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Held on

**MONDAY, 8th JANUARY, 1962**



## 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, 8th January, 1962, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended :—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman ;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, S. Ua Tuathail, J. Quigley, P.C., J. Tempé, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell, P. T. Hickey and S. O'Fearghaill, attended.

### AGENDA

1. Report regarding occupation of vested cottage at Coolmore, Arklow.
2. Application for approval to transfer of S.D.A. Loan on House at Blacklion, Greystones.
3. Application for consent to sale of vested cottage at Croneyhorn, Carnew.
4. Public lighting at Avoca.
5. Public lighting at Aughrim.
6. Repairs to Cottages carried out during month of December, 1961, and repairs to be carried out during January, 1962.

### ITEM No. 1—REPORT REGARDING OCCUPATION OF VESTED COTTAGE AT COOLMORE, ARKLOW.

The County Secretary stated that Cottage No. 44/8 Coolmore, Arklow, was vested in the tenant Luke Finn with effect as from 1st April, 1955. This man subsequently left the Cottage to reside in England and it was occupied during his absence by his brother-in-law, Daniel O'Neill. On 2nd September, 1960, a letter was received from Daniel O'Neill enclosing a letter from Luke Finn, the Tenant Purchaser, at an address in Worcestershire, England, stating he wished to assign his interest in the Cottage to his brother-in-law, Daniel O'Neill. Mr. O'Neill was informed that the Council could not accept the letter signed by the tenant as a legal transfer of his interest and that he would require to have a proper Deed of Transfer executed. In November, 1961, attention was directed to the fact that O'Neill's were no longer residing in the Cottage.

An enquiry was addressed to the Rent Collector who reported that Luke Finn had been in England for a long time. Up to a short time ago the Cottage was occupied by his brother-in-law, Mr. Daniel O'Neill, his wife and son. On his last visit to the Cottage he found a strange man and his wife in occupation and they informed him they had got the key from a neighbouring farmer, a Mr. Waldron. He refused to accept rent from these persons. In a further report dated 5th December, 1961, the Rent Collector indicated that the occupier of the Cottage was James Fleming and the wife of the occupier had informed him that her husband had given Mr. Waldron, a neighbouring farmer, £20. 0. 0. for the key of the Cottage. Mrs. Fleming also indicated that so far as she knew, Daniel O'Neill, the previous occupier, had given the key of the Cottage to Mr. Waldron in lieu of £20. 0. 0. which he owed him. Flemings are not paying any rent to Waldron for the Cottage.

It had been ascertained that Mr. Fleming, the present occupier, was a farm labourer, working for Mr. Walsh of Baliymoney, and was married and would normally qualify for the tenancy of a Council Cottage. It was understood that no Transfer had been signed by Mr. Fleming. The Council's Solicitor had advised that it appeared that as the necessary consent of the Council had not been obtained to the assignment of the interest by the Tenant Purchaser, there had been a breach of a Statutory Condition which would enable the Council to obtain possession. The Council agreed that in the circumstances proceedings should be taken for recovery of possession of the Cottage.



**ITEM No. 2—APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO TRANSFER OF S.D.A. LOAN ON HOUSE AT BLACKLION, GREYSTONES.**

The County Secretary stated that the Council had advanced a Loan of £1,350 to Mr. William Leggett, Kindlestown, Greystones, in 1954 and 1955, in respect of the erection of a house known as "St. Teresa's," Grattan Park. In 1956 the Council agreed to waive the condition regarding residence and Mr. Leggett let the house, but continued to be responsible for repayment of the Loan to the Council. The house was at present let to Mr. Cecil Herbert Smith, who had applied to the Council for a Transfer to him of Mr. Leggett's interest. A sum of £1,253. 18. 6. was outstanding in respect of the Loan and the annual repayments amounted to £84. 8. 4. Particulars of Mr. Smith's employment were given to the Council and it was noted that he had only been a few years in Greystones and had changed his employment on two occasions. The Council decided to defer consideration of the application for a month.

**ITEM No. 3—APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO SALE OF VESTED COTTAGE AT CRONEYHORN, CARNEW.**

The County Secretary stated that Cottage No. 239/9 at Croneyhorn, Carnew, of which John Priestley was the Tenant Purchaser had been vacant for over two years and no payment of annuity had been made since February, 1961. The Council's Solicitor was instructed to take proceedings for recovery of possession. Mr. Priestley wrote to the Council in August, 1961, stating that he had been residing only temporarily in England and intended to return to the Cottage and that he had had the Cottage looked after and maintained while he was away. In October, 1961, application was made on behalf of Mr. Priestley for consent to the sale of his interest in the Cottage to Mr. John Fitzpatrick, Ballynancoran, Carnew. Mr. Fitzpatrick was employed by St. Patrick's Copper Mines Ltd., Avoca, and was married with a family of five children. It was understood that he was the Tenant Purchaser of a Cottage at Ballynancoran, Co. Wexford, but wished to acquire the Cottage from Mr. Priestley which was more convenient to school for the children. The County Secretary stated that it seemed that Mr. Fitzpatrick was an eligible applicant, but suggested that it would be desirable that Wexford County Council be informed of the position before a decision were taken by the Council.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea,

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

Resolved:—

"That we consent to the sale by John Priestley, Croneyhorn, Carnew, of Cottage No. 239/2, to John Fitzpatrick, Ballynancoran, Carnew, subject to confirmation by Wexford County Council that matter is in order."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 4—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT AVOCA.**

The Council noted Report of 11th December, 1961, from Assistant County Engineer, in which he stated that there was an unlighted length of road of about 500 yards between the Kilmagig houses and Avoca and that it would probably need a minimum of three lights to light that place if it was felt that there was a necessity for it. The stretch of road between Avoca Bridge and the Mines was about a mile long, but the Assistant County Engineer did not think that there was any great necessity to light it as it would only be used normally twice a night at the change of shifts and most of the miners seemed to come by car.

It was:—

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved:—

"That we approve of quotation being obtained from E.S.B. for the provision of three public lights between houses at Kilmagig and Avoca Village."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 5—PUBLIC LIGHTING AT AUGHIRM.**

The Council noted the Report of the Assistant County Engineer of 19th December, 1961, in which he stated that having examined the question of the distribution of public lighting in Aughrim, he was of opinion that it would not be possible to re-arrange the lighting without reducing light at other important places unless an additional light was provided. The Council agreed that the E.S.B. be asked to quote for the provision of an additional light.

**Public Lighting at Templarainey, Arklow.**

The Assistant County Engineer reported that the Main Arklow/Wicklow Road from Ferrybank to Templarainey inside the Urban District of Arklow was well lighted, but from beyond Templarainey Church where one side of the road was in the Urban District and the other in the Rural District, the road was not so well lighted and in his opinion one more light was needed between Templarainey Church and the turn to Avoca as there was a lot of pedestrian and vehicular traffic at this place at night time and there had been a few accidents there recently, partly on account of the lack of lighting. The Council agreed that the E.S.B. be asked for a quotation for the provision of an additional light at this point.

**ITEM No. 6—REPAIRS TO COTTAGES CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1961, AND REPAIRS TO BE CARRIED OUT DURING JANUARY, 1962.**

The Council noted the list of Cottages repaired during the month of December 1961, and of those to be repaired during January, 1962.

**ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER—SOUTHERN AREA.**

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., referred to difficulties experienced by former Assistant County Engineers in the Southern Area in obtaining housing accommodation at Tinahely and suggested that the matter of providing a house in the area for the Assistant County Engineer be considered.

**ROAD WORKS AT ENNISKERRY.**

Councillor Temple asked that the County Engineer enquire immediately into the matter of the arrangements for water supply to four Cottages while the Road Works were in progress at Enniskerry.

**ROAD WORKS PROGRAMME FOR 1962/63.**

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had prepared his Draft Road Works Scheme for the coming year and enquired if the Council would select dates for Meetings of the Local Committees. The Council decided that the dates for the Local Meetings would be fixed at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 15th inst.

**NOTICES OF MOTION.**

The following Notices of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., were handed in and accepted by the Chairman:—

1. That the Council take over and maintain the Road Crone Lane, about one mile from Scratenagh to Redcross Village.
2. That the Council take over the Road leading to Cottages from Main Ballyduff Road to Roundwood.



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 15th January, 1962, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., P. McCarthy, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neil, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh. B. Hipweil, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, John Temple and James D. Haughton.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, Noel D. P. Farrell, P. T. Hickey and S. O'Fearghail, were present.

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

### AGENDA

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 4th and 11th September, and 9th and 16th October, 1961.
  - 1a. University Scholarship Scheme for 1962.
2. Road works Scheme 1962/63—To arrange Meetings of Local Committees.
3. Report of Assistant County Engineer in regard to Ballycumber Lane.
4. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., that the Council take over and maintain Crone Lane about one mile from Scratenagh to Redcross Village.
5. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., that Council take over road leading to Cottages from Main Ballyduff to Roundwood Road.
6. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley that Council take over Coolahullen Lane connecting Roads 167 and 171.
7. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley that Council take over 150 yards of lane leading from The Square, Aughrim, via Mr. P. J. Phelan's premises.
8. Report requested by Councillor J. Quigley regarding paths to be repaired in Avoca and Estimate of cost.
9. Report of County Engineer regarding Special Committee concerning Speed Limit.
10. To affix Seal of Council to Mortgage from National Bank in respect of Loan of £3,000 to defray expenditure on Reconstruction of Ballymanus Bridge.
11. Revision of Remuneration of Fire Brigade Personnel.
12. Revision of Remuneration of Engineering Staff.
13. Provisional Estimate of Expenses of Dublin Health Authority in respect of Mental Health Services.
14. Seas and Fertilisers Supply Scheme for year 1962.
15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley that Caretakers be appointed to look after Cemeteries in west Wicklow.
16. Estimate of cost of surfacing Avenues at St. Colman's Hospital.
17. Centralisation of Staff and use of Hospital premises at Kilmartin Hill.
18. Repairs to Dispensary Residence at Blessington.
19. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor E. Byrne "that we ask the County Manager to consider granting an increase in the Allowance to deserving recipients of Public Assistance."
20. Application from Vocational Education Committee for Grant of £33,000, towards cost of erection of Vocational School at Blessington.
- 20a. To authorise affixing of Seal of Council to Mortgage from National Bank Ltd., Wicklow, in respect of Loan of £10,945. 6. 8. for Grant to Vocational Education Committee to discharge outstanding Loans on Rathdrum and Baltinglass Vocational School.
21. Fair Green at Roundwood—Application for making available portion of the Fair Green as Playground for National School.
22. Resolution from Waterford Health Authority urging the amendment of the Health Services (Financial Provisions) Act, 1947, to provide for a Subvention of 75% towards the cost of Health Services as administered by Local Health Authorities.
23. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.



**ITEM No. 1—MINUTES.**

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor H. Hipwell,  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 4th and 11th September and 9th and 16th October, 1961."  
Passed unanimously.

**ABSENCE OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL.**

The County Secretary stated that Councillor C. W. Hudson had conveyed his apologies for inability to attend due to illness and his thanks for the good wishes expressed by the Members of the Council for his recovery.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,  
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne,

Resolved:—

"That we grant continued leave of absence to Councillor C. W. Hudson, during the period of his illness."

**CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OF AMBULANCE DRIVERS.**

Councillor McCarthy referred to letters submitted by the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union regarding the conditions of employment of Ambulance Drivers and asked when agreement would be reached in regard to these matters. He asked if the County Manager would meet representatives of the Union. The County Manager stated that he could not guarantee to be available to meet representatives of the Union having regard to the extent of his other duties, but that arrangements were being made for a discussion with representatives of the Union regarding the matters which were the subject of correspondence.

**ITEM No. 1a—UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1962.**

The County Secretary submitted details of the University Scholarship Scheme for 1962 which was on the lines recommended by the Scholarship Committee, but subject to alterations in the income limits to the figures recommended by the Department of Education. The County Secretary pointed out that it would not be possible, having regard to the changed conditions in the Scheme to provide for the reservation of one Scholarship for the Faculty of General Agriculture.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole,  
Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh,

Resolved:—

"That we hereby approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister, of the University Scholarship Scheme for the year 1962, in accordance with the Draft Scheme submitted to this Meeting and note that a total of £840 will be available for the award of Scholarships and/or bursaries in accordance with the terms of the Scheme."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 2—ROAD WORKS SCHEME 1962/63—TO ARRANGE MEETINGS OF LOCAL COMMITTEES.**

The Council decided to hold Meetings of the Local Committees of the Council to consider the Road Works Scheme for 1962/63 on the following dates:—

Arklow Electoral Area	At Shillelagh, on Monday, 22nd January, at 3.00 p.m.
Baltinglass " "	At the Courthouse, Baltinglass, on Wednesday, 17th January, at 3.00 p.m.
Bray " "	At the Town Hall, Bray, on Thursday, 25th January, at 8.00 p.m.
Wicklow " "	At the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 22nd January, at 10.00 a.m.

**ITEM No. 3—REPORT OF ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER IN REGARD TO BALLYCUMBER LANE.**

The Council decided to refer this matter for consideration by the Local Committee of the Council at their Meeting to be held on 22nd January, 1962.

**ITEM No. 4—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. EVERETT, T.D., THAT THE COUNCIL TAKE OVER AND MAINTAIN CRONE LANE ABOUT ONE MILE FROM SCRATENAGH TO REDCROSS VILLAGE.**

The Council decided to refer this matter for consideration by the Local Committee of the Council at their Meeting to be held on 22nd January, 1962.

**ITEM No. 5—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. EVERETT, T.D., THAT COUNCIL TAKE OVER ROAD LEADING TO COTTAGES FROM MAIN BALLYDUFF/ROUNDWOOD ROAD.**

The Council decided to refer this matter for consideration by the Local Committee of the Council at their Meeting to be held on 22nd January, 1962.

**ITEM No. 6—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. QUIGLEY THAT COUNCIL TAKE OVER COOLAHULLEN LANE CONNECTING ROADS 167 AND 171.**

The Council decided to refer this matter for consideration by the Local Committee of the Council at their Meeting to be held on 22nd January, 1962.

**ITEM No. 7—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. QUIGLEY THAT COUNCIL TAKE OVER 150 YARDS OF LANE LEADING FROM THE SQUARE, AUGHRIM, VIA MR. P. J. PHELAN'S PREMISES**

The Council decided to refer this matter for consideration by the Local Committee of the Council at their Meeting to be held on 22nd January, 1962.

**ITEM No. 8—REPORT REQUESTED BY COUNCILLOR J. QUIGLEY REGARDING PATHS TO BE REPAIRED IN AVOCA AND ESTIMATE OF COST.**

The Council referred this matter for consideration by the Local Committee of the Council at their Meeting to be held on 22nd January, 1962.

**ITEM No. 9—REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER REGARDING SPECIAL COMMITTEE CONCERNING SPEED LIMIT.**

The County Secretary stated that the Special Committee appointed to report regarding the matter of the imposition of a 30 m.p.h. Speed Limit in built-up areas and which consisted of the County Engineer and the Town Engineers of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow, together with the Commissioners of the Gardaí for the districts in the County, had met and submitted their recommendations regarding the proposed 30 m.p.h. Speed Limit in built-up areas. The Council decided that copies of the Report be circulated to the Members and that the Report be considered by the Local Committees of the Council at their Meetings in connection with the Road Works Programme. The recommendations of the Local Committees could then be submitted to the County Council at their next Meeting. The County Secretary stated that the Report of the Committee would also be forwarded to the Town Clerks of the Urban Districts for consideration by the Urban District Councils.

**ITEM No. 10—RECONSTRUCTION OF BALLYMANUS BRIDGE.**

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell,  
Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh.

Resolved:—

"That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction dated 7th day of December, 1961, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £3,000. 0. 0. be borrowed from The National Bank Limited for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the Reconstruction of Ballymanus Bridge, to be repaid within ten years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances as in said Letter of Sanction provided the said loan and interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to The National Bank Limited."

Passed unanimously.



**ITEM No. 11—REVISED REMUNERATION OF FIRE BRIGADE PERSONNEL.**

The County Secretary stated that application had been made by the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union for revision of the remuneration of Fire Brigade Personnel consequent on an increase in wages of fitters. Revised rates had been calculated based on the fitter's remuneration of 5/8d. per hour for a 42½ hour week which rate applied in Bray Urban District and had been applied by certain other firms in the County area also. Details of the revised rates were given to the Council and the County Secretary stated that the estimated cost of the alterations in rates of remuneration would be £838. 0. 0. in a full year. It was proposed to apply the revised rates of remuneration from the 1st October, 1961.

It was :—

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

Resolved :—

"That we approve of the revision of remuneration of Fire Brigade Personnel on the basis submitted to this Meeting with effect from 1st October, 1961, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of such revision of remuneration."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 12—REVISION OF REMUNERATION OF ENGINEERING STAFF**

The County Secretary stated that agreement had been reached regarding revised salary scales for the Chief Assistant County Engineer, Chief Fire Officer, Architect Grade 1 and Assistant County Engineer. The cost of application of the revised scales would amount to £537. 0. 0. for a full year. It was proposed to apply the revised scales as from 1st August, 1960, being the date from which other revisions of salaries had applied. The revised scale for Architect Grade 1 would apply to the appointment of an Architect, which the Council had recently approved.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,  
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole,

Resolved :—

"That we approve of the application of the following revised salary scales with effect from 1st August, 1960, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of these revisions of remuneration :—

Chief Assistant County Engineer	}	£1,350 x £57 — £1,635.
Chief Fire Officer		
Architect Grade 1		

Assistant County Engineer	£1,120 x £40 — £1,400."
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Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 13—PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES OF DUBLIN HEALTH AUTHORITY IN RESPECT OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.**

The County Secretary submitted the provisional estimate of expenses of the Dublin Health Authority in relation to Mental Health Services for the year 1962/63 including the provisional demand of £47,885. The actual demand for the year 1961/62 was £41,366 and the increase in the amount of the demand amounted to £6,519 which was equivalent approximately to 5d. in the pound. The County Secretary pointed out, however, that in the Estimates for 1961/62 it had been necessary to provide for a debit balance of £3,387 and consequently the net increase to be met in the coming year would be £3,132, equivalent approximately to 2½d. in the pound. The expenditure of the Dublin Health Authority showed a substantial increase mainly due to the cost of increases in remuneration to employees and staff and the amount to be met by the Council in the coming year would have been greater but for the fact that there was an

estimated credit balance in favour of the Council at the 31st March, 1962, of over £2,000. It could be anticipated, therefore, that the demand would show a further increase in the following year. Councillor Edward Byrne, as a representative of the Council on the Dublin Health Authority, gave particulars of the extra expenditure which had to be met by the Health Authority and which resulted in the increase in the demand on the Council.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,  
Seconded by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Resolved :—

"That having considered provisional Estimate of Expenses of the Dublin Health Authority and Draft Demand dated 20th December, 1961, we hereby confirm the provisional Estimate of Expenses and adopt the Draft Demand in the figure of £47,885 in respect of Mental Health Services."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 14—SEEDS AND FERTILISERS SUPPLY SCHEME FOR YEAR 1962.**

The County Secretary submitted Draft Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme for the year 1962, which was on similar terms to that adopted by the Council for the previous year.

It was :—

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley,

Resolved :—

"That we hereby adopt Scheme for the making of Loans under the Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Acts as submitted to this Meeting on terms similar to those in the Scheme operated for the year 1961."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 15—NOTICE OF MOTION IN NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. MILEY THAT CARETAKERS BE APPOINTED TO LOOK AFTER CEMETERIES IN WEST WICKLOW.**

Councillor Miley stated that Cemeteries in West Wicklow had for some time past been attended to by direct labour and Caretakers had not been appointed. He was of opinion that the Cemeteries would be better looked after if the Council reverted to the arrangement for appointment of Caretakers and urged that this be done. The County Manager stated that having regard to experience in the past when many complaints had been received that Caretakers had not been giving proper attention to Cemeteries, the Council had arranged when Caretakers resigned to have the Cemeteries looked after by the direct labour staff. In view of past experience it seemed doubtful if it would be desirable to return to the arrangement for the appointment of Caretakers. However, the matter would be examined and a report submitted to the Council in regard to the maintenance of Burial Grounds generally.

**ITEM No. 16—ESTIMATE OF COST OF SURFACING AVENUES AT ST. COLMAN'S HOSPITAL.**

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had submitted an estimate for providing tarred surface on the area in front of the Council's Offices at Rathdrum and for tarring the Avenue on each side of the Offices from the front to the rear entrances to a width of 9 ft. The total cost of the work was estimated at £570. 0. 0. Provision had not been made in the current year's Estimates for this work and it was suggested that appropriate provision be made in the Estimates for the coming year to have the work carried out. The Council agreed to this arrangement. Councillor Haughton asked that provision be included for surfacing the approach to the mortuary at the rear of the premises which he stated was in very bad condition.

**ITEM No. 17—CENTRALISATION OF STAFF AND USE OF HOSPITAL PREMISES AT KILMANTIN HILL.**

The Council considered report of 10th January, 1962, and previous reports which had been circulated to the Members regarding the centralisation of staff and the use of the building at Kilmantin Hill at present used as a District



Hospital. Councillor Haughton stated that due to a misunderstanding the list of the queries he had raised at the previous Meeting had not been handed in to the Council's Office until that day. In reply to enquiry by Councillor Haughton, the County Secretary stated that Members of the Council had inspected the former Fever Hospital buildings in 1957 at the time when the Council approved of the use of these premises as a County Hospital in lieu of the present County Hospital buildings at Kilmantin Hill. The Department of Health was aware of the proposals to use these premises as a District Hospital and had been enquiring from the Council as to when the change could be made. As indicated in the report submitted, The County Medical Officer and Medical Officer of the Hospital were both satisfied that the former Fever Hospital premises would be more suitable for use as a District Hospital than the existing premises at Kilmantin Hill. The premises would accommodate at least as many patients as the present District Hospital and there did not appear to be any difficulty about accommodating the X-Ray equipment in the Hospital. The repair work to be carried out on the building at Kilmantin Hill, estimated at £1,400, covered only necessary repairs which would have to be done to put the buildings in a proper state of repair. This figure did not include the cost of providing a Strongroom, but an additional Strongroom would be required whether or not the Office Staff were transferred from Rathdrum. It would be necessary to employ a Caretaker for the Offices at Kilmantin Hill, but the cost would not be substantial and inter-office telephone communication could be arranged on a rental basis as in the case of the existing Offices. The proposed expenditure of £6,000 on buildings in Rathdrum was not for the purpose of providing new Offices, but for repairs, improvements and alterations to the existing premises. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council decided to defer a final decision to the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 12th February, 1962, and in the meantime to arrange for a Report from a Medical Inspector of the Department of Health to confirm that the Fever Hospital premises were suitable for use as a District Hospital. It was agreed also that the Members of the Council would inspect the Fever Hospital premises following the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 5th February, 1962.

**ITEM No. 18—REPAIRS TO DISPENSARY RESIDENCE AT BLESSINGTON.**

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had inspected the Dispensary Residence at Blessington and reported that there was dampness in external walls and in some ceilings and that some of this could be traced to leaks in the chimney stacks. Closer examination of the stacks and of the roof would be necessary to determine the nature and extent of these defects and there were also states missing. The following items also needed attention:—

1. Cracked pan to be replaced in upstairs w.c.
2. Defective door lock handle in sittingroom.
3. New sink (in stores) to be fitted in scullery.
4. Replace defective V.G. stopcock.  
Leak in lead service to outside w.c. (this developed since frost damage repairs were carried out earlier this week).
5. Repairs to windows.

The cost of these particular works would be about £16. 0. 0. The Council agreed that works costing £16. 0. 0. be carried out and noted that a further Report would be submitted when the necessary detailed examination had been carried out.

**ITEM No. 19—NOTICE OF MOTION IN NAME OF COUNCILLOR E. BYRNE "THAT WE ASK THE COUNTY MANAGER TO CONSIDER GRANTING AN INCREASE IN THE ALLOWANCE TO DESERVING RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE."**

With reference to Councillor Byrne's Notice of Motion, the County Manager stated that the matter of increasing the allowance of Home Assistance to certain classes of recipients such as persons who had no income of their own or who were in receipt only of Disabled Persons Allowance from the Council and certain Old Age Pensioners, was being examined and that he would submit proposals at an early date. The Council noted the position in the matter.

**ITEM No. 20—APPLICATION FROM VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE FOR GRANT OF £33,000 TOWARDS COST OF ERECTION OF VOCATIONAL SCHOOL AT BLESSINGTON.**

The Council considered letter of 20th December, 1961, from the Vocational Education Committee making formal application for a Grant of £33,000 for the erection and equipping of Blessington Vocational School. The Council noted that the tender of Mr. Michael McGoff, Naas, for the erection of the School had been accepted and that the Contractor was expected to start work on the building early in the present year and that the Committee asked that the necessary financial arrangements for the Grant be made as soon as possible. The County Secretary stated on the 11th November, 1957, the Council had approved of a Grant of £18,000 for the new School at Blessington, based on the preliminary estimate at that time. The loan charges in respect of a Loan of £33,000 for thirty years, would be £2,448. 17. 6. per annum, of which 50% would be recouped by the Department of Education.

It was:—

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

Resolved:—

"That having considered letter of 20th December, 1961, from County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, we hereby make a Grant to such Committee of the sum of £33,000 towards the cost of building and equipping a New Vocational School to be sited at Blessington, and authorise the borrowing of the monies required for the purpose of making this Grant from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of thirty years, subject to the sanction of the Minister and to recoupment to the Council by the Department of Education of 50% of the loan charges in each year.

We hereby rescind Resolution passed at Meeting of the Council held on 11th November, 1957, in relation to the making of a Grant in respect of New Vocational School at Blessington."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 20a—TO AUTHORISE AFFIXING OF SEAL OF COUNCIL TO MORTGAGE FROM NATIONAL BANK LTD., WICKLOW, IN RESPECT OF LOAN OF £10,945. 6. 8. FOR GRANT TO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE TO DISCHARGE OUTSTANDING LOANS ON RATHDRUM AND BALTINGLASS VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.**

The County Secretary stated that the sanction of the Minister had now been received to the borrowing of £10,945. 6. 8. from the National Bank Ltd., for the purposes of making a Grant to the Vocational Education Committee to enable them to discharge outstanding Loans on Rathdrum and Baltinglass Vocational Schools. The necessary provision had been made in the Estimates for the current year.

It was:—

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins,  
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering,

Resolved:—

"That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction dated 10th January, 1962, of the Minister for Education, a sum of £10,945. 6. 8. be borrowed from The National Bank Ltd., for the purpose of making a Grant of that amount under Section 51 (1) of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, to County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, to enable them to discharge outstanding Loans on Rathdrum and Baltinglass Vocational Schools, to be repaid within thirteen years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances as in said Letter of Sanction provided the said Loan and interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to The National Bank Ltd."

Passed unanimously.



**ITEM No. 21—FAIR GREEN AT ROUNDWOOD.**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Very Reverend E. R. Collier, P.P., Roundwood, that portion of the Fair Green at Roundwood be made available for the purposes of a Playground for the National School at Roundwood. When extensions were provided at the School recently, it was necessary to provide these extensions on the former Playground, and Very Reverend Father Collier now asked that portion of the Fair Green be enclosed for the purposes of a Playground. The Council's Solicitor had advised that the Council could legally make available portion of the Fair Green for this purpose and suggested that there should be a provision in the Agreement that the land be used only for the purpose of a Playground and in the event of it not being so used that it would revert immediately to the Council.

It was:—

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

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering,

Resolved:—

"That having considered application from Very Reverend E. R. Collier, P.P., Roundwood, and the opinion of the Council's Solicitor, we approve of the making available of portion of the Fair Green at Roundwood for the purposes of a Playground for children attending the National School at Roundwood, subject to the condition that the land be used only for that purpose and in the event of it not being so used that it would revert immediately to the Council and that the letting be by way of temporary convenience."

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 22—RESOLUTION FROM WATERFORD HEALTH AUTHORITY.**

The Council adopted the following Resolution received from Waterford Health Authority:—

"That we, the Members of the Waterford Health Authority, hereby urge the Minister for Health to have Section 4 of the Health Services (Financial Provisions) Act, 1947, amended, with effect as from the 1st April, 1962, to provide for a Subvention of 75% towards the cost of Health Services as administered by Local Health Authorities."

**ARKLOW BRIDGE.**

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from Arklow Urban District Council forwarding a Resolution expressing concern with the delay which had arisen in arranging for improvements to the Bridge at Arklow, and drawing attention to its dangerous condition and also asking if the Engineer who had been engaged to design the improvements to the Bridge was not prepared to continue the work that immediate steps be taken to engage another Engineer. Councillor P. McCarthy enquired as to the present position in the matter and the County Secretary stated that the Consulting Engineer had informed the Council that he was unable to produce a satisfactory solution to the problem of the Design. Following a further discussion with the Engineering Advisers of the Department and the County Engineer, the Consultant undertook to re-examine the matter. Councillor McCarthy referred to the delay which had occurred in the completion of the Plans and the Council agreed that the Consultant be asked to indicate definitely whether or not he intended to proceed with the Design of the Bridge and if he was unable to do so that arrangements be made for engaging another Consultant.

**NOTICES OF MOTION.**

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

In the name of Councillors J. O'Toole and Mrs. M. Ledwidge—That we or someone for us will move at the next Meeting of the Council that a light be provided at St. Brigid's Park, Blacklion, Greystones.

In the name of Councillor John Quigley—That I or someone for me will move that Council ask Agricultural Wages Board how they fixed a lower rate of pay for Agricultural Workers in the Shilleagh Rural Area than that operating in remainder of County as this area contains some of the most fertile land in County.

**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, 5th February, 1962, at 2.30 p.m.

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

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

**AGENDA:**

1. Application for consent to sale of Cottage at Croneyhorn—Letter from Wexford County Council.
2. Application for consent to sale of Cottage at Humphreystown, Blessington.
3. Application for consent to sale of Cottage at Blessington.
4. Proposed amendment of Scheme for Loans under S.D.A. Acts—Opinion of Council's Solicitor.
5. Proposed provision of additional public light outside New National School at Avoca—Revised Estimate from E.S.B.
6. Town and Regional Planning.
7. To fix date for Estimates Meeting of the Council.
8. Repairs to Cottages carried out during Month of January, 1962, and repairs to be carried out during February, 1962.

**ITEM NO. 1.—APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO SALE OF COTTAGE AT CRONEYHORN—LETTER FROM WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.**

In regard to the application of John Priestley, Tenant Purchaser of Cottage No. 239/9 at Croneyhorn, for consent to the sale of the Cottage to Mr. John Fitzpatrick, Ballynancoran, Co. Wexford, the Council noted letter from Wexford County Council indicating that Mr. Fitzpatrick was Tenant Purchaser of Cottage No. 225 at Ballynancoran as from 1/10/61, having succeeded his father in the tenancy. The Council indicated that Wexford County Council should be informed that Wicklow County Council assumed that the Cottage in Wexford would be occupied by a qualified person.

It was:

Proposed by Councillor Miley;

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

Resolved—That having noted letter of 18th January, 1962, from Wexford County Council we approve of consent being given to the sale of vested cottage at Croneyhorn, No. 239/9 to Mr. John Fitzpatrick, Ballynancoran, Co. Wexford.

Passed unanimously.



**ITEM NO. 2.—APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO SALE OF COTTAGE AT HUMPHREYSTOWN, BLESSINGTON.**

The Council considered application of James Browne, Tenant Purchaser of Cottage No. 154/3 at Humphreystown, for permission to dispose of his interest in the cottage to John Curran, Basin Street, Naas. It was indicated that Mr. Curran, who is a carpenter, is at present single, but is about to be married and that James Browne had purchased a house in Dunlavin in which he proposed to reside.

It was:

Proposed by Councillor James Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by James Browne, Tenant Purchaser of Cottage No. 154/3 at Humphreystown, to John Curran, Basin Street, Naas, Co. Kildare.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM NO. 3.—APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO SALE OF COTTAGE AT BLESSINGTON.**

The Council considered the application of Patrick Menton, Tenant Purchaser of Cottage No. 128/3 at Blessington, for consent to the sale of the Cottage to Joseph Tutty, Lorry Driver, who resided at Silverhills, Ballymore Eustace. It was indicated that Mr. Joseph Tutty was married and had five children and that the purchase price was £350. Councillor Temple enquired whether or not the Council had the authority to object to a proposed purchaser of a Cottage or to refuse consent if they considered the price being paid was unsatisfactory. The County Manager stated that the tenant was entitled to dispose of his interests in the Cottage, but the Council could object if the person purchasing were not a qualified person. All applications were submitted to the Council and if the proposed purchaser was an agricultural labourer within the meaning of the Act the Council could not object. At the suggestion of Councillor Hipwell, the Council decided to defer the matter in order to ascertain the opinion of the Council's Solicitor as to whether the Council could impose a condition in granting consent that the price not exceed £250.

**ITEM NO. 4.—PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF SCHEME FOR LOANS UNDER S.D.A. ACTS—OPINION OF COUNCIL'S SOLICITOR.**

The Council noted letter of 22nd January, 1962, from the Council's Solicitor in regard to the proposed amendment of the Scheme for Loans under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts, to allow of the inclusion of legal costs and stamp duty incurred by borrowers as part of the Loan. The Council's Solicitor indicated that it was not possible to include these items in the Loan having regard to the provisions of the Small Dwellings Acts and the Housing Acts and that all he could suggest was that the Council ask the Government to introduce legislation to enable this to be done. The Council noted the opinion received and that a letter had been addressed to the Department of Local Government on the subject.

**ITEM NO. 5.—PROPOSED PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL PUBLIC LIGHT OUTSIDE NEW NATIONAL SCHOOL AT AVOCA.**

The County Secretary stated that the Council had approved of the provision of a public light outside the New National School at Avoca at a cost of £9 - 0 - 0 but a revised estimate had now been received from the E.S.B. indicating that the cost would be £30 - 0 - 0 as the erection of the light involved the erection of an additional pole and wiring. The Council's Rent Collector had reported that the School was used at night time for Parochial Meetings.

It was:

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

Seconded by Councillor John Quigley;

Resolved—That having considered revised estimate from E.S.B. and Report of Rent Collector regarding lighting at Avoca National School, we approve of the provision of a public light outside the new National School at a cost of £30 - 0 - 0.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM NO. 6.—TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS.**

The County Secretary submitted an application which had been received from The Esso Petroleum Co., Ltd., for the provision of a washing bay and lubrication bay at Anderson's Garage, Ashford. The matter had been examined by the County Engineer and it was proposed to refuse permission for the work. It was considered that the proposal would result in increasing the traffic around the existing premises at a place where the traffic density has increased by over 100 per cent. since the Filling Station was erected in 1952. It was considered also that there might be danger of the adjoining River coming affected by the disposal of waste oil or washings from the washing bay. Members of the Council expressed the opinion that the provision of a washing and lubrication bay would be unlikely to cause any substantial increase in traffic and that there was no risk of the River becoming polluted.

It was:

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Temple;

Resolved—That we recommend that permission be granted for provision of washing and lubrication bays at Anderson's Service Station, Ashford.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager stated that having regard to the technical advice he had received permission for this proposal was being refused. It was open to the Council if they so desired to pass a Resolution under the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to require that permission be granted.

Councillor J. Temple stated that he would hand in a Notice of Motion under the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to require that permission be granted in this case.

**Brittas Bay Development.**

Councillor E. Byrne asked if in view of the newspaper publicity in regard to Brittas Bay, the Manager would make a statement on the matter for the benefit of the Members of the Council. The Chairman stated that Meetings of the Special Committee appointed by the Council had been held and that the Sub-Committee had met representatives of the Brittas Bay Development Co. A further meeting of the Committee would be arranged and their Report would then be submitted to the Council. The County Manager stated that pending the Report of the Committee he would submit a Report to the Members of the Council on the present position in the matter.



**ITEM NO. 7.—TO FIX DATE FOR ESTIMATES MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.**

The Council decided to fix Monday, 26th Feb., 1962, at 2.30 p.m., as the date and time for the Estimates Meeting of the Council for the year 1962/'63.

**ITEM NO. 8.—REPAIRS TO COTTAGES CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH OF JANUARY, 1962, AND REPAIRS TO BE CARRIED OUT DURING FEBRUARY, 1962.**

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the Month of January, 1962, and of the Cottages to be repaired during the Month of February, 1962. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to the delay in repairing certain Cottages and in particular to a Cottage at Tomdarragh which he stated was in urgent need of repairs as the roof was leaking.

**Water Supply Schemes.**

It reply to an enquiry by Councillor Hadden, the County Manager stated that Plans were nearing completion for a number of Schemes in regard to the provision of Water Supplies and that the Scheme for provision of water supply and sewerage services to Cottages at Rathnew had been submitted to the Department. It was agreed that a Report in regard to the progress regarding water supply schemes be submitted to the Meeting of the Council on 12th February.

**NOTICE OF MOTION.**

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor J. Temple: Please take note that I or someone will move that permission be granted to Esso Company, Ltd., for the proposed extension to the Garage at Ashford and that Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, be invoked for this purpose.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th February, 1962, at 2.30 p.m.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell, P. T. Hickey, and S. O'Fearghaill attended.

**AGENDA:**

1. Minutes.
2. Arklow Bridge—Letter from Department of Local Government and Report of County Engineer.
3. Road Works Scheme 1962/'63—Scheme as approved by Local Committees of Council. (Circulated to Members).
4. Proposed Speed Limits—Recommendations of Local Committees of Council.
5. Application from Greystones and District Civic Association for provision of domestic scavenging service.
6. Centralisation of Staff and use of Hospital premises at Kilmantin Hill.
7. Report in regard to Development of Brittas Bay area (Copy circulated to Members).
8. Report in regard to New Water Supply Schemes.
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. O'Toole and Mrs. M. Ledwidge for provision of light at St. Brigid's Park, Blacklion, Greystones.
10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley: "That Council ask Agricultural Wages Board how they fixed a lower rate of pay for agricultural workers in Shillelagh Rural Area than that operating in the remainder of County as this area contains some of the most fertile land in County."
11. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. D. Haughton requesting information in regard to Town and Regional Planning Acts.
12. Institute of Public Administration—Letter from Department of Local Government regarding payment of subscription fee.
13. Letter from Secretary to Minister for Health in relation to Resolution passed by Waterford Health Authority and adopted by Wicklow County Council urging an increased Exchequer Subvention towards the cost of the Health Services.
14. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

**ITEM NO. 1.—MINUTES.**

The County Secretary stated that the Minutes of previous Meetings had not yet been received from the Printers, but it was expected all previous Minutes would be available for the next Meeting of the Council.



**ITEM NO. 2—ARKLOW BRIDGE.**

The Council noted letter of 3rd February, 1962 from Department of Local Government indicating that the matter of Arklow Bridge had been discussed between the Department's Engineering Advisers, the County Engineer and the Consultant at a conference on the 4th January and that it had been agreed that the Consultant would examine the possibility of a solution in reinforced instead of prestressed concrete. It was understood that a sketch design had been prepared accordingly and arrangements would be made to have this considered at a further Engineering Conference as soon as possible. As regards the question of raising the road level on the Bridge by 7½ inches it had been suggested to the Consultant that certain investigations be made to enable it to be determined whether or to what extent raising of the road level would be necessary. The Council noted also the Report of the County Engineer in which he stated that he had received from the Consultant detailed drawings illustrating a new design for the widening of the Bridge and that a further Conference had been held in the Department on the 9th February, 1962, at which the amended design was submitted and discussed in detail. The County Engineer reported that the matter of the grading of the approach to Bridge Street and the Quayside and River walk was under investigation and would be dealt with by interview with the Town Surveyor, Arklow. He stated also that the estimated all-in cost would be greater than that indicated originally and in his opinion would not be less than approximately £40,000. He expected, however, that a Grant of 57 per cent. of the revised cost would be allocated by the Department. In reply to enquiries from Councillor McCarthy the Co. Manager stated that the Bridge was a comparatively old one and the ideal thing to do would have been to replace it with a new Bridge but this would have proved very costly. Instead of providing a new Bridge it was decided that an effort be made to widen the existing Bridge and this involved an attempt to produce a Plan which would fit in with the original design and appearance of the existing Bridge. The Council noted that the matter was under discussion between the Consultant, the County Engineer and the Department, and decided to adjourn it for a further Report.

