Mary J. O'Connell for consent to sell her interest in Vested Cottage No. 9/2 at Brittas to Mr. Charles A. Ebrill of "St. Clare," Foster Avenue, Blackrock. It was stated that the purchase price was £600 and the County Engineer agreed that this would be the market value. Councillor J. Miley asked that the Council consider purchasing the cottage and that there would be a suitable applicant for it. An application had since been received from Mr. John Keogh of Snugboro, Donard, for the tenancy of the cottage. It was Proposed by Councillor J. Miley; Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill; Resolved—That we approve of the purchase by the Council of the in-

terest of Mrs. Mary J. Connell in Vested Cottage No. 9/2 at Brittas on the basis of a purchase price of £600 of which £200 would be retained by the Council, and subject to the statutory conditions continuing to apply to the cottage and the annuity continuing to be payable to the Council.
Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Patrick Kelly sought the consent of the Council to transfer his interest in Vested Cottage No. 223/9 at Knocklow, Tullow, to his mother, Mrs. Rose Kelly, of Knockeen, Tullow. Mrs. Kelly, who was a widow, was residing at present on a farm at Knockeen, Tullow, in which she had a life interest. She wished to transfer the life interest in the farm to her son, Patrick Kelly, and he wished to transfer his interest in the vested cottage to his mother and that he would go to reside on the farm at Knockeen and she would reside in the vested cottage.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the transfer by Patrick Kelly of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 223/9 at Knocklow, Tullow, to Mrs. Rose Kelly, Knockeen, Tullow, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.
Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Thomas Lambert of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 174/2 at Church Terrace, Dunlavin, to Mrs. Catherine M. Holder, Milltown, for the sum of £1,000, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £333 6s. 8d. the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.
Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

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

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Hugh Byrne of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 50/3 at Coonmore, Hollywood, to James Kennedy, Coonmore, Hollywood, for the sum of £800, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £266 13s. 4d., the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.
Passed unanimously.

The Council decided to defer for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area the application of Mrs. Nancy Lyons, 5, Grattan Park, Greystones, for consent to the sale of Vested Cottage 381/4 to Mr. John T. Ryan, Myrtle Cottage, Eden Road, Greystones. The proposed sale price was stated to be £2,700.

The County Secretary stated that the application of Mrs. Theresa Doyle for consent to the sale of her interest in portion of vested cottage plot 38/3 at Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride, to Patrick Haughian could not yet be proceeded with pending a decision on the matter

of the sum to be paid by Mrs. Doyle to the Council. Councillor J. Miley expressed the view that the Council could waive the requirement that a payment be made to the Council in this case and asked that the Council's Solicitor advise on the matter.

Item No. 9—Recovery of Possession of Vested Cottage at Priestnewtown.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Murtagh Smith, who is tenant of Cottage No. 243/6, at Priestnewtown, Delgany, had for a considerable time past been a patient in St. Patrick's Hospital, Kilmmainham. The Council had received a report from a Medical Officer of the Hospital that following discussion with Mr. Smith, Mr. Smith had informed him that it was unlikely that he would be returning to his cottage at Delgany as he required regular medical and nursing care, and that he intended to spend the rest of his days in the Hospital at Kilmmainham. Representations had been received that the Council should not recover possession of the cottage due to the fact that Miss Alice Smith, who is a daughter of the tenant, resided in the cottage at week-ends. She apparently worked in Dublin. As it was clear that there was demand for houses in the district it was considered that the Council should recover possession of the cottage. The Council agreed that possession of the cottage be obtained by the Council.

Item No. 10—Letter from Enniskerry Citizens' Action Committee in relation to Kilgarron Housing Scheme.

The following letter and petition were submitted to the Council:—

THE ENNISKERRY CITIZENS' ACTION COMMITTEE

19th November, 1969.

The County Secretary,
Wicklow County Council

A Chara,

For the attention of Councillors

I have forwarded to you copies of a petition which have been signed by the majority of adults, including the leaders of the religious communities, business and the working people in Enniskerry on the subject of the Kilgarron Housing Scheme. The original copies have been sent to the Minister of Local Government.

You will note that in my letter of the 18/11/69 I requested you to arrange the promised meeting with the prospective purchasers and tenants. The second point in the petition deals explicitly with the question of any additional costs been laid upon these people and thereby reinforcing our request for the meeting to resolve at least this issue.