**ITEM NO. 3—ROAD WORKS SCHEME, 1962/63.**

The County Secretary stated that copy of the Road Works Scheme as provisionally approved by the Local Committees of the Council had been circulated to the Members. The Council decided to adjourn the matter pending a final decision regarding the provision to be made for Road Works at the Estimates Meeting.

**ITEM NO. 4—PROPOSED SPEED LIMITS—RECOMMENDATIONS OF LOCAL COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL.**

The County Secretary stated that the matter of the application of Speed Limits had been considered by the Local Committees of the Council at their Meetings. In the Arklow Electoral Area the Committee had recommended that a Speed Limit be applied at Carnew and some of the Members had favoured the application also of Speed Limits at Shillelagh and Tinahely. In the Baltinglass Electoral Area the Committee had recommended that in addition to the application of a Speed Limit at Blessington on the portion of the road from the Cattle Mart to the point south of the Church below the Assistant County Engineer's Office that a Speed Limit of 30 m.p.h. be applied at Baltinglass. The Wicklow Committee had approved of the recommendations of the Technical Committee in regard to the applica-

tion of Speed Limits. The matter of Speed Limits in the Bray Electoral Area had been considered by the Members, but they were of opinion that the views of Bray Urban District Council should first be obtained. Following a discussion on the matter in which Members suggested that Speed Limits should be applied in all towns and villages, the Council approved of the recommendations of the Technical Committee in regard to the application of Speed Limits subject to the following amendments:—

1. That a Speed Limit of 30 m.p.h. apply in Carnew.
2. That a Speed Limit of 30 m.p.h. be applied in Baltinglass and the necessary signs erected at the points recommended by the Local Committee of the Council.
3. That Speed Limits of 30 m.p.h. also be applied at Tinahely, Shillelagh and Aughrim.

**ITEM NO. 5—APPLICATION FROM GREYSTONES AND DISTRICT CIVIC ASSOCIATION FOR PROVISION OF DOMESTIC SCAVENGING SERVICE.**

The County Secretary stated that at the Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area in connection with the Roads Programme for the coming financial year, the matter of a domestic scavenging service in the Greystones and De'any area had been discussed and it had been asked that this matter be included on the Agenda for the Meeting of the Council. A letter had been received from the Greystones and District Civic Association stating that the Committee was still very concerned with the absence of a domestic scavenging service in the Greystones area and requesting that provision be made in the coming year's estimates for this service. It was stated in their letter that there had been talk in past years that a service could be provided as a County-at-large charge without opposition of a similar service were extended to all large built-up areas and it was suggested that a charge for the service would be from 8d. to 6d. in the £. The Association stated they wished to see such a service in force in the coming year and looked forward to hearing that it was being put into the Estimates. The County Secretary stated that when the matter was last considered the Assistant County Engineer had estimated that the cost of providing a domestic scavenging service in the towns and villages in the Northern Electoral Area was estimated to cost £3,800. With the approval of the Council the Department of Local Government had been asked if the Council could be permitted to provide as part of the contribution from rates for roads to qualify for Grants the necessary monies for the purpose of providing domestic scavenging services. So far no indication had been received that such a Scheme would be permitted and the cost of a domestic scavenging service could not at present be charged against Roads. Any Scheme provided would have to be financed under Sanitary Services. Councillor Edward Byrne expressed doubt if the provision of a service in the Northern Area would cost £3,800, but mentioned that there appeared to be a difference of opinion among the people of Greystones as to whether a service was required or not. He suggested that the matter be adjourned for a month and Members of the Council could consider whether there was a need for a domestic scavenging service in other areas. Members of the Council generally agreed that if a service were to be provided it should be provided for all towns and villages in the County and not merely in the area only. The Council decided not to take any action in regard to the matter of providing a service at present.



**ITEM NO. 6—CENTRALISATION OF STAFF AND USE OF HOSPITAL PREMISES AT KILMANTIN HILL.**

The County Secretary stated that at the previous Meeting of the Council it had been decided to defer a final decision on the matter of the transfer of patients from the District Hospital at Kilmantin Hill to the former Fever Hospital premises and to arrange for the alternative use of the buildings at Kilmantin Hill for a Dispensary, Clinic and Offices. The matter had been deferred to allow an opportunity to the Members of the Council to inspect both premises. The Members of the Council had inspected the two Hospital buildings on the 5th February, 1962. Councillor Haughton stated that he agreed that the former Fever Hospital premises were more suitable for use as a District Hospital than the buildings at Kilmantin Hill. He considered, however, that the cost of repairing the premises at Kilmantin Hill would very much exceed the figure quoted to the Council.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor Hipwell;

Resolved—That we approve of the transfer of patients from the present District Hospital at Kilmantin Hill to former Fever Hospital buildings.

Passed unanimously.

In regard to the premises at Kilmantin Hill, Councillor Temple asked that the County Engineer submit a detailed Report not only on the cost of essential repairs to the buildings, but also covering the cost of any alterations and the provision of equipment, accounting machinery, etc., to render the premises fully suitable for use as Offices. Councillor R. Miley asked also that an estimate be given of the cost of providing proper accommodation at Rathdrum instead of in Wicklow. The Council agreed that the report from the County Engineer in regard to the full costs of adapting the premises as well as carrying out essential repairs be submitted to the Council.

**ITEM NO. 7—REPORT IN REGARD TO DEVELOPMENT OF BRITTAS BAY AREA.**

The Council noted the Report circulated to the Members in regard to the development of the Brittas Bay area and noted further that a final Report of the Committee representative of the County Council and the Urban District Councils had yet to be submitted to the Council. The Council agreed that a Meeting of the Committee be held on the 19th February, 1962.

**ITEM NO. 8—REPORT IN REGARD TO WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES.**

The County Secretary stated that Plans had been completed and submitted for approval in respect of the provision of water supply and sewerage services for Cottages at Rathnew. Detailed Plans and Estimates were now available for provision of water supply and sewerage services to seventeen houses at Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy, and to thirteen houses at Kilpedder. The Scheme for provision of improved and extended water supply at Blessington was almost completed and as soon as the matter of water rights had been settled approval to the Scheme could be sought. Plans were also nearing completion in respect of the extension of a main from the point opposite Kilcoole School to Pretty Bush, and this would provide a water supply for thirty-seven houses. Plans were also being completed for the provision of an improved water supply from Dublin

Corporation mains for Newcastle. Plans and Estimates were also being prepared for extensions to Baltinglass water supply to Sruhan and also Stratford water supply to Rathbran. It was proposed also to investigate the Tinahely and Rathdrum existing water supplies in order to arrange for improvements both in quality and quantity and prepare Schemes for further extensions where necessary. In reply to enquiries from Members the County Manager stated that the provision of water supplies was going to be a very long-term matter. A comprehensive survey had been made and it was estimated that to provide water to all houses which could economically be served would cost over £800,000. Difficulty had been experienced in obtaining Engineering Staff to prepare the Schemes and for a good part of the time only one Temporary Engineer had been available. The Council noted the report on the matter.

**ITEM NO. 9—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLOR J. O'TOOLE AND MRS. M. LEDWIDGE FOR PROVISION OF LIGHT AT ST. BRIGID'S PARK, BLACKLION, GREYSTONES.**

The County Secretary stated that the Engineer had been asked for a Report in regard to the proposed provision of a light at St. Brigid's Park, Blacklion, Greystones. The Council noted that a Report was being obtained.

**ITEM NO. 10—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. QUIGLEY: "THAT COUNCIL ASK AGRICULTURAL WAGES BOARD HOW THEY FIXED A LOWER RATE OF PAY FOR AGRICULTURAL WORKERS IN SHILLELAGH RURAL AREA THAN THAT OPERATING IN THE REMAINDER OF THE COUNTY AS THIS AREA CONTAINS SOME OF THE MOST FERTILE LAND IN THE COUNTY."**

The County Secretary stated that at the Meeting in August, 1960, the Council had passed a Resolution requesting the Agricultural Wages Board to raise the rate of weekly wages payable to Agricultural workers in the Shillelagh area to that operating in the other areas of Wicklow, excluding the Bray Urban Area. A reply had been received from the Agricultural Wages Board stating that the Resolution had been marked "Read" by the Board at their last Meeting. Councillor Hipwell pointed out that it was not the duty of the Council to fix the wages for Agricultural Workers. He suggested, however, that the enquiry should be made from the Agricultural Wages Board. The Council agreed that the enquiry as requested by Councillor Quigley be made from the Agricultural Wages Board.

**ITEM NO. 11—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. D. HAUGHTON REQUESTING INFORMATION IN REGARD TO TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS.**

The County Secretary stated that the Council had passed a Resolution at the Meeting held on 14th January, 1946, deciding in accordance with Section 26 of the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934, to make a Planning Scheme for the County Health District. The passing of the Resolution gave the Council what was known as "interim control" over the area. A Town Planning Consultant was engaged by the Council to prepare and submit a Report on a Sketch Development Plan and this Report was submitted to the Council in December, 1947. It was not possible to say when the provisions of the Act will have been fully complied with and interim control will



no longer be necessary as new legislation relating to Town Planning was pending. No costs had been incurred in complying with the provisions of the Town and Regional Planning Act so far except the cost of the original survey which amounted to £400 and the survey for the Brittas Bay area which cost £200. Councillor Haughton asked that a copy of the replies be sent to him and the Council agreed that a copy of the replies be circulated to the Members.

#### ITEM NO. 12—INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.

The Council considered letter of 20th January, 1962, from the Department of Local Government indicating that the Minister would raise no objection to the Council's becoming a corporate Member of the Institute of Public Administration and paying a fee of £50 in respect of the years 1962-63 and 1963-64. The County Secretary stated that of a maximum membership of 35 local authorities, twenty-six had already joined as corporate members. These consisted of twenty-one County Councils, four County Boroughs and one Joint Health Authority. The Institute had organised a Course leading to a Diploma in Local Administration and there had been over two hundred students enrolled; a Diploma in Central Administration was also being organised and a number of Seminars had been arranged at which problems relating to Housing, Sanitary Services, Town Planning and other matters had been examined. The Institute also arranged special training courses for Officers of Local Authorities. A Journal known as "Administration" was published quarterly. The Institute was doing effective work in raising the standard of administration. In reply to enquiries from Members the County Manager stated that he had taken part in the Institute's activities and had assisted in the work of the Institute, all of which service was entirely voluntary. He felt that the Institute was providing a very good service for local authority staffs and that it was worthy of support by the local authorities. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., proposed that the Council become a corporate member of the Institute, and this was seconded by Councillor J. Temple. Following a further discussion it was agreed that the matter be deferred for consideration at the Estimates Meeting.

#### ITEM NO. 13—LETTER FROM SECRETARY TO MINISTER FOR HEALTH REGARDING RESOLUTION PASSED BY WATERFORD HEALTH AUTHORITY AND ADOPTED BY WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL URGING INCREASED EXCHEQUER SUBVENTION TOWARDS THE COST OF THE HEALTH SERVICES.

The Council noted the following letter received from the Secretary to the Minister for Health:-

Oifig an Aire Slainte,  
Baile Átha Cliath, 1.  
29 Eanáir, 1962.

A Chaitín,

Mr. MacEntee, Minister for Health, has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 17th instant enclosing for his attention the text of a Resolution passed by the Waterford Health Authority at their December meeting urging an increased Exchequer subvention towards the cost of the health services. The Minister has asked me to say that as any proposal which would throw an extra burden on to the Exchequer is primarily one for the Minister for Finance he is passing your letter to that Minister for attention. He has also asked me to draw your attention to the fact that a Committee of Dail Eireann is

being set up at the moment to examine and to make recommendations on the scope and financing of the health services, and in the course of its deliberations it is expected that the present arrangements for the financing of local authority health services will receive critical examination.

Is mise,

County Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse, Wicklow.

#### Closing of Road at Bray.

The County Secretary stated that application had been made for the closing as a matter of urgency of Quinsboro' Road at Bray to public traffic from 4.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. on the 14th February, 1962, to facilitate filming operations by Ardmore Studios. The matter had been considered by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area who were in agreement that the road be closed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell.

Resolved—Being of opinion that it is necessary as a matter of urgency to close Quinsboro' Road at Bray, for a period to public traffic, we hereby determine in accordance with Section 35 of the Local Government Act, 1955, and the Temporary Closing of Roads Regulations, 1956, to close to public traffic portion of Quinsboro' Road, Bray, from 4.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 14th February, 1962, for the purpose of facilitating filming operations by Ardmore Studios and avoiding traffic difficulties and inconvenience to the public, and that in the event of the weather being unfavourable on Wednesday, 14th February, 1962, the closing to be arranged for the same hours on Wednesday, 21st February, 1962. Passed unanimously.

#### Renewal of Cinema Licences.

The County Secretary stated that satisfactory Reports had been received from the Chief Fire Officer regarding the Ormonde Cinema, Greystones, Bradley's Cinema, Baltinglass, Haughton's Cinema, Rathdrum, and St. Brigid's Hall, Carnew. In regard to the Lake Cinema, Blessington, it was indicated by the Chief Fire Officer, Blessington that the padlocks at present fitted to the emergency exit doors should be removed and replaced by approved panic bolts and if this were done the licence could be issued.

It was

Proposed by Deputy J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Byrne.

Resolved—We hereby approve of the renewal of licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, in respect of the following licences:-

Ormonde Cinema, Greystones.  
Bradley's Cinema, Baltinglass.  
Haughton's Cinema, Rathdrum.  
St. Brigid's Hall, Carnew.

It is further agreed that a licence in respect of the premises known as the Lake Cinema, Blessington, be hereby renewed if and when the padlocks at present fitted to the emergency exit doors are removed and that same are replaced by approved panic bolts in accordance with the Regulations.

Passed unanimously.



**Application for consent to sale of Cottage at Blessington.**

The County Secretary referred to the discussion at the previous Meeting of the Council regarding the proposed sale of Cottage No. 128/3 at Blessington by Mr. Patrick Menton to Mr. Joseph Tutty, and stated that the Council had asked that enquiry be made from the Council's Solicitor as to whether the Council could impose a condition that the purchase price not exceed £250. The Council's Solicitor had replied indicating that a condition as regards price would not be legal and that in his opinion the price of the Cottage was not a consideration for the Council and the Council's chief concern would be if the proposed purchaser was eligible and as to whether there was any likelihood of the selling tenant requiring a house from the Council in the future. The Council noted the opinion received and agreed that consent to the sale be given.

**Resolution of Sympathy.**

On the proposal of Councillor Quigley, seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the wife and family of the late Patrick Jameson of Ballymorris, Aughrim, a former employee of the Council.

**NOTICE OF MOTION.**

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

That in pursuance of Sect. 4 of the City and Co. Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we require that permission be granted under Section 57 of the Town and Regional Planning Acts, 1934, to Esso Petroleum Company (Ireland) Ltd., for the provision of a washing and lubrication bay at Anderson's Garage, Ashford. That the above resolution shall be placed on the Agenda for the Council Meeting on Monday, 5th March, 1962.

Seamus Ua Tuathail.  
Mrs. Mary Ledwidge,  
John Temple.

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow on Monday, 26th February, 1962, at 2.30 p.m. The following members attended:-

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, G. Timmins, Alan H. Hadden, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, S. Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, J. Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, J. D. Haughton and J. Gregory. The County Manager, Co. Secretary, Co. Accountant and Assistant County Engineer J. P. Caffrey were present.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. J. J. McCrea, Chairman, had asked that his apologies be conveyed to the Members for his inability to attend the Meeting. An apology had also been received from Councillor Hudson. In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, took the chair.

The Council considered the Estimates for the year 1962/63, details of which had been circulated to the Members together with the Statement of the County Manager in regard to the Estimates. The Council also considered the following Circular of 20th Feb., 1962, from the County Manager which had been circulated to the Members relative to the increase in charges for maintenance of patients in Extern Hospitals and the abolition of Estate Duty Grant and increase in the rate of recoupment from the Road Fund for Main Road Upkeep.

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.**

Courthouse,  
Wicklow.  
20th February, 1962.

To the Chairman and Members of  
Wicklow County Council.

Re: Annual Estimates—Health Services and Estate  
Duty Grant.

Dear Councillor,

In the interval since the completion of the Annual Estimates for the year 1962/63 two letters have been received from the Department of Health and Local Government which affect them.

**Health Services—Charges for Extern Hospitals.**

Notification has been received of the approval of the Minister for Health to an increase in the Charges for treatment in Extern Hospitals which will require additional provision to be made in the Estimates for 1962/63. The following are the main approved increases:

	Present Charge per day	New Charge per day	Increase	
General Hospitals	21/- (£7 7 0 per week)	27/6d. £9 12 6 per week)	1/6d. per day	(or £2 5 6 per week)
Maternity Hospitals	24/6d. (£8 11 6 per week)	31/- (£10 17 0 per week)	6/6d. per day	(or £2 5 6 per week)
Tuberculosis Hospitals	19/6d. (£6 16 6 per week)	22/6d. (£7 17 6 per week)	3/- per day	(or £1 1 0 per week)



These revised rates of charge applicable to treatment in Dublin and other hospitals will involve the following additional outlay for the coming year 1962/63:

	£
General Hospitals .. .. .	14,720
Maternity Hospitals .. .. .	2,520
Tuberculosis Hospitals .. .. .	4,230
Total	21,470

One-half of the increase, however, will be met by the Health Grant so that the net amount to be met from Rates will be £10,735.

This additional outlay of £10,735 is equivalent to a rate on the County-at-Large of about 8d.

#### Estate Duty Grant.

A note has been received from the Department of Local Government saying that the Estate Duty Grant previously received by the Council has been abolished. It is also indicated that the rate of recoupment from the Road Fund for Main Road upkeep is being increased from 40 per cent to 50 per cent.

The Estate Duty Grant normally received by the Wicklow County Council is about £1,200 and has been paid for years past. Its abolition will quite evidently mean, over the County as a whole, a quite substantial saving to State Funds. The increase in recoupment from the Road Fund will in the coming year for County Wicklow amount to £8,254 so that there is for the present a benefit to the Council of about £7,000.

But it should be made clear that this additional recoupment from the Road Fund results from the higher yields from Motor Taxation because of the greater number of motor vehicles coming on the road each year. Local authorities probably will feel that the Estate Duty Grant should have been left with them and that the increased yield from Motor Tax should help to relieve the costs of Roads which have to be met from Local Rates, rather than that the central authority should be using it in part to reduce their commitments from national taxation.

Yours sincerely,

**M. FLANNERY,**  
COUNTY MANAGER.

#### ESTATE DUTY GRANT

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, suggested that the Council should make representations to the Minister that the Estate Duty Grant be restored. He pointed out that the monies available to meet the increase in Grants for the upkeep of Main Roads were derived from Motor Taxation and did not involve any increase in central taxation, whereas the abolition of Estate Duty Grant effected a saving to Central Funds. The Council agreed that representations be made to the Minister for the restoration of the Estate Duty Grant. In reply to enquiries from Members the County Manager stated that no indication had been received from the Department of Local Government that the increase in the Grant for Main Road upkeep could not be availed of to effect a reduction in the Rate for Roads. The increase in the Grant allowing for the abolition of the Estate Duty Grant would effect a reduction in the Estimate for Roads of about 5d. in the £. Councillor Hadden suggested that a decision in regard to the monies to be provided for Roads in the Estimates might be deferred pending reconsideration of the proposal that the Council purchase chippings from Messrs. Roadstone Ltd., instead of providing materials directly. Councillor H. J. Byrne pointed out that a decision on this matter had already been taken by the Council and that consequently it could only be reconsidered by the handing in of Notice of Motion. Councillor McCarthy enquired if any application had been received from Employees' Unions for increase in the wages of Roadworkers. The Co. Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union for an increase in the wages of Roadworkers to £7. 5s. per week and an application had been received from the Federation of Rural Workers' for an increase of 30/- per week in wages. The increase sought by the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union would cost about £14,500 and the net cost to Rates would be about 7d. in the £. As the matter had not yet been considered by the Council no provision had been made in the Estimates for any increase in wages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell, seconded by Councillor O'Neill.

Resolved—That we adopt the Estimate for Road Services, including the increase in Grant for maintenance of Main Roads and exclusion of Estate Duty Grant.

Passed—Councillor McCarthy and Councillor J. Quigley dissenting.

Councillor McCarthy indicated that he was not in agreement with the proposal as he considered that monies should have been provided to meet the cost of an increase in wages.

#### HEALTH SERVICES.

Councillor J. Temple suggested that the Council might adopt the amount estimated for Health Services. He referred to the Special Committee set up by Dail Eireann to enquire into the matter of the Health Services, but pointed out that a recommendation of the Committee would not be available for some time.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hadden, seconded by Councillor Hipwell.

Resolved That we request the Government to amend the Health Acts and provide that the cost of Health Services be met from Central Taxation.

Councillor P. Brennan suggested that it would not be desirable that Health Services be made a National Charge as the Council would then have no control over the matter of local Health Services.



It was

Proposed by Councillor Timmins, seconded by Councillor Deering.

Resolved—That the Government be requested to amend the Health Acts so as to provide that 75 per cent of the cost of Health Services be met from State Grants.

Councillor Hadden with the consent of Councillor Hipwell withdrew his proposal and the proposal of Councillor Timmins, seconded by Councillor Deering, was passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor Hipwell.

Resolved That we adopt the Estimate for Health Services as submitted, but including the additional provision necessary for Hospital charges.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager stated that there had been an amount of criticism in relation to the Health Service and he thought it might be desirable to clarify certain points in relation to them. Of the total net cost of Health Services met by the Council including Mental Health Services, hospital treatment accounted for 70 per cent. The General Medical Services which cover the services of the District Medical Officers and Dispensaries and Medicines accounted for 10 per cent. Maternity Services 6 per cent, Disabled Persons Allowances 3 per cent, Tuberculosis and Infectious Diseases (excluding cost of Hospital treatment) 3 per cent, Specialist and Dental Services 2 per cent, Ambulances 2 per cent, Administration 2 per cent and Miscellaneous 2 per cent. It would be seen, therefore, that by far the greater part of the monies required for Health Services were devoted to Hospital treatment. The Hospital charges in this country were not unduly high when account was taken of the services rendered. The costs of treatment in Hospitals in England was of course very much higher and ranged from £25 to £35 per week. About 35 per cent. of the population were entitled to free Health Service.

The County Manager stated that the matter of the future use of the Sanatorium at Newcastle had been under consideration by the Department of Health and it had now been indicated that the Hospital might be made available to the Council for use as a Mental Hospital. A letter on the subject from the Department of Health would be submitted to the council at the next Meeting.

#### MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

The Council approved of the provision made in the Estimates for Mental Health Services.

#### PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne, seconded by Councillor McCarthy.

Resolved—That we adopt the Estimate as submitted for Public Assistance.

Passed unanimously.

#### SANITARY SERVICES.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., referred to the difference in water rates charged in the various areas and pointed out that in some areas the water rate seemed very low. He noted that the amount of the rate levied was affected by the number of premises connected to the water supply as well as by the cost of maintenance of the Scheme. He suggested that water rates might be increased in certain areas.

It was

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

Resolved—That we adopt the Estimate for Sanitary Services as submitted.

Passed unanimously.

#### HOUSING.

##### Cottage Repairs:

Councillor H. J. Byrne suggested that the Council provide for Cottage Repairs a similar amount to that provided in the present year together with the necessary amount for loan charges on the Loan raised for Cottage Repairs.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor H. Hipwell.

Resolved—That we provide £10,000 only for Cottage Repairs together with the sum of £2,453 for loan charges on Loan raised for Cottage Repairs.

Councillor Quigley seconded by Councillor Haughton proposed that the Estimate in respect of Cottage Repairs be adopted. The Chairman having ruled that this proposal represented a direct negative to the proposal in his name, the proposal in the name of Councillor H. J. Byrne was submitted and a vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follows:-

##### In Favour:

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, Mark Deering, Alan H. Hadden, Hugh B. Hipwell, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, James Miley, Roger Miley, Michael J. O'Neill, James O'Toole, John Temple, G. Timmins, Miss Mary Walsh.—14.

##### Against:

Councillors James Everett, T.D., James Gregory, James D. Haughton, P. McCarthy, John Quigley.—5.

The Motion was declared passed by fourteen votes in favour to five against.

Councillor Timmins and Councillor O'Neill referred to the position regarding the preparation of Maps for vesting of Cottages and Members enquired if the Architect to be appointed could carry out this work. It was agreed that the matter of arranging for the completion of Maps required be further examined.

Councillor Quigley supported by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., urged that the County Engineer prepare a list of all cottages which would be repaired in the coming year with the monies provided in the Estimates



**GENERAL PURPOSES.****Libraries:**

In regard to the matter of Branch Libraries at Blessington and Dunlavin it was proposed by Councillor Timmins and seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh that the Vocational Education Committee be consulted as to the possibility of utilising rooms in the New Technical Schools at Blessington and Dunlavin for the purpose of Branch Libraries.

**Sheep Dipping:**

Councillor G. Timmins supported by Councillor O'Neill, raised the matter of the provision of a Sheep Dipping Bath at Rathdangan. The County Secretary stated that no special provision had been made in the previous years Estimates for the construction of a new Bath at Rathdangan and pointed out that the Council had at no time erected new Sheep Dipping Baths. Some years previously the Council had given Grants towards the cost of erection of Sheep Dipping Baths by private persons provided that the Bath was made available for public dipping.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hadden seconded by Councillor Hipwell.

Resolved—That we make available a Grant of 50 per cent of the cost not exceeding a Grant of £100 towards a Sheep Dipping Bath at Rathdangan.

The Council agreed that the necessary monies for purpose of payment of a Grant would be defrayed from the provision made in the Estimates for repairs to existing baths.

**SEPARATE CHARGES:**

The Council noted the provision made in the Estimates for Vocational Education and Malicious Injury Claims and for the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.

It was

Proposed by Councillor O'Toole, seconded by Deputy P. Brennan, T.D.

Resolved—That we hereby determine in accordance with the Estimates of Expenses as amended the Rates set forth in column 13 of Table 'C' and Column 15 of the Table 'D' to be Rates in the £ levied for the several services specified in the said Estimate for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1963:-

Roads	...	...	...	...	9/6.05
Health	...	...	...	...	10/5.38
Mental Health	...	...	...	...	2/11.06
Public Assistance	...	...	...	...	1/5.23
Sanitary	...	...	...	...	2/9.56
Housing	...	...	...	...	3/8.08
General Purposes	...	...	...	...	5/11.64
Separate Charges	...	...	...	...	
Vocational Education	...	...	...	...	1/7.59
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board	...	...	...	...	0.37
Criminal Injuries:-	...	...	...	...	
County-at-Large	...	...	...	...	0.42
Total General Rate—36/9d. in the £.					

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor O'Toole, seconded by Deputy P. Brennan, T.D.

Resolved—That we hereby determine in accordance with the Estimates the amount to be demanded from each Urban District in respect of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1963, as follows:-

	Arklow	Bray	Wicklow
	£	£	£
Roads	1,863	8,119	1,510
Health	6,267	27,304	5,077
Mental Health	1,852	8,069	1,500
Public Assistance	1,113	4,851	902
General Purposes	923	4,020	748
Separate Charges	1,056	101	856

Passed unanimously.

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

Wicklow County Council.

Courthouse, Wicklow.

15th February, 1962.

**ESTIMATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1962-'63**

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Estimates of Expenses and Receipts of the County Council for the year ending 31st March, 1963, together with tables giving details of how the totals for each service are made up, are attached.

The total expenditure for the coming year is estimated at £957,396. Receipts are estimated at £424,895. The net amount to be provided from Rates would be £532,501.

The corresponding figures in the Estimates for the current year were Gross Expenditure £917,392; Receipts £411,298; Net amount to be met from Rates £506,094.

The total rate required for the coming year if these Estimates were approved would be 36/11d. in the £, which would be an increase of 1/5d. over that levied in the present year, which is 35/6d.

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

Service	1961/'62	1962/'63	Inc/Dec.
Roads	9/10.47	9/10.94	0.47 inc.
Health	9/0.28	9/9.51	9.23 inc.
Mental Hospitals	2/9.74	2/11.06	1.32 inc.
Public Assistance	1/4.42	1/5.23	0.81 inc.
Sanitary	2/9.22	2/9.56	0.34 inc.
Housing	3/7.57	4/1.06	5.49 inc.
General Purposes	6/0.30	5/11.64	0.66 dec.



If the Estimates for 1962/63 as now submitted were adopted they will require an increase of 1/5d. in the £ over the Rate in the present year. From the details given in the table above it will be seen that briefly the increase is due in the main to the Health Services which require 10½d. extra in the coming year; in addition increased provision to the extent of 5½d. is being made for Housing, but 1d. of the new provision for Housing results from the charges for new loans to meet the costs of Grants to persons repairing and improving their dwellings and the balance arises from the additional provision included for repairs to Council Houses. It is quite evident that much good work is being done with the aid of Grants provided by the Department of Local Government and the County Council in providing new services such as water supply and sewerage for many rural dwellings, but in addition many houses in the towns and villages throughout the County, which have been falling into disrepair, have been given a longer lease of life through the advent of these Grants.

There are some slight changes in the costs of other services, but I feel they do not affect the general Estimate, but it should be mentioned that the details given so far relate only to the General Rate and account must also be taken of Separate Charges. Last year there was a steep rise in the cost of Separate Charges, because of the necessity to provide for large Malicious Injury Decrees and for increased outlay on the part of the Vocational Education Committee. For the coming year Malicious Injury Decrees will require 1d. in the £, whereas last year they required 4½d. This reduction of 3½d. is offset by an increase of 1½d. in the Rate for Vocational Education. The Rate required for Vocational Education has been rising very steeply over the past ten years or so. In the year 1950/51 it was 5½d but for the coming year it will be 1/7½d. It will be seen, therefore, that it has more than trebled during this period. The increase, of course, is due mainly to the Loan Charges which have been built and to the extra cost of staffing and providing services for them.

### ROADS.

For the coming year the Rate for Roads is estimated at 9/11d. which shows an increase of about 1d. over the present year. The total outlay on Roads is estimated at £283,127, of which £134,000 would come from State Grants. The amount which has been included in respect of State Grants corresponds to the sums received during the present year. These State Grants which are received from the Department of Local Government derive from Motor Taxation.

In the current year normal maintenance such as tar surface dressing, pothole repairs and drainage was carried out and in addition many new Improvement Works were completed or undertaken. Some of the Improvement Schemes which were in hands during the present year were:—

Bray-Wicklow-Arklow Road—Large-scale realignment of Main Road at Glen of the Downs.

Do. Continuation of road realignment at Kiltimon Glen.

Do. Removal of dangerous corners at Beehive Cross Roads.

Aughrim-Tinahely Road—Removal of dangerous corner near Togher.

Baltinglass-Rathvilly Road—New length of roadway to overcome dangerous corner.

Avoca—Construction of New Bridge to replace old White Bridge. This New Bridge will, apart from meeting local needs, provide special facilities for St. Patrick's Copper Mines, Ltd., who made a special contribution towards its cost.

Ballymanus—Reconstruction of Bridge at Ballymanus which was almost completely washed away in a heavy flood.

Greystones-Killincarrig Road—Widening and realignment of the Main Road between Greystones and Killincarrig.

Brittas Bay Road—Widening of Coast Road for distance of about one mile at Brittas Bay. New Bridge is also being built on this road.

Enniskerry-Glencree Road—Removal of dangerous corner at Annacrivey.

Lacken-Ballyknockan Road—Improvement by removing corners and realignment.

In addition to the foregoing works there was considerable expenditure on the laying of new footpaths at Main Street, Bray. New footpaths were also provided at Newtownmountkennedy and a new surface was provided for the Street in this village. Between Wicklow and Rathnew new lengths of footpath were provided and in addition some footpaths were provided at Roundwood and Greystones. During the year very satisfactory progress was made with the Reconstruction of County Roads. Since 1950 a considerable mileage of County Roads has been completely remade and given smooth tarred surfaces suitable for all types of traffic. It is expected that by the end of the present financial year 635 miles of County Roads will have been reconstructed in this way. This means that the mileage of County Roads with first-class surfaces will then reach a proportion of 70 per cent. of the total. Prior to 1949 less than 10 per cent. of the County Roads had tar surfaces. As has been stressed on previous occasions it would not have been possible to carry out this comparatively rapid and thorough programme of reconstruction if it had not been for new techniques and improved types of plant. Notwithstanding rises in costs these new measures have enabled the Council to reconstruct County Roads at a lower price than would have been the case fifteen or sixteen years ago. There is much stress nowadays on reaching higher levels of productivity and it will be evident that in the case of Roads, as with all other activities this could only be achieved if there is resort to the best plant available and the production of materials at the places which give the most satisfactory and economic returns. For this purpose it is necessary to concentrate the production of broken stone and chippings in Quarries where there can be a satisfactory output and which lend themselves to the use of modern plant. The employment afforded by the Council through Road Works has been maintained at satisfactory cost and level. In former years there was a tendency for employment to vary quite a lot throughout the year. There were peak periods when, for example, tar operations were in progress during the Summer, and this resulted in valleys as far as employment was concerned during the Winter months. Efforts have been made to overcome this difficulty by the arranging of works so that a fairly constant level of employment could be maintained throughout the year. This to a great extent has been achieved in recent times. There were prolonged negotiations with the Unions during the year regarding wages and conditions of employment. As a result the Council agreed some time ago to introduce a Five-Day Week for the greater part of the year. This is a radical departure in rural employment. The Five-



Day Week, which is being arranged, will apply from 1st March to 31st October. For the remaining four months a 5½-Day Week will operate. In addition the Council approved of the introduction of a Sick Pay Scheme for road workers and it is intended that this will apply from 1st April next. Apart from these improvements in working conditions the Council also agreed to an increase in remuneration of 7s. 6d. per week as from 1st April, 1961. This increase incidentally involved an additional annual charge of £7,500.

At this stage it should be mentioned that within the past few weeks a further Demand for an increase in wages has been received. It seems that this Demand is related to the so-called Eighth Round of Increases which has been made to other employers and which, it is admitted, is based not on an increase in living costs, but is said to be for the purpose of securing better living standards for workers. As the Council did not so far have an opportunity of considering this latest claim for an increase in wages no provision in respect of it has been included in the attached Estimates. At this point, moreover, it should be mentioned that every year for some time past increases in wages have been approved by the County Council. This, however, has been in accordance with the general trend in other employments, but it is felt necessary also to stress that these increases in remuneration have not been accompanied by increases in the Roads Estimates and the Rate levy to compensate for them. In fact the level of output and employment has only been maintained by having increased resort to new plant and new techniques. But it seems that if remuneration is to be reviewed twice in the same year then unless Rates are to rise there would have to be a serious curtailment in the scope of the Road Works Scheme.

### HEALTH SERVICES

Once more the Health Services show quite a steep rise in costs. It has almost come to be expected that this will be a feature of the Estimates each year. In the General Health Services the increase is about 9½d. and the Mental Hospitals 1½d., making in all an increase of 10½d. The total cost of the Health Services if Mental Hospitals be omitted, is estimated at £318,436. After taking into account Receipts from Government Grants of £146,837 and from other sources of £20,296 the net requirement will be £151,303. The Rate required will be, as mentioned earlier, about 9/9½d. As many people still profess not to be fully aware of the Services which are provided by the Council under the heading of Health it is thought advisable to include again a brief summary of them. The Council provides treatment through the Dispensaries and Clinics, and for patients in their own homes, together with hospital treatment, for the so-called Lower Income Group, i.e., persons who from their own resources could not be expected to meet any part of the cost. Such persons normally are included in the General Medical Register kept by the Council.

A wide range of services is also being provided for persons in the Middle Income Group, these being persons and their dependants whose yearly means do not exceed £800 or farmers whose valuations do not exceed £50. For persons in this Group medical care is provided free of charge for Mothers and Infants, free Specialist Services are available subject to a nominal charge and hospital treatment is afforded at a charge not exceeding 10s. per day, which is less than half the normal charge in public hospitals. In practice, however, many persons in this Group may not contribute at the rate of 10s. per day towards the cost of hospital treatment, and in a large num-

ber of instances where it is considered that such a contribution would impose hardship, the Council meets the full cost. Where persons may have to remain long periods in hospitals or institutions the Council also may meet part of the cost even though incomes may be beyond the limits already mentioned. Children attending National Schools are provided with treatment free of charge in respect of defects found during the course of School Medical Inspections; B.C.G. Vaccination and Immunisation against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough are also arranged without charge.

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

It has been the practice also to show the number of Medical Cards issued in respect of persons included in the Council's Register and which entitle such persons and their dependants to all Health Services free of cost. The latest information showed that in 1961 25 per cent. of the population in County Wicklow were included in the Medical Register and were entitled to all Health Services free of charge. This proportion is higher than the average for the country as a whole, which is 28 per cent. At the same time it should be noted that even though applicants might not be accepted for Medical Cards there is a range of Services other than treatment through the Dispensary Doctor which is available to them without cost or at a very low charge, such as hospital treatment, Medical Care for Mothers and Infants (with choice of Doctor) and all types of Specialist Services.

### GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES.

The amount required under this heading is £39,061 and is £2,000 higher than for the present year. This rise in expenditure is completely due to the cost of medicines which show an increase from £6,000 to £8,000.

The rising cost of medicines has been under examination previously and it was evident that there is much resort nowadays to new and costly types of medicine. This may mean, however, that treatment with these new drugs in the Clinic or at home can be quite effective and that hospital treatment may not be required. At the same time there has been a share of criticism both here and in other countries to the effect that the cost of some of these preparations is altogether too high and that an undue proportion of their price is absorbed by advertising.

It further has been noted that the cost of medicines is much higher in some Dispensary Districts than in others if related to population. Generally it has been found that the greater part of the cost is incurred in about six or seven of the seventeen Dispensary Districts.

### INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES:

There are of two types:—

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



Treatment in Sanatoria and Tuberculosis Hospitals is included under this heading. The total cost of treatment in Hospitals and other Institutions is estimated at £180,700; in the present year the provision made was £172,900.

#### COUNTY INSTITUTIONS:

The costs of running the Council's own Institutions, viz., District Hospital, Wicklow; District Hospital, Baltinglass, and St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, do not show much change from the present year. In the year ended 31st March, 1961, the costs of maintenance in them worked out at:—

County Hospital Wicklow	...	£7 17 9
District Hospital, Baltinglass	...	£9 13 5
St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum	...	£2 17 4

Last year when submitting the Estimates it was mentioned that whereas the former Fever Hospital, Wicklow, had been reconstructed with the intention that it be used as a General Hospital, the transfer of patients to it has been held up because of the necessity to determine the future use and programme of improvement for buildings used in Rathdrum and Wicklow in connection with the Health Service. It was recommended to the Council that the building at present used for General Hospital purposes should be used as a Clinic and for Offices when it became vacant. There was a disagreement, however, with Wicklow Urban District Council who happened to be the ground landlords regarding the Lease of the premises and the rent to be paid and this absorbed much time before settlement was reached. From the standpoint of the County Council it was unfortunate that the Lease which they held was not renewed when it expired about twenty-five years ago as otherwise this delay and difficulty never would have arisen. It was also suggested to the Council that if the Clerical Staff in part of the buildings of St. Colman's Hospital were to be transferred to Wicklow it would permit use being made of the vacated rooms for the accommodation of Nursing Staff, etc., so that better use could be made of other buildings for patients. It has been evident for years that the office accommodation in Rathdrum is altogether unsuitable and could not be expected to comply with the requirements of the Office Premises Act. However, there was some local opposition to the proposal to move the Staff from Rathdrum to Wicklow and so far the change has not been effected. The accommodation for some of the patients in Rathdrum was improved to a marked extent when the former County Sanatorium was taken over for them. The suggestion to transfer the Administrative Staff to Wicklow would leave it possible to effect some further desirable changes pending the carrying out of fairly large-scale extensions which were outlined to the Council some years ago and which would, of course, involve considerable cost.