We ask you to bring this letter and the petitions to the attention of the Councillors at the earliest possible opportunity and we await your reply.

Mise, le meas,

TOM REDMOND,

Secretary.

KILGARRON HOUSING SCHEME

To: The Secretary of Wicklow Co. Council

The Minister for Local Government

We, the undersigned, mindful of the amount of Public money already

weight of the dire housing conditions of the families due to be housed and their increased financial burden of all the meetings, depopulation and the High Court costs having failed to resolve the issue.

On the fact that delay in completing this site is a loss in every way to the Community of Keshkerry.

We request the Wicklow Co. Council to use its authority to compel these houses using direct labour.

The Wicklow Co. Council to reach a financial agreement with the people who have paid deposits and to ensure that they do not have to pay additional expenses incurred by the delay.

The Minister for Local Government to initiate a public enquiry into the scandal and to ensure that a similar situation does not arise.

The petition had been signed by a large number of people. The Council agreed that the Minutes of the Council for the Bury Election were to be sent to the applicants for the purchase type houses at Keshkerry, Enniskerry, at the Town Hall, Bray, on Friday, 18th December, 1969, to indicate the arrangements made for completion of the houses and to supply the revised estimate of cost and the allocation of the houses.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillors C. White, Miss Nancy O'Neill and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:— By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Miss Margaret Weir, Ballyross, Enniskerry, for the provision of a house at Ballycoyle, Glencree.

In the name of Councillors John Sweeney and Thomas J. Keenan:— That this Council build a house for Thomas Ryan on his own site at Keshkerry, Enniskerry.

In the name of Councillor Mark Deering:— That additional land be provided at Davidstown.

In the name of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge and C. White:— That this Council acquire the site of the house at Templearring, Delgany.

In the name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:— That this Council extend water and sewerage to eight cottages at the Terrace at Carrigrohilly and (b) That this Council extend water and sewerage to Mr. James Hubbard's cottage at Mill Street, Carrigrohilly.

In the name of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:— That this Council acquire the site known as the Bog Meadow and acquire as a public park.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 15th December, 1969, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—
 - (a) In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, and W. Cleary:—
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Tierney, Rathdrum, for the erection of eight bungalows at Clogga Beach, Askintinny."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors C. White, Miss Nancy O'Neill and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:—
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Miss Margaret Weir, Ballyross, Enniskerry, for the provision of a house at Ballycoyle, Glencree."
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 14th July and 18th August, 1969.
3. Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 31st March, 1970.
4. Higher Education Grants Scheme — Letter from Department of Education in regard to proposal to pay Higher Education Grants at higher rate to all Grant holders.
5. Polling Scheme — Letter from Department of Local Government re making of new Schemes.
6. Health Bill, 1969—Letter from Dublin Health Authority.
7. Courthouse, Wicklow—Application of Judge and County Registrar that room be made available for purposes of Jury Room for Record Court.
8. Construction of Bridge at Davidstown, Donard — Authorisation of Expenditure.

9. Drumgoff Barracks, Glenmalure — Advice of Council's Solicitor regarding proposal that Council take over structure and carry out works thereto.
10. Enniskerry Clock Tower — Letter from Enniskerry and District Development Association.
- 10 (a) Industrial Site at Baltinglass — Proposal to acquire additional land.
- 10 (b) Bray Traffic Lights—Views of Bray Traders' Association.
11. Report on matters raised by Rathdrum Development Association.
12. Felling of Trees at Old Station Road, Aughrim—Report of County Engineer.
13. Application for Loan for purchase of existing House (Deferred from Meeting held on 1st December, 1969).
14. To receive Deputation from Bray Itinerant Settlement Committee.
15. Application of Newtownmountkenedy Tidy Towns' Committee for laying of drain to take surface water where there is at present a ditch opposite cottages at Riverside.
16. Pensions Increase, 1969 — Letter from Department of Local Government.
17. Local Authorities Widows and Orphans ex gratia Pension Scheme.
18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:— "That the Council take immediate action for the acquisition of land at Brittas Bay for use as a public car park."
19. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Edward Byrne and John Temple:— "We hereby request the County Council to take over the road from Upper Windgates to the Cliff Hotel thereby serving the houses on the said road."
20. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:— (a) "That this Council remove the dangerous bends in Kennystown Lane, Carnew. These bends are a danger to the school car which has to travel them." (b) "That this Council have the open drains at each side of the road piped from the end of the houses in Coolboy to the bridge and from Greagan's Shop, Coolroe, to the bridge. Both drains are on the Coolroe side of Coolboy." (c) "That this Council extend the footpath along the Main Road from the Fair Green Gate to Ardeen Cheshire Home Gate, Shillelagh." (d) "That this Council erect public lights on the main road from Shillelagh to the Cheshire Home and from Shillelagh to Quarry Street."
21. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council lay a watermain to supply water for the people of Kingstown, Rathdrum."
22. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Roger Miley:— "That the Council repair the footpath at Glenealy up to the cottages at Deputy's Pass Road as the road is dangerous for children going to school."

23. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. Deering:— "That Logatryna Lane, Dunlavin, be taken over and maintained by the Council."
24. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:— "That this Council extend the footpath to the bottom of the hill in Mill Street at Carnew at each side."
25. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:— (a) "That this Council extend street lighting to the end of the houses at Coollartin Road, Carnew." (b) "That this Council extend street lighting to the end of the houses on Shillelagh Road, Carnew."
26. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh:— "That the old refuse dump at Tinahely be closed immediately and the new dump be put into service forthwith."
27. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Miley:— "That we, the Wicklow County Council, do hereby recommend that the Co. Manager fill the vacant position in the Health Section by the promotion of Miss R. O'Neill to the post of Clerical Officer therein. We further recommend that Miss R. O'Neill's permanent service as Clerk/Typist with this Council be taken into account in this regarding and we further recommend that this Resolution be forwarded to the appropriate Minister."
28. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council remove the bend on the road at top of Ballinabarney opposite Red Peg's Road."
29. Notices of Motion in names of Councillors Miss Nancy O'Neill, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, and C. White:— (a) "That this Council provide water for nine houses at Templecarrig, Delgany." (b) "That the area of land known as the Bog Meadow be acquired as a public park, car park and play centre."
30. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Mark Deering:— "That additional lights be provided at Dunlavin."
31. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:— (a) "That this Council extend water and sewerage to eight cottages on the Terrace at Carnew." (b) "That this Council extend the water to Mr. James Hilliard's cottage at Mill Street, Carnew."
32. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:— (a) In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan and W. Cleary:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Tierney, Rathdrum, for the erection of eight bungalows at Clogga Beach, Asintinny."

The County Secretary stated that the application was for outline permission for the erection of eight bungalows at Clogga Strand, Asintinny. The proposed development was situated alongside the road lead-

ing to the beach at Clogga directly opposite a development which had been approved by the Council for a Motel and chalets subject to a number of conditions which included for the making available of access to the beach and land for a public car park and for a site for a public convenience to be provided by the Council. The County Engineer had recommended refusal of the application and the County Secretary read the grounds for his recommendation. The County Medical Officer had also recommended refusal and had pointed out that the soil was very boggy and wet and was unsuitable for septic tank effluent treatment, that the ground sloped from each side towards the stream in the centre and pollution of the stream was likely. He pointed out that this stream discharged on to the beach used for bathing. The position of houses and septic tanks had not been shown and there was a possibility of pollution of the well proposed by septic tank effluents.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Tierney, Rathdrum, for the erection of eight bungalows at Clogga Beach, Askin-tinny.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That consideration be postponed to the meeting of the Council to be held on 5th January, 1970, to allow members to inspect the site.

The Council agreed to the amendment in the name of Councillor Costello and it was arranged that the Members of the Council wishing to see the site would meet on the following Saturday at Arklow to carry out an inspection of the site. It was agreed that the matter be reconsidered at the meeting to be held on the 5th January.

(b) In the names of Councillors C. White, Miss Nancy O'Neill and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Miss Margaret Weir, Ballyross, Enniskerry, for the provision of a house at Ballycoyle, Glencree."

The County Secretary stated that Miss Weir had applied for permission to rebuild a house on her land at Ballycoyle. The County Engineer had recommended that permission be refused. There was no question of rebuilding the house as it was clearly a ruin as could be seen from the photograph submitted and only old stumps of walls and rubble remained. The County Engineer recommended refusal on the following grounds:—

1. The site is in an elevated position (on 800 ft. contour) in a landscape area of outstanding natural beauty and recreational amenity (Class A). A dwelling on this site by reason of prominence in scenic views would seriously injure the amenities of the area.
2. Because of the steeply sloping nature of the site the extent of the works which would be required in order to provide safe access on to the public road would result in an alteration in the rural fabric of the area the proper development of which requires the restriction of all incongruous development.