It will, having regard to the expanding character of the Health Services and the necessity for improved standards in institutional accommodation be necessary that thought be given to the best manner in which existing Institutions in the County could be used. There had been some time ago a suggestion that having regard to the very much shorter period for which hospital treatment is nowadays required by persons suffering from Tuberculosis, together with the falling off in the incidence of the disease, it had become clear that institutions formerly provided for this type of treatment are nowadays in excess of requirements with the result that alternate uses for them

could be considered. An examination of the matter showed that one of these Institutions in County Wicklow which, however, is not in the charge of the County Council, might possibly be used for patients requiring Mental treatment. The accommodation in Mental Hospitals nowadays generally is somewhat below desirable requirements and this is a position which probably could be relieved if Wicklow County Council were to take over direct responsibility for some of their Mental patients in an Institution within the County. This is a matter which has been receiving special consideration for some time past and recommendations on it will be submitted to the Council for review at an early date. Members will recollect, however, that attention was called to it when the Estimates were being submitted last year and that there had been references to it from time to time at Council Meetings. The occasion is again taken, however, to stress that the use of Institutions in connection with the Health Services must be viewed in the light of the total requirements and the possibility of effecting improvements with a minimum resort to new and costly buildings which would impose increased charges on local rates. Consequently any buildings available to the Council whether at present within their charge or which could possibly be acquired should, it is felt, be availed of not merely to meet a viewpoint arising from some local pressure, but in accordance with decisions which would be taken in the light of the long-term requirements of the Health Services. The aim has been in recent years to provide better accommodation for patients and some of this has been brought about by the use of the former County Sanatorium at Rathdrum for persons in St. Colman's Hospital and will again be achieved by the transfer of patients from existing General Hospital in Wicklow to the reconstructed Fever Hospital. The latter building, however, when it becomes vacant should be used in the general interests of the Health Services, whilst it is expected that there will be a possibility of providing improved accommodation for Mental cases by using another Institution within the County. These developments would be following the general tendency which aims at providing higher standards of treatment and more satisfactory accommodation together with Specialist Services at higher level by making the fullest use of existing Institutions and adapting them to the changing needs of the Health Services.

#### FUEL FOR COUNTY INSTITUTIONS:

For some years past it has been the policy of the County Council to provide fuel for their own Institutions and other buildings by cutting and saving turf on bogs at Glenmacnass and Ballinagee. In addition quantities of turf were purchased from Bord na Mona. Local turf production means that a measure of employment is afforded by the Council even if it is, however, of a seasonal type. The quality of the turf produced by the Council is not always equal to that which can be procured from other sources and very much depends on weather conditions. The Institutions in Rathdrum, Wicklow and Baltinglass have been adapted to the use of turf and nowadays very little coal is used.

#### EXTERN INSTITUTIONS:

These include General Hospitals in Dublin City and County; Maternity Hospitals in Dublin; Newcastle Sanatorium and a few other Tuberculosis Hospitals; Special Homes for Mental Defectives; Special Institutions for treating children's ailments; Homes for Deaf and



Dumb Persons and a variety of other Institutions which nowadays provide special forms of treatment. The Estimate for these Extern General Hospitals is £103,350 which shows an increase of £1,750 over that for 1961/62.

It is expected that for the coming year General Hospitals will require £3,750 more, but this increase in part is offset by a reduction of £2,000 in the cost of Tuberculosis Hospitals. The rise in the cost of Extern Hospitals is found to be due to two causes: (a) The falling off in the number of persons who are contributing towards the cost of treatment, and (b) increasing costs of medicines. The number of persons in the Middle Income Group who nowadays contribute towards the cost of treatment is very small and as a result of continuous representations from Members and from other sources, and a revision of the circumstances of patients charges are every day being either written off or reduced. It will be recollected that about two years ago it was found that owing to the remarkable rise in the cost of treatment in St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown, the arrangement for the treatment of patients from County Wicklow in that Institution would have to be terminated. If it had been continued the cost of Hospital treatment would have been much greater than it is at present. In addition it was found that adequate accommodation could be found elsewhere in other Hospitals for patients from County Wicklow and it seemed that one of the reasons for the relatively higher costs in Loughlinstown Hospital might be that the accommodation in it was not being fully used. Even still, however, a number of patients coming within the category of accident and emergency cases are still being sent from Wicklow County to Loughlinstown Hospital, but payment for them is being made at the same rate as is approved for the General Hospitals in Dublin. It has been made clear on a number of occasions to the Dublin Health Authority that seeing that the former agreement between themselves and Wicklow County Council had been terminated, the Council could only accept liability for cases in Loughlinstown Hospital at the rate approved by the Department of Health for treatment of extern patients in that Institution. Loughlinstown Hospital consequently is in the same position nowadays in relation to County Wicklow patients as Baltinglass Hospital is in relation to patients from County Carlow or County Kildare. In the present year the remuneration of Hospital Staffs—including Medical, Nursing, Domestic and Maintenance Staffs—was revised everywhere. Due provision has been made for this in the present Estimates as far as the Council's own Institutions are concerned, but it is clear that the present charges for Extern Hospitals do not take account of all these recent increases. Consequently it can be expected that the charges for treatment in Extern Hospitals will be revised upwards and that the cost to the Council will show a substantial rise. The present Estimates, however, do not include provision for this as when they were being prepared figures as to the revised costs were not available.

As mentioned earlier the cost of treating patients in Tuberculosis Institutions shows a fall of £2,000. Nowadays very few patients are maintained in any Institutions outside of Newcastle Sanatorium and the numbers undergoing treatment at present are:—

Newcastle Sanatorium	...	63
Other Institutions	...	8

## MATERNITY AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES:

Medical care and hospital treatment is provided for:—

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

Mothers both in the Lower and Middle Income Groups can obtain medical care with choice of Doctor. This means that the existing Health Services provide Maternity Services for almost all Mothers as the number outside the Lower and Middle Income Groups is comparatively small. The fees payable to Medical Practitioners for this service in the coming year is estimated at £6,000. The other items which come under the heading of Maternity and Child Health Services are — Midwifery and Nursing Services; obstetrical requisites; milk for mothers and children; Maternity Cash Grants; Child Welfare Service and School Health Service. Almost all these show a slight upward trend with the result that the cost of the Maternity and Child Health Services for the coming year is estimated at £23,670 as against £22,740 in the current year. The cost of Maternity Hospitals is shown under the heading of Extern Institutions apart from the cost of the Maternity Unit at Baltinglass.

## TUBERCULOSIS AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

The services which come under this heading and the cost at £11,100 show practically no variation from the present year and include: Dispensary and Clinical Services for Tuberculosis; Special Domiciliary Visits by Medical and Nursing Staff to Tuberculosis patients; Mass Radiography Examinations; B.C.G. Vaccination Service; and Maintenance Allowances.

During the past calendar year B.C.G. Vaccination which has helped as a protective measure in reducing the incidence of Tuberculosis especially amongst young people, was continued. The number of preliminary tests carried out came to 2,004 in 1961, and the number of vaccinations came to 1,069. The Council's Medical Staff are also engaged in other preventive measures such as Innoculation against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough and the Vaccination of children against Poliomyelitis.

A recent outbreak of Smallpox in Britain showed that there could still be a risk of contracting this disease notwithstanding that for many years past public opinion thought it was no longer a risk in these islands. The mobility of populations nowadays and increased travel facilities could mean that there could be a possibility of persons coming into contact with the rare cases of the disease which might arrive in Britain or Ireland. The recent outbreak in Britain, even though it was of a very restricted character, resulted in many persons seeking Vaccination and in particular parents sought it for their children.

The advantage taken of the Mass Radiography Service was again rather disappointing. The numbers of persons who had X-Rays taken increased from roughly 3,500 to 4,200, but this still cannot be regarded as a satisfactory response. This is a free service to the extent that no special charge is made to persons availing of it, but the costs,



however, have eventually to be defrayed by the taxpayer and ratepayer—the amount to be borne by Wicklow County Council for the coming year is estimated at £950 of which one-half will be recouped by the State. It is to be regretted that much greater numbers do not come forward to have X-Rays taken whenever the unit calls to towns or villages in their vicinity, as if through this service cases of Tuberculosis or of other chest ailments be found, it is likely that they will be discovered in the early stages, with the result that there is every possibility of a complete recovery after a comparatively short course of treatment.

#### DENTAL, OPHTHALMIC AND AURAL SERVICE:

For the coming year the cost is estimated at £4,750 which shows an increase of £1,000 over the present year. This increase is almost altogether due to the provision which is being made for supplying dentures to a limited number of cases. In former years dental treatment was limited to extractions and some conservative work, but dentures were not supplied. Under the new arrangements dentures will be available to a limited number of cases. Generally the provision of dentures would be limited to Expectant Mothers and persons suffering from Tuberculosis and these persons would be expected to be the holders of Medical Cards.

The Council at present employs only one whole-time Dentist and he is almost completely engaged on the Schools Service. The number of children for whom school dental treatment was provided in 1961 was 2,918. Most of this was afforded by the whole-time County Dentist, but some assistance was afforded by some part-time Dentists.

For ophthalmic work the Council nowadays engages the services of a number of Specialists on a sessional basis who attend Clinics within the County. In addition, however, a number of patients may resort to Specialist Services in Clinics in Dublin.

During the year 1961 the number of Schools at which Inspections were carried out by the Council's Medical and Nursing Staff came to 60. The Chief Medical Officer reports that children attending National Schools are now being inspected about once in every eighteen months and he feels that this frequency of Medical Inspection can be regarded as reaching a satisfactory standard.

#### SPECIALIST SERVICES:

The amount expected to be spent on these Services during the coming year is £6,350 which is an increase of £1,350. These Specialist Services are almost altogether afforded through Out-Patient Clinics attached to Hospitals in Dublin. Every year Medical Practitioners in the County are sending a greater number of persons to such Clinics and in the year ended 31st March, 1961, the number of attendances was 4,838 which was greater by about 1,000 than in the previous year. Medical Practitioners in the County, it should be mentioned, find this Service a very valuable one.

#### REHABILITATION AND MAINTENANCE OF DISABLED PERSONS

The number of Disabled Persons to whom Special Allowances are being made by the Council has shown a continuous rise each year since Allowances were first introduced about seven years ago. This rise in numbers affects the cost. For the coming year the cost is estimated at £14,300 which is £800 more than in 1961/62. The number of persons in receipt of Allowances at present is 254.

#### AMBULANCE SERVICES AND TRANSPORT OF PATIENTS:

It will be necessary to provide £1,700 extra for Ambulances and cost of transport of patients next year. The Council's own Ambulance Services only provide part of the transport facilities which are necessary; some Ambulances are arranged for on a hire basis in Bray and Arklow and in addition Vouchers are issued to patients so that they can avail of public transport to Dublin to attend Clinics and Hospitals where Specialist Services are provided.

In the present year a new Ambulance was bought to serve Wicklow Hospital and district and in the coming year it will be necessary to buy a new Ambulance for Rathdrum. At the present time the Council has three Ambulances in service and two, which are of the older type, are kept on reserve. On reviewing the position it seems that if the Council is to keep up adequate services from the bases at Wicklow, Rathdrum and Baltinglass, it will be necessary to buy a new Ambulance each year. The use made of the Ambulances and of public transport facilities reflects the increasing tendency towards the sending of patients to Hospitals even though their stay may be shorter than formerly and also the recourse which Medical Practitioners have nowadays to Specialist Services.

#### SUPERVISION OF FOOD AND DRINK:

The provision required here does not show much change from the present year and the cost is estimated at £2,530. The two Health Inspectors employed by the Council serve both the rural areas and the Urban Districts. Continuous Inspections are being carried out by them in relation to their sanitary duties which would include water supply and sewerage, and outbreaks of infectious diseases which might occur and also Housing Acts. The Food Hygiene Regulations involve inspections by Health Inspectors of so-called food premises, including cafes, hotels and also places where food is prepared. Formerly the Duties of Food and Drugs Inspectors were carried out by the Garda Síochána, but about two years ago, they were assigned to the Health inspectors and in the year 1961, 92 samples were taken by them.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIETIES:

The Council at present is paying subsidies to seven District Nursing Associations in the following areas—Arklow, Bray, Powerscourt, Kilbride and Boghall, Greystones, Newtownmountkennedy and Wicklow. The cost for the coming year will be £1,250 and shows no change.

#### RECEIPTS:

Of the total Receipts of £167,133, the amount estimated as coming from the Health Grant given by the State is £146,837. It will be seen that the State Health Grant does not reach 50 per cent. of the total cost of Health Services as these come to £318,436.

#### TREATMENT IN HOSPITALS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS:

It has been the practice each year upon submitting the Estimates to show the number of patients admitted to Institutions so that the Council may have an idea as to the extent to which the Health Services are being availed of in the matter of Institutional treatment.



Figures for the year ended 31st March, 1961, are set out below:—

Year Ended	Council's Own Co. Institutions	General Hospitals (Extern)	Special Homes	Tuberculosis Hospitals	Maternity Hospitals (Extern)
31/3/61	1974	2,596	5	75	717

The foregoing figures go to show that Hospital treatment is being widely availed of and it must, however, be borne in mind that the number of persons included who would be contributing anything towards the cost involved would be very small. Reference was made earlier to the fact that the contributions towards costs have tended to show a continuous decline.

#### COSTS OF THE HEALTH SERVICES:

In order to get a comprehensive view of the cost of the Health Services it is necessary also to include the outlay on Mental Hospitals. For the coming year the gross outlay if Mental Hospitals be included comes to £426,929 and if Receipts other than from Health Grant amounting to £33,503, be deducted, the net cost of Health Services is £393,426, and of the net cost less than 50 per cent. would be met from State Grants. The exact percentage would be Local Rates 51.25 per cent. and State Health Grant 48.75 per cent. It consequently is not quite correct to regard one-half of the cost of the Health Services as being met by the State. The reason for the difference is that all Health expenditure is not regarded as admissible for Grant purposes. The outlay on Loan Charges is excluded and any expenditure on items which would be classed as improvements rather than repairs is also excluded for Grant purposes.

The Rate required for Health Services in the coming year if the cost of Mental Hospitals be included would be 12/8d. and this would be more than one-third of the total Rate levy.

In view of the criticism of the cost of the Health Services the Members will probably be interested to know that the administrative costs associated with them come to about 2 p.c. out of a total outlay of over £300,000. The balance of the cost is in respect of treatment, whether provided through Hospital, Clinics or in the patient's home and the various preventive measures which nowadays are also a prominent feature of Health activities.

#### MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

In former years it was the practice to show the gross outlay in respect of Mental patients maintained in Grangegorman and Portrane Mental Hospitals and the Health Grant which would be available towards this cost. Consequently, figures showing gross outlay, Health Grant and net Demand were available to the Members of the Council in the Annual Estimates, but last year a change was made and only the Demand made on Wicklow County Council is now shown in the Estimates. A further change was that the names of these Institutions were altered and Grangegorman Mental Hospital is now known as St. Brendan's, and Portrane is known as St. Ita's. The Dublin Health Authority, moreover, has replaced the former Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board. Under the Health Authorities Act, 1960, Wicklow Co. Council is still entitled to representation by virtue of the fact that patients from Co. Wicklow are treated in Dublin Mental Institutions

and three members of the County Council participate in the administration of the Mental Hospitals controlled by the Health Authority. For the coming year the gross outlay chargeable to Wicklow Co. Council would be £108,493 and the amount of Grant to which the Council would be entitled would be £44,941; Other Receipts amount to £15,667, leaving the net Demand on the County-At-Large, £47,885. These figures have been extracted from details supplied by the Dublin Health Authority. In addition to the actual Demand it was necessary last year to provide for a debit balance and but for the fact that this contingency does not recur there would have been a considerable increase in the Rate for Mental Hospitals for next year. As it is the Rate required for next year at 2/11d. will be about 2d. higher than the present year; if, however, the rate had not already been pushed up last year through the existence of a debit balance the increase for the coming year would have been over 5d.—in other words, the Demand for the coming year if compared with that in the present year represents an increase of over 5d. in the £ if it had not been influenced by the existence of a debit balance to which reference has already been made.

Notwithstanding that additional accommodation became available to the Dublin Health Authority through the taking over of the former Sanatorium at Crooksling, Co. Dublin, and the former Preventorium at Ballyowen, it seems that some overcrowding still exists in the Mental Institutions maintained by the Dublin Health Authority. Earlier it was mentioned that there may be a possibility of providing for a fairly large proportion of the patients from Wicklow in an Institution within the County, but it can be expected that negotiations towards this end will raise a number of issues and that many difficulties may have to be overcome. At present the number of patients from Co. Wicklow which are being maintained in the Mental Institutions under the charge of the Dublin Health Authority is 325. This number shows a reduction on last year, but this could scarcely be taken as a definite trend as the numbers vary both up and down from year to year. It has been noted that the number of Mental cases receiving Institutional treatment is, relative to population, higher in this country than in other Western European Nations and this scarcely could be ascribed altogether to population structure. As Mental Hospitals involve very heavy costs it is disturbing to find that the number of Mental patients in Institutions is so high for the country as a whole.

#### PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

The services included under Public Assistance are of a welfare character, i.e., they represent social benefits not necessarily associated with Health conditions. The amount required for the coming year is estimated at £23,787, and this would be an increase of £1,250 on the requirement for 1961/62. Consequently the Rate for this Service at 1/5d. shows an increase of about 1d. over last year.

Some time ago the Council asked that there should be a special examination of Public Assistance with a view to affording higher allowances to special cases in particular persons who would have no income other than Public Assistance. The Public Assistance list has been reviewed by the Superintendent Assistance Officer and it is found that there would be about 68 cases of which 52 would have no income other than Assistance and the balance would be in receipt of Disability Benefit or would be Pensioners. If increases ranging from 2/6d. to 8/- or so weekly were allowed to these persons it would cost up to £1,000 in the year and provision for this extra expenditure has been made in the attached Estimates. This consequently is the cause of the increase in the Estimate.



In addition to Assistance there is also included here the Footwear Scheme under which footwear may be provided for families in need; the cost of Burials; and the Scheme for supplying Fuel to necessitous households. Finally, there is the cost of Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages which is defrayed from Rates and amounts to £825. Fees for Certificates, however, amount to £300 so that the net cost to the Council would be £525.

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

### SANITARY SERVICES.

For the coming year the gross cost of these Services is estimated at £44,205 and shows a difference of somewhat less than £500 compared with the amount allowed by the Council last year. The major item once more in the outlay is the Loan Charges for Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes and these come to almost £20,000. Receipts for the coming year are estimated at £9,302 which would leave the net cost at £34,903 and require a Rate of 2/9½d. Last year the Rate for this Service was 2/9½d. which is practically the same as the levy proposed for this year.

It will be seen from the tables that the major item in the Receipts of £9,302 is the State Grant towards Loan Charges which comes to £5,392. The special Water Rates levied in the area supplied with water come to £2,500. Originally it was thought that such local charges would help substantially towards meeting the costs of maintenance, but it is found that the cost of Maintenance reaches about £8,000 and this does not include the remuneration of Caretakers.

### PUBLIC LIGHTING:

The Estimate for the coming year is £3,850 and is £250 higher than the amount provided in the present year.

In the present year new lights are being provided at Avoca, Shillelagh and Tinahely, and in addition it is proposed to provide some further lighting in the near future at Aughrim, Avoca, Bray, Arklow, Baltinglass and Blessington, if it be found that the costs of installation would not be excessive. At the present time the Council is providing public lighting in 48 towns, villages and hamlets throughout the County, and this is a Service in which it is felt that by this time a rather high standard has been reached.

### WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES:

New works based on the Survey which was carried out some time ago are at present being planned and in a few cases are actually in hands. Some disappointment has been expressed at the progress being made in providing water supply and sewerage in the areas outside the towns and larger villages, but the Council has been hampered by the difficulty in obtaining suitably qualified persons to undertake the design of new Schemes and Surveys. Even when staff may be procured for this work it is found that they leave again in a very short time to take up appointments elsewhere. Under present conditions and having regard to the demand for engineering skills generally this experience is inevitable. The aim has been to have at least two engineers engaged on the survey of sources and design work, but

in fact it has been the case that frequently there has only been one person so engaged. In addition to the work which is being carried out by staff in the Council's own service the Council also has a Consultant engaged on a few of the major projects such as the Schemes which would be intended to provide water supplies in the Eastern Region.

In the present year the Council laid a new watermain North from Kilcool which is to supply the New National School and later can serve to provide a supply to Council Cottages at Knockroe. At Glendalough a new water supply for the public sanitary installation at the Car Park was completed. At present a Scheme which will afford a water supply to twenty-two Cottages at Sea Road, Kilcool, is in progress. Plans for water and sewerage installations to Council Houses at Rathnew have just been completed and also for similar work at Kilpeddar and Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy. Some time ago about twenty-one Cottages in the Ashford area were provided with water. A number of similar projects are also at present in the planning stage.

As to major Schemes, the Consultant engaged by the Council has been working on a project which will supply Woodenbridge-Avoca area and in addition investigations are being made as to the best means of providing water for Barndarrig, Kilbride, Brittas Bay and other areas in East Wicklow.

It will not be possible to supply all rural households through Regional or other Schemes devised by the Council and in many instances persons will have to find water by sinking pumps or taking advantage of some similar independent source of supply. The Council, however, has been assisting towards the latter end by making Grants available. In addition to the State Grant which can be obtained for a private water supply or for sewerage, the Council will also make a Grant available. In some instances Group Schemes under which a number of persons combined to use a source of water supply and arranged themselves for pipe laying and installations have also received special assistance from the Council.

So far the cost of new Schemes has not been reflected in the Council's Estimates, but it can be expected that the capital costs of the many new projects which will have to be undertaken in the next 10 years or so will add considerably to Loan Charges. However, 50 per cent. of the Loan Charges will be defrayed by State Grant.

### DUMPING GROUNDS AND SCAVENGING SERVICES:

It is remarkable how difficult it can prove to find a suitable site for a Dumping Ground, quite apart from the trouble which may be attached to any proposal for providing a Scavenging Service. No matter where one seeks a Dumping Ground there will always be some objection to the use of the site for such a purpose. Perhaps this is only to be expected in view of the use to which the plot in question is being assigned. Last year, for example, it was hoped that a satisfactory site could be procured for a Dump in the Enniskerry area, but so far the problem has not been resolved.

Some of the local residents in the Greystones District have on a number of occasions asked that a cleansing service might be provided in the area. It was felt, however, by the Council that if the charge for such a service were to be placed on the County Health District as a whole, then the Council would be under an obligation to provide a similar facility in other towns and the larger villages throughout the



County. The cost if all these places were to be so served could be fairly considerable. In the absence of a Scheme which would serve all the towns and larger villages it was felt that any restricted local service should be defrayed by means of a special charge on the area deriving the benefit. But it seems that under present circumstances any proposal to make the cost of any type of sanitary service a local charge on a restricted area would not be acceptable to the Department of Local Government. Having regard to these difficulties the Council felt that they would have to defer the proposals for providing services of this type.

#### AMENITY SCHEMES:

Works which will result in better facilities for tourists and visitors were continued during the present year. In the Brittas area the Coast Road was improved by being widened and re-surfaced over a considerable length. At present a new Bridge is being constructed on the route and it is hoped to proceed further with this Scheme during the coming year. A new Car Park was completed at Greystones and this is a work towards which An Bord Failte gave a Grant. The Road Works at present being undertaken will in addition provide a better approach to the Sea Front at Greystones. In a number of places throughout the County new seats were provided.

It is hoped to obtain a Grant from An Bord Failte towards the cost of restoring Dunlavin Courthouse, a building which is obviously of much historical and architectural interest. In the Blessington district it is hoped to provide better access at a number of points to Blessington Lake and for this purpose An Bord Failte has indicated that they would be prepared to provide Grants. Some further laybys may be provided on the Sallygap and Wicklow Gap Roads and it is hoped also to provide a small Car Park at the Vale of Clara which would give a view of the River and Valley. Some time ago a viewing space of this character was provided near Woodenbridge at a point which afforded an attractive view of the Avoca River and Valley.

For the Brittas area it was felt that a Development Plan should be available and a Consultant Architect was engaged by the Council for this purpose. The purpose of this Plan, it should be stressed, is not to hinder development, but to ensure that it will be along the right lines in the most suitable places. The Council must of necessity be intimately associated with any large-scale new development in the Brittas Bay region seeing that public services would have to be provided by them. The Council's advisers have made it clear that, from the technical and public health standpoint building and other development at Brittas cannot be satisfactorily arranged unless comprehensive and integrated water supply and sewerage services are available. The investigations made by the Council showed that neither of these latter items can easily be provided. The finding of a suitable source from which to give a suitable and adequate supply of water has been found to be a matter of some difficulty, and is one which the Council's technical advisers are at present trying to overcome through a special project which would supply water for parts of East Wicklow, including Brittas.

#### HOUSING

The total cost of Housing is shown in the Estimates as £126,024 and after deducting Receipts estimated at £75,000, the net requirements would be £51,024.

The Rate required for this Service would be 4/1; last year the Rate allowed by the Council was 3/7½d. The increase in the Estimate for the coming year is ascribable mainly to the additional provision included for Housing Repairs. Last year the Council allowed £12,411 for this purpose of which £2,411 was for Loan Charges and the balance of £10,000 would be available to meet actual outlay on current Repairs. The Loan Charges are payable on a Loan of £20,000 borrowed for Repairs six years ago which still has three years to run. In the Estimates now submitted to you the amount included for Repairs is £17,638, which after deducting Loan Charges for the coming year of £2,453, would leave available for repair works £15,185.

Difficulty was again experienced in arranging for repairs. The Council had decided that priority should be given to repairs to houses in respect of which there had been applications to avail of the Tenant Purchase Scheme from the occupiers, but in some areas it was not easy to find Contractors. The reason for the difficulty in finding Contractors will be quite apparent to anybody acquainted with the amount of repairs and improvements being carried out at the present time to private dwellings in every part of the County. It is quite obvious that Contractors and tradesmen are so busy on this type of work that there would be little possibility of their undertaking work for the Council. However, notwithstanding the difficulties the Council contrived to arrange for repairs in all areas even though the programme was held back in some districts. Some years ago the Council after very full consideration of the matter decided to arrange for repairs by contract as far as possible. In taking this decision they were in particular influenced by the heavy outlay on transport where repairs were carried out by direct labour. It is unfortunate that in this county so many years passed by without advantage being taken of Cottage Purchase. The result has been that the Council in recent times have been pressed to carry out a Repairs Programme and arrange for Cottage Purchase at a speed which would not have been by any means necessary if there had been a gradual vesting of Cottages over the past twenty-five or twenty-six years.

The total number of Council houses is 3,315 and of these at present 1,178 are vested in the tenants as owners under the Cottage Purchase Scheme. It will be seen consequently that somewhat more than one-third of the houses are now owned by the tenants; almost all this vesting, moreover, has been arranged in the past seven or eight years. The Council has allowed for repairs to the remaining 2,137 houses and if the provision for repairs were to be calculated at only £5 per house the sum required would be £10,685. In practice, however, it is found that when old houses for which Tenant Purchase Applications have been received, are being repaired, the cost can come to £100 or more. As has been frequently mentioned the major difficulty confronting the Council's Housing Administration is that whilst the cost of repairs has been rising steadily for the past fifteen years or so there has been no corresponding increase in the income from rents.

#### HOUSING RECONSTRUCTION GRANTS:

Applications are still being received in large numbers for Grants towards the cost of repairing and improving dwellings. The Council's Scheme which makes available Grants in addition to those given by the State has enabled owners to carry out much needed repairs and also to modernise houses by providing better accommodation and installing water and sewerage and bathrooms.

The total number of Grants approved so far by the Council is 856, and at the moment a further large number of applications is being dealt with—about 100. These figures give an idea of the activity which



has resulted from the Grants Scheme. The Council is financing the Scheme from Capital and so far has borrowed £70,000, which will give rise to a Loan Charge of £4,455 next year, an increase of £785 over the present outlay.

In assessing the costs resulting from the making of these Grants it must be borne in mind that they have enabled many people to reconstruct and improve houses who might otherwise have become a liability of the Council for re-housing. They have done much to arrest the progress of decay which had been so evident in the smaller towns and villages in former years, and have kept in use dwellings, which if not repaired, would have been unfit for habitation in the next ten to twenty years. In the countryside the Grants have enabled many owners to instal water and sewerage, and to provide much needed amenities for their dwellings.

The total housing indebtedness of the Council for new houses, aside from any debt for repairs, is now £920,962 with which the 3,315 houses previously mentioned have been provided. The assistance from the rates towards this part of the housing programme requires a levy of 3/9d. in the £. The charge resulting from the Supplementary Grants Scheme for Repairs and Improvements is 3½d. in the present year and will be 4½d. in the coming year.

#### Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts Loans:

The total number of loans under these Acts now comes to 100, and the Loan Charges to £6,700, but the latter do not involve any Rate levy, as the repayments by borrowers fully cover them.

#### Results of Housing Programme:

From the details given it will be seen that in all the Council and its predecessors over the years built 3,315 houses, advanced loans to enable 100 families to provide their own dwellings and has made Grants for the repair and improvement of 856 dwellings—this gives a total of 4,271 dwellings. It could be taken that the Council through these activities has provided or assisted in providing suitable housing accommodation for about fifty per cent of the rural population.

#### GENERAL PURPOSES

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

The net charges after deducting Receipts are:—Chargeable to County-at-Large, including Urban Districts—£23,861; Chargeable to County Health District—£57,577. The corresponding charges in the Estimate for the present year were:—£22,317 and £58,213. The Rate required would be 5/11.64 as compared with 6/0.030d. in the present year—i.e., a decrease of .66d. Increases are provided for in the Estimates for Scholarships, Fire Brigades, Public Library and Civil Defence, but these are offset to an extent by a reduction in the provision required for Superannuation.

#### Committee of Agriculture:

The Demand for the coming year shows no change and will require a Rate of 9d. in the £.

#### Fire Brigades:

Further fairly heavy capital expenditure is being incurred on the purchase of Fire Engines. Last year a new Fire Engine was bought for Carnew and recently a new Fire Engine was delivered to Baltinglass. It is expected that a new Fire Engine will also be delivered in the town of Wicklow within the next few weeks. The total cost of this new plant comes to about £6,500 and in all the Council in the past seven or eight years has spent about £10,000 on new Fire Engines. In submitting his Estimates for the Fire Brigades, the Chief Fire Officer has stated that in his view another Fire Engine should be bought. In rendering this recommendation he pointed out that the Fire Engine at present operating in Dunlavin is now getting old and consequently he feels it should be replaced by the Engine at present stationed in Arklow and a new Engine with a larger pump attachment be bought for Arklow. In addition it is considered that it would be necessary to provide new accommodation for the storage of Fire Engines at Baltinglass and at Dunlavin and a small sum is being included in the Estimate for next year for this purpose. The additional Loan Charges on these new Fire Engines will be about £700 for the coming year.

In common with all other employments it has been necessary during the year to revise the remuneration of the Members of the Fire Brigades and this will cost an additional £838 in 1962/63. The total cost of the Fire Brigades as shown in the Estimates will come to £13,456, that is an increase of £1,195 over last year and of this total outlay roughly about one-quarter or £3,369, will be chargeable to the Urban Councils.

In the year 1961 a record number of calls was answered by the Council's Fire Brigades—a total of 264. The higher number of calls was due to more chimney fires and gorse fires during a period of dry weather from March to June. All fire outbreaks were brought under control without serious loss except in one instance where serious damage was done to a large residence.

#### Diseases of Animals Acts:

The amount required next year will be £5,455; in the present year it was £5,334. It will be recollected that last year it was necessary to make substantial additional provision for the Diseases of Animals Acts because of the altered method of recoupment from State Funds. Whereas previously about 50 per cent of the total cost was recouped by the State, nowadays recoupment is limited to £1,000.

#### Scholarships:

The Schemes for Scholarships to Secondary Schools and Universities have been radically altered as a result of the Department of Education making available State Grants towards them for the first time. These Grants, however, are only being given on the condition that the Council also will increase their allocation from Rates for Scholarships.

The total Estimate for Scholarships in the coming year is £5,703 of which £3,318 will be for Secondary Schools Scholarships and £2,385 for University Scholarships. Of this total outlay of £5,703 a Grant of £1,360 will be available from the Department of Education. It will be



seen, therefore, that in the coming year the expenditure of Scholarships would be met to the extent of about three-fourths from Rates and about one-fourth from State funds. The Department of Education, however, have indicated that they will step up the allocation from State Grants until it eventually will be somewhat more than the amount being provided from Rates. Eventually the levy from Rates is expected to be 4d. in the £ and the amount receivable by way of State Grant will be equivalent to a Rate of 5d. in the £. For the coming year new Schemes will involve, however, an additional expenditure from Rates of £615 or about ½d. in the £.

With the additional funds which will be available the Council will be in a position to provide on an average about thirty Scholarships or so for Secondary Schools and about four University Scholarships each year. A departure in the terms of the Schemes is that one-fourth of the Scholarships will be available without application of means tests and the limits as to means have been on the whole scaled upwards to a considerable extent.

#### Public Library:

The Estimate for the Public Library is £6,931, which shows a rise of £906. The Advisory Committee had submitted an Estimate which would be in excess of that now before the Council and in doing so felt that it was necessary to make additional provision for books and for re-binding together with another Assistant, who would in particular help in making more frequent exchanges of books between Headquarter and Centres. It is agreed that more frequent exchanges of books of the various Centres would be essential and that this under present circumstances could not be accomplished without providing the assistance now being sought. The recommendation for higher provision for book stocks, however, it not being included in full. For some time it has been thought that a Library Centre should be available in Blessington and this will become a more urgent need seeing that a new Vocational School is being established there. The necessary accommodation, it is felt, could most readily be provided by the building of an addition to the small structure used as Council Offices at Blessington. There is, furthermore, no proper Library Centre at Dunlavin and if the Courthouse is being reconstructed, then no part of it could continue to be used as a store for the Council's Fire Engine—a petrol pump is even accommodated in the Courthouse. The part of the Courthouse at present used for the Fire Brigade could, however, be readily adapted for use as a Library Centre. It will again be all the more necessary to have a suitable Branch Library at Dunlavin if higher education is being provided there through the new Vocational School.

#### CIVIL DEFENCE:

The cost of Civil Defence for 1962/63 is estimated at £3,785, of which, however, £2,563 or 70 per cent. will be recouped by the Department of Defence. As the Civil Defence Services are expanding at present more has to be found for them from both Rates and State funds. In the coming year the increase as far as the Rate Levy is concerned will be £641 or about ½d. in the £. At the present time the effective strength of the Civil Defence Service comes to almost 200, but it is hoped as a result of present efforts in recruiting that there should be an appreciable rise in this number within the next few months.

#### SUPERANNUATION AND PENSIONS:

For the coming year the cost under this heading shows a substantial reduction as last year it was necessary to make special provision for some retirements. The reduction is £1,812 and helps to offset some of the increases of which details already have been given. The result is that the Rate for General Purposes at 5/11½d. shows a slight reduction on last year when it was about 6/-.

#### SEPARATE CHARGES.

##### VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

The cost of Vocational Education is levied by means of a Separate Charge on the County exclusive of Bray Urban District; Bray Urban Council operates its own Service. The total cost of Vocational Education for the coming year is made up of (a) Demand from Committee £17,629; (b) Repayment of Loans £7,396; and (c) Retiring Allowances £2,411, making a total of £27,436. The recoupment available to the Council from the Department of Education towards the cost of Loan Charges comes to £3,698 and there are other receipts of £1,555, making in all £5,253. The net cost which has to be levied from Rates is £22,183 and this will require a Rate of 1/7½d. Last year the Rate was 1/5½d. so that it will be seen that there is an increase of about 2d.

Whilst the Committee's Demand shows a rise of about £1,200, provision must be made in addition for the Loan Charges resulting from the erection of new Vocational Schools at Blessington and Dunlavin. Some additional provision also has to be made for Superannuation. The rate for Vocational Education has shown a rise much steeper in recent years than that for any other of the Council's Services. But this is to be expected, seeing that the Committee is making such commendable efforts to provide Education Services which will be available in all parts of the County. In comparatively recent years the extension of the Service has been quite noteworthy. In addition to erecting a new School in the town of Wicklow the Committee is providing new centres at Rathdrum, Blessington and Dunlavin and almost all the existing Centres have been improved.

#### MALICIOUS INJURIES:

The levy for Malicious Injuries shows a welcome reduction. Last year the Council had to find £5,038 to meet Decrees awarded by the Courts; for the coming year the amount to be levied will be £577 and the Rate required for this purpose will be about ½d.

#### COST OF LOCAL SERVICES:

From the information given it will be seen that the rises in costs in the estimates now submitted to you which would require an additional rate of 1/5d. in the £ in the General Rate are attributable almost altogether to the Health Service. It has frequently been urged that the cost of the Health Service is altogether too great and that value is not being given for the expenditure. Any objective examination of the cost of the Health Service in this country will show, however, that on a comparative basis the costs in this country are appreciably lower than elsewhere. The costs, for example, of hospital treatment are very much lower here than in Britain. Other items such as, say, medicines and Specialist Services are also much lower in this country. An examination of the Council's Health Services shows that the outlay on what might be called administrative charges is not much



more than 2 per cent. for Wicklow County. The balance of the expenditure goes towards providing Hospital and Dispensary treatment and the variety of professional and other services classified as preventive measures. It is quite evident that any expansion of the Health Service can only be achieved by incurring further heavy costs which will have to be met from either national taxation or from local rates. Whereas somewhat more than 50 per cent. of the cost of the Health Service has to be found in this country from Rates the proportion which has to be found in Britain is only about 10 per cent., but it must also be borne in mind that the income per head of population in Britain is very much higher than here. Income Tax forms a much larger part of the total Revenue from national taxation and Social Welfare contributions to be paid both by the employer and the employee are much higher than in this country. Even if a Health Service of the standard available elsewhere is not being provided here it must not, however, be overlooked that the level of rents for local authority housing is so low in many cases as to be almost nominal especially in rural areas.

It also may be of some interest to compare rate levels with money values. The pound sterling was regarded in December, 1961, as being about 33 per cent. of the value in 1939. The rate struck in 1939 was 11/4d. but to this must be added Separate Charges, averaging about 1/-, which in the meantime have become County Health District Charges. Consequently it will be found that the rate was roughly 12/4d. The current rate consequently could be taken as merely reflecting the change in money values. But in fact, it is necessary to make provision in the present rate for a great number of new and improved services such as new housing, better roads, water supply and sewerage, fire brigades, scholarships, and vocational education, of a type and to the extent which had not been contemplated twenty years ago or so.

All items in the Estimates have been carefully checked and any further details in addition to the information given in this report will be furnished when they are being considered at the Estimates Meeting of the Council on 26th February, 1962.

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

Your faithfully,

M. FLANNERY,

Wicklow County Manager.

Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the Local Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1963.

Purpose of Expenditure:	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas are exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
<b>ROADS:</b>				
<b>Ordinary Road Works:</b>	£	£	£	£
Maintenance and reconstruction	82,534	82,534	69,783	69,783
Loan Charges	1,899	1,899	3,229	3,229
Contingencies	500	500	500	500
<b>Special Grant Works:</b>				
Road Fund	32,900	32,900	68,000	68,000
<b>Other Purposes:</b>				
Salaries, etc., of Co. Engineer and Assistants				
Travelling Expenses of Co. Engineer and Assistants	3,775	3,775	5,450	5,450
Salaries—Clerical Staff—Co. Engineer's Office	950	950	1,800	1,800
Superannuation Allowances and Gratuities—Officers			2,633	2,633
do.—Servants			513	513
Printing Stationery and Advertising	3,239	3,239	2,682	2,682
Postage and Telephone	50	50	400	400
Stamp Duty—Paying Orders	130	130	160	160
Road Opening and Rein-statements	100	100	100	100
Miscellaneous	100	100	100	100
	100	100	1,500	1,500
	£126,277	£126,277	£156,850	£156,850



ROADS:	Amount Estimated			
	In which Urban Areas participate		In which Urban Areas do not participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Nature of Income:	£	£	£	£
Road Fund—Maintenance Grant	33,913	41,267		
Road Fund—Special Grant	32,900	32,900	68,000	68,000
Other Receipts:				
Estate Duty Grant			1,200	
Road Openings and other Refunds	100	100	100	100
Miscellaneous Receipts (inc. refund of Insurance Claims)	100	100	1,500	1,500
Proportion of Salaries and Travelling expenses of Co. Engineer and Asst. Engineers chargeable to Health, Housing and Sanitary Services	2,363	2,363	3,625	3,625
Refund of Road Fund Bonus	140	140	200	200
Weighbridge Receipts	400	400		
Railway Overbridges	75	75		
Contributions from established servants (Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1948)	750	750	1,500	1,500
	£69,841	£78,095	£76,125	£74,925

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year Ending 31st March, 1963.