The County Secretary stated that Miss Weir was rated for 15 acres 2 roods 30 perches of land at Ballycoyle and for 10 acres 2 roods of land and a house at Ballyross. It appeared that her present accommodation was adequate. Miss Weir lived alone and her present house was about a half mile from the site of the proposed house. The Council decided to defer consideration of the proposal to the meeting to be held on the 12th January, 1970, and to arrange at the meeting on the 5th January, 1970, for an inspection of the site by Members of the Council.

Item No. 2 — Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 14th July and 18th August, 1969.

Passed unanimously.

At the request of Councillor Costello it was agreed that a report in regard to the matter of obtaining public access to the beach at Clogga be included on the Agenda for the January Meeting.

Members of the Council having complained of delay in the provision of public lighting which had been approved by the Council it was agreed that the matter be taken up with the Electricity Supply Board.

Item No. 3—Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 31st March, 1970.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Limited, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 31st March, 1970, shall not exceed £350,000. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4 — Higher Education Grants Scheme — Letter from Department of Education in regard to proposal to pay Higher Education Grants at Higher Rate to all Grant Holders.

The following letter received from the Department of Education was submitted:—

Department of Education,
Secondary Branch,
Hawkins House,
Dublin 2.
19 Samhain, 1969.

An Runai,
Comhairle Chontae Chille Manntain,
Ard Chille Manntain,
Cill Manntain.

Higher Education Grants Scheme.

A Chara,

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 14th October, 1969, in regard to the proposal to pay Higher Education Grants at the higher rate to all grant-holders under your Council's Scheme and to say that the Department does not propose to alter its decision in this matter.

The Department feels that costs of travelling and subsistence do not warrant payment of grants at the higher rate.

Mise, le meas,
P. O. Maolain.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and other Members having pointed out that persons in Co. Kildare, who had received Higher Education Grants at the higher rate and who resided within 20 miles of the city, lived at home and travelled each day to the University and that the same conditions should be applied to persons in Co. Wicklow who had obtained Higher Education Grants, the Council agreed that the Minister for Education be asked again to receive a Deputation from the Council and the Council nominated the following Members to form the Deputation:- Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman, Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, J. Miley and F. Hynes, together with Mr. P. Brennan, T.D., and Mr. L. Kavanagh, T.D.

Item No. 5 — Polling Scheme — Letter from Department of Local Government Re Making of New Schemes.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had indicated that any Polling Scheme which had been made prior to the passing of the Electoral Act, 1963, should be replaced by a new Scheme under Section 22 of that Act and that a review of the polling arrangements in all areas should therefore be initiated without delay and a new Scheme prepared. In a Memorandum for guidance in the preparation of Polling Schemes forwarded with the letter it was suggested that Polling Districts with approximately 500 to 600 electors should be the general aim and that in considering whether a Scheme should be confirmed the Minister would have regard to the size of proposed Polling Districts and the necessity for any Polling District with less than 200 electors should be explained. The County Secretary stated that in Co. Wicklow there was a total of 148 Polling Stations of which 26 had 100 voters or less, 30 had from 101 to 200 voters, and 92 had over 200 voters. Councillor Costello expressed the view that the major consideration in the preparation of a Polling Scheme should be the convenience of the electors and that no elector should have to travel any undue distance to record his vote. It was agreed that details of the present Polling Scheme indicating the number of voters at each Polling Station be circulated to the Members of the Council for the respective Electoral Areas and that the matter be later considered by Committees of the Members for each Electoral Area.

Item No. 6 — Health Bill, 1969 — Letter From Dublin Health Authority.

The County Secretary stated that the Dublin Health Authority had forwarded a copy of Draft Minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Authority at which the Chief Executive Officer's Report of the 11th November, 1969, had been considered. It was stated that these documents were submitted for consideration and endorsement with a view to an early representative joint meeting of the five rating authorities and Dublin Health Authority with a view to a further meeting with the Minister for Health. The County Secretary stated that the Dublin Health Authority had noted that the Minister had moved an amendment in regard to the membership of Health Boards, the effect of which was to provide that the elected representatives would have majority representation. It was noted also that the Health Bill provided for a change in administrative arrangements which would provide that the Board members themselves would have the responsibility for the effectiveness

and efficiency of the Board's functions and services and for co-ordinating its activities and seeing that decisions were implemented whereas these matters had been the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer and noted also that each Senior Officer would be answerable directly to the Board and would not report as in the present system through the Chief Executive Officer.