HEALTH:	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Purpose of Expenditure	£	£
General Medical Services:		
Salaries—District Medical Officers	24,350	24,350
Fees for professional assistance	50	50
Medicines	8,000	8,000
Medical and surgical appliances	2,000	2,000
Dispensary, Clinic or Health centre Expenses	2,711	2,711
Insurances, etc.	450	450
Loan Charges	1,500 (£39,061)	1,500 (£39,061)
Institutional Services:		
District Hospital, Wicklow	15,100	15,100
District Hospital, Ballyglass	24,350	24,350
Home for Aged and Infirm—St. Colman's, Rathdrum	37,900 (£77,350)	37,900 (£77,350)
Extern Institutions:		
General Hospitals	54,000	68,720
Maternity Hospitals	9,500	12,020
Tuberculosis	27,500	31,730
Fever Hospitals	4,000	4,000
Homes for mental defectives, deaf and dumb, etc.	6,850	6,850
Homes for other persons.	1,500 (£103,350)	1,500 (£124,820)
Maternity and Child Health Services:		
Medical Care for Mothers and Infants		
Fees to medical practitioners	6,000	6,000
Fees for professional assistance	50	50
Midwifery and nursing services	6,360	6,360
Obstetrical requisites	850	850
Milk for Mother and children	3,350	3,350
Maternity Cash Grants	2,500	2,500
Child Welfare Service	1,650	1,650
School Health Service	2,910 (£23,670)	2,910 (£23,670)
C/fwd.	£243,431	£264,901



HEALTH contd.	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
B/fwd.	243,431	264,901
<b>Tuberculosis and other Infectious Diseases:</b>		
Tuberculosis:		
Salaries	3,030	3,030
Dispensary, clinic or health centre expenses	1,950	1,950
Domiciliary Welfare Service:		
Food, clothing, bedding	1,000	1,000
Mass Radiography Service	950	950
B.C.G. Service	1,120	1,120
Provision of extra rooms (Chalets)	50	50
Other Expenses:		
Fees to District Medical Officers	50	50
Other Infectious Diseases:		
Diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease	500	500
Immunisation, Vaccination and Disinfection of cloth- ing and bedding	300	300
Notification and prevention of disease	150	150
Maintenance allowances to persons suffering from infectious diseases	2,000 (£11,100)	2,000 (£11,100)
<b>Dental, Ophthalmic and Aural Services:</b>		
Salaries and travelling expenses	2,000	2,000
Fees for professional ser- vices	1,250	1,250
Dental, optical and aural appliances	1,350	1,350
Extern Institutions—Out- patients' services	50	50
Furniture and equipment Clinic or Health Centre expenses	50 (£4,750)	50 (£4,750)
<b>Specialist Services:</b>		
Salaries and fees	50	50
Dispensary, Clinic or Health Centre expenses	5,500	5,500
Other Expenses:		
Analysis of Specimens	300 (£6,350)	300 (£6,350)
<b>Rehabilitation and Mainten- tenance of Disabled Per- sons</b>		
Cash Grants and other expenses	14,300 (£14,300)	14,300 (£14,300)
<b>Boarding out, etc. of Child- ren:</b>		
Maintenance, clothing and education	6,130	6,130
Approved Schools	450 (£6,580)	450 (£6,580)
<b>Ambulance Services and Transport of Patients</b>		
C/fwd.	7,700 (£294,211)	7,700 (£315,681)

HEALTH contd.	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
<b>Purpose of Expenditure:</b>		
B/fwd.	294,211	315,681
<b>Supervision of Food and Drink</b>	2,530 (£2,530)	2,530 (£2,530)
<b>Contributions to Societies: (Dist. Nursing Associa- tions)</b>	1,250 (£1,250)	1,250 (£1,250)
<b>General Administration:</b>		
Salaries—County Medical Officer and Staff	3,976	3,976
Salaries—General Office Staff	4,935	4,935
Travelling Expenses	610	610
Stationery, Printing and Advertising	1,450	1,450
Postage and telephone charges	950	950
Other Expenses—Heating, lighting, etc.	200	200
Insurances	100 (£12,221)	100 (£12,221)
Assessment—Nurses Act, 1950	30 (£30)	30 (£30)
<b>Retiring Allowances and Gratuities</b>	5,720 (£5,720)	5,720 (£5,720)
<b>Other Expenses:</b>		
Fees and travelling expenses:		
Mental Treatment Act	400	400
Proportion of salaries of Engineers, Law Agent and Analyst	1,574	1,574
Loan Charges	500 (£2,474)	500 (£2,474)
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	£318,436	£339,906

Health:	In which Urban Areas participate	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
<b>Nature of Income:</b>		
Government Grants—Health Grant	146,837	157,572
Contributions from patients for Institutional Services	8,750	8,750
Extern Institutions	1,500	1,500
<b>Other Receipts:</b>		
Hire of Ambulances	250	250
Sale of Farm Produce	1,500	1,500
Sale of offal and old stores	50	50
Rents and Insurance re- funds, etc.	272	272
Officers emoluments	6,350	6,350
Contributions to Super- annuation	1,124	1,124
Miscellaneous	500	500
	£167,133	£177,868



## Explanatory Table of the Estimates for Financial Year Ending 31st March, 1963.

## MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

Purpose of Expenditure:	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Money supplied to Dublin Health Authority	47,885	47,885

## PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Purpose of Expenditure:	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Home Assistance	18,360	18,360
Footwear Scheme	1,550	1,550
Cost of Burials	450	450
Registration Expenses	825	825
Salaries	5,930	5,930
Retiring Allowances	1,223	1,223
Fuel Schemes and other Expenses	1,700	1,700
Total:	£30,038	£30,038

Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Government Grant—Footwear Scheme	775	775
Other Receipts:		
Repayments of Home Assistance	100	100
Repayment of Burial Expenses	10	10
Refund of Fees	300	300
Superannuation Contributions	66	66
Total:	£1,251	£1,251

## Explanatory Table of the Estimates for Financial Year Ending 31st March, 1963.

SANITARY	From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Purpose of Expenditure:		
Salaries—Office Staff	1,391	1,391
Caretakers: Water and Sewerage Schemes, Dumping Grounds, and Sanitary Conveniences	3,086	3,086
Burial Grounds	1,112	1,112
Engineering Staff—proportion of salaries and travelling expenses	2,433	2,433
Shops Acts—Inspectors	8	8
Analyst—proportion of salary	50	50
Superannuation	425	425
Water Supplies, Sewerage Schemes and Public Sanitary Conveniences—Repairs and Maintenance	8,000	8,000
Dumping Grounds—Repairs and Maintenance	600	600
Burial Grounds—do.	1,600	1,600
Public Lighting	3,850	3,850
Maintenance of Open Spaces	750	750
Clearance of Derelict Sites	600	600
Loan Charges:		
Water, Sewerage Schemes and Burial Grounds	19,850	19,850
Contribution to Water Safety	50	50
Other Expenses	400	400
	£44,205	£44,205

SANITARY	In which Urban Areas do not participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Nature of Income:		
State Grants—Contributions to Loan Charges	5,392	5,392
State Grants—Derelict Sites	300	300
Water Undertakings	2,500	2,500
Contributions by Wicklow U.D.C. to costs of extension of Regional Scheme	200	200
Burial Fees	700	700
Miscellaneous	180	180
Contributions to Superannuation	30	30
	£9,302	£9,302



## Explanatory Table of the Estimates for Financial Year Ending 31st March, 1963.

HOUSING	From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
<b>Purpose of Expenditure:</b>	£	£
<b>Labourers Acts:</b>		
Salaries	2,317	2,317
Retiring Allowances	910	910
Superannuation—Employees	100	100
Remuneration of Engineers and Law Agent (portion)	4,543	4,543
Rent Collectors Poundage	4,534	4,534
Cottage Repairs	17,638	12,453
Loan Charges	68,171	68,171
Insurances	1,400	1,400
Rates on Cottages	14,151	14,151
Other Labourers' Acts Expenses	305	305
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	6,700	6,700
Grants under Section 19, Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948	300	300
Office Expenses	500	500
<b>Loan Charges:</b>		
Housing (Reconstruction) Grants	4,455	4,455
<b>Total for Housing Charges:</b>	<b>£126,024</b>	<b>£120,839</b>

HOUSING	In which Urban Areas do not participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
<b>Nature of Income:</b>	£	£
<b>Labourers Acts:</b>		
Rents of Labourers' Cottages	38,550	38,550
Housing Subsidy	29,000	29,000
Other Receipts	400	400
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts	6,700	6,700
Recoupment by State of Grants under Section 19, Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948	200	200
Contributions under Local Government (Superannuation) Act	150	150
<b>Total for Housing Receipts:</b>	<b>£75,000</b>	<b>£75,000</b>

## Explanatory Table of the Estimates for Financial Year Ending 31st March, 1963.

Purpose of Expenditure:	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas are exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Money supplied to County Committee of Agriculture			9,279	9,279
Public Libraries			6,931	6,931
Town and Regional Planning Acts			220	220
Tourist Development	500	500		
Scholarships: Secondary	3,318	3,318		
University	2,385	2,385		
Public Works—Local Authorities (Works) Act—Drainage Scheme			5,000	5,000
<b>Other Purposes:</b>				
Salaries and Travelling Expenses	4,755	4,755	10,864	10,864
Cost of Rate Collection—Commission and Assessment			12,205	12,205
Cost of Rate Collection—Superannuation			1,496	1,496
Irrecoverable Rates, Discounts and Remissions			1,200	1,200
Tramway Employees Pensions			470	470
Pensions: Late Union Officers	438	438		
Co. Officers and Servants	125	125	1,977	1,977
Franchise and Jurors Lists	2,000	2,000		
Valuation	175	175		
Legal Expenses			200	200
Coroners and Inquests	500	500		
Postage and Telephones	400	400	800	800
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	75	75	800	800
<b>Assessments:</b>				
(i) Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act	416	416		
(ii) Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act	295	295		
<b>C/fwd.</b>	<b>£15,382</b>	<b>£15,382</b>	<b>£51,442</b>	<b>£51,442</b>



## General Purposes Contd.

Purpose of Expenditure:	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas are exempt	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
B/fwd.	15,382	15,382	51,442	51,442
Fire Brigades			13,456	13,456
Drainage of Land	100	100		
Reformatories and Industrial Schools	1,600	1,600		
Conveyance of Prisoners	100	100		
Weights and Measures	400	400		
Food and Drugs	120	120		
County Analyst	200	200		
Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Schemes	2,000	2,000		
Milk and Dairies and Slaughter of Animals Acts			731	731
Road Fund Expenses	500	500		
Blind Persons Acts	1,160	1,160		
Prosecutors' and Witnesses Expenses	200	200		
Civil Defence—A.R.P. Acts	3,785	3,785		
Diseases of Animals:				
Veterinary Inspectors	929	929		
Sheep Dipping Scheme	2,126	2,126		
General Cattle Diseases Fund	1,400	1,400		
Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	1,000	1,000		
Courthouses and Offices:			700	700
Repairs and Renewals	700	700	400	400
Rents and Expenses	400	400	400	400
Courtkeepers and Office Attendants	230	230	420	420
Loan Charges	869	869	434	434
Expenses of Pounds			75	75
Audit Fees			550	550
Travelling Expenses: Co. Councillors	1,860	1,860		
Harbour Guarantees	332	332		
Interest on Overdraft:			3,750	3,750
General Account			300	300
Miscellaneous	30	30		
Materials Expenses (Balance)				
Machinery Expense (Balance)				
	£35,423	£35,423	£72,258	£72,258

## GENERAL PURPOSES.

## Amount Estimated

Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas participate		In which Urban Areas do not participate	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Grants—Local Authorities (Works) Act—Drainage Schemes			5,000	5,000
Local Authorities (Education Scholarships) (Amendment) Act, 1961	1,360	1,360		
Contribution to Retiring Allowances	64	64		
Licence Fees:				
Poison	6	6		
Cinematograph			7	7
Fines under Food and Drugs Acts	50	50		
Public Libraries			180	180
Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme: Repayments	2,000	2,000		
Recoupments:				
Franchise and Jurors Expenses	435	435		
Prosecutors and Witnesses Expenses	200	200		
Civil Defence—A.R.P. Acts	2,563	2,563		
Fire Brigades—Contributions by Urban District Councils			3,369	3,369
Diseases of Animals:				
Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	1,000	1,000		
Milk and Dairies Acts—Contributions from Urban District Councils			97	97
Fees refunded by Co. Sec.—Franchise and Jurors	250	250		
Motor Registration Recoupment	2,400	2,400		
Valuation Certificates			3	3
Proportion of Law Agent's Salary chargeable to Assistance and Housing Services			700	700
Proportion of Analyst's Salary chargeable to Assistance, Health and Sanitary Services	100	100		
Contribution from Urban District Councils to Co. Checker's Salary			50	50
Bounty in lieu of Rates			4,155	4,155
Rents from Co. Property	140	140	120	120
Contribution to Harbour Guarantees	94	94		
Contributions to Superannuation	800	800	700	700
Miscellaneous	100	100	300	300
	£11,562	£11,562	£14,681	£14,681



## Explanatory Table of the Estimates for Financial Year Ending 31st March, 1963.

## SEPARATE CHARGES

Expenditure:	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas are exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Vocational Education Committee:				
Demand	17,629	17,629		
Repayment of Loans	7,396	7,396		
Retiring Allowances	2,411	2,411		
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board			345	345
Criminal Injuries: County-at-Large	577	577		
Total for Separate Charges:	£28,013	£28,013	£345	£345

Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas participate		In which Urban Areas do not participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Recoupment from Dept. of Education—One half expenses of Loans for Vocational Education Schools	3,698	3,698		
Recoupment proportion of Pensions:				
Department £1,205				
Other Local Authorities £70	1,275	1,275		
Superannuation contributions	280	280		
	£5,253	£5,253		

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

Services	Estimated Gross Expenditure of the County on each Service for the ensuing Financial Year		Estimated Income of the County in respect of each Service during the ensuing Financial Year, other than those included in the Rate Account		Net Expenditure on each Service being the difference between the sums in columns 2 and 4, and 3 and 5		Net amounts chargeable to Districts			County Health District	Calculation of net sum required to be raised			
	Chargeable to the whole County	Chargeable to the County Health District	Applicable to the whole County	Applicable to the County Health District	Chargeable to the whole County	Chargeable to the County Health District	Urban Areas				Estimated Balance (if any) in favour of County Health District at close of Financial Year	Estimated Balance (if any) against County Health District at close of Current Financial Year	Amounts Leviable off County Health District	Rate in the pound in County Health District
							Urban District of Arklow	Urban District of Bray	Urban District of Wicklow					
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8a)	(8b)	(8c)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Roads	126,277	156,850	78,095	74,925	48,182	81,925	1,863	8,119	1,510	118,615			118,615	9/6.05
Health	339,906		177,868		162,038		6,267	27,304	5,077	123,390		7,000	130,390	10/5.38
Mental Health	47,885				47,885		1,852	8,069	1,500	36,464			36,464	2/11.06
Public Assistance	30,038		1,251		28,787		1,113	4,851	902	21,921	4,000		17,921	1/5.23
Sanitary		44,205		9,302		34,903				34,903			34,903	2/9.56
Housing		120,839		75,000		45,839				45,839			45,839	3/8.08
General Purposes	35,423	72,258	11,562	14,681	23,861	57,577	923	4,020	748	75,747	1,237		74,510	5/11.64
	579,529	394,152	268,776	173,908	310,753	230,244	12,018	52,363	9,737	456,879	5,237	7,000	458,642	36/9

The total rateable value of hereditaments effective for the purpose of the determination of the Rate in the £ to be raised on the County Health District is £248,424 19s. 0d.



## Explanatory

## Expenditure:

Vocational Education Committee:  
Demand  
Repayment of L  
Retiring Allowance

Rathdrum and  
Joint Burial B

Criminal Injuries:  
County-at-Large

Total for Separate

## Nature of Income:

Recoupment from  
Education—One  
penses of Loans  
tional Education

Recoupment proposed  
Pensions:

Department  
Other Local Authority

Superannuation contribution

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council, to consider housing matters, was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 5th March, 1962, at 2.30 p.m. The following members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea (Chairman);

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant Co. Engineer and Assist. Co. Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell, P. T. Hickey and S. O Fearghaill were present.

## AGENDA:

1. Notice of Motion as circulated to Members—"That, in pursuance of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we require that permission be granted under Section 57 of the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934, to Esso Petroleum Company (Ireland), Ltd., for the provision of a washing and lubrication bay at Anderson's Garage, Ashford; that this Resolution be placed on the Agenda for the Council Meeting to be held on Monday, 5th March, 1962."
2. Scheme for Supplementary Grants for Repair and Improvement of Houses and Provision of Private Water Supply and Private Sewerage Facilities—To consider extension of Scheme for a further year.
3. Application for Supplementary Grant for Reconstruction of House at Tinahely.
4. Application for consent to sale of Vested Cottage at Knockananna.
5. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. Miley—That the Council build six houses in Laragh Village.
6. Applications for Loans under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.
7. Amenity Schemes.

ITEM No. 1—Notice of Motion as circulated to Members—"That, in pursuance of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we require that permission be granted under Section 57 of the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934, to Esso Petroleum Company (Ireland), Ltd., for the provision of a Washing and Lubrication Bay at Anderson's Garage, Ashford; that this Resolution be placed on the Agenda for the Council Meeting to be held on Monday, 5th March, 1962,"

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole;



Resolved—That, in pursuance of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we require that permission be granted under Section 57 of the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934, to Esso Petroleum Company (Ireland) Ltd., for the provision of a washing and lubrication bay at Anderson's Garage, Ashford; that this Resolution be placed on the Agenda for the Council Meeting to be held on Monday, 5th March, 1962.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 2—Scheme for Supplementary Grants for Repair and Improvement of Houses and Provision of Private Water Supply and Private Sewerage Facilities—To consider Extension of Scheme for a further Year.**

The County Secretary stated that to date the Council had authorised the borrowing of £70,000 to meet the cost of Supplementary Grants. Loans to an amount of £60,000 had already been sanctioned, and sanction to the further Loan of £10,000 had been applied for. The Scheme was operated from year to year and it would be necessary for the Council to pass a Resolution to extend the Scheme for a further year to 31st March, 1963. Up to 31st January, 1962, 856 Grants had been allocated to a total value of £66,022. 717 Grants had been paid amounting to £53,715, and of the number of Grants allocated, 184 related to Water Supply and Sewerage Facilities. Provision had been made in the Estimates to meet the cost of loan charges for the coming year and the cost amounted to 4½d. in the £. It was likely that a further Loan would have to be raised during the year to meet additional applications.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we approve of the continuance for a further year to 31st March, 1963, of the Scheme for the making available of Supplementary Grants for the Repair and Improvement of Houses, for New Houses and for Provision of Private Water Supply and Private Sewerage facilities.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 3—Application for Supplementary Grant for Reconstruction of House at Tinahely.**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received for payment of a Supplementary Grant of £96 in respect of the reconstruction of a dwellinghouse at Barton Street, Tinahely, by Miss Ann Cleary of 44, Main St., Arklow. The Assistant County Engineer reported that the house was less than 300 sq. ft. in area, but was suitable for repair. The occupier was a semi-invalid and at present was confined to one room owing to the condition of the two first floor rooms. A Grant of £96 had been allocated by the Department of Local Government.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Resolved—That, having considered Report of Assistant County Engineer of 16th September, 1961, we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £96 to Miss Ann Cleary, 44, Main Street, Arklow, in respect of the Repair and Improvement of House at Barton Street, Tinahely.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 4—Application for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottage at Knockananna.**

The Council considered the application of Mrs. Brigid Redmond Knockananna, for consent to the sale of her interests in Vested Cottage No. 39/10, at Knockananna, to William Murphy, Knockananna, who was an Old Age Pensioner and was single. The Tenant Purchaser, Mrs. Brigid Redmond proposed to reside with her daughter in England if the Council gave consent to the sale.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley;

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by Mrs. Brigid Redmond, Knockananna, of her interest in Vested Cottage No. 39/10 at Knockananna, to William Murphy, Knockananna.

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM No. 5—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. Miley—That the Council Build Six Houses in Laragh Village.**

The County Secretary stated that a Scheme was prepared by the County Engineer in 1956 for the erection of ten houses in Laragh Village, and at that time the cost per house was estimated at £1563. In 1957, a re-check of the applications for Housing in the area showed that only six persons still required re-housing and when a further examination was made in May, 1958, only two applicants remained who were in need of housing accommodation, namely, Michael Barrett, Laragh, and John Duffy, Glendalough. The latter was re-housed at Brockagh in October, 1961. As regards the demand for housing in the area when the house at Brockagh was advertised in September, 1961, there were only three applicants. Councillor R. Miley stated that there would have been far more applicants for the house at Brockagh but for the fact that it was generally expected that the house would be allocated to Mr. Duffy, having regard to his housing needs. He stated



that he had a list of names of people who were seeking houses in the area. Councillor J. J. McCrea (Chairman) suggested that Councillor Miley would hand in the list of names to the Secretary and, in the meantime, applications could be invited. The County Manager stated that when the Scheme was originally prepared, most of the applicants had been employed in the Lead Mines, and when these closed the applicants moved elsewhere. He drew attention to the estimated cost of the houses and to the fact that the rent which would have to be charged by the Council under a Differential Renting Scheme would be fairly high. It was expected that the rent would be similar to that charged in respect of Blessington houses which would be in the range from 15/- to 45/-. It was agreed that an advertisement be inserted in the local paper inviting applications for the tenancy of houses in Laragh and indicating the approximate scale of rents.

#### ITEM No. 6—Applications for Loans Under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.

The Council considered the application of Mr. James D. Shortt, "Nanzip," Rocky Valley, Bray, for a Loan of £1,500 in respect of the erection of a new house at Glencormac, Bray. The Council noted that Mr. Shortt was employed as a carpenter by a firm in Dublin, and Members of the Council indicated that they were satisfied that he would be in a position to meet the costs of repayment of the Loan. Mr. Shortt proposed to build a new house at Glencormac, Bray.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £1,500 to Mr. James D. Shortt, "Nanzip," Rocky Valley, Bray, in respect of the erection of a new house at Glencormac, Bray.

Passed unanimously.

The Council considered the application of David Michael Moeran, Castlegrange, Newcastle, to take over the balance of Loan in respect of house at Ballinahinch, Ashford, from Pierce O'Brien from whom he was purchasing the house. Details of the application were submitted to the Council, together with particulars of the amount outstanding on foot of the Loan.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

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

Resolved—That we approve of the transfer of Loan under S.D.A. Acts from Pierce O'Brien to David Michael Moeran, Castlegrange, Newcastle, in respect of house at Ballinahinch, Ashford.

Passed unanimously.

#### ITEM No. 7—Amenity Schemes

The County Manager submitted particulars to the Council of proposed Amenity Schemes towards which it was expected that Grants would be available from An Bórd Fáilte. In the Blessington district it was proposed to provide new Car Parks and viewing points around the Lake and a number of sites had been selected. It was proposed also to improve the Road over the Vale of Clara and to provide a Car Park with a view over the Valley. The Council's Consultant Architect was preparing an estimate of the cost of repairs to Dunlavin Courthouse which it was desirable to preserve as an interesting and historic building. It would probably be necessary to find alternative accommodation for the Fire Brigade. It was proposed also to provide additional laybys on the Wicklow Gap Road and to provide a turning area at Sallygap Cross Roads. Some while ago an outline of a Scheme for Improvements at Enniskerry had been prepared, and this would necessitate cleaning up the river and putting in riverside walks and other works which were estimated to cost between three and five thousand pounds. It was intended to examine this proposal further. An Bórd Fáilte had also approved in principle of a Scheme for providing access to the Sea at Magherymore, and had indicated that the matter of a Grant towards the cost would be considered when full details were submitted. The question of seeking Grants for the provision of scenic views from Roads was also being examined. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., suggested that a Grant might be sought for providing a view at Kilcavan Gap over the Coollatin Estate. The Council approved in principle of the proposals subject to the necessary funds being provided by An Bórd Fáilte.

#### Courthouse at Tinahely

In reply to enquiry from Councillor Hadden, the County Engineer stated that the suggestion that three rooms at Tinahely Courthouse be re-designed to make one large room on the ground floor had been examined, but that this would prove very costly and difficult to carry out. He explained that the floors were at different levels and the work would involve interfering with main walls of the structure. It was agreed that a Report in regard to necessary works at the Courthouse, Tinahely, be submitted to the next Meeting of the Council.

#### Courthouse at Dunlavin

In regard to the Courthouse at Dunlavin, Councillor Deering stated that, while the people in Dunlavin were very pleased at the proposed reconstruction work on the Courthouse, he did not see why it should be the responsibility of the County Council to maintain Courthouses. He suggested that the Minister for Justice should be responsible for them in the same way as Garda Barracks. It was agreed that the views of the Council be forwarded to the Department of Justice.



**Proposed Provision of Cottage at Sea Road, Johnstown.**

In reply to enquiry by Councillor P. McCarthy, the Co. Secretary stated that the Plans for the Cottage had been sent to the Department for approval, and that the Department had asked that they be revised so as to provide for the installation of a bathroom in the future. A similar position applied in the case of the cottage to be erected at Eadestown, Stratford-on-Slaney.

**Water Supply at Monastery, Enniskerry.**

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge stated that the water from the main at Enniskerry was still unsatisfactory. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported on this matter and it was understood that the difficulty in regard to the main had been resolved and that the water was now satisfactory. The County Engineer stated that he would look into the complaint made by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge.

**Sanding of Roads**

Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that some arrangements should have been made by the Council's Engineers to have hills and slippery parts of the roads sanded in frosty weather. He stated that he had met with an accident on the Long Hill at Calary on the previous Tuesday as a result of the condition of the road, and felt that the road should have been sanded. The County Engineer stated that the hill had been sanded on both Monday and Tuesday. Councillor H. J. Byrne maintained that the hill had not been sanded, and that if this had been done the accident would not have occurred. The County Manager agreed that it was desirable that sand be spread on the roads at slippery points in bad weather. This had been the practice for number of years, but it seemed that on some occasions recently some roads had not been attended to.

**Dangerous Trees at Avondale Park**

Councillor Temple referred to his having reported on a previous occasion to the matter of dangerous trees at Avondale Park, and stated that these trees had not yet been removed. The County Secretary stated that, following Councillor Temple's complaint on the matter, a letter had been addressed to the owner of the trees who had replied stating that he would arrange to have the trees felled. It was agreed that the matter be taken up immediately with the owner to ensure that the dangerous trees were removed. Councillor Quigley stated that there were dangerous trees also on lands owned by the Meath Estate, on the road to the Railway Station at Aughrim, and asked that these be inspected by the Council's Engineer and the matter taken up with the owners of the land.

**Courthouse at Rathdrum**

In reply to enquiry from Councillor Quigley, the County Secretary stated that the Council was endeavouring to arrange for other accommodation for the purposes of the Court at Rathdrum. It was proposed to rent offices owned by the Wicklow Co-Operative Agricultural Society at the former Mills at Rathdrum, and a rent of £40 per annum was being sought. Having regard to the limited use which would be made of the premises, it was considered that the rent was somewhat high and the matter was under discussion with the owners.

**Repairs to Cottages**

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., raised the matter of Cottage Repairs and read a list of complaints he had received regarding delay in carrying out repairs. Councillor Quigley stated that he also had received a number of complaints. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that the difficulty seemed to be that there was a shortage of Contractors. The County Engineer stated that he had endeavoured to obtain extra Contractors to carry out repairs, but had not been successful. The County Secretary stated that the complaints made by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., would be investigated.



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th March, 1962, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:

Councillor J. J. McCrea Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; P. McCarthy, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, Godfrey Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Eyrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D.; Roger Miley, James D. Haughton and J. Gregory.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor H. J. Byrne owing to having met with an accident, and from Councillor C. W. Hudson owing to illness. The County Manager, County Secretary, Deputy County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell, P. T. Hickey and S. O'Fearghaill were present.

### AGENDA:

1. Minutes of Meetings held on 6th and 13th November and 4th and 11th December.
2. Overdrafts on General Account and Capital Account.
3. Authorisation of Expenditure.
4. Application from the Irish Motor Racing Club, Limited, for closing of road at Enniskerry.
5. To consider making declaration that the following roads be public roads: (a) road at Glencap Commons; (b) road to Glen-o'-Downs School; (c) Castlekevin Lane; (d) road at Kilcara; (e) lane at Aughrim.
6. Application under Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary Schools.
7. Proposed closing of old Burial Ground at Delgany.
8. Proposed extension to Glendalough Burial Ground—Letter from Office of Public Works.
9. Suggested alternative use of sanatorium at Newcastle.
10. Report from members of Visiting Committee in regard to visit to St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.
11. Letters from Irish Transport and General Workers' Union and Federation of Rural Workers applying for increase in rate of wages for road workers.
- 12 (a) Speed Limit on roads (Newtownmountkenedy)—Letter from Mr. M. J. O'Higgins, T.D.
- 12(b) Domestic scavenging service at Greystones—Letter from Mr. M. J. O'Higgins, T.D.
13. Tinahely Courthouse—Report of County Engineer re repairs.
14. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill re derelict buildings at Stratford and extension of water supply to north and south of village.
15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor A. H. Hadden—That the Council discuss whether the appointment of an Efficiency Expert would improve the working of the Council.
16. Letter from Dublin Health Authority regarding appointment of Select Committee of Dáil Éireann to examine system of Health Services.
17. Letter from Agricultural Wages Board in reply to enquiry from Council.
18. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.



**Item No. 1—MINUTES:**

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 6th and 13th November, 1961, and 4th and 11th December, 1961.

Passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY:**

On the proposal of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the relatives of the late Mr. Laurence Wolohan, formerly Accountant to the Council. The County Manager asked that he and the Members of the Staff be associated with the Council's expression of sympathy and with the tributes paid to the late Mr. Wolohan in regard to the services he had rendered to the Council when in office.

**Item No. 2.—OVERDRAFTS:**

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Deputy Everett;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 30th June, 1962, shall not exceed £200,000.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

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

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's Capital Account as may be required and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 30th June, 1962, shall not exceed £6,500.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 3—AUTHORISATION OF EXPENDITURE:**

It was

Proposed by Deputy Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

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

**ROADS**

Special Grant Works:	£
Road Fund .. .. .	11,900
Government Grants .. .. .	23,865
Work on Road Subsidence at Kilbride, Blessington .. .. .	1,500
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	£37,265

**HEALTH**

	£
General Medical Services .. .. .	1,000
Institutional Services .. .. .	8,000
Specialist Services .. .. .	1,500
Ambulance Service and Transport of Patients .. .. .	2,500
Retiring Allowances .. .. .	1,265
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	£14,265

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 4—CLOSING OF ROAD AT ENNISKERRY:**

The County Secretary stated that application had been received from the Irish Motor Racing Club, Ltd., for the closing of Main Road No. 6 at Enniskerry for the purpose of the Club's Annual Hill Climb to be held on the 5th May, between the hours of 1.30 and 6.00 p.m. The County Engineer had indicated that there was no objection to the closing of the road. The County Secretary stated that the road had been closed for this purpose each year for several years past.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of public notice being given of the Council's intention to close to public traffic Main Road No. 6 from Enniskerry National School to junction with County Road No. 7 at Monastery, Enniskerry, on 5th May, 1962, between the hours of 1.30 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. for the purpose of the holding of Motor Car Hill Climb.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 5—DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:**

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Deputy Everett;

Resolved—That, in pursuance of Section 2 of the Local Government Act, 1953, we hereby declare the following roads to be public roads:—

- Road at Glencap Commons from junction with Road 29 south-westwards and southwards generally for a distance of 800 yards through the townlands of Glencap Commons North and Kilmacanogue South.
- Glen O' Downs School Road from junction with Road 40 at Downs Lodge north-westwards 120 yards to Downs School in townlands of Woodlands and Downs.
- Road in townland of Castlekevin known as Castlekevin Lane from junction with Road No. 87, southwards for a distance of 1,300 lineal yards.
- Road at Kilcarra from junction with County Road No. 402 at Kilcarra West, for a distance of 200 lineal yards in a north-westerly direction.
- Lane at Aughrim running north and north-west for 70 lineal yards from junction of County Roads Nos. 147 and 137 at Aughrim Street.

Passed unanimously.



Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to the Road known as Crone Lane and stated that the Wicklow Area Committee had intended taking this Road over as a public road and making the necessary provision for it, but had found that it was in the Arklow area. Councillor McCarthy supported the proposal that the road be taken over as a public road. The County Secretary pointed out that the proposal in regard to this road had been brought to the notice of the Roads Committee for the Arklow Electoral Area, but no provision had been made in the Estimates for work on the road, and consequently it could not at present be taken over as a public road. It was agreed that the matter be referred for consideration at the next Meeting of the Local Committee for the Arklow Electoral Area.

#### Item No. 6—APPLICATIONS UNDER SCHEME FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS:

The County Secretary stated that 132 applications had been received from candidates to compete under the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1962. There were 77 applications from boys and 55 from girls. In the previous year's scheme the total number of applications was 74, of which 48 were from boys and 26 from girls. Twenty-three of the applications were under Clause 1(a) of the Scheme, which provided for the award of Scholarships irrespective of income limits. The Council examined the details of the applications, and

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of applications received under the Council's Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools to compete under Clause 1(b) of the Scheme, with the following exceptions. The following applications to compete are deferred for further examination:—

Thomas and Denis Kavanagh, Harbour Road, Arklow;  
Bridget Ann Donohoe, Slieve Corragh, Hollywood.

Passed unanimously.

The Council noted that it was necessary for the Council only to determine eligibility in relation to applicants competing under Clause 1(b) of the Scheme.

#### Item No. 7—PROPOSED CLOSING OF OLD BURIAL GROUND AT DELGANY:

The County Secretary submitted Report of County Medical Officer in which he indicated that in the interests of public decency, and because of the respect due to the dead and because of danger to public health, it was desirable that the Old Burial Ground at Delgany be closed. Alternative Burial Grounds were available at Redford, Kilquade and Kilmacanogue.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

Resolved—That, having considered Report of County Medical Officer in regard to his inspection of Old Burial Ground at Delgany, we request the Minister for Local Government to hold a local enquiry into the proposed closing of the Burial Ground.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 8—PROPOSED EXTENSION OF GLENDALOUGH BURIAL GROUND—LETTER FROM OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS:

The following letter from the Office of Public Works regarding the proposed extension of the Burial Ground at Glendalough was submitted:

OIFIG NA NOIBREACHA POIBLI.

Tag.  
(Ref.) F94/39/1.  
An Runai,  
Comhairle Conndae Chille Manntain,  
Teach na Cuirte,  
Cill Manntain.

51 Faiche San Stiabhna,  
Baile Atha Cliath.

With reference to Mr. O'Connor's letter of 12th January, and previous correspondence regarding the proposed extension of the burial ground at Glendalough, we wish to point out that the area proposed for the extension, as shown on the map forwarded by you, forms part of the ancient monastic habitation site. This area should not be interfered with except by way of an archaeological excavation under a licence issued by us as provided for in Section 26 of the National Monuments Act, 1930. Its use as a burial ground would destroy archaeological evidence, a result which would be especially regrettable in the case of so important a group of monuments as Glendalough. Apart from destroying archaeological evidence, the use of the area for an extension of the burial ground would also injure the amenities of the visible monuments. Your Council will appreciate that in accordance with our duties and powers under the National Monuments Acts we would have to intervene to prevent any developments which would injure this site.

We feel that when the proposed development was brought before your Council they were not aware of the archaeological interest of the site and that they will wish to reconsider the matter now. We trust that on reconsideration they will agree that the development should not be proceeded with, and that we shall have their co-operation in our task of preserving this beautiful and interesting group of monuments—one of the most important in the whole country—and in preventing the destruction of archaeological evidence relating to them.

PATRICK B. SWORDS.

8 Feabhra, 1962.

Councillor R. Miley stated that Mr. Wynne of Glendalough had indicated that he was prepared to give the necessary land to the Council, and he thanked Mr. Wynne for this offer. He stated that the extension was needed and felt that the Council should proceed with it.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—

- (1) That Wicklow County Council, pursuant to the Local Authorities (Acceptance of Gifts) Act, accept for the purpose of an extension to the Graveyard at Glendalough the parcel of land offered to them by Mr. J. B. Wynne.
- (2) That the said Council, having accepted the Gift, take immediate steps to extend the said Graveyard.
- (3) That the Council take adequate steps to control the Erection of Headstones in the graveyard as so extended in order to ensure that no interference shall be caused that would obstruct any existing views of the ancient Monastic settlement.
- (4) That the Board of Works be informed that the Wicklow Co.



Council cannot agree with the contention that the proposed extension to the Graveyard at Glendalough will in any way interfere with, or affect the preservation of, ancient monuments or other objects of historical value, as the proposed extension will not encroach on any parts of the ground which appertains directly to the ancient monastic settlement.

- (5) That the Wicklow County Council accordingly take all necessary steps to ensure that the inalienable rights of the people of the parish of Roundwood and Glendalough be protected and hereby call on the Board of Works to desist forthwith from any further attempt to deprive the said people from exercising, through the medium of their lawfully elected County Council their rights under the Constitution of Ireland.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 9—SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE USE OF SANATORIUM AT NEWCASTLE:**

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

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

Custom House, Dublin.

22 Feabhra, 1962.

L.9/134.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Health to refer to the County Secretary's letter of the 28th October, 1959, regarding the possibility of the Council's obtaining a grant from the Hospitals' Trust Fund towards the establishment of a separate mental hospital for County Wicklow, and to this Department's interim reply of 15th December 1959.

The Minister has considered this application as sympathetically as possible, but regrets that he cannot see his way to allocate a grant in present circumstances. Although the position of the Fund has improved considerably over the last few years, a situation has not yet been arrived at in which monies are available for new projects. It is estimated that unavoidable expenditure on hospital building works already in progress, or which are to commence once planning has been finalised, together with the monies necessary to meet the revenue deficits of voluntary hospitals and other items of necessary expenditure, will completely absorb income from sweepstakes for many years to come. In addition, a large number of hospital works, which had already been approved as part of the hospital building programme many years ago, have not yet been commenced because there is not sufficient money available in the fund to finance them. New commitments could only be undertaken at the expense of schemes which were approved years ago, but which had to be deferred due to lack of funds and, it would be extremely difficult to justify allocating any portion of the limited funds available to new projects for which there is no commitment, unless the circumstances were particularly compelling.

While it is not possible to make a grant available towards the cost of providing a new mental hospital, a situation has arisen which offers good prospects of meeting the Council's wishes while at the same time obviating capital expenditure on a large scale.

In recent years there has been a substantial fall in the demand for hospital beds for cases of pulmonary tuberculosis, with the result that a number of Sanatoria are under-occupied, while others have been diverted to alternative health uses. The number of patients in Newcastle Sanatorium, Co. Wicklow, has been falling steadily for some years and the position has now been reached where the institution is

surplus to requirements and, unless a suitable alternative use can be found, it will have to be closed in the very near future. You will, of course, be aware that Newcastle was one of the first Sanatoria established in this country and that, for over half a century, it has rendered invaluable service in the fight against tuberculosis. A considerable amount of money made available from the Hospitals' Trust Fund was expended in improving and extending the building since the end of the last war. The hospital's tradition in the successful fight against tuberculosis, together with the fact that such substantial sums were expended on maintaining and extending it, make it very desirable that it should not cease to function as a hospital. The Board of Governors are fully conscious of the position and for some time past have been examining the possibility of finding some alternative use for the hospital.

The Minister understands that the Board is prepared to agree, in principle, that the hospital should be handed over to Wicklow County Council for use as a mental hospital for County Wicklow.

There are approximately 340 patients from Co. Wicklow maintained by the Dublin Health Authority. It should be possible to provide accommodation for approximately 260 patients in Newcastle. Arrangements would have to be made to have the remainder cared for, for the present, by the Dublin Health Authority. It is regarded as desirable nowadays that psychiatric patients should be cared for in small units, where a more beneficial environment can be created than in a very large institution. In addition, there is a greatly increased emphasis on domiciliary care and the reduction of the numbers for whom care in an institution is necessary. The Minister considers, therefore, that Newcastle would make a very suitable Hospital for Wicklow. He suggests that the Council should avail itself of this opportunity to acquire its own mental hospital.

Important questions relating to the transfer, to the financial adjustment to be made with the Dublin Health Authority, etc., will have to be determined. I am to inquire, however, whether the Council is prepared, in principle, to agree to take over the hospital and to recruit the staff necessary for its operation as a mental hospital.

Mise, le meas,

The County Manager,  
Town Hall,  
Wicklow.