Members of the Council referred to the discussions which had taken place between the Deputation from Wicklow County Council and Deputation from Kildare County Council at the meeting with the Minister in October in regard to the representation of the Wicklow and Kildare County Councils on the new Regional Board and expressed the view that both Counties should have greater representation. On the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh, the Council agreed that a joint meeting be arranged with the members of Kildare County Council to be held at Blessington on 7th January, 1969, at 3.00 p.m. at the Downshire Hotel.

Item No. 7 — Courthouse, Wicklow — Application of Judge and County Registrar that room be made available for purposes of Jury Room for Record Court.

The County Secretary stated that the County Registrar at the request of the Circuit Court Judge had asked that a room at the Courthouse which was at present used by the Planning Staff of the Council and which had been used by the County Council as offices for the past 40 years be made available by the 31st December for the purposes of a Jury Room for the Record Court. The room in question was at present used as an office by the Acting Chief Planning Assistant and no alternative room was available. The County Manager stated that prior to 1898 the Grand Jury, which had certain functions in relation to the administration of Justice but also responsibilities in regard to the repair of roads, etc., had been responsible for Courthouses but following the passing of the 1898 Act the County Council took over the responsibilities of the Grand Jury other than those relating to the administration of Justice. The responsibility for maintaining Courthouses, however, was not clear until the passing of the Act of 1935 which imposed this responsibility on County Councils. The County Council had already expressed their opinion that this responsibility for the maintenance of Courthouses should be taken over by the Department of Justice. The County Manager pointed out that the Department of Justice had in recent years acquired new offices in Dublin at considerable cost but no local Courthouses had been provided. He drew attention to the wide responsibilities of the Council in relation to Housing, Sanitation, Planning and Development, and emphasised the lack of accommodation for the staffs needed to carry out these services. The Council decided to mark the request from the County Registrar and Judge as "read". In regard to the matter of providing adequate accommodation for the Council's staff the County Manager stated that plans had been prepared for permanent offices but it was estimated that the cost involved would be in the region of £100,000 and it was felt unlikely that capital could be made available for this purpose at present, even though Members of the Council expressed the view that the Council should proceed with provision of permanent offices of an adequate standard.

An estimate received from the County Engineer showed that the cost of temporary offices to accommodate staff on a site adjoining the temporary offices recently provided for Engineering Staffs in former gaol yard would be £6,500. The Council agreed that the necessary temporary accommodation for the Housing, Sanitation, Planning and Development Sections be provided.

Item No. 8—Construction of Bridge at Davidstown, Donard — Authorisation of Expenditure.

The County Secretary stated that during the heavy floods in November 1965, a number of bridges in the County had been swept away, including the bridge at Davidstown. A temporary bridge had been obtained on hire from the Department of Defence but the Department had been pressing for the erection of a permanent bridge so that the temporary structure could be recovered by the Department. As the Department of Defence had indicated that the box girder bridge which had been hired would have to be removed by the 31st December, 1969, the County Engineer having had plans prepared had proceeded with the work. The following Report of the County Engineer had been submitted:-

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow
15th December, 1969.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: DAVIDSTOWN BRIDGE.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 9th instant.

I enclose herewith Plan No. R.69/62, R.69/95 and R.69/104, together with detailed estimate for the construction of Davidstown Bridge. The estimated cost of the work is made up, as follows:-

Construction of Bridge:	£8,500
Re-alignment of Approach Road:	£ 726
TOTAL:	£9,226

It is recommended that the Council should apply to the Department of Local Government for a Special 75 per cent. Grant for the reconstruction of this bridge which was swept away during the heavy floods in 1965. It should be pointed out to the Department that a sum of £42,664 was spent on replacement of Bridges and repairs of Bridges on County Roads damaged during this storm, and £7,590 7s. 5d. on Main Road Bridges making a total of £50,254 7s. 5d. No extra monies were provided by the Department for the work carried out on these bridges and roads.