Councillor P. McCarthy stated that he could not agree that the Hospital at Newcastle was suitable for conversion into a Mental Hospital. He suggested that Newcastle Sanatorium should be retained for the treatment of patients suffering from Tuberculosis and that other Hospitals at present treating such patients be closed down. Councillor E. Byrne also expressed doubt if Newcastle Sanatorium buildings would be suitable for a Mental Hospital, and stated that he felt that the Council would need to have expert advice on the matter before agreeing even in principle to the proposal. Councillor J. Temple pointed out that the Council's contribution to the costs of the Mental Health Services in the coming year amounted to £47,000, and the overall cost of Mental Health Services was in the region of £100,000. He suggested that the proposal required examination by a Committee of the Council and expressed the opinion that the Committee should be as comprehensive as possible. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., suggested that information should be obtained as to the costs of providing accommodation for Mental patients, the costs of converting the buildings at Newcastle for use as a Mental Hospital, and the costs of the operation



of it as a Mental Hospital. On the proposal of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., Seconded by Councillor Hipwell, the Council agreed that the matter be discussed at a special Meeting of the Council to be held on 16th April, 1962.

**Item No. 10—REPORT FROM MEMBERS OF VISITING COMMITTEE  
REGARDING VISIT TO ST. COLMAN'S HOSPITAL, RATHDRUM**

The following Report of visits made by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., and Councillor Gregory to St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, was submitted to the Council:—

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,  
County Secretary,  
Court House,  
Wicklow.

6th February, 1962.

A Chara,

We wish to report that we visited the County Home on Sunday, 29th October, 1961, and inspected Infirmary and Body of House.

The patients in the Infirmary were very clean and wards were brightened up with flowering plants. We discussed with the patients if they had any complaints to make or had any suggestions. They all agreed that they were treated with kindness and attention and expressed appreciation of attention received from both Medical Officer and Nursing Sisters, but we were of the opinion that the wards had too many patients, but the Nuns explained that accommodation was limited and were of opinion that one room for 30 patients was not sufficient.

**Body of House:**

We visited body of house and found only one fire for the use of inmates, three forms around the fire and the remainder of patients walking or sitting around wards, which in our opinion is not suitable as some walls were showing signs of dampness. We found one large ward without any fire, and the Nun explained when we called her attention to this, that they had to take precautions against fires owing to the fact that they had over 150 patients to look after and that some of the patients we found were not quite normal.

We received complaints from patients that after tea, which consist of a mug of tea and bread and butter at 5 p.m., that next meal was at 8.30 a.m. following morning, and all patients retired to bed by 7 p.m.

On 5th November, 1961, we again visited County Home and found a fire had been provided in the ward that on our visit was not lighting. We inspected male and female sections of the Body of the House. We observed that on a number of beds, patients had their overcoats for covering. The Nursing Sister explained that on request extra covering was supplied, and some patients informed us that they did not like asking for extra covering. A number of patients are contributing part of their pension and Insurance, and they complain that their portion is not given until following Tuesday.

We examined the meat and bread and butter and from our observations we were satisfied that we could not complain. Meat was tender, and bread, white and good, butter up to the standard.

We recommend that patients remain up to 8 p.m. and that a meal of bread, milk or cocoa, be provided between the hours of 5 p.m. and that hour, as it is too long a fast from 5 p.m. until following morning at 8.30 a.m., and that for tea, eggs or sausages be supplied, and that

some Television Sets be purchased for patients. We recommend that the allowance deducted out of their pensions be given to patients on Saturday mornings to enable them to purchase their little requirements for week-end. We also recommend that a Committee be appointed along with Engineer or Architect to consider the advisability of rebuilding wards on single storey plan with central heating and on the level. At the moment with 180 patients, 150 of whom are sick, it is a great strain on the nursing sister to attend to the ill patients in addition to climbing stairs and long passages from one place to another. There is only one Nun and two Night Nurses and attendant on duty, and, in the event of fire, by the time patients could be removed to safety, serious consequences could happen. Also, we recommend that, pending the building of new wards, a permanent night attendant be employed.

We are satisfied that building new wards on ground level, proper care could be given to the aged and chronic sick poor, who could not be cared for elsewhere, and would also provide a decent standard of accommodation for destitute aged and infirm, and more in keeping with name of home.

Government grants are most generous in the provision of proper accommodation for County Homes, as they defray half costs and make long term loans available.

Signed—JAMES EVERETT, M.C.C.,  
JAMES GREGORY, M.C.C.

The County Secretary stated that as regards heating, the Matron had reported that a fire was lighted daily in the Day Room and occasionally in the Casual Ward. Arrangements were being made to install storage heaters in some of the Wards and also to provide some Infra-Red Heaters. The cost of providing the extra meal at night time, and including eggs or sausages, would be about £2,000 in a year. As regards payment of pensions, this money was given to patients on Friday evening, with the exception of men in the House who received it on Monday morning. Any pensioner, however, who asked for his money on a Friday or a Saturday was given it without hesitation. The costs of an extra Male Attendant would be about £400 a year. Councillor J. J. McCrea (Chairman) congratulated Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and J. Gregory on their Report. The County Manager said that the Report of the Councillors was a very helpful one. He would look into the question of providing tea or milk at night-time and was already examining the possibility of providing extra accommodation in the Hospital. To provide extra accommodation by way of new buildings would, he thought, be very expensive. Additional accommodation could probably be made available by moving the staff. The Council noted that the matters referred to in the Report would be examined by the County Manager.

**Item No. 11—LETTERS FROM IRISH TRANSPORT AND GENERAL  
WORKERS' UNION AND FEDERATION OF RURAL WORKERS  
APPLYING FOR INCREASES IN RATE OF WAGES FOR  
ROAD WORKERS.**

The County Secretary submitted letters dated 5th and 26th January, 1962, from the Federation of Rural Workers' and Irish Transport and General Workers' Union seeking an increase in the basic rate of wages for road workers. The Federation of Rural Workers sought an increase of 30/- per week and the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union an increase to £7 5s. per week.



It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

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

Resolved—That matter of application from Irish Transport and General Workers Union and Federation of Rural Workers be referred for examination by the County Manager.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 12—(a) SPEED LIMIT ON ROADS (NEWTOWNMOUNT-KENNEDY)—LETTER FROM MR. O'HIGGINS, T.D.:**

At the suggestion of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne, the Council referred this matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area.

**Item No. 12—(b) DOMESTIC SCAVENGING SERVICE AT GREY-STONES—LETTER FROM MR. M. J. O'HIGGINS, T.D.:**

The Council referred this matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area.

**Item No. 13—TINAHELY COURTHOUSE—REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER RE REPAIRS:**

The County Secretary submitted Report of 11th January, 1962, from the County Engineer regarding suggested alterations to the Courthouse at Tinahely to provide for two rooms beneath the Offices occupied by the Council becoming part of the Hall by demolishing internal walls. The County Engineer pointed out that the walls which would involve removal were main walls of the building and that, furthermore, there was a difference in level between the floor of the Hall and the adjoining rooms, and due to the existence of fireplaces, upstairs beams would project below the ceilings of the lower rooms. The overall effect would be to reduce the head room in the extended portion of the Hall to possibly 8 feet. He suggested that the type of work involved would be outside the scope of the normal building contractor and a specialist firm would be needed. He suggested that the cost would be in the region of £800, and stated that personally he would not favour the proposals. The estimate for general repairs to the building consisting mainly of plastering, repairs to roof, etc., amounted to approximately £1,150, and if the work of alterations were also carried out, the total cost would be approximately £2,000. At the suggestion of Councillor Hadden, it was agreed that the matter of works to be carried out at the former Courthouse premises be considered by Members for the Arklow Electoral Area at their next Meeting, which would be held in the Courthouse at Tinahely. It was agreed that particulars of the Engineer's Estimate, together with a Plan showing the floor areas of the various rooms in the premises, be circulated to the Members prior to the Meeting.

**Item No. 14—NOTICE OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR M. J. O'NEILL RE DERELICT BUILDINGS AT STRATTFORD AND EXTENSION OF WATER SUPPLY TO NORTH AND SOUTH OF VILLAGE:**

The County Secretary stated that Mr. P. McGuinness, Assistant County Engineer, had been preparing Plans for submission to the Department of Local Government for the purposes of an Amenity Grant in respect of the clearing of the Derelict Sites and providing seats and planting shrubs. The Plans had not, however, been completed when

when he left the area, and the present Assistant County Engineer had been asked to complete the details. In regard to the matter of water supply, Councillor O'Neill stated that he was aware that it was intended to extend the water supply to Manger, but he felt that this should be extended further, as far as Ballyhook. It was agreed that the matter be examined.

**Item No. 15—NOTICE OF MOTION IN NAME OF COUNCILLOR A. H. HADDEN—THAT THE COUNCIL DISCUSS WHETHER THE APPOINTMENT OF AN EFFICIENCY EXPERT WOULD IMPROVE THE WORKING OF THE COUNCIL:**

Councillor Hadden stated that Efficiency Experts had proved their worth in connection with other Organisations and that possibly the employment of one by the Council would save many times his cost, and he would like to hear the Council's opinion on the matter. Councillor McCarthy stated that he presumed this would involve time and motion studies and he felt that it would be very expensive. Councillor E. E. Byrne did not favour the suggestion and considered that any complaints could be rectified without the appointment of an Efficiency Expert. In regard to the matter of Quarries, this was a question of policy and could be determined by the Council.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, referring to the Report in regard to the production of materials in Quarries, stated that the Committee had decided to hold over the Report until the end of the present financial year so as to examine the results of the workings of the Quarries during this year and that the Report would be submitted to the April Meeting of the Council. Councillor Haughton suggested that the main point in engaging an Efficiency Expert was to reduce expenses, and he felt that the Council's Staff could be congratulated on their work to date and that the appointment of an Efficiency Expert was not needed. The Council agreed to adjourn the matter generally.

**Item No. 16—LETTER FROM DUBLIN HEALTH AUTHORITY REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF SELECT COMMITTEE OF DAIL EIREANN TO EXAMINE SYSTEM OF HEALTH SERVICES:**

At the suggestion of Councillor J. Temple, it was agreed to circulate a copy of the letter from the Dublin Health Authority to each Member of the Council and to include the matter on the Agenda for the next Meeting.

**Item No. 17—LETTER FROM AGRICULTURAL WAGES BOARD IN REPLY TO ENQUIRY FROM COUNCIL:**

The County Secretary stated that in a letter of 6th March, 1962, from the Agricultural Wages Board, it was stated that the Board considered the Shillelagh Rural Area to be more appropriately comparable to the areas in counties Carlow and Wexford, contiguous thereto for the purposes of fixing minimum rates of wages. The Council noted the reply received from the Agricultural Wages Board.

**APPOINTMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE**

The County Secretary stated that it was proposed to appoint an additional Public Health Nurse to serve the Dispensary District of Tinahely, Coollatin and Kiltegan. The Public Health Nurse serving these districts at present also served the western area of the County, and the appointment would enable a better nursing service to be provided both for the districts of Tinahely, Coollatin and Kiltegan,



and for the Baltinglass, Dunlavin and Blessington areas. It was proposed to appoint Mrs. Bridget Doran, who is permanent midwife for the Tinahely Dispensary District, as the Public Health Nurse for the area and she would continue to have responsibilities in respect of midwifery in these areas.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the creation of an additional office of Public Health Nurse for Dispensary Districts of Tinahely, Coollattin and Kiltegan, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost arising from the appointment.

Passed unanimously.

#### ENQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS

##### Supplementary Grants for Provision of Private Sewerage Facilities:

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that persons wishing to install Private Sewerage Facilities for their houses were very often in difficulties in regard to the preparation and submission of a Plan of the Septic Tank necessary. He enquired if the Council could have a standard Plan prepared and made available for such applications. The County Secretary stated that standard Plans for Septic Tanks could be obtained from the Government Publications (Sales Office) and, consequently, there would be no necessity for persons to go to the expense of having special Plans for Septic Tanks prepared in most instances.

##### Tinnakilly Bridge and Cross Roads at Ballymorris:

Councillor J. Quigley asked that matchsticks be provided at Tinnakilly Bridge and Ballymorris Cross Roads, and Councillor M. J. O'Neill asked that these be provided also at Saunders Grove.

##### Repairs to Cottages:

A letter addressed to the Chairman by Thos. O'Brien, Kilmacullagh, Newtownmountkennedy, regarding repairs needed to cottages in the area was submitted to and noted by the Council.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION

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

In the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—That I or some Councillor for me shall move that the Caretaker to Wicklow Dispensary be granted an increase on her present allowance.

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—Letter from Secretary, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Macreddin Road, Aughrim, re Road known as Tigroney Road from White Bridge to Conary Cross and Road from Sulphur Brook to Tigroney Green.

## 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, 2nd April, 1962, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor A. Hadden on account of illness of his son, from Councillor C. W. Hudson due to illness, and from Councillor J. O'Toole, who was in Hospital. The Members of the Council asked that their best wishes be conveyed to Councillor O'Toole for his speedy recovery.

#### AGENDA:

1. Loan of £10,000 for Supplementary Grants—Mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works.
2. Application for Supplementary Grant towards erection of new house at Knockananna.
3. Housing Scheme at Blessington—Letter from Department of Local Government.
4. Housing Scheme at Carnew—Letter from Department of Local Government.
5. Erection of Cottages at Johnstown South and Eadestown South—Letter from Department of Local Government.
6. Applications for approval to use of Sites for Caravans.
7. Application for transfer of Loan under S.D.A. Acts in respect of house at Grattan Park.
8. Loan of £33,000 for Blessington Vocational School—Mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works.
9. Cottages repaired during Month of March, 1962, and Cottages to be repaired during April, 1962.
10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That County Engineer submit Report on the location and number of Cottages to be repaired with amount provided in Estimates for 1962/'63.



**Item No. 1—LOAN OF £10,000 FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS:**

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That the Corporate Seal of the Council be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage, dated 2nd April, 1962, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £10,000 proposed by them to be advanced to the Council under the Housing (Amendment) Acts, 1948, 1952 and 1956, The Incorporated Amending or Extending Acts and the Local Loans Fund Acts, 1935 to 1957.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 2—APPLICATION FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT TOWARDS ERECTION OF NEW HOUSE AT KNOCKANANNA:**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from John Murphy, Knockananna, for a Supplementary Grant in respect of the erection of a new house. The applicant was employed part-time in Canada and returned home each Winter. He was employed for thirty weeks each year in Canada during which period he earned 900 dollars, and on this basis, if eligible for a State Grant, the amount of the Grant payable would be £200. The application had been refused as the applicant was single and Supplementary Grants had been paid only where the applicant was the head of a family. Following a discussion on the matter, at which it was indicated by some Members that Mr. Murphy intended to get married shortly,

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh:

Resolved—That we recommend that a Supplementary Grant be made to John Murphy, Knockananna, in respect of the erection of a new house.

As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That the matter be deferred pending submission of letter from a clergyman to confirm that applicant, John Murphy, Knockananna, is getting married.

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

IN FAVOUR:—Councillors H. J. Byrne, J. D. Haughton, J. Temple—3.

AGAINST:—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., E. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, P. McCarthy, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. Quigley, P.C., G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh and J. J. McCrea—15.

The amendment was declared defeated by 15 votes against to 3 votes in favour, and the Resolution declared passed on the same voting.

**Item No. 3—HOUSING SCHEME AT BLESSINGTON:**

Letter dated 12th March, 1962, from Department of Local Government indicating there was no objection to the layout submitted for the proposed Housing Scheme at Blessington, but that certain features in the House Plan required amendment was submitted to the Council. It was indicated also by the Department that no objection would be raised to the erection of a five-roomed house on the lines of the proposed Plan if it could be done at a building cost of approximately £1,500, but if this was not considered possible, a Plan with a smaller floor area, e.g., similar to the four-roomed type used for the existing Six House Scheme on the adjoining site should be considered. The Council noted also the Report of the Consultant Architect dated 31st March, 1962, in which he indicated how the amendments required by the Department could be carried out, and agreed that the Department be requested to approve of the Plan for the house subject to the amendments now proposed.

**Item No. 4—HOUSING SCHEME AT CARNEW:**

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government in letter of 30th March, 1962, had indicated that the proposed Housing Scheme at Carnew had been discussed with the Council's Architect by an Inspector of the Department and that the submission of an amended proposal in due course was awaited. The submission of a Report by the County Engineer as to whether he was satisfied regarding the drainage of the proposed site was also required. The Council noted the position in the matter.

**Item No. 5—ERECTION OF COTTAGES AT JOHNSTOWN SOUTH AND EADESTOWN SOUTH—LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT:**

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government in a letter of 23rd March, 1962, had indicated that no objection was seen to the revised Plan for Rural Cottages to be erected at Johnstown South and Eadestown South, subject to the submission of a satisfactory Estimate of cost on the lines set out in the Department's previous letter. The Department suggested that consideration be given to the provision of full services in these Cottages at the outset. The Department directed attention to the fact that better value could be obtained in erecting Fully Serviced Cottages by availing of the higher level of subsidisable capital cost. The County Secretary stated that the Council received a subsidy towards the loan charges in respect of an Unserviced House up to a capital cost of £1,000 and in the case of a Fully Serviced House up to a capital cost of £1,500. If the cost of the house exceeded these figures, the Council were responsible for the full loan charges on the excess. Councillor McCarthy suggested that the Council should agree to provide Fully Serviced Houses in each case. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, pointed out that if a Fully Serviced House were provided it might mean that a higher rent would have to be charged. Councillor Hipwell suggested that alternative Tenders should be sought for both Fully Serviced Houses and those not Fully Serviced. The County Manager pointed out that it would be necessary for the County Engineer to report as to whether services could be provided economically for each of these Cottages and to submit an estimate of the cost. The Council agreed that the County Engineer submit a Report to the next Meeting as to the cost of providing services in respect of each of the Cottages.



**Item No. 6—APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL TO USE SITES FOR CARAVANS:**

The County Secretary stated that an application for approval to the use of a site at Blacklion, Greystones, for purpose of Caravans had been refused. The Council noted that the site was not regarded as suitable by the County Engineer or by the Chief Medical Officer. In regard to an application received from Mr. Fenelon, Greystones, for approval to the use of a site at Greystones for the purpose of Caravans, the Council agreed to refer the matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area.

**Item No. 7—APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF LOAN UNDER S.D.A. ACTS IN RESPECT OF HOUSE AT GRATTAN PARK:**

The Council deferred for a year an application of Mr. C. Smith to take over an S.D.A. Loan in respect of house at Grattan Park, Greystones.

**Item No. 8—LOAN OF £33,000 FOR BLESSINGTON VOCATIONAL SCHOOL:**

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That the Corporate Seal of the Council be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage dated 2nd April, 1962, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £32,000 proposed by them to be advanced to the Council under the Vocational Education Acts, 1930 to 1950, and the Local Loans Fund Acts, 1935 to 1957.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 9—COTTAGES REPAIRED DURING MONTH OF MARCH, 1962, AND TO BE REPAIRED DURING MONTH OF APRIL, 1962**

The Council noted the list of Cottages repaired during the month of March, 1962, and of those to be repaired during April, 1962. The County Secretary stated that Tenders were being invited for the carrying out of repairs to Cottages for the current year. On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley; Seconded by Councillor Timmins, it was agreed that repairs to Cottages in the West Wicklow Area should continue to be carried out by Direct Labour.

**Item No. 10—NOTICE OF MOTION IN NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. QUIGLEY REGARDING REPORT ON LOCATION AND NUMBER OF COTTAGES TO BE REPAIRED:**

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer was preparing an Estimate as to the location and number of Cottages which could be repaired during the year 1962/63 with the amounts available in the Estimates, but had pointed out that it would be necessary to reserve a certain sum for urgent normal repair work.

**APPLICATIONS FOR PURCHASE OF COTTAGES:**

Having noted that the applicant's son, who was a sub-tenant in Council house at Ballygannon, would not be seeking a Cottage from the Council,

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Hipwell:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by Edward Kelly of his interest in Cottage No. 297/8 at Corballis, Rathdrum, to James Hughes, Fair Green, Rathdrum.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 27th March, 1962, from the Department of Local Government regarding the application of Mr. Joseph Byrne to sell his interest in Cottage No. 214/2 at Dunlavin Upper to Mr. James Norton, Tournant, Dunlavin, who was a farmer, indicating that the question of granting consent in this case was entirely one for decision by the Housing Authority on its own responsibility. The County Secretary stated that Counsel's Opinion which had been received by the Council indicated that the Council could not safely refuse to grant consent to the sale merely because Mr. Norton was a farmer, provided that the Cottage was used for the accommodation of a qualified person. Following a discussion on the matter, in the course of which the amount of the consideration for the sale of the Cottage was also discussed, the County Secretary stated that according to the advice received, the Council could not fix a limit in regard to the amount to be paid for the Cottage. The County Manager pointed out that the Council could, however, recover possession of a Vested Cottage if at any time the statutory conditions were not being complied with. These conditions included the maintenance of the Cottage in proper repair and its being occupied by a qualified person. If it were found the Cottage was not being occupied by a qualified person, the Council would be entitled to seek possession. He could not, however, guarantee what the outcome of a case would be if it went to Court.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Deering;

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

Resolved—That, having considered Opinion of Counsel and letter from Department of Local Government, we approve of consent being given to the sale by Joseph Byrne of his interest in Cottage No. 214/2, Dunlavin Upper, to Mr. James Norton, Tournant, Dunlavin.

Passed—Councillors H. J. Byrne and J. Temple dissenting.

**ARKLOW COURTHOUSE:**

Councillor P. McCarthy referred to the condition of the floor in Arklow Courthouse which was used also as a Library, and stated it was in very bad condition. The County Manager agreed that the floor, which was flagged, was badly worn. The Council agreed that a Report on the matter be submitted to the next Meeting.



**WATER SUPPLY AT MONASTERY, ENNISKERRY:**

Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge submitted a sample of water from the Monastery area, Enniskerry, and stated that persons in the area had complained that the water was not satisfactory and had a peculiar taste. It was agreed that the sample of water be analysed.

**SEWERAGE AT KILMACANOGUE:**

Councillor H. B. Hipwell referred to a letter which Members had received from a Captain Hutson of Kilmacanogue concerning the sewerage at his house. Councillor Hipwell stated that the letter enclosed a Report from an Engineer which stated that one Septic Tank served the six houses in the district and that this was not satisfactory and gave rise to danger to public health. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that the matter had been brought to the Notice of Members of the Dáil also, and expressed concern over the allegations that the sewerage system was defective. Councillor H. J. Byrne pointed out that the whole matter of this sewerage system had been gone into by the Council many years ago, and that it had been necessary for the Council to take action against Captain Hutson for failing to remedy a nuisance arising from the Septic Tank. The matter was not one with which the Council should concern itself. The County Manager agreed that this matter had been before the Council on many occasions, and pointed out that the Council were under no obligation to have regard to a Report from a person other than an Officer of the Council. If any public health nuisance arose it was the responsibility of the County Medical Officer to report on it. The Council asked that Reports on the matter from the County Medical Officer and County Engineer be submitted to the next Meeting.

**NOTICES OF MOTION:**

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

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That I or someone for me will move a Motion at the next Meeting requesting the Council, before the dry weather sets in, to commence work extending the Stratford Water Supply to the last house in Manger and Saunders Grove Hill and, further, to request the Council to consider the advisability of extending the existing Water Supply where possible to specified districts now badly in need of a supply of water, ie., Knockenarrigan to Rustyduff, etc.

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That I or someone for me will move that Council make representation to Ground Rents Commission that Law be amended with regard to granting of Leases.



# Wicklow County Council

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th April, 1962, at 2.30 p.m.

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

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell, P. T. Hickey and S. O. Fearghaill were present.

## AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 8th and 15th January, 5th and 12th February, 1962.
2. Application from Irish Motor Racing Club, Ltd., for closing of Road at Enniskerry for purpose of Motor Car Hill Climb.
3. Letter from Dublin Metropolitan Regatta Council requesting permission for closing of Roads at Blessington in connection with Annual Regatta.
4. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley, P.C., in regard to Tigroney Road to Conary Cross Roads and Sulphur Brook Road to Tigroney Green.
5. Car Park at Newtownmountkennedy.
6. Application for additional public light at Templeraíne. Arklow—Estimate from E.S.B.
7. Application for additional public light at Aughrim—Estimate from E.S.B.
8. Extension of Stratford Water Supply towards Rathbran—Report of County Engineer submitting Estimate of cost.
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill that Council commence work before dry weather sets in to extend Stratford Water Supply to last house in Manger and Saunders Grove Hill and that Council consider advisability of extending existing Water Supply to specified districts now badly in need of a supply of water, i.e., Knockenarrigan to Rustyduff, etc.
10. Report of County Engineer re Water Supply at Monastery, Enniskerry.
11. Reports of County Engineer and County Medical Officer regarding complaint concerning sewerage system at houses in Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue.



12. Report of Assistant County Engineer re replacement of floor in Courthouse, Arklow.
13. Proposed use of building at Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, for Council Offices, etc.
14. To approve of appointment of Junior Library Assistant.
15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., requesting increase in remuneration of Caretaker to Wicklow Dispensary.
16. Erection of Cottages at Eadestown and Johnstown—Estimate of cost submitted by County Engineer.
17. Report of County Engineer regarding repairs sought to certain Cottages.
18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley, P.C., that Council make representation to Ground Rents Commission that Law be amended with regard to granting of Leases.
19. Letter received regarding Vale of Avoca.
20. Letter from Dublin Health Authority requesting views of Council in relation to matters contained in Terms of Reference of Select Committee of Dáil Éireann, appointed to consider various aspects of the Health Services—Copy circulated to Members.
21. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

#### Item No. 1—Minutes.

It was

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

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 8th and 15th January and 5th and 12th February, 1962.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 2—Application from Irish Motor Racing Club, Ltd., for Closing of Road at Enniskerry for Purpose of Motor Car Hill Climb.

The County Secretary stated that public notice had been given of the Council's intention to close to public traffic portion of the Main Road at Enniskerry on the 5th May, 1962, from 1.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in connection with the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb and no objections had been received.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell,  
Seconded by Councillor R. Miley.

Resolved—That notice having been given by public advertisement of the proposal and no objection having been received, it is hereby agreed in pursuance of Section 35 of the Local Government Acts, 1955, that the Main Road No. 6 from Enniskerry N.S. to the junction with County Road No. 7 at Monastery, Enniskerry, be closed on 5th May, 1962, between the hours of 1.30 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. for the purpose of permitting the holding of a Motor Hill Climb Competition during the period when it is so closed to public traffic. The alternative route available is via County Road No. 7.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell,  
Seconded by Councillor R. Miley.

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the holding of Motor Hill Climb Competition on Main Road No. 6 from Enniskerry National School to the junction with County Road No. 7 on the 5th May, 1962, between the hours of 1.30 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. during the period when such road is closed to public traffic.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 3.—Letter from Dublin Metropolitan Regatta Council requesting permission for Closing of Roads at Blessington in connection with Annual Regatta.

The County Secretary submitted letter from the Dublin Metropolitan Regatta Council asking that the Council close the Road from Red Lane via Blessington Bridge to Woodend, Blessington, from 12.00 noon to 8.00 p.m. on Saturday, 23rd June, in connection with the Annual Regatta at Blessington Lake. The Dublin Metropolitan Regatta Council stated that their Council would be responsible for the costs of the necessary public notices and that in order to cause as little inconvenience as possible to people living in the district it was proposed to allow all vehicular traffic free entry and exit and to issue local residents with passes as in last year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,  
Seconded by Councillor O'Neill.

Resolved—That we approve of public notice being given of the Council's intention to close to public traffic the Road at Blessington from Red Lane via Blessington Bridge to Woodend from 12 noon to 8.00 p.m. on Saturday, 23rd June, in connection with the holding of the Dublin Metropolitan Regatta.

Passed unanimously.

#### Proposed Closing of Road at Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue.

The County Secretary submitted letter from the M.G. Car Club asking if the Council would agree to close a one mile stretch of the New Long Hill at Kilmacanogue to a point just before the Calary Filling Station for the purposes of a Motor Car Hill Climb on Saturday, 19th May. In their letter the Club stated that they had ascertained from C.I.E. that there would be no scheduled Touring Buses using the Hill on that afternoon and they could arrange to let the two St. Kevin's Buses through without difficulty. With the assistance of the A.A. it would not be difficult to signpost a detour by-passing the New Long



Hill and diverting traffic to and from Roundwood via the Long Hill. They felt that this would not cause undue inconvenience to other road users. The County Engineer had reported that if C.I.E. and St. Kevin's Bus Company had no objection he felt the Council could agree to give permission for the closing of the Road. The alternative route via Old Long Hill would be suitable.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley,

Seconded by Councillor Hipwell.

Resolved—That we approve of public notice being given of our intention to close to public traffic portion of Main Road T.61 on the Long Hill at Kilmacanogue for a distance of one mile to a point near the Calary Filling Station on the afternoon of Saturday, 19th May, from 2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. for the purposes of a Motor Car Hill Climb organised by the M.G. Car Club.

Passed unanimously.

#### Proposed Closing of Road at Altidore.

The County Secretary submitted letter received from the Motor Enthusiasts' Club asking that the Road at Altidore Hill be closed from 2.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. on Saturday, 12th May, for the purpose of an Annual Motor Car Hill Climb and also that the same Road be closed between the hours of 2.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. on Saturday, 9th June, in connection with the Dun Laoghaire An Tostal Motor Rally. The Council had agreed to the closing of this Road for the purposes mentioned in the previous year. The Council agreed that the necessary public notices of intention to close the Road be given.

#### Item No. 4.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley, P.C., in regard to Tigrone Road to Conary Cross Roads and Sulphur Brook Road to Tigrone Green.

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Quigley the County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, Aughrim Branch, on behalf of residents of the Tigrone/Avoca Area, requesting that the Road known as Tigrone Road from White Bridge to Conary Cross and also the Road known as the Sulphur Brook Road to Tigrone Green be repaired and surfaced. It was stated that these Roads were in bad repair. The Assistant County Engineer had reported that the Road in question was County Road No. 154 from Conary Cross Roads by Tigrone Green to the three Roads at Knockenree leading to Avoca with a branch to Ballygahan at the White Bridge. The Road was slightly over three miles long and was very narrow in places and was one of the last of the Roads remaining undone in the district. It was expected that the Council would reach on this Road in the following year's programme. However, before the Road could be improved it would be necessary to acquire land for widening the Road as it was too narrow to accommodate modern machinery and this would have to be taken into account if and when an estimate was being prepared in respect of the Road. At the White Bridge end of the Road St. Patrick's Copper Mines were carrying out some work to new bins and when these were completed they would be draining the Road to one side.

In the meantime, the Council has been strengthening the Road under the Old Railway Bridge and would put a coat of tarmacadam at this place to take the heavy traffic and allow the ordinary people to use the Road with some comfort. In the current year the road would be kept in as good repair as could be done with the funds available. Cllr. McCarthy and Cllr. Quigley asked that arrangements be made for ordinary repairs to be carried out to the Road as soon as possible, and that a survey be made of the Road and any necessary lands acquired for its improvement.

#### Item No. 5.—Car Park at Newtownmountkennedy.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Dunne, to whom the Car Park at Newtownmountkennedy was leased, was prepared to defray the cost of providing a tarmacadam surfacing on the Car Park, but wished to know if the Council would arrange to carry out the work. The Council agreed that the work be carried out by the Council on behalf of Mr. Dunne.

#### Item No. 6.—Application for Additional Public Light at Templarainey, Arklow.

The County Secretary stated that the E.S.B. had submitted a Quotation for providing an additional public light at Templarainey, Arklow, and if the light were connected to the rural public lighting system a capital contribution of £41 would be required and current would be supplied on a metered basis at 3d. per unit. If, however, the light were connected to the Urban System the capital contribution would be £20 and the annual lighting charge would be £5 15s., plus 11/- for all-night lighting at Christmas. The cost of operating a public light on the Rural System was approximately the same as that on which the fixed charge was made.

It was

Proposed by Councillor McCarthy,

Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the Quotation of E.S.B. for the provision of one additional public light at Templarainey, Arklow, to be connected to the Arklow Urban System.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 7.—Application for Additional Public Light at Aughrim.

The County Secretary stated that the E.S.B. had quoted a sum of £9 capital cost for providing an additional public light at Aughrim and the light consumed would be charged for at the Rural Rate of 3d. per unit. An annual maintenance charge of 15/- would also be payable.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Quigley,

Seconded by Councillor McCarthy.

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the Quotation of E.S.B. for the provision of an additional public light at Aughrim.

Passed unanimously.



**Item No. 8.—Extension of Stratford Water Supply towards Rathbran  
—Report of County Engineer, submitting Estimate of Cost.**

The County Secretary stated that the estimated cost of extending the Stratford Water Supply towards Rathbran to serve seven houses of which six were County Council Cottages was estimated at £1,280 with an addition of £120 to cover the cost of making connections to the six Council Cottages and providing tap and sink discharging over a gully trap. The total cost, therefore, would be £1,400. The cost per house for the extension of the main worked out at £183 while in the case of the six Council Cottages the cost per house, including the connections, was £203. The Council agreed that the tenants of the Cottages should be consulted and asked if they were prepared to pay the contribution of 1/9d. per week for the extension of the water supply and installation of the water in the houses.

**Item No. 9.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill that Council commence work before dry weather sets in to extend Stratford Water Supply to last house in Manger and Saunders Grove Hill and that Council consider advisability of extending existing Water Supply to Specified Districts now badly in need of a Supply of Water, i.e., Knockenarrigan to Rustyduff, etc.**

In regard to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor O'Neill, the County Secretary stated that the Chief Assistant County Engineer had reported that the cost of extending the Stratford Water Supply to Ballymaghroe involved the laying of 700 lineal yards of pipeline and was estimated at £1,324. The total number of houses to be served by the extension was only four and the cost per house would therefore be £441, which was well above the maximum economic figure. If the Stratford Water Supply were to be extended through Rathbran and into Ballyhook approximately four miles of pipeline would be needed at an approximate cost of £12,300 to supply twenty houses and the cost per house in this instance would be £605 which was altogether uneconomic. The Chief Assistant County Engineer pointed out that the source of the Stratford Water Supply was from springs and until the dry weather flow from the springs had been ascertained caution would have to be exercised in regard to extensions of the supply. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed that the proposals for extensions of the Stratford Water Supply be referred for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area at their next Local Meeting.

**Item No. 10.—Report of County Engineer Re Water Supply at Monastery, Enniskerry.**

The County Engineer had reported that samples of the Water Supply at Monastery had been taken for analysis from fountains and from some houses on the County Brook Road. The bacteriological analysis had given a satisfactory result, but the Council were still awaiting the result of the chemical analysis. The County Engineer stated that he had been informed by one of the householders that the water appeared to become discoloured on occasions, but the sample taken did not support this. He had been in touch with the County Medical Officer who would forward the result of the chemical analysis

as soon as it became available. The water from the fountain appeared to the County Engineer to be not unsatisfactory and boiling the water did not appear to alter its appearance or taste. The Council noted that a chemical analysis was being obtained and that the Report on this analysis would be submitted in due course.

**Item No. 11.—Reports of County Engineer and County Medical Officer regard complaint concerning Sewerage System at Houses in Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue.**

The following Report of the County Engineer regarding the matter of a sewerage system for houses at Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue, was submitted:

PM/JH.

County Secretary.

Court House,

Wicklow.

9th April, 1962.

A Chara,

With reference to Item No. 11 on the Agenda for the Meeting of the Council on the 9th inst., regarding complaint concerning sewerage system to houses at Rocky Valley, Kilmacanogue, I desire to report that this matter has been investigated. I do not think the County Council is responsible for any of the trouble referred to by the complainant in regard to surface water. With regard to the septic tank this serves a group of six houses and this arrangement was required by the Sanitary Authority at the time when the application was made for permission for the erection of these bungalows.

The septic tank is sited on the plot now the property of Captain J. C. Hutson and in 1954 it was found that a nuisance existed and each of the householders were duly notified but no action was taken.

In 1955 a Court Order was made by the District Justice and Captain Hutson was fined the sum of £5 and was ordered to clean and overhaul the tank, which was done. The Council, as Sanitary Authority, has apparently not been made aware of any complaint from that date until the present year.

I understand that each of the householders was prepared to take his share of the responsibility and cost of keeping the tank in satisfactory condition if the owner of the plot on which the tank was sited would allow them to do so.

The County Medical Officer informs me that he has the position under observation.

Mise, le meas.

J. T. O'Byrne.

County Engineer.



The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had informed him that he was satisfied that no public health nuisance existed at this site. The County Manager stated that when the approval of the Council had been sought to the housing development at this place in the Rocky Valley, the matter had been carefully examined and it had been decided that the Council could scarcely refuse permission. Permission, accordingly, had been granted, but subject to conditions that a water supply could be obtained from the Dublin Corporation mains and also that a sewerage system be installed to serve the six houses as individual Septic Tanks were not regarded as suitable in the area. The sewerage system to serve the houses discharged into the one Tank which was designed for the purpose and was located on the plot which was subsequently purchased by Mr. Hutson. The Council had no responsibility in regard to the Septic Tank or its maintenance. As already indicated, the County Medical Officer had informed the Secretary that no public health nuisance existed. The Report made by a Mr. O'Kelly had been made in 1954 and it appeared that this person was an Engineer but had no particular qualifications as far as Public Health was concerned. Councillor J. Temple considered that the Council should accept the Reports of the Engineer and the County Medical Officer as it was not the responsibility of the Council and the matter of this Septic Tank had already been before two Courts. The Council noted the Reports submitted in the matter.

**Item No. 12.—Report of Assistant County Engineer re Replacement of Floor in Courthouse, Arklow.**

The County Secretary submitted Report of the Assistant County Engineer stating that the old stone floor in the Courthouse, Arklow, was badly worn and uneven, was uncomfortable underfoot and presented a bad appearance to visitors and he recommended that a proper modern tiled floor be put in. It would be necessary to remove the old stone floor, provide a new screeded concrete floor and the best type of hard-wearing Marley tiles. The cost would be about £130.

It was

Proposed by Councillor McCarthy,

Seconded by Councillor Quigley.

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the Assistant County Engineer for the laying of a new floor in Arklow Courthouse for the sum of £130 and authorise the necessary expenditure.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 13.—Proposed use of Building at Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, for Council Offices, etc.**

The County Secretary stated that a Report as to the total cost of making the premises at Kilmantin Hill suitable for use as Offices had been prepared by the Council's Architect and amounted to £3,895 which was inclusive of the figure of £1,400 previously given to the Council as representing the cost of essential repairs. The increase over the previous estimate related mainly to the provision of heating, lighting and the provision of a strong room. It was proposed also that the front room in the building would be made suitable for use as a Council Chamber. A new strong room was necessary as there was insufficient

accommodation at present for storing valuable records at Rathdrum. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that there had been agitation in Rathdrum concerning the proposed removal of the Offices to Wicklow and in view of the cost involved the matter would need careful examination. Councillor M. J. O'Neill suggested that it might be more satisfactory if the Council built a new set of Offices adjoining the present Offices in Wicklow. Councillor H. J. Byrne and Councillor Temple pointed out that the findings of the Sub-Committee had been approved by the Council and that the Council had already indicated their agreement generally to the use of the premises at Kilmantin Hill for the purposes of Offices. Councillor Hipwell also agreed and pointed out that it would be necessary to arrange for making use of the premises at Kilmantin Hill as the Council had already agreed to the transfer of the patients from the premises at Kilmantin Hill to the former Fever Hospital premises. The County Secretary stated that the Council had determined that they were not prepared to accept the contention of the Urban District Council that the premises at Kilmantin Hill should be handed back to the Urban Council and were satisfied that they were entitled to retain these premises. It was agreed, however, that the Urban District Council were entitled to seek the fixing of a rent for the premises. A Sub-Committee had been appointed to negotiate with the Urban District Council and had agreed upon a rent to be paid under a new Lease. The question of using the premises as Offices and the transfer of patients to the Fever Hospital had been discussed by the Council and Councillor Haughton had queried whether the Fever Hospital was fully suitable for the accommodation of the patients and accordingly the Council had arranged for the Members to inspect both the buildings to satisfy themselves on this point. The Council Members had inspected the buildings and it was agreed that the Fever Hospital premises were fully suitable to accommodate the patients and that the patients should be transferred there. The Council had also agreed to retain possession of the premises at Kilmantin Hill and it was a matter now for the Council to confirm the proposed use of the premises. The County Manager pointed out that one of the aims in removing Staff from Rathdrum to Wicklow was to make further accommodation available at St. Colman's Hospital for patients and for the Nursing Staff. The standard of the Offices at Rathdrum were much below what was required by the Office Premises Act and it was estimated that the cost of reconstructing the Offices to make them suitable for the Staff would amount to over £7,000.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell,

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne.

Resolved—That having considered Reports submitted we approve of the use of the building at Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, at present used as a District Hospital, for the purposes of Offices for the County Council Staff at present accommodated at Rathdrum.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor McCarthy,

Seconded by Councillor Haughton.

Resolved—That the matter of dealing with the use of the premises at Kilmantin Hill be deferred pending consideration of proposal regarding use of Newcastle Sanatorium.



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

**In favour:** Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., E. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, P. McCarthy, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. Quigley, P.C., J. Temple, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh, J. J. McCrea—16.

**Against:** Councillors H. J. Byrne and H. B. Hipwell.

The amendment was declared carried by sixteen votes in favour to two against and the original Resolution was declared defeated on the same voting.

The County Secretary stated that the matter of the rent of the premises at Kilmantin Hill had not been finally determined by the Council by Resolution and that a Resolution would be required approving of the proposed rent as recommended by the Committee appointed by the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor Hipwell.

Resolved—That having noted letter of 10th October, 1961, from Wicklow Urban District Council, we approve of the taking of a lease of the building at Kilmantin Hill, at present used as a County Hospital, from Wicklow Urban District Council, for a period of 75 years from 25th March, 1961, at annual rent of £100 to be paid by Wicklow County Council and Wicklow County Council to be responsible for repairs, reasonable wear and tear excepted; the former rent to be paid to Urban District Council up to 24th March, 1961.

Passed—Councillor Haughton dissenting.

#### Item No. 14.—Appointment of Junior Library Assistant.

The County Secretary stated that provision had been made in the Estimates to meet the cost of the appointment of a Junior Library Assistant for the County Library. The matter had been referred to at the Estimates Meeting and the Council had agreed to the proposal. It was necessary, however, that a formal Resolution be passed approving of the creation of the post.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh,

Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.

Resolved—That we approve of the creation of one post as Library Assistant.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 15.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., requesting increase in Remuneration of Caretaker to Wicklow Dispensary.

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Secretary stated that a proposal to revise her remuneration by 12 per cent., this being the same basis as applying to other Officers, had been submitted to the Department of Health, but

that sanction had not yet been received. The present remuneration was £65 per annum and the proposal was to increase this to £75 per annum. The Council noted that a proposal to revise the remuneration had been submitted for sanction.

#### Item No. 16.—Erection of Cottages at Eadestown and Johnstown— Estimate of Cost submitted by County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer estimated that the cost of providing an Unserviced Cottage at Eadestown or at Johnstown would amount to £1,375. This estimate did not provide for services to the Cottage, but did include the necessary annexe accommodation to enable services to be installed at a later date. In the case of the Cottage at Eadestown a water supply could be provided by gravity and this would involve laying a pipe of approximately 260 lineal yards at a cost of £145. The necessary fittings including bath, washhand basin, sink and H. and C. pipe and drains with Septic Tank would cost about £185. The total cost of services for the Cottage therefore amounted to £330.

In the case of the Cottage at Johnstown there was no economical source from which a water supply could be taken, but it was intended under the Rural Piped Water Supply Scheme to service all this area from a source near Snugborough. An alternative would be to sink a well and provide a pump to pump water to the Cottage, but the County Engineer considered this would not be advisable. The costs of providing a water supply in this manner together with the necessary housing fittings, drains, Septic Tank, etc., would be £485. The County Engineer recommended that Tenders be invited for both Cottages as Unserviced Cottages with alternative Tenders for the provision of Services. The County Secretary stated that if Unserviced Cottages were provided based on the estimate of costs submitted by the County Engineer the amount to be met by way of rent and contribution from Rates would be equivalent to 22s. 5½d. per week. If a Fully Serviced Cottage were provided at Eadestown the amount to be met from rent and rates would be 22s. 4½d. per week and if a Fully Serviced Cottage were provided at Johnstown the amount to be met from rent and rates would be 26s. 3½d. per week. The Council agreed that Tenders be invited for the erection of the Cottages as Unserviced Cottages with alternative Tenders for the provision of Serviced Cottages.

#### Item No. 17.—Report of County Engineer regarding Repairs sought to Certain Cottages.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted to and noted by the Council.

Court House,  
Wicklow.  
9th April, 1962

PM/JH.

County Secretary.

Re/ Cottage Repairs.

A Chara.

With reference to item No. 17 on the Agenda for the Meeting of the Council on the 9th inst., I desire to report that the Cottages mentioned by Councillor James Everett, T.D., at the meeting on the 5th ult., have been inspected.



The lists were not sent out to the Contractor as he already had on hands upward of 70 cottages for repairs. The only way I can see to overtake these particular repairs is to do a certain amount by direct labour and even this would present some difficulty because labour is not available. However, with the assistance of the Clerk of Works an effort would be made to do the more essential repairs before the next meeting of the Housing Committee of the Council.

I would add that it is regretted that the Contract system for cottage repairs appears to have been unsatisfactory thus far. The Council is again advertising for Contractors and I have personally made efforts in many directions to ensure that a response will be forthcoming to the Council's offer, but I cannot promise any great degree of success.

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J. T. O'BYRNE,

County Engineer.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that a copy of the Report be forwarded to him.

**Item No. 18.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley, P.C., that Council make representation to Ground Rents Commission that Law be Amended with regard to Granting of Leases.**

Councillor Quigley contended that the owner of a house should also own the land on which it was built and suggested that the Commission should recommend that all ground rents be banned and that existing ground rents should expire after a period of ten years. Councillor H. J. Byrne pointed out that this might involve difficulty for persons arranging for the building of their own houses in that they would have to find the necessary capital to purchase the ground in addition to the capital for financing the building of the house. Councillor Hipwell suggested that the Council might recommend that no future ground rents be permitted and that all existing leaseholders be allowed to purchase their ground at a reasonable market value and it was suggested that ten years' purchase of the ground rent might be regarded as reasonable. The Council agreed that the views of the Members in regard to the matter of ground rents be forwarded to the Commission.

**Item No. 19.—Letter received regarding Vale of Avoca.**

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from Mr. Joe P. Carney, 218-38 104th Avenue, Queens Village 29, New York, U.S.A., enclosing a copy of a letter which he had addressed to An Uachtarán regarding the Vale of Avoca. In the letter enclosed reference was made to a visit of Mr. Carney's daughter to Co. Wicklow and her disappointment at the condition of the plot containing Moore's Tree at The Meeting of the Waters in Avoca. The writer asked that something be done to renew the beauty of the Vale of Avoca as he had known it many years ago or at least at the spot where Thomas Moore composed "The Meeting of the Waters." The Council noted that this plot was not in the ownership of the Council and that recent proposals to acquire the ownership with the aid of a Grant from An Bórd Fáilte had not been successful.

**Item No. 20.—Letter from Dublin Health Authority requesting views of Council in Relation to Matters Contained in Terms of Reference of Select Committee of Dáil Eireann, appointed to consider Various Aspects of the Health Services.**

The County Secretary stated that a copy of the Terms of Reference of the Select Committee had been circulated to the Members of the Council. The matter appeared to be one which was being dealt with by the Special Committee set up by the Dáil. A letter had been received from the Department of Health in regard to the incidence of the cost of the Health Services and the Council agreed that a copy of this letter be circulated to the Members and included on the Agenda for the next Meeting.

**Proposed Extension of Burial Ground at Glendalough.**

The following letter from the Hon. Secretary, National Monuments Advisory Council, 10 Hume Street, Dublin, was submitted.

**NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

10, Hume St., Dublin.

5th April, 1962.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

The Courthouse, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

As you are aware this Council has made certain recommendations in regard to the proposed extension to the graveyard at Glendalough. We have come to the conclusion that it might be a very good idea if a small number of representatives of this Council were to meet representatives of the County Council to talk over the matter, preferably, if at all possible, on the site itself. We thought that if this could be arranged the Chairman, Vice-chairman and myself could travel to Glendalough on May 7 and meet there such members of the County Council as might care to come along and discuss the problems on the spot at an hour suitable for them. I am not aware whether the County Council has a Monuments Committee but if such a Committee is in existence perhaps it is they who might like to meet us. Naturally, we would be glad to meet any members of the County Council who might care and find it convenient to be there.

I wonder if the County Council would be agreeable to this arrangement? If, of course, some other arrangement for the discussion would be more acceptable to the Council, we will be glad to fall in with whatever they may wish to suggest.

Yours faithfully,

A. T. LUCAS,

Honorary Secretary.



Members of the Council pointed out that the Council had already decided to proceed with the extension of the Burial Ground, but the Council agreed that Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, Councillor R. Miley, Councillor J. Haughton, Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., and Councillor J. Everett, T.D., meet the representatives of the National Monuments Advisory Council, on May the 8th at Glendalough at 3.00 p.m. May the 7th as suggested by the Hon. Secretary to the National Monuments Advisory Council was not convenient as there was a Meeting of the Council on that date.

#### Deputation from Roundwood.

The Council considered letter from Mr. M. J. Brennan, Roundwood, requesting on behalf of Ratepayers of Ashtown Upper, Roundwood, that the Council receive a Deputation in regard to the condition of the Roads in the area. The Council agreed to receive the Deputation at the Meeting to be held on 14th May, 1962.

#### Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

##### Appointment of Clerical Officer.

Councillor McCarthy referred to a recent appointment of a Clerical Officer for the Rathdrum Office and suggested that a present Member of the Staff who was a clerk-typist but had previously qualified at examination for Clerical Officers should have been promoted to the position. Councillor McCarthy was supported by Councillor Miss Walsh and other Members of the Council. The County Manager pointed out that the Member of the Staff concerned was qualified as a clerk-typist and also as a clerical officer, but no vacancy for a clerical officer had arisen to which she could have been appointed during the currency of the panel. She had, however, been called and appointed as a result of the examination for clerk-typists. When the panel for appointment expired no further appointments could be made from it.

##### Rents of Houses occupied by Members of Gardai.

Councillor J. Miley raised the matter of the increase to the economic rent which had been made in respect of houses occupied by members of the Gardai. He asked that the rent be reduced to the level previously charged. The County Manager pointed out that Members of the Gardai were not regarded as qualified persons and consequently it was considered necessary that they should be charged the economic rent.

##### Town and Regional Planning Acts.

Councillor Hipwell raised the matter of the erection of a temporary dwelling by a Mrs. Ludlow at Blacklion, and asked if in the special circumstances, temporary permission could be given to her to retain this structure. The County Manager pointed out that it would not be possible to agree to the retention of a temporary dwelling of this character.

#### Allowance for Attendance at Telephone in Bray for Fire Brigade, etc.

Councillor H. B. Hipwell raised the matter of an allowance of 30s. per week being paid to Mrs. O'Dea, Bray, for taking Telephone Calls outside of office hours for the purposes of the Bray Fire Brigade and for the Urban District Council, and suggested that this allowance should be increased having regard to the increases in remuneration granted to Fire Brigade Staff and to other Staffs of Local Authorities. He suggested that the allowance should be increased to £2. The County Manager pointed out that this was a matter with which Bray Urban District Council would also be concerned and it was agreed that it would be examined.

#### Notice of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, John G. Temple, Hugh B. Hipwell:

That in view of the heavy expenses by way of capital outlay and annual charges and maintenance costs which have been met by the Council in recent years in providing new services such as Vocational Schools, Water Supplies, Sewerage, Dispensaries, etc., for the towns and villages in the County Health District, it is considered that it would be reasonable to provide the Parish of Greystones with a Domestic Refuse Collection Service seeing that it is one district in which in recent times the Council has had to meet practically no expenditure from rates on the provision of any new services. Consequently, the Members for the Bray Electoral Area ask that the Council would again examine the possibility of providing such a service as we consider that the annual costs involved would not by any means exceed or even reach the annual charges for services provided in the past ten years for new services for many other towns in the county.



## 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, 7th May, 1962, at 2.30 p.m.

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

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

### AGENDA:

1. Proposed closing to public traffic of Long Hill at Kilmacanogue on 19th May, 1962, for purposes of Motor Car Hill Climb.
2. Proposed closing of Road at Blessington from Red Lane via Blessington Bridge to Woodend on Saturday, 23rd June, 1962, in connection with holding of Dublin Metropolitan Regatta.
3. Proposed closing of Road at Altidore on Saturday, 12th May, 1962, for purpose of Annual Motor Car Hill Climb and on Saturday, 9th June, 1962, in connection with Dun Laoghaire An Tostal Motor Rally.
4. Application for Supplementary Grant towards cost of erecting new dwellinghouse at Drumdangan, Glenealy.
5. Application for consent to sale of Cottage No. 80/2 at Castleruddery.
6. Provision of water supply and sewerage services to Cottages at (1) Rathnew, (2) Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy, and (3) Kilpeddar.—To authorise the necessary borrowing.
7. Proposed extension of water supply to Cottages at Manger, Stratford-on-Slaney.—Replies from tenants of Cottages.
8. Report on Chemical Analysis of water from supply at Monastery, Enniskerry.
9. Town and Regional Planning Acts.
10. Applications for Loans under S.D.A. Acts.
11. Cottage Repairs—Tenders received for carrying out of Cottage Repairs for period to 31st March, 1963, and recommendation of County Engineer thereon.
12. Repairs carried out to Cottages during Month of April, 1962, and to be carried out during Month of May, 1962.



**Item No. 1—Proposed closing to Public Traffic of Long Hill, Kilmacanogue, on 19th May, 1962, for purposes of Motor Car Hill Climb.**

The County Secretary stated that the necessary public notice had been given regarding the proposal to close to public traffic portion of the Main Road T.61 on the Long Hill at Kilmacanogue on Saturday, 19th May, 1962, from 2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. for the purposes of a Motor Car Hill Climb organised by the M.G. Car Club and that no objections had been received.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor Haughton;

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic portion of Main Road T.61 on the Long Hill at Kilmacanogue for a distance of one mile to a point near Calary Filling Station between the hours of 2.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. on Saturday, 19th May, 1962, and hereby authorise the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb on the Road while closed to public traffic.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor H. J. Byrne and Councillor Edward Byrne, who attended later at the Meeting, stated that they wished to object to the closing of the Road at Kilmacanogue and regretted that a decision on the matter had been taken prior to the arrival of some of the Members for the Bray Electoral Area.

**Item No. 2—Proposed closing of Road at Blessington.**

The County Secretary stated that the necessary public notice had been given regarding the proposed closing of the Road at Blessington from Red Lane via Blessington Bridge to Woodend from 12.00 noon to 6.00 p.m. on Saturday, 23rd June, in connection with the holding of the Dublin Metropolitan Regatta and that no objections had been received. The Garda Authorities had also indicated that they had no objection to the proposed closing of the Road.

It was

Proposed by Councillor O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Timmins;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the closing to public traffic of the Road from Red Lane, Blessington, via Blessington Bridge to Woodend, Blessington, on Saturday, 23rd June, 1962, from 12.00 noon to 6.00 p.m., in connection with the Dublin Metropolitan Regatta at Blessington Lake.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 3—Proposed closing of Road at Altidore.**

The County Secretary stated that the necessary public notice had been given regarding the proposal to close to public traffic the Road from the junction of three Roads on Tinnapark Demesne via Altidore Hill to the junction of two Roads at Carrigower, being part of the Willow Grove/Ballinastoe Road on Saturday the 12th May from 2.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. for the purposes of holding a Motor Car Hill Climb and on Saturday the 9th June from 2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. in connection with the Dun Laoghaire An Tostal Motor Rally and that no objection had been received.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Haughton;

Seconded by Councillor Quigley;

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the Road described hereunder on Saturday, 12th May, 1962, from 2.00 p.m. and authorise the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb on the Road while so closed to public traffic.

Portion of County Road No. 39 between the junction of three roads on Tinnapark Demesne via Altidore Hill to the junction of two Roads at Carrigower, being part of the Willow Grove/Ballinastoe Road.

That we hereby close to public traffic Road at Altidore described hereunder on Sat., 9th June, 1962, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. for the purposes of the Dun Laoghaire An Tostal Rally to be held on the Road while so closed to public traffic.

Portion of County Road No. 39 between the junction of three Roads on Tinnapark Demesne via Altidore Hill to the junction of two Roads at Carrigower, being part of the Willow Grove/Ballinastoe Road.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 4—Application for Supplementary Grant.**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Richard Codd, Drumdangan, Glenealy, for a Grant towards the cost of erecting a dwellinghouse which is stated to have cost £3,000. The State Grant given was £300 and the amount of the Supplementary Grant to which he would be entitled under the terms of the Council's Scheme would also be £300. The County Secretary pointed out that a Supplementary Grant of £66 13s. 4d. had been paid to Mr. Codd in 1953 in respect of the Reconstruction of a dwellinghouse at Drumdangan, Glenealy, but that this house was now let to tenants. There seemed to be a doubt as to whether the applicant would be entitled to a supplementary Grant for the new house as he had already obtained a Grant to improve his housing accommodation. Having considered the matter and the details given by the County Secretary



It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Haughton:

Resolved—That having considered Report regarding application of Mr. Richard Codd, Drumdangan, Glenealy, for Grant towards cost of erecting new dwellinghouse and previous Application for Grant in respect of Reconstruction of dwellinghouse, we approve of the payment of Supplementary Grant of £300 in respect of the erection of new dwellinghouse at Drumdangan, Glenealy.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 5—Application for Consent to Sale of Cottage No. 80/2 at Castleruddery, Donard.**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Miss Agnes Molyneux, Castleruddery Upper, for consent of the Council to her disposing of her interest in Cottage No. 80/2 to Walter Edwards, Manger, Stratford-On-Slaney, for the sum of £150. Members of the Council for the area, having indicated that Walter Edwards and his brother, who live together, intended to occupy the house

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of the disposal by Miss Agnes Molyneux, Castleruddery Upper, of her interest in Cottage No. 80/2 to Walter Edwards, Manger, Stratford-On-Slaney, for the sum of £150.

**Item No. 6—Provision of Water Supply and Sewerage Services for Cottages at (1) Rathnew, (2) Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy, (3) Kilpedder—To authorise the necessary borrowing.**

The County Secretary stated that the estimated cost of the installation of water and sewerage in 64 Council houses at Rathnew was £10,500, and approval was requested to the borrowing of this sum from the Commissioners of Public Works to defray the cost of the Scheme. The tenants had been asked if they were agreeable to pay a sum of 3s. 6d. per week as their contribution to the cost of the installation of the services, being 1s. 9d. in respect of water supply and 1s. 9d. in respect of sewerage. Councillor J. Everett pointed out that tenants in the area had been informed in 1956 that water supply and sewerage could be installed for a charge of 2s. 3d. per week on the rents. The charge now proposed was 3s. 6d. and Cllr. Everett stated that some of the tenants were paying 8s. 9d. and 10s. per week rent and that the charge of 3s. 6d. was too high. The County Secretary pointed out that the Council had agreed that in all cases where water supplies and sewerage systems were installed in Cottages that an increase of 1s. 9d. in the rent would be paid in respect of water and a further 1s. 9d. in the case of sewerage facilities. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that the tenants were prepared to pay 2s. 6d. but were not agreeable to pay 3s. 6d. per week. The Council decided to defer the matter pending receipt of replies from the tenants.

In regard to the Cottages at Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy, the County Secretary stated there were seventeen Cottages and twelve of the tenants had agreed to pay 3s. 6d. per week in addition to their present rent towards the cost of the provision of water supply and sewerage facilities. The total estimated cost of the work was £2,800.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gregory;

Seconded by Deputy Brennan:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the borrowing of the sum of £2,800 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years for the purpose of defraying the cost of providing water supply and sewerage services to Cottages at Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Gregory pointed out that many of the tenants at Church Road would not be in a position to pay 3s. 6d. per week even though they had signed the Agreement to do so. He suggested that some allowance should be made for Old Age Pensioners, Widows and Agricultural Labourers. The County Manager stated that the Council was obliged to require that some of the cost involved be met by the people availing of the services. The charge of 3s. 6d. was very low having regard to the service being afforded. If the Council found that circumstances did not permit the tenants to pay the amount such cases would receive sympathetic consideration and the charge written off where necessary.

In regard to the water supply and sewerage for thirteen Council houses at Kilpedder the tenants had been asked if they were prepared to pay the charge of 3s. 6d. per week, but replies had not yet been received. The total cost of the Scheme was approximately £2,000.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the borrowing of the sum of £2,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years for the purposes of defraying the cost of providing water supply and sewerage services to Cottages at Kilpedder.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 7—Proposed Extension of Water Supply to Cottages at Manger, Stratford-On-Slaney.**

The County Secretary stated that the tenants of the six Council Cottages at Manger, Stratford-On-Slaney, had been approached with a view to securing their undertaking to pay an additional 1s. 9d. per week in the event of a water supply being installed. The Rent Collector had reported that they were not agreeable to pay this addition to their rent. Councillor O'Neill stated that the people in the area intended carrying out a Group Scheme and wished to know if the Council would meet the cost of extending the main. The County Secretary pointed out that the Council could not extend the main just for the purpose of serving a group of Cottages without seeking some contribution towards the cost of the work. The Scheme proposed by the Council



covered the extension of the main and the installations in the houses. The Council noted that the tenants were not prepared to pay the charge of 1s. 9d. per week and that consequently the Scheme could not be proceeded with.

**Item No. 8—Report on Chemical Analysis of Water from Supply at Monastery, Enniskerry.**

The County Secretary stated that bacteriological and chemical analyses had been obtained of samples of water taken from the supply at Monastery, Enniskerry. The bacteriological analysis showed that the water was pure and quite satisfactory. The chemical analysis indicated that there was a trace of iron in the water which presumably was being picked up from the pipes. The County Medical Officer, in reporting on the matter, stated that while this was unpleasant and undesirable it did not constitute any danger to the public health. The Council noted the Reports in regard to the water supply.

**Item No. 9—Town and Regional Planning Acts.**

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to an application for approval to the erection of a house which had been refused and asked if any Report would come to the Council in connection with it. The County Secretary stated that it was not the usual practice to bring all the applications before the Council. There had been only one or two refusals in the previous month. Any refusals of permission were notified to the Members in the Summary of the Orders circulated. Members of the Council suggested that any applications refused should be reported to the Council with the reasons for the refusals.

**Item No. 10—Applications for Loans Under S.D.A. Acts**

Subject to confirmation that the applicant was getting married the Council approved of a Loan, not exceeding 80 per cent. of the market value, being made to Mr. M. Brennan, "Gweedore" Church Road, Greystones, in respect of the erection of a house at Church Lane, Greystones. The Council also approved of the making of a Loan to a Mr. Chapman in respect of the erection of a house at Windgates, subject to confirmation of income and permanency of position.

**Item No. 11—Cottage Repairs.**

The County Secretary stated that the following Tenders for Repairs to Cottages had been received in response to public advertisement.

David Lee, No. 4 District, Standard Rate Plus 30 per cent.

O'Toole Bros., Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Districts, Standard Rate Plus 20 per cent.

Sean Quinn, District Nos. 4, 8 and 9, Standard Rate Plus 20 per cent.

Thomas J. Keenan, District Nos. 5, 7 and Part No. 4 Area excluding Aughrim, Rathdrum and Glendalough, Standard Rate Plus 25 per cent.

Patrick Walsh, District No. 7, Standard Rate Plus 20 per cent.

The County Engineer had recommended the acceptance of Tenders as follows:

Messrs. O'Toole Bros., Kiltimon—Districts 1, 2 and 3 at Standard Rate Plus 20 per cent.

Thomas J. Keenan, Aughrim—No. 5 Area at Standard Rate Plus 25 per cent.

In the case of No. 4 District the County Engineer suggested that an arrangement might be made with the three tenderers (John Quinn, David Lee and Thomas J. Keenan) to divide the District between them and he suggested that a similar arrangement might be made in regard to No. 7 Area for which Mr. P. Walsh and Mr. P. J. Keenan had tendered. As no Tender had been received in respect of the No. 6 District (Shillelagh Area) the County Engineer proposed to ask Mr. David Lee if he would be prepared to carry out work in this Area at Standard Rate plus 30 per cent. in accordance with his Tender for No. 4 District. The Council approved of the acceptance of the Tenders of Messrs. O'Toole Bros. for Districts 1, 2 and 3 and of Thomas J. Keenan for District No. 5. In regard to the other Districts for which Tenders had been received and the No. 6 District for which no Tender had been received the Council suggested that the County Engineer interview tenderers with a view to reaching agreement regarding the division of these areas between the various tenderers.

**Item No. 12—Repairs to Cottages during Month of April, 1962, and Cottages to be Repaired during Month of May, 1962.**

The Council noted the list of Cottages repaired during April, 1962, and of those to be repaired during the month of May, 1962. Councillor P. McCarthy referred to Repairs needed to Cottage of Matthew Lawlor, Ballinakill, and asked that this matter be attended to. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., raised the matter of a tenant at Killincarrig the fence of whose plot had been broken when he entered into occupation and asked that this fence be repaired. He stated also that there had been no range in the Cottage at the time he took up occupation and asked that a range be provided.

**Tinahely Water Supply.**

Councillor Hadden enquired when work would be carried out on the Tinahely water supply. He stated that the supply was very low during Summer months and there was bad pressure and some houses did not get water at all. The County Secretary stated Plans for the Scheme had not yet been completed. Councillor Miss Walsh also referred to the position regarding the water supply in Tinahely and asked that the Scheme be completed as soon as possible.

**Blessington Water Supply.**

In reply to enquiry from Councillor Miley the County Secretary stated that the agreement with the owner of the water rights had not yet been finally settled. Councillor R. Miley enquired regarding the Scheme for water supply for Glendalough and Annamoe district and the County Manager stated that the preliminary survey for the purpose of the Scheme was in progress, but it was unlikely that it would be ready in the present year. Councillor Haughton also drew attention to the deficiencies of the water supply in Rathdrum.

**Windgates Water Supply.**

Councillor H. J. Byrne asked that a Report in regard to the Windgates water supply be submitted to the Council by the following Meeting if at all possible.



**Water Supply at Bahana, Rathdrum.**

Councillor Haughton stated that four persons residing at Bahana, Rathdrum, had enquired if the Council would supply them with the necessary piping and that they would be prepared to lay the piping for the purpose of connecting their houses to the water supply at Drumdangan, Glenealy. It was agreed that the matter be examined.

**Tenancy of Cottage at Newry.**

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that he understood that a person was prepared to accept the tenancy of the cottage at Newry if the necessary repairs were carried out to the access road. He asked that the matter of repairing the access road be examined again.

**Domestic Scavenging Service for Greystones.**

The County Secretary submitted letter from the Greystones and District Civic Association stating that they understand that the Council at their next Meeting would discuss the question of a Garbage Collection Service for Greystones and that the Committee would welcome an opportunity of putting their points of view before the Members of the Council and asking if the Council would be prepared to receive a Deputation from the Association at the Meeting during which the Service would be discussed. Following a discussion on the matter it was indicated that the Council felt that there was scarcely any aspect of the matter that had not been brought to their notice already by the Members of the Council who represent the Bray Electoral Area and that there would not be any necessity for the Association sending a Deputation.

The County Secretary submitted letter received from Councillor James O'Toole expressing his thanks for the Councillors' message of good wishes which was very much appreciated.

**Notices of Motion.**

The following Notices of Motion were handed in and accepted by the Chairman: In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That I or someone for me will move a Motion asking the Council to consider requesting the Department of Defence to allow the taking of a further supply of water for four houses in the townlands of Coan and Ballin-eddin, also to extend that supply to Cottages in Rustyduff, Knockenarrigan.

In the name of Councillor James Miley—That I or some Member for me will move that the Council declares that William Tighe, Blessington, to whom a Council Cottage is let under Section 24 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, is a qualified person for the purposes of Section 16 of the Labourers Act, 1936, and that the Cottage he now occupies be vested in him.

In the name of Councillor James Miley—That I or some Member for me will move that Michael Donoghue be paid at the same rate as other Overseers in the County.

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That I or someone for me will move a Motion asking the Council to take steps to have the dangerous trees overhanging two Council houses, Messrs. Nolan and Plant tenants, at Parkmore, Baltinglass, removed.

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th May, 1962, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

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

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

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

**AGENDA:**

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 26th February, 5th and 12th March and 2nd April, 1962.
2. Applications under Secondary and University Scholarship Schemes.
3. Deputation from Ratepayers of Ashtown Upper, Roundwood, in regard to Roads in the Area.
4. Letter dated 25th April, 1962, from Department of Local Government regarding Special Grant for Improvement of Main Road—Bray/Arklow—subject to contribution by Council, and Report of County Engineer.
5. Letter from Leinster Motor Club Ltd., regarding Annual Veteran Car Run to take place on 23rd June, 1962.
6. Proposed closing of Road in connection with Wicklow Regatta.
7. Proposed closing of Road in connection with Kart Racing at Wicklow.
8. Road Improvements on Road from Enniskerry to Glencree—Acquisition of land.
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillors H. J. Byrne, E. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, John G. Temple and Hugh B. Hipwell—That in view of the heavy expenses by way of capital outlay and annual charges and maintenance costs which have been met by the Council in recent years in providing new services such as Vocational Schools, Water Supplies, Sewerage, Dispensaries, etc., for the towns and villages in the County Health District it is considered that it would be reasonable to provide the Parish of Greystones with a Domestic Refuse Collection Service seeing that it is one district in which in recent times the Council has had to meet practically no expenditure from rates on the provision of any new services. Consequently the Members for the Bray Electoral Area ask that the Council would again examine the possibility of providing such a service as we consider that the annual costs involved would not by any means exceed or even reach the annual charges for services provided in the past ten years for new services for many other towns in the county.



10. Application for provision of additional light and re-distribution of public lights at Rathdangan.
11. Application for provision of three public lights between Avoca and Kilmagig.
12. Proposed re-laying of watermain at Whiteshed Road, Greystones.
13. Proposed use of premises at Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow—Letter from Department of Defence re County Control Centre and letters from Wicklow Branch Irish Local Government Officials' Union and County Medical Officer.
14. Report of Chief Fire Officer in regard to gorse fires at Little Sugarloaf and Valleysmount.
15. Report of County Medical Officer in regard to Smallpox Vaccination.
16. Letter from Department of Health dated 5th April, 1962, regarding incidence of cost of Health Services—Copy Circulated.
17. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

#### Item No. 1—Minutes.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 26th February, 5th and 12th March and 2nd April, 1962.

Passed unanimously.

Arising out of the Minutes, Councillor McCarthy enquired as to the present position regarding Arklow Bridge. The County Engineer stated that Plans had now been agreed in regard to the Bridge and the Council were arranging for the acquisition of certain lands adjoining the Bridge.

In reply to enquiry from Councillor Hipwell, the County Secretary read Report of the County Medical Officer of 24th April, 1962, in regard to the matter of sewage disposal for houses at the Rocky Valley in which he pointed out that the Scheme for sewage disposal was quite satisfactory, but had not received the necessary care and maintenance. If lack of maintenance caused by non co-operation resulted in a nuisance to Mr. Hutson, but without affecting other houses, this could not be regarded as a public nuisance. The Report of the Health Inspector was also submitted in which he indicated that the communal Septic Tank on Captain Hutson's property was the most suitable sewage disposal system for this particular group of houses and also stated that he found no evidence of the existence of a nuisance. The Council noted the Reports on the matter.

#### Item No. 2—Applications under Secondary and University Scholarship Schemes.

Having considered further information received regarding the letting of lands and the income from such lettings the Council agreed that the application of Bridget Anne Donohoe, Slieve Corragh, Hollywood, was acceptable under Clause 1 (b) of the Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools. As no details to confirm the income in the case had been received from Mr. Felix Kavanagh, Harbour Road, Arklow, the Council agreed that the applications of Thomas P. and D. M. Kavanagh could be accepted only under Clause 1 (a) of the Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Walsh,

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That having considered further information received we approve of the application of Bridget Anne Donohoe, Slievecorragh, Hollywood, to compete under Clause 1 (b) of the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1962.

That we accept the applications of Thomas Patrick and Denis Martin Kavanagh, Harbour Road, Arklow, to compete only under Clause 1 (a) of the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1962, in the absence of adequate information to confirm income of parents.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that twenty-two applications had been received under the University Scholarship Scheme, nineteen being from boys and three from girls. Details of the applications were submitted to and considered by the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh,

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the following applications under the University Scheme, 1962, in accordance with Clause 2 of the Scheme:—

CREAN, Maurice Thomas, "Cloghlea," Herbert Road, Bray.

DARMODY, John Joseph Patrick, "Hillcrest," Sea Road, Arklow.

McCABE, James Francis, 17 Dwyer Park, Bray.

McCANN, Brendan Eamon, 63 Beech Road, Bray.

McCANN, Michael Joseph, 63 Beech Road, Bray.

McCARTHY, Jeremiah Francis, Shelton, Arklow.

McCARTHY, Michael Vincent, Gregg's Hill, Arklow.

O'CARROLL, Caoimhghin, Dunbur Road, Wicklow.

O'FARRELL, James Brian, 22 Camaderry Road, Bray.

PURCELL, Mary Angela, Church St., Wicklow.

SHEEHAN, Peter W., Corballis, Rathdrum.

WHELAN, Patrick Finbar, Bawnogue, Rathdangan, Baltinglass.



That subject to confirmation of income we hereby approve of the following applications under the University Scholarship Scheme, 1962. Clause 2:—

CULLEN, Gerard Anthony, 63 Main Street, Bray.  
EGAN, Patrick William, "Loreto," Seaview Ave., Ferrybank, Arklow.  
McGARRY, George James, Wyndham Park, Bray.  
LAWLOR, Ann Marie, Dunlavin.  
Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 3—Deputation from Ratepayers of Ashtown Upper, Roundwood, in Regard to Roads in the Area.**

The Council received a Deputation from Ratepayers in the Ashtown/Roundwood Area represented by Messrs. M. Brennan, Charles Brien and James Brady. The Members of the Deputation stated that the Road which they sought to have re-surfaced served eighteen families and was two and a half miles in length. The Road served as a link between Lough Tay and Lough Dan and was stated to be much used by tourists. The Members of the Deputation stated that the Road could be re-surfaced without great cost and that a 9 foot width would be adequate. It was mentioned also that there were two dangerous corners on the Road and that cars could not pass on them. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, thanked the Deputation for attending and assured them that their representations would be examined. Mr. M. Brennan, thanking the Council for receiving the Deputation, expressed thanks of the people in Roundwood for the work carried out on the footpaths and expressed the hope that this work would be continued. He asked also if in future some warning could be given to residents if it were found necessary to cut off the water and mentioned that water had been cut off without notice recently for the purpose of carrying out repairs.

**Item No. 4—Letter Dated 25th April, 1962, from Department of Local Government, regarding Special Grant for Improvement of Main Road—Bray/Arklow.**

The County Secretary gave details of the Department's letter which indicated that a Grant of £30,000 was being made available for the improvement of certain sections of Main Road T.7 between Bray and Wicklow, subject to the condition that the Council allocated a similar sum from Main and County Road Improvement Grant to make a total of £60,000. The Grant would be available for works on the sections of the Road from Kilmurray to Willow Grove and from Killadreenan to Kiltiernan. The County Secretary also submitted the County Engineer's suggestions as to how the Main and County Road Improvement Grant could be re-allocated for the purpose of providing the Council's contribution of £30,000. The Council decided to adjourn the matter and asked that a copy of the Department's letter, and details of the County Engineer's recommendation, be circulated to the Members and that the matter be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Council.

**Item No. 5—Letter from Leinster Motor Club Ltd., regarding Annual Veteran Car Run to take place on 23rd June, 1962.**

The Council noted letter from the Leinster Motor Club Ltd., giving details of the proposed route for the Annual Veteran Car Run to take place on 23rd June, 1962, and that the County Engineer saw no objection to the route. The Council agreed that there was no objection to the proposals.

**Item No. 6—Proposed Closing of Road in Connection with Wicklow Regatta.**

The County Secretary stated that the Wicklow Regatta Committee had applied for the closing of the Road over the Stone Bridge, Wicklow, on Monday, 6th August, 1962, during the hours of 12 noon to 4.30 p.m. in connection with the Annual Wicklow Regatta. The Council agreed that the usual public notice could be given.

**Item No. 7—Proposed Closing of Road in Connection with Kart Racing At Wicklow.**

The County Secretary stated that the Wicklow Regatta Committee, in conjunction with the Irish Karting Club, had requested the closing of Bridge Street, Wicklow, from 7.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 8th August, 1962, for the purpose of holding Kart Racing over a Course consisting of Bridge Street, Bachelor's Walk and thence to Church St. The Urban District Council had already approved of the closing of the other streets affected. The Council agreed that there was no objection to the necessary public notice being given.

**Item No. 8—Road Improvement on Road from Enniskerry to Glencree—Acquisition of Land.**

The County Secretary stated that difficulty was being experienced in completing the acquisition of certain land for the improvement of the Enniskerry/Glencree Road and that although the landowner had agreed to the Council's offer the necessary formal Transfer had not yet been completed. If the matter could not be concluded very quickly it would be necessary to transfer the Scheme to another section of the Road. The County Secretary stated that the Scheme involved the easing of a very dangerous corner at which a fatal accident had occurred some years ago and that it had been necessary to defer this work in the previous year due to difficulties in the acquisition of the land. The Council noted the position in the matter and suggested that possibly some of the Members for the Area might be able to assist in arranging for the completion of the Transfer in respect of the land.

**Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in name of Councillors H. J. Byrne, E. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, John G. Temple, and H. B. Hipwell, in Regard to a Domestic Refuse Collection Service for the Parish of Greystones.**

In accordance with Notice of Motion the following Motion was moved by Councillor E. E. Byrne and seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

That in view of the heavy expenses by way of capital outlay and annual charges and maintenance costs which have been met by the Council in recent years in providing new services such as Vocational Schools, Water Supplies, Sewerage, Dispensaries, etc., for the towns and villages in the County Health District it is considered that it would be reasonable to provide the Parish of Greystones with a Domestic Refuse Collection Service seeing that it is one district in which in recent times the Council has had to meet practically no expenditure from rates on the provision of any new services. Consequently the Members for the Bray Electoral Area ask that the Council would again examine the possibility of providing such a service as we consider that the annual costs involved would not by any means exceed or even reach the annual charges for services provided in the past ten years for new services for many other towns in the county.



Councillor E. Byrne stated that the matter of a Domestic Scavenging Service for the Greystones Area had been discussed by the Council on a number of occasions and that although it could be said that if the service were provided in Greystones it would be sought in other parts of the county, he considered that the provision of such a service where sought was desirable. He pointed out that the Greystones Area had made very little demand on the County for special services in the past and he felt that they were entitled to this service. Councillors H. J. Byrne, Mrs. Ledwidge, J. G. Temple and H. B. Hipwell also supported the proposal. Councillor Temple urged that the Council at least approve of the proposal in principle. Councillor P. McCarthy stated that he would support the proposed provision of the service in Greystones provided that such a service was also given to the rest of the County.

Councillor Hadden enquired where the money to provide such a service would come from and stated that the matter of a Domestic Scavenging Service for Greystones had been considered previously on the basis of a Separate Charge and he did not see why it should now be reconsidered on the basis of a County Health District Charge. He admitted that a Domestic Scavenging Service might be desirable for the area, but felt it would cost a great deal. He considered also that it was likely that a similar service would be sought in many other parts of the County and that this would result in considerable costs.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne.

Resolved—That we approve in principle of the provision of a Domestic Scavenging Service for Greystones Area as a County Health District Charge and ask that the County Engineer submit detailed proposals and estimate of cost of providing such service.

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

IN FAVOUR—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. Quigley, P.C., J. Temple, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh and J. J. McCrea—17.

AGAINST—Councillor A. H. Hadden—1.  
Councillor P. McCarthy did not vote.

The Motion was declared passed by seventeen votes in favour to one against.

#### Item No. 10—Application for Provision of Additional Light and Re-distribution of Public Lights at Rathdangan.

The County Secretary stated that a quotation had been received from the E.S.B. in the sum of £79 10s. 0d. for the re-distribution of existing lights at Rathdangan including the provision of a new light about 300 feet from the Cross Roads. The cost of the work seemed very high having regard to the size of the village. On the proposal of Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Timmins, the Council approved of the carrying out of the work in accordance with the quotation, but asked that the E.S.B. be requested to reduce the cost.