It could be now confirmed with the Department of Defence that a new Bridge to replace the Box Girder Bridge will be in operation before the 31st December, 1969, and that they can now make arrangements to have it removed in a week's time or so.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

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

Resolved—That in view of the need to replace Bridge at Davidstown, Donard, to allow of the return of the temporary bridge made available by the Department of Defence we hereby approve of the County Engineer's proceeding with the erection of the new bridge and authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray temporarily the cost of this work pending the decision of the Department of Local Government on the making available of a Grant towards the cost of the work and the borrowing of the Council's share of the cost.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

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

Resolved — That we hereby authorise the borrowing of the sum of money necessary to defray the proportion of the cost of the erection of new bridge at Davidstown, Donard, as is not met by way of Grant from the Department of Local Government.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9 — Drumgoff Barracks, Glenmalur — Advice of Council's Solicitor regarding proposal that Council take over structure and carry out works thereto.

The County Secretary stated that Comdt. M. Kavanagh, who was interested in the matter, had indicated that he wished to be present when the Council was discussing the advice received from the Council's Solicitor and had asked that the matter be deferred to the next meeting. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the meeting to be held on 12th January, 1970, for the attendance of Comdt. Kavanagh.

Item No. 10 — Enniskerry Clock Tower — Letter from Enniskerry and District Development Association.

Letter from Enniskerry and District Development Association was submitted:-

ENNISKERRY AND DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

14th November, 1969.

Mr. K. J. Brangan,

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow.

Re: Enniskerry Clock Tower.

Dear Mr. Brangan,

The members of Enniskerry Development Association are very pleased to hear that the Council is disposed to consider favourably the proposal to acquire and maintain the Clock Tower in the village.

The local Guild of the I.C.A. will continue to maintain the rose beds around the tower and I believe they have already informed the County Engineer of their willingness to do so.

The Development Association will be glad to co-operate with the Council to preserve this well-known landmark.

We are hopeful that after many years of fruitless effort we may eventually succeed in getting the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to remove their kiosk from the Clock Tower surround to a more suitable position.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Corcoran,

Hon. Secretary.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. White;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved — That having noted letter of 14th November, 1969, from the Enniskerry and District Development Association indicating that the local Guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Association will continue

to maintain the rose beds around the Clock Tower at Enniskerry we approve of the Council's accepting responsibility for the maintenance of the Clock Tower at Enniskerry and of the transfer of the Clock Tower and the plot of ground on which it stands to the Council. Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that representations be made to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs for the removal of the telephone kiosk to a more suitable position.

Item No. 10 (a) — Industrial Site at Baltinglass — Proposal to Acquire Additional Land.

The Council considered in committee the proposal to acquire four additional acres of land at Lathaleer, Baltinglass, for the purposes of an industrial site and the County Secretary submitted particulars of correspondence with the Solicitor for the owner of the land.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved — That we approve of the purchase of an additional four acres of land at Lathaleer, Baltinglass, from Mr. Patrick Conway, Barnhill, Baltinglass, at a price per acre approved by the County Manager. We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the purchase of the total of six acres of land for industry at Baltinglass.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10 (b) — Bray Traffic Lights — Views of Bray Traders' Association.

The County Secretary read a letter of 10th December, 1969, from the Acting Town Clerk, Bray Urban District Council, in regard to a meeting with three members of the Bray Traders' Association on the question of re-routing the traffic in Bray. The County Secretary stated that the three members had indicated that they were opposed to the proposed trial period of twelve months as recommended by the County and Town Engineers and wished to have the twelve point proposal submitted by the Bray Traders' Association operated for the period until the bye-pass road would be in operation. They also wished to add three additional points to their original twelve point plan. The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted.

County Engineer's Office,

Courthouse, Wicklow

15th December, 1969.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Bray Traffic Lights: Re-Routing of Traffic.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 11th instant.

A considerable amount of thought and time and study was put into the re-routing of Traffic in Bray before a final recommendation was made. Two schemes were put forward to the Garda Authorities, and the Scheme which was intended to be put into operation was recommended. The persons involved in the Survey and the Analysis of Traffic Data were specially qualified on Road Traffic Engineering. The suggestions now put forward are by people with vested interests.

Bord Failte, with all due respects, could hardly be taken to be experts in the field of Traffic Engineering. One, however, would expect that they would have the interests of the tourists at heart, and see that they would have freedom of movement through the streets of Bray during the Tourist season.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

The Members of the Council agreed that a meeting be arranged at an early date between the members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area with the Bray Traders' Association in regard to the matter.