#### Item No. 11—Public Lighting at Kilmagig, Avoca.

The County Secretary submitted a quotation received from the E.S.B. in the sum of £150 for the provision of three public lights between the village of Avoca and Kilmagig Housing Scheme. The County Secretary pointed out that this sum represented about 5 per cent. of the existing Annual Estimate for public lighting and that no provision had been made in the Estimate in the current year for increased public lighting. The Council agreed that the matter be deferred having regard to the high cost involved.

#### Item No. 12—Proposed Re-laying of Water Main at Whitshed Road, Greystones.

The County Secretary stated that a Plan and Specification had been prepared for the provision of a new 6" watermain at Whitshed Road, Greystones. The Chief Fire Officer had reported in 1953 regarding the inadequacy of certain watermains in Greystones for firefighting and had reported again on the 5th May, 1960, giving details of tests carried out which showed that the flow of water at Whitshed Road had decreased very much since 1953. Scraping of mains, which had been carried out, had failed to increase the flow of water in the main and he considered that the Council could not deal with any serious outbreak of fire in the Burnaby Estate on account of the limited flow of water. It was proposed accordingly to lay a new 6" main in Whitshed Road to be connected with the high pressure 6" main in the Road from Delgany to the Railway Station and it was considered that this would give a good fire coverage through the centre of the Estate. The work was estimated to cost £4,405 13s. 0d.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. H. Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor Hipwell.

Resolved—That we approve of Scheme for the laying of new watermain at Whitshed Road, Greystones, at an estimated cost of £4,405 13s. 0d. and authorise the borrowing of the necessary monies from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of twenty-five years.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 13—Proposed use of Premises at Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow—Letter from Department of Defence and Letters from Wicklow Branch, Irish Local Government Officials' Union and County Medical Officer.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Defence, in letter of 4th April, 1962, had indicated that it was essential that Local Authorities initiate arrangements towards the selection, protection and equipping of premises for use as County Control Centres and Sub-County Control Centres. A building suitable for use as a County Control Centre should be located in or near the County Town and under operational conditions would be used to accommodate upwards of 50 persons or 56 if used also as a Sub-County Control Centre. Accordingly, the building would have to be habitable and structurally sound and its wall construction should be very substantial, e.g., of heavy masonry. The County Engineer and Council's Architect had agreed that the Hospital premises at Kilmantin Hill would be suitable for use as a County Control Centre and also as a Sub-County Control



Centre and while not required for operational purposes could be used for the purposes of Offices. If the Council agreed it was proposed to arrange to have the building inspected by Officers of the Department of Defence to ascertain if the building was suitable and if so what works, if any, would be required to be carried out to it.

The County Secretary also submitted the following letter received from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union, Wicklow Branch, in regard to the condition of the Offices at Rathdrum:

**IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' UNION**  
(Wicklow Branch)

M. Flannery, Esq.,  
County Manager,  
Courthouse,  
Wicklow.

19th April, 1962.

**re Office Premises at Rathdrum.**

Dear Manager,

My Branch has noted that the Council has postponed indefinitely its decision on the question of transferring the office staff from Rathdrum to the District Hospital at Wicklow (suitably reconstructed). As the Branch has long been agitating to have the Rathdrum Office made to comply with the Office Premises Act and only refrained from pursuing the matter further in view of the above-mentioned proposal, I am to enquire what action it is now proposed to take to rectify the contravention of the Act which still exists.

At a recent meeting of the Council a member expressed the opinion that the staff was happy in Rathdrum. The member probably meant the town of Rathdrum but in case he meant the office it is felt that the complaints we have made through the years should be made known to him. We are, of course, aware that you pointed out the position to the Council in general in regard to the office before they took the decision which seems to have been based on the relative merits of Wicklow and Rathdrum. Our main concern is suitable accommodation in accordance with the Act.

Yours faithfully,

U. McCABE,  
for Hon. Branch Secretary.

The following Report of the County Medical Officer in regard to the Offices at Rathdrum was also submitted:—

Public Health Department,  
Rathdrum,  
Co. Wicklow.

18th April, 1962.

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

**re Office Premises Act—Rathdrum.**

A Chara,

With reference to previous correspondence and in particular to the Health Inspector's report on the Council Offices, Rathdrum, and the Winter temperature recordings, I should be glad to know how the position stands. For many years the Rathdrum staff have worked under appalling conditions in a building which was of workhouse stand-

ard in 1841. The offices are unsatisfactory and poorly heated, and the sanitation primitive and inadequate. In particular, the W.C. accommodation provided for the women can only be regarded as a disgrace. In Winter the temperature frequently drops below 40 deg. F. and were it ever to rise to the 65 deg. F. (the office premises standard) the staff would feel that they had encountered a heat wave. There is no hot water for washing and only a roller towel is provided. Ironically it is the Council which is entrusted with the enforcement of the Office Premises Act, and the Chief Medical Officer is the Council's Officer in respect of the Act. How does the Council propose to get the Council to enforce the Act?

Whether the staff remains in Rathdrum or moves to Wicklow is immaterial. It is, however, important that the staff be housed in conditions envisaged by our legislators when they passed the Office Premises Act and not in those of the time of Dickens and Oliver Twist.

Mise, le meas,

D. F. McCARTHY,  
Chief Medical Officer.

P.S.—As I write more slates have again fallen a scant few feet from the main door.

Councillor Haughton stated that he considered that the matter should be deferred until a decision had been reached in regard to the proposed use of Newcastle Sanatorium. Councillor P. Brennan pointed out that the office accommodation in Rathdrum was deplorable and that the staff were working under very difficult conditions. The County Secretary pointed out that the Council had agreed on the terms of a new Lease for the premises at Kilmantin Hill, but a decision had not yet been taken as to the use to which the buildings would be put. From the Reports of the County Engineer and the Council's Architect it seemed clear that it would be more economic to use the premises at Kilmantin Hill as an Office rather than to reconstruct the Offices at Rathdrum. The Council agreed that the views of the Department of Defence as to the suitability of the premises at Kilmantin Hill for use as a County and Sub-County Control Centre for Civil Defence be obtained. The Chairman pointed out that the Council had already decided to defer consideration of the matter of the transfer of office staff from Rathdrum to the premises at Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, pending a decision in regard to the use of Newcastle Sanatorium.

**Item No. 14—Report of Chief Fire Officer in Regard to Gorse Fires at Little Sugarloaf and Valleymount.**

The County Secretary stated that during the past month the Council's Fire Brigades had attended seventeen gorse and heather fires at a total cost of over £300. It appeared that in many cases the fires were deliberate and it was noted that of the seventeen fires only two occurred at week-ends. In the case of some of these fires houses were endangered. The County Secretary pointed out that in 1959 the Chief Fire Officer had also reported on forest and gorse fires which occurred during the previous Summer and which had involved an expenditure in respect of the attendance of the Fire Brigades of over £900. In his Report on this occasion he had expressed the opinion that less than 20 per cent. of the fires were caused by genuine accidents and the rest were due to vandalism and wanton destruction. Councillor O'Neill and Councillor Hipwell expressed the opinion that most of these fires were due to carelessness on the part of the public. Councillor



R. Miley paid tribute to forestry workers who had to work all night in order to extinguish an outbreak of fire which occurred recently. The County Secretary suggested that parents should instruct children in regard to the danger of lighting fires in gorse or heather as it seemed that some of the recent fires may have been caused by children.

**Item No. 15—Report of County Medical Officer in Regard to Smallpox Vaccination.**

The following Report of the County Medical Officer was submitted to and noted by the Council:—

Public Health Department,  
Rathdrum,  
Co. Wicklow.  
18th April, 1962.

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

**Re Smallpox Vaccination.**

A Chara,

A certain amount of panic seems to be creeping in because of the smallpox outbreaks in Britain. I would not, however, regard mass vaccination as either necessary or desirable. Since vaccination ceased to be compulsory it has always been available on a voluntary basis, and parents and guardians of all children are notified from this office when the children are about six months old, asking them to see that vaccination is carried out. Despite this, however, the response is almost nil.

The Trade Union Authorities, now so concerned in the matter, might, perhaps, consider urging the members to take full advantage of vaccination and the other preventive inoculations available from the District Medical Officers and the Health Departments. This might help to give us properly protected communities and avert panic on any future occasion.

Mise, le meas,

D. F. McCARTHY,

Chief Medical Officer.

In reply to enquiry by Councillor Hipwell the County Secretary stated that persons could obtain Vaccination at the Council's Dispensaries.

**Item No. 16—Letter from Department of Health Regarding Incidence of the Cost of Health Services.**

A copy of the letter of 5th April, 1962, from the Department of Health regarding the cost of Health Services had been circulated to the Members of the Council. The Council noted the terms of the letter.

**Pedestrian Crossing at Bray.**

Councillor Temple stated that the Council had arranged to provide a Pedestrian Crossing at Bray and the work had been carried out and the beacons erected, but this was no sooner done than some vandal had removed the globe from one of the beacons. It had recently been reported that the second globe had now been removed. He considered that this act was worse than vandalism and stated that some people must know who was responsible for it, and he considered they should come along and inform the Authorities. The County Secretary stated that when the first globe had been removed another had been ordered, but it took a considerable time to obtain this globe which had to be ordered from England and was of a special type. It would be necessary now to order a second globe and this would defer putting the Pedestrian Crossing into operation.

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

Having regard to the absence of the County Manager on a Civil Defence Course the Council decided to defer consideration of any enquiries in regard to County Manager's Orders.

**Deputation from Rathnew regarding Water Supply and Sewerage Services.**

The Council agreed to receive a Deputation from Rathnew which consisted of Reverend W. Dunlea, C.C., and Messrs. F. Hynes and J. Ellis. Reverend Father Dunlea thanked the Council for receiving the Deputation at short notice and stated that the matter related to the provision of water supply and sewerage for houses at Merrymount, St. Patrick's Terrace, and St. Brigid's Terrace, Rathnew. Father Dunlea stated that people in the area had been expecting that a charge of 2s. 6d. by way of increase in rent would be made in respect of the provision of services, but had now been informed that the charge would be 3s. 6d. He stated that there was not a lot of employment in Rathnew and asked if the Council would re-consider the decision to charge 3s. 6d. having regard to the number of unemployed in the village. Mr. F. Hynes referred to a previous Deputation received by the Council, at which it had been agreed that water and sewerage facilities would be provided for the Cottages in the village and stated that the people had then understood that the charge for the service would be 2s. 6d. as an increase in rent and this they were prepared to pay. A charge of 3s. 6d., however, was now proposed to be made and many of the people would be unable to pay this sum. He asked that the Council re-consider the matter and allow the charge to remain at 2s. 6d. per week. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, thanked the Members of the Deputation for attending and assured them that the points made would be considered by the Council.

**Notice of Motion.**

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor M. J. O'Neill and accepted by the Chairman:—

That I or someone for me will move a motion at the next Meeting of the Council requesting that consideration be given to the matter of putting the water pump at Winetavern Upper into proper order.



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, 4th June, 1962, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

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

An apology for inability to attend due to illness was received from Councillor G. W. Hudson.

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

### AGENDA.

1. Applications for Supplementary Grants for Reconstruction of house at Tinahely and for erection of New House at Enniskerry.
2. Application for consent to sale of Vested Cottage at Knockanode, Avoca.
3. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—That I or some Member of this Council move for me that this Council declares that William Tighe, Blessington, to whom a Council Cottage was let under Section 24 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, is a qualified person for the purposes of Section 16 of the Labourers' Act, 1936, and that the Cottage he now occupies be vested in him.
4. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That the Council consider requesting the Department of Defence to allow the taking of a further supply of water for four houses in the Townlands of Coan and Ballinreddin and also to extend that supply to Cottages in Rustyduff, Knockenarrigan.
5. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That the Water Pump at Winetavern Upper be put into proper working order.
6. Report in regard to matter of Water Supply in Windgates Area.
7. Provision of Water and Sewerage for Cottages at Rathnew.
8. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That the Council take steps to have dangerous trees overhanging two Council houses, Nolan and Plant at Parkmore, Baltinglass, removed.
9. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
10. Repairs carried out during Month of May, 1962, and to be carried out during Month of June, 1962.



**Item No. 1—Applications for Supplementary Grants for Reconstruction of House at Tinahely and for Erection of New House at Enniskerry.**

The Co. Secretary stated that a State grant of £100 had been allocated in respect of the Reconstruction of a house by Miss Rosanna Nolan, Laragh, Tinahely. The dwelling, however, was under 500 sq. ft. floor area. If the Council approved a Supplementary Grant of £100 could be paid to the applicant.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor Timmins:

Resolved—That we note Report regarding house of Miss Rosanna Nolan, Laragh, Tinahely, and approve of payment of Supplementary Grant of £100 in respect of the Reconstruction of the house.  
Passed unanimously.

An application had been received from Miss Elsie McKenzie, Glenbrook, Enniskerry, for a Grant towards the erection of a new dwellinghouse at Enniskerry. A State Grant of £225 had been allocated. On the basis of the details of income submitted the applicant would be entitled to a Grant of £150 under the Council's Scheme. Particulars of the income were submitted to the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Deering:

Resolved—That having considered Reports received we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £150 to Miss Elsie McKenzie, Glenbrook, Enniskerry, in respect of the erection of new house at Ballyman Road, Enniskerry.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 2—Application for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottage at Knockanode, Avoca.**

The Council considered the application of Richard Kenny for consent to the disposal by him of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 181/8 at Knockanode, Avoca, to William Stewart, Redcross. The Co. Secretary stated that Richard Kenny was leaving to take up employment in Dublin and would not be seeking re-housing by the Council. The proposed purchaser was a qualified person. Having discussed the details of the application and the payment proposed to be made for the Cottage:

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell;

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

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the disposal by Richard Kenny of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 181/8 at Knockanode, Avoca, to William Stewart, Redcross.

Passed—Councillor H. J. Byrne dissenting.

**Item No. 3—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—That I or some Member of this Council move for me that this Council declares that William Tighe, Blessington, to whom a Council Cottage was let under Section 24 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1950, is a qualified person for the purposes of Section 16 of the Labourers' Act, 1936, and that the Cottage he now occupies be vested in him.**

Councillor Miley urged that the Council declare William Tighe, Blessington, to be a qualified person to enable him to purchase the Cottage which he occupied at Blessington. He contended that since Mr. Tighe had been accepted as tenant of the Cottage that he should therefore be also accepted as a qualified person for the purposes of the Cottage Purchase Scheme under the Labourers' Act, 1936. The County Manager stated that houses had been let occasionally by the Council to Civic Guards where no other suitable applicant was available. According to the Counsel's opinion obtained by the Council a Civic Guard would not come within the definition of an agricultural labourer and consequently could not be accepted as a qualified person for the purpose of availing of a Cottage Purchase Scheme. The Co. Manager referred to the case of another Guard, Guard Griffin at Baltinglass, in relation to a proposal to declare him a qualified person for the purpose of purchasing his house which had been considered by the Council some months previously and the Council by a majority had decided that it would not be proper to declare a Civic Guard to be so qualified. The Council had received letters from a Solicitor on behalf of Civic Guards residing in Council Cottages and as it was expected that it would be contended that their being accepted as tenants at a rent less than the economic rent could be interpreted as accepting them as being qualified persons for the purpose of a Purchase Scheme, it was decided to fix the rent of such houses occupied by Guards at the economic level. Following a discussion on the matter

It was

Proposed by Councillor McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Temple:

Resolved—That the proposal be deferred and that the rent be reduced to previous level and that the Council withdraw the application to the Courts for possession of the Cottages occupied by Civic Guards.

The County Manager indicated that he was prepared to agree to defer any proceedings for recovery of possession and to reduce the rent to that previously assessed provided that the Civic Guards in question withdrew their applications to purchase. It was agreed that further legal advice be obtained on the matter. The County Manager pointed out that although a Purchase Scheme had been adopted by the Council for the houses occupied by Civic Guards at Blessington and Baltinglass the Scheme had not yet been sanctioned by the Minister and consequently was not yet operative.



**Item No. 4—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—**  
That the Council request the Department of Defence to allow the taking of a further supply of water for four houses in the Townlands of Coan and Ballineddin and also to extend that supply to Cottages in Rustyduff, Kneekenaigra.

The following Report of the Assistant County Engineer was submitted:

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

Blessington,  
Co. Wicklow.  
2nd June, 1962.

**Re Provision of Water Supply at Rustyduff and Ballineddin.**

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter re the above, there are two distinct cases to be dealt with. The position is as follows:—

**Rustyduff**—A metered connection from a pipeline the property of the Minister of Defence, supplies a roadside fountain erected by the County Council, some 30 years ago, or so. This serves five Council cottages, the nearest being approximately 200 yards and the farthest some 400 yards from the fountain. It is claimed by the tenants that in view of the relatively isolated position of the fountain it is frequently damaged and out of order, and that re-siting close to the cottages would eliminate this.

If the re-siting of the fountain is approved I would suggest a position close to the road junction near Rustyduff Bridge and opposite Keogh's cottage. This would be within 200 ft. of Connell's and Kenny's cottages. I estimate that the cost of running 1½" diameter polythene piping from the existing metered connection and providing a bibcock fountain would be £100 approx. This should be suitable in the event of connections being sought at a later stage by the tenants.

A ½" connection from this pipe at the Ballineddin road junction would serve the cottages of P. White (Vested) and P. Molyneux, both of whom are anxious, I understand, to have water supply installed. This pipe and fittings to stop-cocks would cost about £20.

**Ballineddin and Coan**—I have been informed that the water main from the intake at Lugnaquilla to Coolmoney Military Camp runs along the public roadway past the houses concerned. These are farmers' houses with the exception of one Council Cottage vested by Mrs. J. Kenny. As these are spaced over a distance of about 1½ miles individual connections would be required and I expect that they would qualify for grants. It would then seem to be a matter for arrangement as a non-public water supply between the individuals concerned and the Minister for Defence.

Yours faithfully,

S. O. FEARGHAILL,

Assistant County Engineer.

SOF/PB.

The Council agreed that enquiry be addressed to the Department of Defence as to whether permission would be granted by the Department to persons who wished to take a supply of water from the main serving Coolmoney Camp for their houses and also as to whether a sufficient supply of water could be made available to the Council, to serve the fountain and to provide a supply to any Cottages which required it.

**Item No. 5—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—**  
That the Water Pump at Winetavern Upper be put into proper working order.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that this Pump had not been in use for a considerable time and that even when in working order that complaints were made about the quality of the water. It would be necessary to withdraw the pump parts and to sludge out the borehole and he had made arrangements for this work to be undertaken when plant became available after similar work had been completed at Toberboy at Clough Pumps. Councillor O'Neill asked that the Engineer also examine as to whether the well had been sunk deep enough and if necessary arrange to deepen it. The Council noted the Report in the matter.

**Item No. 6—Report in regard to matter of Water Supply in Windgates Area.**

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had examined into the matter of the provision of a water supply for the Windgates Area. There were difficulties in supplying this area with water economically on account of its height above sea level. The existing supply from the reservoir at Templecarrig might be improved by taking in additional streams and the main extended to serve Windgates, but it would be necessary first to gauge the quantity of water which would be available in the dry season. It would be necessary also in such a Scheme to arrange for pumping of the water to the higher level. Alternatively, the Dublin Corporation main at Redford could be extended to provide a supply to Windgates, but it was possible that this might also require pumping and the terms on which a supply would be made available by Dublin Corporation would have to be examined. The Council noted the position in the matter and agreed that the matter of providing a water supply for the area be further examined and further Report submitted to the Council.

**Item No. 7—Provision of Water and Sewerage for Cottages at Rathnew.**

The County Secretary referred to the reception of a Deputation from the Rathnew Area at the previous Meeting of the Council in regard to the charge proposed to be made for the supply of water and the provision of sewerage facilities to Cottages in Rathnew. It had been agreed by the Council at the Meeting in August that in all cases where a water supply was provided to Council Cottages or sewerage facilities installed in Council Cottages that a charge of 1s. 9d. per week in respect of water and 1s. 9d. per week in respect of sewerage would be made by way of an increase in rent. This arrangement had already been accepted in respect of the Cottages at Kippeder and at Newtownmountkennedy. In reply to Councillor J. Everett, T.D., who stated that the tenants in Rathnew had been informed that the cost of providing water supply and sewerage would involve an increase in rent of only 2s. 6d. per week the County Manager pointed out that the contribution then sought was based on a preliminary estimate and that since that date costs had increased. He pointed out that the Scheme provided for the installation of the necessary water fittings and sanitary fittings in the Cottages and particulars of the cost of these works were given to the Council. The Council decided to defer the matter for further consideration at the next Housing Meeting of the Council.



- Item No. 8—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—  
That the Council take steps to have dangerous trees over-  
hanging two Council Houses, Nolan and Plant, at Parkmore,  
Baltinglass, removed.

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor O'Neill, the County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that on observation the two trees referred to in the Notice of Motion did not appear to him to be dangerous. The trees were about 50 ft. in height and added considerably to the appearance of the Parkmore Scheme and he would like to have a qualified opinion before suggesting that they might be removed. Of the four trees already removed in the present year as being dangerous, only one showed signs of internal decay and this was quite obvious even before cutting. The removal of the trees would require the disconnection of both E.S.B. and P. and T. lines and also cause the obstruction of the Baltinglass-Kiltegan Road for some hours. The cost would be approximately £23 per tree exclusive of any E.S.B. and P. and T. charges. Councillor O'Neill stated that the tenants were unable to cultivate their plots as branches of the trees overhung their gardens and he suggested that it might be sufficient if the trees were boughed. It was agreed that the matter of boughing the trees be examined by the Engineer.

- Item No. 9—Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.

The County Secretary stated that during the previous month two Town Planning Applications had been refused. An application of W. S. Molloy, Esq., Dun Laoghaire, for approval to the erection of a bungalow at Willow Grove was refused as the documents submitted were inadequate, no proper Site Plan having been submitted and other details necessary not being available. An application by Liam R. Moore, Esq., of Blainroe Garage for permission to erect a sign at the junction of the Silver Strand Road and the Brittas Bay Road was refused as it was considered that the erection of such a Sign would tend to distract motorists and cause danger to traffic.

- Item No. 10.—Repairs carried out during the month of May, 1962, and to be carried out during month of June, 1962.

The Council noted the details submitted of repairs to Cottages carried out during the month of May and of Cottages to be repaired during the month of June, 1962.

- Transfer of Reverend J. Collins, C.C., Manor Kilbride.

Councillor J. Miley stated that Reverend J. Collins, C.C., Manor Kilbride, was leaving the County and going to Dublin. He paid tribute to the work done by Father Collins in improving the living conditions of the people in the Parish and throughout the county by the example set in Manor Kilbride. The other Members of the Council joined in the tribute to Father Collins and asked that the best wishes of the Members be conveyed to him.

- Pumps a Kilcoole

Councillor Temple asked that the condition of Pumps at Kilcoole be examined as complaints had been received regarding the water from these pumps.

- Fencing of Area at Slate Row, Rathdrum.

Councillor Haughton enquired why an area of land adjoining the road at Slate Row, Rathdrum, had not been fenced as had been requested previously. The assistant County Engineer stated that fencing was on order, but had not yet been received.

- Sewerage at Kilmagig.

Councillor Haughton stated that sewerage was coming up through a manhole at the gateway of one of the Cottages at Kilmagig and asked that this matter be attended to as a matter of urgency.

- Notices of Motion

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

In the names of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory and R. Miley—That I or someone for me will move at the next Meeting of the Council that the watermain at Rathnew be extended to provide water for 64 houses in the village of Rathnew and sewerage.

In the names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory and R. Miley—That at the next Meeting I shall move that a Pump be erected at Knockrobin, Rathnew, for supply of water for domestic purposes for tenants of Council Cottages.

In the name of Councillor M. Walsh—That I or some Member of the Council shall move for me that a Sewerage Scheme be provided for the village of Shillelagh.

In the name of Councillor A. H. Hadden—That I or someone for me will move at the next Meeting that the Council approve the use of the Hospital building at Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, for the purposes of offices for the Council's Staff at present located at Rathdrum, in view of the unsatisfactory character of the offices at Rathdrum as reported to Meeting on the 14th May, 1962.

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That I or someone for me will move a Motion requesting the Council to grant the application of Thomas Byrne, Brockna, Kiltegan, to erect a Petrol Pump at and on his premises at Brockna.

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That I or someone for me will move that the Council request the Minister for Agriculture to bring in amending legislation in order to set up an Agricultural Wages Board that would make a more realistic approach to land productivity, County and Parochial boundaries, in the fixation of Agricultural Wages.



## Wicklow County Council

A meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 18th June, 1962, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended:

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., P. McCarthy, John Quigley, G. Timmins, Alan H. Hadden, Mark Deering, James Miley, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, James D. Haughton and J. Gregory.

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

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

### AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 9th April, 7th and 14th May, 1962.
2. Overdrafts on General Account and Capital Account for quarter to 30th September, 1962.
3. To fix date for Annual Meeting of the Council.
4. Proposal regarding use of Newcastle Sanatorium—To fix date for Special Meeting.
5. To determine and make County Rate for service of financial year ending 31st March, 1963, and sign and seal Rate Books and authorise affixing of seal to Rate Collectors' Warrants and sign and seal Demands on Urban District Councils.
6. Road Works Scheme 1962/'63—Letter from Department of Local Government regarding allocation of Special Grant of £30,000 and recommendations of County Engineer.
7. Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1963—Letter from Department of Education dated 9th June, 1962, regarding the submission of Schemes for 1963.
8. Health (Fluoridation of Water Supplies) Act, 1960, and Fluoridation of Water Supplies (Wicklow) Regulations, 1962—Letter from Department of Health regarding fluoridation of Arklow Water Supply, Enniskerry Water Supply and Wicklow Regional Water Supply.
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—That a Sewerage Scheme be provided for the Village of Shillelagh.
10. Applications for Loans for Reconstruction, Repair and Improvement of Dwellings—Opinion of Council's Solicitor.
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill — That application of Thomas Byrne, Brockna, Kiltegan, to erect Petrol Pump at and on his premises at Brockna be granted.
12. Applications for increases in wages of Roadworkers—Report of Conciliation Conference at Labour Court.
13. Proposed extension of Burial Ground at Glendalough—Report in regard to Meeting of Members of Council with representatives of National Monuments Advisory Council.



14. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor A. H. Hadden—That the Council approve the use of the Hospital building at Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, for the purpose of Offices for the Council's Staff at present located at Rathdrum in view of the unsatisfactory character of the Office at Rathdrum as reported to the Meeting on the 14th May, 1962.
15. Board for Employment of the Blind—Letter from Department of Social Welfare re Contribution.
16. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—That Michael Donoghue be paid at the same rate as other Overseers in the County.
17. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor John Quigley—That I or someone for me will move that Council request Minister for Agriculture to bring in amending legislation in order to set up an Agricultural Wages Board that would make a more realistic approach to land productivity, County and Parochial Boundaries, in the fixation of Agricultural Wages.
18. Letter from County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture forwarding Resolution received from Aughrim Branch, N.F.A., in regard to Sheep Dipping.
19. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

#### Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D. Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with Councillor M. J. O'Neill on the death of his Mother.

#### Item No 1—Minutes.

The County Secretary stated that the Minutes for the Meetings held on the 7th and 14th May, 1962, had not yet been circulated to the Members.

It was

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

Resolved—That we hereby affirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 9th April, 1962.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 2—Overdrafts on General Account and Capital Account for Quarter to 30th September, 1962.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell;  
Seconded by Councillor H. J. 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 30th September, 1962, shall not exceed £200,000.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell;  
Seconded by Councillor H. J. 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 Capital Account as may be required and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 30th September, 1962, shall not exceed £7,500.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 3—To fix a date for Annual Meeting of the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell;  
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby fix Monday, 25th June, 1962, at 2.30 p.m., as the date and time for the Annual Meeting of the Council.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 4—Proposal regarding use of Newcastle Sanatorium—To fix date for Special Meeting.

On the proposal of Councillor H. Hipwell, Seconded by Councillor R. Miley, the Council decided to hold Special Meeting for the purpose of considering proposed use of Newcastle Sanatorium on the 25th June, 1962, following the termination of the Annual Meeting.

#### Item No. 5—To determine and make County Rate for Service of Financial Year Ending 31st March, 1963, and sign and seal Rate Books and authorise affixing of seal to Rate Collectors' Warrants and sign and seal demands on Urban District Councils.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell;  
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.:

Resolved—That we now adopt the rates for the service of the financial year ending on 31st March, 1963, and allow and make same as assessed in the Rate Books and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Rate Collectors' Warrants for the year ending on 31st March, 1963.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell;  
Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.:

Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Demands on the Urban District Councils in respect of the year ending on 31st March, 1963, as follows:—

Arklow	...	...	...	£12,912 12 4
Bray	...	...	...	£53,204 3 2
Wicklow	...	...	...	£10,275 7 8

Passed unanimously.



In reply to enquiries from Members regarding the effect of the new allowances of Agricultural Grant the County Secretary gave examples of the effect of the new legislation as compared with the position prior thereto. In the case of a farmer with a valuation of £30 and one employee the amount of rates payable prior to the 1962 legislation was £17 11s. 11d. and this was now reduced to £8 19s. 3d. For a valuation of £50 with one employee the rates payable previously would have been £56 0s. 3d. and the rates now were £37 15s. 8d. For a farm of valuation £70 with one employee the rates formerly were £94 8s. 8d. and now amounted to £66 12s. 1d.

**Item No. 6—Road Works Scheme 1962/63—Letter from Department of Local Government regarding Allocation of Special Grant of £30,000 and Recommendations of County Engineer.**

The County Secretary stated that a copy of the Department's letter, together with details of the County Engineer's proposals had been circulated to the Members. The Grant of £30,000 was being allocated by the Department subject to the Council supplementing the Grant with a similar amount of £30,000 to be provided out of Main Road Improvement Grant 1962/63, together with any transfer of funds which might be made by the Council from County Road Improvement Grant. The Special Grant was assigned for works on the main trunk Road between Bray and Wicklow, on the sections between Kilmurray and Willow Grove and Killadreenan and Kiltimon. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., opposed the proposed transfer of monies from County Roads and suggested that the Council might raise a Loan in order to provide the necessary contribution to qualify for Grant. Councillor H. J. Byrne was also opposed to the transfer of any monies for work on Main Roads. Colr. E. Byrne and Colr. P. Brennan, T.D., together with Colr. Temple and other Members felt that the offer of the extra Grant should be availed of. Following further discussion on the matter it was agreed on the suggestion of Councillor Hipwell that the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area and for the Wicklow Electoral Area meet and consider the matter and report back to the Council. It was agreed that the Committee of the Members would meet following the termination of the Annual Meeting and Special Meeting on the 25th June, 1962.

**Item No. 7.—Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other Approved Schools, 1963—Letter from Department of Education dated 9th June, 1962, regarding the submission of Schemes for 1963.**

The County Secretary stated that the Department had indicated that there would be no change in the age limits nor the Schemes in the coming year and consequently the age limits would be 11 to 13 years on the 1st January of the year of the Examination. It was indicated in the letter that the Minister considered it desirable that Scholarship holders who obtained the Intermediate Certificate should have the option of following a Course in Technology at an Approved School. Councils were requested therefore to be good enough to make provision accordingly in their Schemes. Particulars of the Courses approved for Scholarship purposes were given in the Department's letter. The Council decided to refer the matter to the Scholarships Committee for consideration in connection with the preparation of the Scheme for 1963.

**Item No. 8.—Health (Fluoridation of Water Supplies) Act, 1960, and Fluoridation of Water Supplies (Wicklow) Regulations, 1962—Letter from Department of Health regarding Fluoridation of Arklow Water Supply, Enniskerry Water Supply and Wicklow Regional Water Supply.**

The County Secretary stated that the Minister for Health had made regulations which prescribed that the Council arrange for the fluoridation of the Arklow Water Supply, the Enniskerry Water Supply and Wicklow Regional Water Supply, before the 1st April, 1963. Colr. J. Temple referred to a statement he had seen in the newspapers in regard to a person having decided to take proceedings to contest the introduction of fluoridation of water supplies and it appeared that the Court would be asked to determine if the Act was constitutional. He felt it might be desirable to defer considering the matter until the Court case had been determined. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that the Minister had been advised by medical and dental authorities before it had been decided to introduce fluoridation and that this Scheme would protect children's teeth. In reply to enquiries from Members the County Manager stated that the matter of fluoridation of water supplies had been examined very carefully and a special Consultative Council had been set up to consider all aspects of the matter and to report to the Minister before the Bill was introduced. The medical profession and dental profession was strongly represented on the Council together with representatives of Local Authorities, Engineers and Officers of the Department of Health and Local Government. The Minister for Health had also arranged for the preparation of a Report on the incidence of dental caries in schoolchildren and on the analysis of public piped water supplies in Dublin, Kildare and Wicklow. This report showed that dental defects in children were very high and if fluorine were added to the water it was felt that this would help to stop the deterioration. The matter had been examined fully by the professions involved and the Scheme had been accepted by the Dail. The County Manager felt the Council should now accept it. The Council decided to approve of the matter in principle and agreed that enquiries be made regarding the equipment to be used for fluoridating the water supplies.

**Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—That a sewerage scheme be provided for the village of Shillelagh.**

The County Secretary stated that the matter of a Sewerage Scheme for Shillelagh had been considered by the Council in 1959 and the County Medical Officer had at that time reported on the matter. The County Engineer had submitted an estimate of the cost of the Scheme at £6,460. The County Medical Officer, in his Report, stated that of 67 houses in the village only 22 had water connections. In a Report in regard to a proposed Sewerage Scheme for Avoca the County Medical Officer had indicated that in his opinion the provision of water was an essential public health service, whereas the provision of a Sewerage Scheme, except under certain circumstances, was considered an amenity. Councillor Miss Walsh stated that the conditions in Shillelagh due to the lack of a Sewerage System were a disgrace and a menace to the health of the community. She urged very strongly that the Council should arrange for the provision of a Sewerage Scheme in Shillelagh. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., supporting the proposal, stated that most of the houses in Shillelagh were the property of the Coollatin Estate and that he understood that previously the Estate was prepared to provide sanitary equipment if a Sewerage Scheme were made available. He suggested that the Agent of the Estate be consulted. It was agreed



that the Chairman, together with Councillor Miss Walsh and Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., would arrange to meet the Agent of the Estate with a view to ascertaining if the Estate would be prepared to connect all their houses to a Sewerage Scheme if such were provided.

**Item No. 10.—Applications for Loans for Reconstruction, Repair and Improvement of Dwellinghouses—Opinion of Council's Solicitor.**

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had now advised in regard to the proposal that Loans advanced by the Council under the Council's Scheme for Loans towards the cost of Reconstruction, Repair and Improvement of dwellings, should include a sum to cover legal costs and had given as his opinion that legal costs could not be included in the amount of the Loan. The Council had received only two Applications for Loans, viz., from Mrs. Kate Farrell, The Glen, Clonregal, Ferns, for the sum of £70, and from Mr. J. A. Pascal Monaghan, Crossbridge, Tinahely, for the sum of £80. Councillor Temple pointed out that he had raised this matter in connection with Loans under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts and that he might wish to raise the matter again in relation to such loans.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of the following Loans towards the cost of Repair and Improvement Works to dwellinghouses:

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| 1.—Mrs. K. Farrell, The Glen, Clonregal     | £70. |
| 2.—J. A. P. Monaghan, Crossbridge, Tinahely | £80. |

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 11.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That application of Thomas Byrne, Brockna, Kiltegan, to erect Petrol Pump at and on his premises at Brockna be granted.**

In the absence of Councillor O'Neill it was decided to defer consideration of this Notice of Motion.

The County Secretary referred to work which had been carried out at the Green Lizard alongside the Main Bray/Wicklow Road some distance north of Ashford and stated that it seemed that the erection of a fountain and sunken pool and kerbing caused an obstruction to the public road and that it was proposed to take proceedings for their removal. Members of the Council pointed out that the premises had been very much improved and the general appearance of this area had been enhanced by the works carried out and felt that some agreement should be reached on the matter. The County Manager pointed out that the Council might be held responsible in the event of any accident arising from the works carried out immediately alongside the carriageway. It was suggested by Members of the Council that possibly an indemnity might be obtained from the owner.

**Item No. 12.—Applications for Increases in Wages of Roadworkers—Report of Conciliation Conference at Labour Court.**

The County Secretary stated that the County Manager and the County Secretary had attended at a Conciliation Conference at the Labour Court in relation to the claim of the Federation of Rural Workers for an increase in wages of Roadworkers. It had not been possible to reach an agreement and the matter was being referred to the Labour Court. It had been indicated at the Conference that the County Manager could not recommend to the Council any increase in

excess of 4s. 6d. per week. The Council noted that the matter was referred to the Labour Court.

**Item No. 13.—Proposed extension of Burial Ground at Glendalough—Report in regard to meeting of Members of Council with representatives of National Monuments Advisory Council.**

The following Report was submitted by the County Secretary:—

**PROPOSED EXTENSION OF GLENDALOUGH BURIAL GROUND.**

In accordance with the decision of the Council at the Meeting on 9th April, 1962, Members of the Council met representatives of the National Monuments Advisory Council at Glendalough on 15th May, 1962, in connection with the proposed extension to the Graveyard at Glendalough.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillor R. Miley, Councillor J. Haughton, Councillor J. Quigley, P.C., Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., and Councillor J. Everett, T.D.

Lord Killanin, Chairman of the National Monuments Advisory Council, Professor M. J. O'Kelly, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. A. T. Lucas, Hon. Secretary, represented the National Monuments Advisory Council.

Mr. Lucas, Hon. Secretary of the Advisory Council, informed the Members that the National Monuments Advisory Council was a body established to advise the Minister in relation to National Monuments. They were concerned lest any damage might be caused to existing Monuments or any action taken which might hinder necessary archaeological research. Professor O'Kelly illustrated on a map the area of Glendalough which was considered of particular archaeological importance as being the site of the early Monastic Settlement. This area of particular interest covered the raised area of land on which the Cathedral and the Burial Ground were sited and which area included the additional plot of land which the Council proposed to use for the purposes of an extension of the Burial Ground. Professor O'Kelly emphasised that the particular area of land now proposed to be used for burials was the only remaining section of the site of the Monastic Settlement which remained completely undisturbed and consequently was of vital importance for the purposes of archaeological research. The Members of the Advisory Council pointed out that comparatively little was known of the history of Glendalough as there were no written records and that the only way in which adequate information could be obtained was by careful sifting of the soil and examination of any articles found. They explained that this was a most laborious and detailed procedure and could extend over a very prolonged period. With modern methods of research considerable information could be obtained by this method and examples were given by means of photographs showing work which had been carried out recently at Dublin Castle and elsewhere. Professor O'Kelly, in stressing the importance of the site at Glendalough, stated that Glendalough and Clonmacnoise were the earliest Monastic Settlements and the most important in all of Western Europe and consequently the preservation of this section of land which had remained untouched to enable archaeological research to be carried out on it was of the utmost importance. Councillor Miley and Members of the Council indicated the steps which the Council had taken in previous years to provide additional grave spaces in the Burial Ground at Glendalough and the local demand for additional



grave spaces. The land now proposed to be used was being offered to the Council free by the owner. They referred to the strong local sentiment in relation to the Burial Ground at Glendalough and the applications which had been made to the Council to provide extra burial spaces adjoining the existing Burial Ground. Professor O'Kelly agreed that local interests were very much in favour of providing the additional burial spaces at Glendalough, but stressed that the National interest was of greater importance and that the National interest required that this area of land be kept free of all disturbance for the purpose of essential archaeological research.

It was agreed by the Members of the Council and by representatives of the National Monuments Advisory Council that a Report of the discussions be submitted to the next Meeting of the Council and the Chairman assured the representatives of the National Monuments Advisory Council that the views expressed by them would be brought to the notice of the Council and given every consideration.

The Chairman stated that the representatives of the National Monuments Advisory Council gave no indication as to when they would be in a position to examine the soil nor how long such examination might take. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that he had felt that any such investigations should be carried out immediately and that he was prepared to agree to the matter of the extension of the Cemetery being deferred for a period to allow such examination to be completed. However, the representatives of the Advisory Council had indicated that they could not set any time limit on the completion of the investigations. The County Manager stated that it would be a pity if this area of land were used for an extension of the Burial Ground and pointed out that it was only in comparatively recent years that it was possible to carry out such archaeological research.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That the Council proceed with the provision of the extra grave spaces at Glendalough in the extension offered to the Council by Mr. Wynne.

Passed—Councillor H. J. Byrne dissenting.