Item No. 11 — Report on matters raised by Rathdrum Development Association.

The following Report on matters raised by the Deputation from Rathdrum Development Association was noted by the Council:-

**Item 11 on Agenda for Meeting on 15th December, 1969.
Water Supply — Reduction in Pressure:-**

The County Engineer reported that pressure reducing valves had been inserted in certain mains to reduce the pressure in the lower section of the town to reasonable figures. In some of the sections in which it was necessary to reduce the pressure there had been pressures of 100 per sq. inch and these were reduced to 50 per sq. inch.

Road Signs:-

In regard to the matter of a speed limit the County Engineer stated that this could again be referred to the Advisory Committee but in his opinion a speed limit was not necessary. He considered it would be impossible to travel through Rathdrum faster than 20 m.p.h. In regard to road signs the County Engineer stated that the sign at the top of the Lower Street could be changed making persons using the Main Road yield right of way as it was difficult for persons coming up the Lower Street to see traffic on the Main Road. The County Engineer stated that provision was being made for the erection of the new sign. Two signs indicating Rathdrum were put up on the Main Road but the suppliers had not provided arrows on them. Arrangements were being made to have the signs changed.

Housing at Rathdrum:-

A site had been acquired by the Council for erection of houses at Rathdrum and the sanction of the Minister had now been received to the appointment of Messrs. Meehan and Levins, Architects, to design a Scheme of 20 houses for erection at Rathdrum.

In regard to the matter of the public convenience the following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:-

County Engineer's Office,

Courthouse, Wicklow

17th November, 1969.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Provision of Public Convenience at Rathdrum.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 12th instant.

Please see my letter dated the 13th February, 1969. As previously reported, the site mentioned at the rear of Mr. O. Morgan's premises is the only one suitable and available near the Market Square. Mr. L. Pierce has a good site, but he is unwilling to give it.

Putting a public convenience in the Market Square would be very difficult, and expensive as the Square is small and the ground underneath, I believe, is solid rock. However, it might be possible to design an underground convenience for this place which would not be incongruous.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

In regard to the matter of the residence for a Doctor to fill the post of District Medical Officer and Medical Officer to St. Colman's Hospital, the County Manager informed the Members of the Council in committee that a recommendation had been received from the Local Appointments Commission for the appointment of a person to fill this post and that the person recommended had indicated that he would reside within the Rathdrum Dispensary District at a short distance from Rathdrum and would provide his own residence.

Item No. 12 — Felling of Trees at Old Station Road, Aughrim — Report of County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that following the invitation of Tenders for the felling of six trees at Aughrim in 1968 a tender in the sum of £80 had been accepted but it was found that the tenderer was unable to get Insurance Cover and consequently the work was not proceeded with. The County Engineer had submitted a Tender received from Mr. Arthur Byrne, Aughrim, in the sum of £250 provided that he retained the timber and he undertook to indemnify the Council against all claims. The County Engineer recommended that his Tender be accepted in accordance with his quotation.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Resolved — That having considered Report of County Engineer we approve of the acceptance of the Tender of Mr. Arthur Byrne, Aughrim, in the sum of £250 for the felling of trees at Old Station Road, Aughrim.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13 — Application for Loan for Purchase of Existing House.

The County Secretary stated that particulars of the application had been supplied to the Members of the Council for the Bray and Wicklow Electoral Areas.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourke;

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

Resolved — That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,000 to Mr. Michael Byrne, Monaline, Newtownmountkennedy, in respect of the purchase by him of a house at Main Street, Kilcoole, from Mr. Mervyn Gavrett, subject to compliance with the provisions of the

Council's Scheme for Loans for the purchase of existing houses. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14 — To Receive Deputation from Bray Itinerant Settlement Committee.

The Council received a Deputation from Bray Itinerant Settlement Committee who were represented by the Rev. J. A. Reid, Chairman, and Mr. Andrew Parle, Committee member. The Rev. Mr. Reid addressed the Council and stated that the Committee sought to have a site made available in North County Wicklow in the vicinity of Bray to house about twenty caravans. He pointed out that there were now very few places where itinerants could camp and that the ideal solution would be a site for twenty caravans with small permanent houses with toilet and handbasin and a concrete base adjoining where the caravan could be parked. Itinerants could live in one and sleep in the other. The establishment of a camping place would enable the children to receive education and the families be integrated with society. He stated that in addition or as an alternative the Committee sought that a halt be provided for which a field would be required with toilet accommodation and running water. Mr. A. Parle referred to the success which had been achieved by Dublin Corporation in the caravan site at Labre Park in Dublin and handed in plans of the camping site and of the houses provided. The County Manager stated that progress was being made by Bray Urban District Council in providing a site in conjunction with Dublin County Council near Bray and Arklow. Urban District Council had also agreed to make land available for the purposes of a site for an itinerants' camp. When the matter had previously been discussed by the Council it had been agreed that camps or halting places would be required between Bray and Arklow, at Tinahely and at Balinglass and that the whole County should be dealt with. Councillor Costello urged that a report be obtained on all possible sites in the vicinity of Bray and that the Council agree that the County Engineer examine and report on suitable sites for the purpose of providing camps.

Item No. 16 — Pensions Increase, 1969 — Letter from Department of Local Government.

The County Secretary stated that the letter of 24th November, 1969, from Department of Local Government had authorised the making of increases in Pensions which would have the effect of adjusting pensions to pay levels as at the 1st April, 1964. The estimated cost of the increases would be £1,950 in the present year and £2,750 in a full year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved — That we approve of revised rates of pensions to Officers and Employees in accordance with the provisions of letter of 24th November, 1969, ref: E.L.21/69, E.L.229/1/6, from Department of Local Government and hereby authorise expenditure of £1,950 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the increases in pensions.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 17 — Local Authorities Widows and Orphans Ex Gratia Pension Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government in letter of 25th November, 1969, had indicated that it was proposed, subject to the enactment of the necessary legislation, to in-

introduce a Scheme entitled "The Local Authorities Widows and Orphans Ex Gratia Pension Scheme" to provide pensions for the widows and children of Local Authority Officers who retired or died before 23rd July, 1968. The Scheme would operate with effect from 1st October, 1969, and since it would be some time before the necessary legislation was enacted Local Authorities were authorised to proceed to implement the terms of the Scheme, subject to the conditions set out in the letter.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

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

Resolved — That having considered letter of 25th November, 1969, ref: E.L.22/69, E.L.226/13/14, from Department of Local Government we approve of the payment of ex gratia pensions to widows and children of Council Officers who retired or died before 23rd July, 1968, in accordance with the provisions of the letter and with effect from 1st October, 1969, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of these pensions.

Passed unanimously.

Holidays At Christmas.

The County Secretary stated that the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union had asked that two extra days holidays be allowed to Council staff at Christmas on Monday and Tuesday, 22nd and 23rd December, these additional days being in substitution for the Church Holidays on the 15th August and on 1st November, which had fallen on non-working days for employees of the Council. The County Secretary stated that the Council had not agreed to grant a holiday on another day when a Church Holiday fell on a non-working day. In the previous year Christmas Eve had been allowed as a holiday and one additional day had also been granted. From inquiries made it did not appear that two additional days were being allowed by any of the adjoining Local Authorities. On the proposal of Councillor S. Costello, the Council recommended that two additional days as well as Christmas Eve be allowed as holidays at Christmas.

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, Chairman, conveyed best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to the Members of the Council and expressed her thanks to the members and to the Council's Officers for their co-operation and help during the year. Councillor Costello on behalf of the Members replied suitably.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors C. White, John J. Bourke and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Henry Sutton, Glaskenny, Enniskerry, for the provision of two bungalows at Lackan."

In the names of Councillors John J. Bourke, Godfrey Timmins, Edward Byrne, John Sweeney and Miss Mary Walsh:- "That this Council should urge the Department of Education to provide a school in County Wicklow for moderately retarded children."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council allocate a loan of £1,700 to Mr. Eamonn McGettigan to enable him to purchase a vested cottage."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council take over the Leabeg Road from the Newcastle Road to Mr. Kearns' Cottage and reconstruct this road."

In the name of Councillor Kevin Ryan:- "That this Council remove the dangerous bend at the junction where the road from Coolboy joins the Tinahely/Shillelagh Road, also remove a bridge on the same road about 150 yards nearer to Coolboy Village. If this bridge is moved about ten yards downstream it would straighten a very bad patch of road."