**Item No. 14.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor A. H. Hadden**  
That the Council approve the use of the Hospital Building at Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, for the purpose of offices for the Council's Staff at present located at Rathdrum in view of the unsatisfactory character of the offices at Rathdrum as reported to the Meeting on the 14th May, 1962.

Councillor Hadden stated that he was proposing the matter as from the Reports submitted to the Council it seemed clear that the Offices at Rathdrum were unsatisfactory and it was essential to provide satisfactory Offices for the staff at present housed there.

It was

Proposed by Councillor A. Hadden;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of the use of the Hospital building

at Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, for the purpose of Offices for the Council's Staff at present located at Rathdrum, in view of the unsatisfactory character of the Offices at Rathdrum as reported to the Meeting of the Council on 14th May, 1962.

Councillor McCarthy pointed out that when the matter had previously been considered by the Council a Resolution had been passed deferring it pending consideration of the future use of New-castle Sanatorium. He felt that the Council was not in order in considering the matter. Following a discussion on the matter the Council decided to adjourn consideration of the Motion pending the receipt of Legal opinion as to whether the Council were in order in considering it in view of the Resolution previously passed by the Council deferring consideration of the matter.

**Item No. 15.—Board for Employment of the Blind—Letter from Department of Social Welfare re Contribution.**

The County Secretary submitted letter of 5th June, 1962, from Department of Social Welfare regarding the question of contributing towards the annual expenses of the Board for the Employment of the Blind. The Department enquired if the Council had considered the question of making a contribution in the current financial year and pointed out that 28 out of the 31 Local Authorities had been making contributions limited to a yield of a  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. in the pound towards the expenses of the Board since its establishment and that these contributions had been unfairly inflated as a result of the refusal of the remaining three Authorities to bear their share of the cost. The Department asked that the matter be again considered by the Council and that the Council be urged to participate in the project. The County Secretary stated that the Council's previous decision on the matter was to the effect that the Council would contribute up to  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. in the pound towards the annual expenses of the Board provided that the Department of Social Welfare contributed a similar amount. The County Councils of Wexford and Donegal also were not contributing. The Council decided to adhere to the previous decision on the matter.

**Item No. 16.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—**  
That Michael Donoghue be paid at the same rate as other Overseers in the County.

Councillor Miley supported by Councillor Timmins, stated that Mr. Michael Donoghue carried out the same duties as Overseers and had the same responsibilities as an Overseer, but was not in receipt of the wage rate for Overseers. The County Secretary stated that Mr. Donoghue was graded as an Assistant Overseer and was not responsible for an area as were other Overseers. Consequently he did not carry the same responsibilities as an Overseer and was not entitled to remuneration as an Overseer. Mr. Donoghue acted as an Assistant to Overseers Corrigan and Ryan. Following a discussion on the matter Councillor Miley stated that he would hand in a Notice of Motion that Michael Donoghue be raised to the status of an Overseer and be paid accordingly.



**Item No. 17.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor John Quigley** That I or someone for me will move that Council request Minister for Agriculture to bring in amending legislation in order to set up an Agricultural Wages Board that would make a more realistic approach to land productivity, County and Parochial Boundaries, in the fixation of Agricultural Wages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we request the Minister for Agriculture to bring in amending legislation in order to set up an Agricultural Wages Board that would make a more realistic approach to land productivity, County and Parochial Boundaries, in the fixation of Agricultural Wages.

Councillor Quigley pointed out that there were different rates of wages paid in adjoining areas in the County and that he felt that the same rate of wages should apply in the southern part of the County as in the rest of the County. Members of the Council pointed out that there were similar variations in rates in other Counties and it was suggested that the Resolution might be forwarded to the General Council of County Councils for consideration. The Council agreed that the matter be referred to the General Council of County Councils.

**Item No. 18.—Letter from County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture forwarding Resolution received from Aughrim Branch, N.F.A., in regard to Sheep Dipping.**

The County Secretary stated that the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture forwarded a resolution which had been received from the Aughrim Branch, N.F.A., and read as follows:—

"That it is desirable that the Sheep Dipping period be brought forward one month to begin on July 1st, as the sale of sheep is taking place earlier these past few years than when the Sheep Dipping Regulations were first introduced."

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Agriculture had informed the Council early in the year that it was intended to introduce shortly two Sheep Dipping periods in each year, the first being from the 15th June to 31st July and the second from the 15th August to 31st October. While this arrangement did not operate in the present year it was expected that it would come into operation in 1963. Councillor Hadden expressed the opinion that it would be undesirable to bring forward the period for Sheep Dipping as suggested in the Resolution and that the proposed two dipping periods as proposed by the Department would seem preferable. The Council agreed to await the new Regulations to be made by the Department.

**Item No. 19.—Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.**

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge referred to a recent emergency case which had been brought to St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown, but would not be treated there. The County Manager stated that the Dublin Health Authority did not wish to accept accident or emergency cases at St. Columcille's Hospital and were under no obligation to accept patients from County Wicklow. If accidents occurred in the Bray area it was preferable to send patients to

St. Michael's. Councillor J. Temple referred to a case of an old person in Bray who had to wait from 3.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. before the District Medical Officer could be got. He suggested that a Meeting be arranged of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area with the County Medical Officer, County Manager and the District Medical Officers to discuss matters relating to the Health Services in the Bray area. It was agreed that the proposed Meeting be held.

**Lifebuoys at Greystones.**

Councillor Hipwell stated that he had learned that six heaving lines had been taken from Lifebuoys on the South Beach, Greystones. He deplored this vandalism and trusted that the Garda Authorities would be successful in tracing the persons responsible.

**Use of Vested Cottage.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That the Council ask the Minister to suspend the operation of Section 17 of the Labourers' Act, 1936, in respect of a Vested Cottage of Mrs. Wm. Nolan, Ballinacash, Rathdrum, County Wicklow, as she has already carried out Reconstruction at a cost of £600. The County Manager pointed out that it was understood that it was intended to use this Cottage as a Sub-Post Office and a Vested Cottage could not be used for any purpose other than as a residence.

**Industrial Site at Rathnew.**

The County Manager stated that an industrialist had recently visited Rathnew and examined the site owned by the Council in regard to the proposed use of it for a factory.

**Notices of Motion.**

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

In the name of Councillor James Miley—That I or someone for me will move that Michael Donoghue be raised to the status of an Overseer and be paid accordingly.

In the name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.—That the Council provide Cottages for the following who are living in unfit dwellings as referred to in letter to me of 24th May, 1962:—

Mr. Patrick Quinn, Aurora, Glencree.

Mr. John Carroll, Lugnagun, Blessington.

Mrs. Mary Byrne, Moylisha, Clonegal.

Mr. Patrick Reid, Ballinastocken, Valleymount.

Mr. E. P. Walsh, Donard.

Mr. Patrick Keogh, Rustyduff Upper, Knockenarrigan.

Mr. William O'Neill, Ardinary, Brittas.

Mr. Timothy Balfe, Kylebeg, Blessington.

Mr. Michael Farrell, Lugnagun, Blessington.



In the name of Councillor G. Timmins—That I or someone for me will propose at the next Housing Meeting that the question of building three Council houses at Knockenarrigan, Donard, be examined.

In the name of Councillor G. Timmins—That I or someone for me will propose that the necessary arrangements be made to have the Cottage occupied by Michael Nolan, Stratford-On-Slaney, vested in him at the same annuity as in the original Vesting Order.

In the names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory and R. Miley—That the Watermain at Rathnew be extended to provide water for 64 houses in the village of Rathnew and sewerage.

In the names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory and R. Miley—That a Pump be erected at Knockrobin, Rathnew, for supply of water for domestic purposes for tenants of Council Cottages.

In the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—That I or some Councillor shall move that a pump be erected at Cronakeary, Rathnew, for supply of water for domestic purposes for five Cottages in the area.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL  
Minutes of Meeting held on June 18th, 1962.  
The meeting was held in the Council Chamber, County Council Buildings, Wick, at 7.30 p.m.  
Present: Councillors J. Everett, T.D., J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory, R. Miley, G. Timmins, and the Mayor.  
The Mayor presided.  
The minutes of the meeting held on June 11th, 1962, were read and approved.  
Councillor J. Everett moved that the necessary arrangements be made to have the Cottage occupied by Michael Nolan, Stratford-On-Slaney, vested in him at the same annuity as in the original Vesting Order.  
The motion was carried.  
Councillor G. Timmins moved that the question of building three Council houses at Knockenarrigan, Donard, be examined.  
The motion was carried.  
Councillors J. Everett, T.D., J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory and R. Miley moved that the Watermain at Rathnew be extended to provide water for 64 houses in the village of Rathnew and sewerage.  
The motion was carried.  
Councillors J. Everett, T.D., J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory and R. Miley moved that a Pump be erected at Knockrobin, Rathnew, for supply of water for domestic purposes for tenants of Council Cottages.  
The motion was carried.  
Councillor J. Everett moved that a pump be erected at Cronakeary, Rathnew, for supply of water for domestic purposes for five Cottages in the area.  
The motion was carried.  
The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 25th June, 1962, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

The County Secretary attended the Meeting.

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

### AGENDA:

- 1.—Election of Chairman.
- 2.—Election of Vice-Chairman.
- 3.—Appointment of three representatives on Dublin Health Authority.
- 4.—Appointment of seven representatives on Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.
- 5.—Appointment of three representatives on County Council's General Council.
- 6.—Appointment of representative on Irish Tourist Association.

#### Item No. 1.—Election of Chairman.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne.

Resolved—That Councillor James J. McCrea be elected Chairman of Wicklow County Council to hold office until such time as his successor shall have been lawfully appointed and taken up office.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. J. McCrea thanked the Members of the Council for his re-election as Chairman and for the tributes paid to him; he expressed appreciation of the cooperation he received from the Members and the Officers of the Council. Councillor McCrea then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

#### Item No. 2.—Election of Vice-Chairman.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering.

Resolved—That Councillor H. J. Byrne be elected Vice-Chairman of Wicklow County Council to hold office until such time as his successor shall have been lawfully appointed and takes up office.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor H. J. Byrne signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked the Members for his re-election.

#### Item No. 3.—Appointment of Three Representatives on Dublin Health Authority.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Hipwell:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following Members to represent Wicklow County Council on the Dublin Health Authority:

Councillor E. Byrne,

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,

Councillor P. McCarthy.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 4.—Appointment of Seven Representatives on Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor Hadden.

Resolved—That the following Members be appointed to represent with the Chairman, Wicklow County Council on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board:—

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

Councillor E. Byrne,

Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,

Councillor J. Gregory,

Councillor J. Haughton,

Councillor C. W. Hudson.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 5.—Appointment of Three Representatives of County Councils' General Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to represent Wicklow County Council on the General Council of County Councils:—

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,

Councillor J. J. McCrea,

Councillor G. Timmins.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 6.—Appointment of Representative on Irish Tourist Association.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell:

Seconded by Councillor Haughton:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillor J. J. McCrea to represent Wicklow County Council on the Irish Tourist Association.

Passed unanimously.

#### Resolutions of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor H. B. Hipwell, Seconded by Cllr. H. J. Byrne, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with His Honour Judge Deale, S.C., on the death of his wife.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members of the Council with the relatives of the late Daniel Somers, Coolgreany, a former Member of the Council.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the widow and family of Mr. William Clarke, Rathnew, who had been Chairman of Wicklow Harbour Board and a member of the Board for many years and who had been prominent in matters relating to industrial development in Wicklow.

The Council noted letter received from Councillor M. J. O'Neill expressing his thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council on the Vote of Sympathy passed at a recent Meeting on the death of his Mother.



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 25th JUNE IN REGARD TO NEWCASTLE SANATORIUM.

As arranged at the Meeting of the Council held on the 18th June, 1962, a Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 25th June, 1962, following the termination of the Annual Meeting. The purpose of the Meeting was to consider the proposed use of Newcastle Sanatorium.

The following Members attended: Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary and Assistant County Medical Officer, Dr. J. Dunlevy, attended.

At the request of the Chairman, the County Manager submitted an outline of the position regarding Newcastle Sanatorium. The County Manager stated that there had been a dramatic falling off in the incidence of tuberculosis in the past ten years. The death rate from tuberculosis had also shown a very welcome drop and the number of cases was greatly reduced. Ten years or more ago tuberculosis was recognised as being a very urgent problem and greater hospital accommodation had been made available and by the use of new drugs and with medical skill the incidence of the disease had been reduced and it was no longer the problem that it had been. In March, 1953, the number of beds occupied by persons suffering from tuberculosis was nearly 6,000 and this had fallen to less than 2,000 in January, 1962. There had been a similar experience in County Wicklow and the total number of patients in Sanatoria in 1953 was 159, but at 31st March, 1962, the number had fallen to 61. At the present time there were only 42 patients receiving treatment in hospital. The Council had 41 patients in Newcastle Sanatorium at present. As a result of extensions during the past ten to twelve years, Newcastle Sanatorium could accommodate up to 220 patients. At present only 50 to 60 beds were in use. The staff attached to the Institution had always been highly skilled and with the Management Committee could be regarded as pioneers in the treatment of the disease in the country. In consequence of the reduction in the number of patients receiving treatment in the Sanatorium there had been a large deficit in the accounts in recent years and this deficit had been met from the Hospitals Trust Fund. The Department of Health and the Hospitals Trust had been perturbed in regard to this deficit each year and it had been suggested by the Department that the possibility of finding some alternative use for the Sanatorium be examined. It could be taken that the Board of Governors of Newcastle Sanatorium were quite agreeable to the Institution and its buildings being used for some other health purpose. As far as he was aware there was no claim for any special compensation being made though the Board of Governors were anxious that consideration be given to the members of the staff of the Hospital. The County Manager stated that from a preliminary examination which the Council had given to the proposal it seemed that the Council's first reaction was that every effort should be made to continue Newcastle in use as a Tuberculosis Institution. Other Health Authorities had been asked to transfer patients to Newcastle.



but were not agreeable to do so. The Dublin Health Authority considered it would cause hardship on the relatives of patients to have to travel to Newcastle if patients from Dublin were transferred there. It seemed unlikely, therefore, that any other Institutions would be closed down and patients transferred to Newcastle.

In regard to the proposed use of the Sanatorium buildings for the purposes of a Mental Hospital, as had been suggested by the Department of Health, it seemed questionable whether the building would lend itself to use for the full treatment of all types of mental patients. The number of mental patients from County Wicklow in St. Brendan's and St. Ita's Hospitals was at present 341. The buildings at Newcastle would not accommodate that number. The possibility of using the premises for a limited number of mental patients had also been considered and he and the County Secretary had discussed the matter with Dr. Dunne, R.M.S., St. Brendan's, and St. Ita's Hospitals and Mr. E. O'Keeffe, Dublin Assistant County Manager, and Dr. O'Regan, County Medical Officer. Dr. Dunne stated that there were 129 patients from Wicklow in St. Brendan's and St. Ita's Hospitals of sixty years of age or over who would not present any special difficulty in regard to restraint or otherwise. It seemed, however, that if the buildings were used to treat only a certain type of mental patient, amounting to about 130, the cost would probably be high. The County Manager pointed out that the matter was not a simple one and if the Council were taking over the building for use as a Mental Institution the costs involved thereby would have to be considered.

The Chairman thanked the County Manager for the comprehensive statement he had made in regard to the proposal. It seemed to him that the use of the building might be considered for the purposes either of a Sanatorium, as a General Hospital, or as a Mental Hospital. Councillor McCarthy suggested that Newcastle should be used as a General Hospital and pointed out that the Council had no County Hospital and that it would be very desirable that the Council establish a County Hospital of their own. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., suggested that the Council should first determine whether or not they were prepared to take over the building for use as a Mental Hospital and if it were decided that this was not desirable that then alternative uses for the building might be considered. Councillor H. J. Byrne thought that to run Newcastle Sanatorium as a County Hospital would involve the Council in considerable additional cost. He considered also that it would be most undesirable to use it for the purposes of a Mental Hospital which could deal with only a limited number of patients. He suggested that the premises would be very suitable as a Home for Old People and that this would be the best use which could be made of the buildings. The County Secretary stated that following the Meeting of the Council at which the matter was first discussed the views expressed by Members of the Council had been conveyed to the Department of Health and the Department had been informed that the Council was arranging to hold a Special Meeting to consider the matter. The County Secretary read letter of 13th April, 1962, from the Department of Health in which figures were given showing the reduction in number of beds occupied by persons suffering from tuberculosis during the past nine years and also particulars of the number of redundant Institutions which already had been diverted to relieve pressure on Mental Hospital accommodation. The Department pointed out in their letter that there was no tuberculosis accommodation provided in 14 Counties. It was stated that no difficulty was experienced in accommodating patients from these areas in the Sanatoria still in operation, many of which were not fully occupied. In regard to the view expressed that there would be difficulty in procuring suitable

staff if Newcastle were used as a Mental Hospital, it was stated in the Department's letter that no difficulty had been experienced in staffing the smaller Mental Hospitals nor in arranging for the provision of a full range of services in them. It was stated also that the adaptation of Newcastle should not present serious difficulties and that few alterations were necessary in the former Sanatorium at Ballyowen and that a full range of treatment was provided there. The County Secretary stated that the County Manager and the County Secretary had visited St. Loman's Hospital at Ballyowen, which had formerly been used as a Sanatorium, but that it was not correct to say that a full range of treatment was being provided there and in fact only a special type of patient was accommodated in this Hospital. Councillor E. Byrne stated that he felt that the present matter was one of the most serious that had come before the Council for many years. He agreed that there was overcrowding in Grangegorman and that it would be desirable that this overcrowding be relieved in the interests of Wicklow patients. He felt, however, that the cost of converting Newcastle Hospital to make it suitable for a Mental Hospital providing a full range of service would be very substantial. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., pointed out that if the Council set up their own Mental Hospital and withdrew from participation with the Dublin Health Authority in St. Brendan's and St. Ita's Hospitals they would be entitled to their share of the net assets of the Hospitals. He favoured the proposal that a County Hospital be established at Newcastle. Dr. Dunlevy stated that the County Medical Officer considered that if possible Newcastle should be continued in use as a Tuberculosis Institution, but if this could not be done he suggested that it might be used as an Auxiliary Hospital for Mental patients operated by the Dublin Health Authority. He felt that this would be a more satisfactory arrangement than if the Council were to take it over and operate it independently as a Mental Hospital as the premises could not accommodate the full number of patients. The Chairman pointed out that the matter would require a lot of careful consideration before a decision could be reached and he suggested that it would be desirable to form a Sub-Committee to meet the Department and Board of Governors of Newcastle Sanatorium.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.

Resolved—That we appoint the following Members to form a Committee to meet the Board of Newcastle Sanatorium and the Department of Health to examine further the proposed alternative use of Newcastle Sanatorium:—

Chairman (Councillor J. J. McCrea),  
Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.,  
Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,  
Councillor E. Byrne,  
Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge,  
Councillor H. J. Byrne,  
Councillor P. McCarthy.

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that the Sub-Committee would meet on Tuesday, 3rd July, 1962, at 11.00 a.m. Councillor J. Gregory stated that the building at Newcastle would be most suitable for a General Hospital with a T.B. Unit included. He pointed out that if the premises were to be used for a Mental Hospital many of the staff could not be continued as they had not any experience in dealing with mental patients.



## 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, 2nd July, 1962, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:

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

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers, J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell, P. T. Hickey and S. O'Fearghaill attended.

### A G E N D A :

1. Application for Supplementary Grant in respect of new house at Old Court, Blessington.
2. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., that the Council provide cottages for the following who are living in unfit dwellings as referred to in letter to me of 24th May, 1962: Mr. Patrick Quinn, Aurora, Glencree, Mr. John Carroll, Lugnagun, Blessington, Mrs. Mary Byrne, Moylisha, Clonegal, Mr. Patrick Reid, Ballinastocken, Valleymount, Mr. E. P. Walsh, Donard, Mr. Patrick Keogh, Rustyduff Upper, Knockanarrigan, Mr. William O'Neill, Ardinary, Brittas, Mr. Timothy Balfe, Kylebeg, Blessington, and Mr. Michael Farrell, Lugnagun, Blessington.
3. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins, that I or someone for me will propose at the next Housing Meeting that the question of building three Council houses at Knockanarrigan, Donard, be examined.
4. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins, that I or someone for me will propose that the necessary arrangements be made to have the cottage occupied by Michael Nolan, Stratford-on-Slaney, vested in him at the same annuity as in the original vesting order.
5. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., J. D. Haughton, J. D. Gregory, and R. Miley, that the water main at Rathnew be extended to provide water for 64 houses in the village of Rathnew and sewerage.
6. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory and R. Miley that a pump be erected at Knockrobin, Rathnew, for supply of water for domestic purposes for tenants of Council cottages.
7. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., that I or some Councillor shall move that a pump be erected at Cronakeary, Rathnew, for supply of water for domestic purposes for five cottages in the area.
8. Application for Loan under S.D.A. Scheme.
9. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill, that the application of Thomas Byrne, Brocknagh, Kiltegan, to erect Petrol Pump at and on his premises at Brocknagh be granted.
11. Repairs to cottage at Ballyguile, Wicklow.
12. Repairs to cottages during month of June, 1962, and repairs to be carried out to cottages during July, 1962.



**Item No. 1—Application for Supplementary Grant in respect of New House at Oldcourt, Blessington.**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from James Joseph Craul, Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride, Blessington, for a Supplementary Grant in respect of the erection of a new house at Manor Kilbride. Having regard to the income of the applicant it appeared that he would be entitled to a Supplementary Grant of £99 under the Council's Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Deering;

Resolved—That we approve of payment of Supplementary Grant of £99 to James Joseph Craul, Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride, Blessington, in respect of the erection of a new house.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 2—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.—That the Council provide Cottages for the following who are living in unfit dwellings as referred to in letter to me of 24th May, 1962—Mr. Patrick Quinn, Aurora, Glencree, Mr. John Carroll, Lugnagun, Blessington, Mrs. Mary Byrne, Moylisha, C'negal, Mr. Patrick Reid, Ballinastocken, Vallemount, Mr. E. P. Walsh, Donard, Mr. Patrick Keogh, Rustyduff Upper, Knockenarrigan, Mr. William O'Neill, Ardinary, Brittas, Mr. Timothy Balfe, Kylebeg, Blessington, and Mr. Michael Farrell, Lugnagun, Blessington.**

The County Secretary stated that of the nine applicants, Mrs. Mary Byrne, Moylisha was not considered eligible on the grounds that her main source of income was from farming. It was pointed out by Members of the Council, however, that the valuation of the land in this case was £8 9s. and that Mrs. Byrne was in receipt of a widow's pension. It was contended also that her late husband would have been an eligible applicant and consequently she should be accepted as eligible. The County Secretary stated that Patrick Reid of Ballinastocken, Vallemount, was a single person and would not be eligible, but Members of the Council stated that he was now married and consequently should be accepted as an eligible person. In regard to the remaining applicants the County Secretary stated that Mr. E. P. Walsh, Donard, had not an agreed site and was at present an applicant for the tenancy of a vacant Council Cottage at Donard Demesne East; Mr. Timothy Balfe, Kylebeg, Blessington, had been asked if he had a suitable site, but had not replied; Mr. Michael Farrell of Lugnagun, Blessington, had also not replied regarding the availability of a site; Mr. Patrick Quinn, Aurora, Glencree, had a site which was his own property, but which was six miles from the nearest town or village and three and a half miles from the nearest School and as he had a family of 8 young children the site could not be regarded as suitable. It was suggested that he might agree to the erection of a Cottage on a site owned by the Council at Hollybrook, Bray; Mr. John Carroll, Lugnagun, Blessington, also had a site on his own lands which was situated four miles from the nearest town and three and a half miles from the nearest School or Church, and as Mr. Carroll had four children with ages ranging from twelve to sixteen years the site did not appear suitable. The applications of Messrs. Patrick Keogh, Rustyduff Upper, Knockenarrigan, William O'Neill, Ardinary, Brittas, and

Richard Greene, Ballard, Kilbride, were in order. It was agreed by the Members of the Council that the name of Peter Crinion, Boghall Road, Bray, also be included in the list of those for which Cottages might be provided and it was stated by Members that he had a site available and was living in one room. The inclusion of his name was subject to the site being found suitable. It was agreed that the application of Patrick Quinn, Aurora, Glencree, and the matter of the suitability of site proposed on his lands be considered by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electrical Area. The Members of the Council agreed also that the name of Mr. E. P. Walsh, Donard, be included if he did not obtain the tenancy of the Cottage for which he had applied and that the names of Timothy Balfe and Michael Fennell also be included provided that sites were available and suitable.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor Timmins:

Resolved—That subject to the sites being suitable we approve of Plans being prepared for the erection of Cottages for Patrick Keogh, Rustyduff Upper, Knockenarrigan, William O'Neill, Ardinary, Brittas, and Richard Greene, Ballard, Kilbride, Patrick Reid, Ballinastocken, Peter Crinion, Boghall Road, Bray, E. P. Walsh, Donard, John Carroll, Lugnagun, Mrs. Byrne, Moylisha, Timothy Balfe and Michael Fennell. Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 3—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins regarding Building of three Council Houses at Knockenarrigan, Donard.**

Councillor Timmins in seconding the proposal put forward by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., under the previous item, indicated that he was withdrawing his Notice of Motion regarding the provisions of Cottages at Knockenarrigan, Donard.

**Item No. 4—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins—That I or someone for me will propose that the necessary arrangements be made to have the Cottage occupied by Michael Nolan, Stratford-on-Slaney, vested in him at the same annuity as in the original Vesting Order.**

With reference to the proposal of Councillor Timmins which was seconded by Councillor O'Neill, the County Secretary stated that this Cottage had originally been vested under the Cottage Purchase Scheme in John English as from the 1st October, 1950, and the annuity payable was £2 18s. 6d. In 1959 the Council found that the tenant-purchaser was not occupying the Cottage and was in England and had the windows of the Cottage barricaded with sheets of tin. At that time he had ceased to forward annuities and rate and the Rent Collector had been informed by his sister that he was indifferent as to what happened to the Cottage. The Council instituted proceedings to have the Cottage re-vested in the Council and the Cottage was re-vested in October, 1960. The County Secretary pointed out that consequently the Cottage was not at the moment included in any Cottage Purchase Scheme and was at present let on a graded rent of 7s. per



week plus rates to Mr. Michael Nolan. It would be necessary to include this Cottage in a new Purchase Scheme which it is presumed would be on the same basis as the previous Purchase Scheme made by the Council which was based on 50 per cent. of the existing rent and consequently the annuity would amount to £9 2s. per annum. It would not be possible to prepare a new Purchase Scheme on the same basis as the original Scheme which had applied to this Cottage. The Council noted the Report in the matter and agreed that a new Purchase Scheme be prepared as soon as possible which would include the Cottage referred to by Councillor Timmins and other Cottages to which a Purchase Scheme did not apply at present.

**Item No. 5—Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., J. D. Haughton, J. D. Gregory, and R. Miley—That the Watermain at Rathnew be extended to provide water for 64 houses in the village of Rathnew and sewerage.**

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor Gregory:

Resolved—That the watermain at Rathnew be extended to provide water for 64 houses in the Village of Rathnew and sewerage. Passed unanimously.

The County Manager stated that the Council had proposed to carry out the entire work of providing water supply and sewerage for the houses including the provision of the fittings in the houses and to charge each tenant at the rate of 3s. 6d. per week. If the proposal now was merely to provide the main extensions of water supply and sewers it seemed that the Department would require to be satisfied that the tenants would make the connections. Where the rent of a house was 2s. 6d. per week the addition of 3s. 6d. would still leave the rents only at 6s. per week and a fully serviced house at this rent was very reasonable. The Resolution was passed unanimously.

**Item No. 6—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory, and R. Miley—That a pump be erected at Knockrobin, Rathnew, for supply of water for domestic purposes for tenants of Council cottages.**

The County Secretary stated that the matter of providing water for the four Cottages at Knockrobin had been investigated and that as these Cottages were very isolated it was considered uneconomical to extend the main from Rathnew as there were very few houses to be served on the route. Under the circumstances it was proposed that a 1" diameter polythene pipe be taken directly from the 8" diameter main on the back road from Wicklow to Rathnew through fields and under the Railway to the Main Rathnew-Wicklow Road, a distance of approximately 800 lineal yards and that connections from this main could then be made by the tenants. The cost of the work was estimated at £400. The Council approved of the County Engineer's recommendations for the provision of the water and agreed that Plans be prepared for the work.

**Item No. 7—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Exerett, T.D., That I or some Councillor shall move that a pump be erected at Cronakeary, Rathnew, for supply of water for domestic purposes for five cottages in the area.**

With reference to this proposal the County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that rather than provide an ordinary hand pump for the Cottages it was thought that it would be better to extend the 3" diameter pipe from Rathnew and thus provide water to the area as a whole and also to Hunter's Hotel. There would be a total of eighteen houses to be served. The estimated cost of the work would be approximately £5,000. The Regional Water Supply at Cronroe would be called upon therefore, to supply an additional 4,000 gallons per day and as this supply was at present working to its capacity consideration would have to be given immediately to the provision of an additional filtration area at Cronroe in connection with any further extensions at present under consideration. The County Engineer suggested it would be desirable at present to proceed with the laying of the main from Rathnew to Cronakeary and that by the time this had been done the filtration area at Cronroe filters would be considered complete. The Council approved of the County Engineer's recommendation and agreed that details be prepared of the Scheme for the extension of the main to serve houses at Cronakeary.

**Item No. 8—Application for Loan under S.D.A. Scheme.**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. Joseph Chapman, Lower Windgates, Greystones, for a Loan of £1,200 in respect of the erection of a house at Lower Windgates. The house being erected was to replace an existing unfit house which was being demolished. Particulars of Mr. Chapman's income were submitted to the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £1,200 under the S.D.A. Acts Scheme to Joseph Chapman, Lower Windgates, Greystones, in respect of the erection of a house at Lower Windgates. Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 9—Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.**

The County Secretary stated that during the month of June two applications had been refused, one being an application of Mr. R. P. Smyth, The Green Lizard, for moving of Petrol Pumps to a new site, and the other being an application of Mr. James M. Brennan, "Gweedore," Church Road, Greystones, for a new house in respect of which details regarding the sewer connection and level were still awaited. The Council noted the position in regard to these applications. The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. Michael McDonald, Ashford Garage, Ashford, for permission to move Petrol Pumps from their present site to a new site also on the applicant's ground, but adjoining the junction of the Roundwood-Ashford Road with the Main Dublin Road. While the removal of a wall at the junction would improve visibility, the placing of the Pumps at this point would cause danger to traffic and would not be acceptable. It had been indicated to the applicant that the proposal would not be approved. The Council noted the position in the matter.



The County Secretary stated that an application had been received for approval to the development of a 10 acre site at Blacklion, Greystones, for housing and that this was being examined and that also a proposal had been received for the development for housing of a site at Rathdown Road, Greystones, adjoining the New La Touche Road. This proposal was also being examined. In regard to the latter site the County Manager stated that the Council had no information as to whether the proposed developers of the site at Rathdown Road were aware of the development of the Caravan Site in the adjoining area at La Touche Road. Councillor H. J. Byrne handed in a Memorial signed by residents at La Touche Road objecting to the Caravan Site which had been approved by the Council at La Touche Road and the Council agreed that this matter be referred for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at a Meeting to be held on the 11th July, 1962, at Bray. The Council agreed also that the matter of the proposed housing development at Greystones also be considered by the Local Members at that Meeting. The County Secretary referred also to an application which had been received by the Council for the development of the Circus Field at Rathdown Road, Greystones, for two houses and the Council agreed that this proposal also be considered by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area.

**Item No. 10—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—**  
That the application, of Thomas Byrne, Brockna, Kiltegan, to erect Petrol Pump at and on his premises at Brockna be granted.

With reference to the proposal of Councillor O'Neill, the County Secretary stated that the applicant had been informed that the Plan submitted by him did not give adequate details for the purpose of examining the application under the Town and Regional Planning Acts and that since the site was at the junction of two Roads there would appear to be difficulties in the matter. At the suggestion of Councillor O'Neill, it was agreed that the County Engineer meet the applicant and examine the matter on the site.

**Item No. 11—Repairs to Cottage at Ballyguile, Wicklow.**

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had submitted an estimate in the sum of £140 for repairs to a Cottage at Ballyguile, Wicklow, tenant John Wilkinson. The repairs related to the provision of a new roof to replace the existing roof which was of corrugated asbestos. The tenant had applied for the vesting of the Cottage, but considered that it was essential that a new roof be provided. The County Engineer had reported that a roof of corrugated asbestos had been provided on this Cottage when it was erected as it was built at a time when there was a grave shortage of timber. The corrugated asbestos roof had become waterlogged and was leaking in a number of places and it was proposed to replace it with a proper tiled roof. The County Engineer pointed out that it had been found necessary in the case of another Cottage built at the same time also to replace the roof.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh:

Resolved—That having considered Reports of County Engineer we approve of a new roof being provided for Cottage occupied by John Wilkinson, Ballyguile, Wicklow, at an approximate cost of £140

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 12—Repairs to Cottages during Month of June, 1962, and Repairs to be carried out to Cottages during July, 1962.**

The Council noted the list of repairs submitted.

#### VESTING OF COTTAGES.

Councillor J. Temple raised the matter of the delay in regard to the vesting of Cottages and stated that since the County Architect had now taken up duty arrangements should be made to expedite the preparation of any Maps required to enable vesting to be completed. Councillor Hipwell suggested that a Report should be submitted indicating the number of houses awaiting vesting on account of (1) the carrying out of repairs, and (2) the non-availability of Maps and indicating what steps could be taken to deal with these matters. Councillor Timmins suggested that the matter might be considered by the Members of the Council for the various Electoral Areas who could prepare a priority list of Cottages to be repaired and also make arrangements regarding the completion of any Maps required. The Co. Manager pointed out the Architect had only taken up duty on that date and would examine the matter, but that there were many other duties he had to discharge and that he would require some assistance. The County Engineer was looking into the matter of whether some assistance might be provided for the Architect to enable these Maps to be completed. The Council had found difficulty in recruiting Temporary Engineers either for Water Supply or for preparation of Maps. The Council agreed that details be prepared of the Cottages for which Maps were required and that Meetings of the Members of the Council for the various Electoral Areas then be arranged and these lists examined by the Local Members.



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th July, 1962, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

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

An apology for inability to attend due to illness was received from Councillor C. W. Hudson, and an apology for inability to attend was also received from Councillor A. H. Hadden. The Council asked that the best wishes of the Members be conveyed to Councillor Hudson for his recovery.

The County Secretary, who attended, conveyed the apology of the County Manager for inability to attend.

The County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell, P. T. Hickey and S. O. Fearghaill were present.

### AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 7th and 14th May, 1962.
2. Application from Wicklow Regatta Committee for permission to close roadway over Stone Bridge, Wicklow, on Monday, 6th August, 1962, from 12.00 noon to 4.30 p.m. in connection with the Annual Wicklow Regatta.
3. Application of Wicklow Regatta Committee for closing of Bridge Street, Wicklow, between 7.00 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 8th August, 1962, for the purpose of holding Kart Racing.
4. Report of County Engineer in regard to Road through Ashtown, S'eamaine and part of Baltinanima.
5. Report of County Engineer regarding matters raised by Enniskerry Development Association.
6. Application from Wicklow Urban District Council for assistance towards cost of Foreshore Protection Works.
7. Proposed erection of Council houses at Laragh.
8. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor James Miley—That I or someone for me will move that Michael Donoghue be raised to the status of an Overseer and be paid accordingly.
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins—That the present unsatisfactory pipeline to the Council houses at Srughaun, Baltinglass, to be replaced by a 1" pipe.
10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That Council consider extending the water pipeline from Stratford Village to a point near the Council houses at Manger.
11. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins and M. Deering—That the watermain in Lackan be extended to Carrig.
12. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—That Blessington be given a Refuse Collection weekly.
13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor A. H. Hadden regarding the of Hospital building at Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, as Offices for Council's Staff at present located at Rathdrum and Advice of Council's Solicitor.
14. Application from National Council for the Blind of Ireland (Co. Wicklow Branch) for increase in Grant towards salary and expenses of Home Teacher.



## 15. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

## Item No. 1.—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Hipwell:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 7th and 14th May, 1962.

Passed unanimously.

## Item No. 2.—Application from Wicklow Regatta Committee for Permission to Close Roadway over Stone Bridge, Wicklow, on Monday, 6th August, 1962, from 12.00 Noon to 4.30 p.m. in connection with the Annual Wicklow Regatta.

The County Secretary stated that the necessary public notices had been given and no objection had been received.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That, having considered application of Wicklow Regatta Committee and the necessary public notice having been given, we hereby close to public traffic the road at Wicklow described hereunder, on Monday, 6th August, 1962, between the hours of 12 noon and 4.30 p.m. in connection with the Wicklow Regatta:—Portion of Road No. L. (29B) across the Bridge, known as the Stone Bridge, over the Leirtrim River, in the Urban District of Wicklow, and from said Bridge to the north end of Leirtrim Place in the said Urban District.

Passed unanimously.

## Item No. 3.—Application of Wicklow Regatta Committee for Closing of Bridge Street, Wicklow, between 7.00 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 8th August, 1962, for the purpose of holding Kart Racing.

The County Secretary stated that the necessary public notice had been given and no objection had been received.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That, having considered application of Wicklow Regatta Committee and the necessary public notice having been given, we hereby close to public traffic Bridge Street in the Urban District of Wicklow, between the hours of 7.00 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 8th August, 1962, and authorise the holding of Kart Racing over the Street while so closed to public traffic.

Passed unanimously.

## Proposed Closing of Roads at Bray.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Bray Amusements Committee for the closing of the following Roads at Bray from 2.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. on Sunday, 2nd September, 1962, for the purposes of the Circuit of Bray Cycle Race:—Strand Road from the corner of Albert Avenue to the corner of Putland Road; Putland Road; Vevay Road from corner of Putland Road to Town Hall; Main Street from Town Hall to junction with Quinsboro' Road (South Side); Adelaide Road from junction with Florence Road to Albert Avenue; Albert Avenue.

It was stated that application had been made to Bray Urban District Council for the closing of Florence Road for the same hours

on the date mentioned and that the route for the race was that approved in Aug., 1954. Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that he understood that when permission had been granted for the event last year, it would have been the last time the Races were held. He felt that there was no public demand for the Races. Councillor Hipwell stated that strict precautions had always been taken in connection with the Races and that the cyclists brought a big following to the Races, and he proposed that permission should be given for the closing of the Roads. The County Secretary pointed out that it would be necessary to publish the prescribed Notices of intention to close the Roads, and the matter would come before the Council at the Meeting in August. The Council agreed that public notice be given.

## Item No. 4.—Report of County Engineer in Regard to Road Through Ashtown, Sleamaine and Part of Baltinanima.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported in regard to the Road through Ashtown, Sleamaine and part of Baltinanima, representations in regard to which had been made by a Deputation which attended a previous Meeting of the Council. The Assistant County Engineer stated that the Road was 2.3 miles in length, of which half a mile had been tarred, the remainder being of a loose gravel surface. There were seventeen houses on the Road, of which four were Council cottages, and the cost of rendering the Road dust-free, i.e., of reconstructing it by sand gravel method and surface dressing, would be £2,200. The Road showed indications of an unusual volume of traffic for a Road of the type, but it was felt that the traffic would relate mainly to the Summer. He considered that, having regard to the traffic and the number of houses on the Road and the large acreage of farmland served by it, it was one which would be worthy of reconstruction. The Council decided to refer the matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area when the Scheme for additional work on the Main Road with the aid of Special Grants must be considered.

## Item No. 5.—Report of County Engineer Regarding Matters Raised by Enniskerry Development Association.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported in regard to the various items relating to Roads which had been raised at a Meeting of the Enniskerry and District Development Association held on the 28th May, 1962. The Council decided to refer the matters and the Engineer's Report thereon for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area. It was agreed that a copy of the Assistant County Engineer's Report be circulated to the Members of the Council concerned.

## Item No. 6.—Application from Wicklow Urban District Council for Assistance Towards Cost of Foreshore Protection Works.

The following letter from Wicklow Urban District Council was submitted:—

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

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.  
4th July, 1962.

Re: Foreshore Protection Works—Estimated Cost: £13,000.

A Chara,

After lengthy correspondence with the Department of Finance, the Wicklow Urban Council has been informed that the Office of Public Works has recommended that the following protection works, at a total cost of £13,000, should be carried out:—



- (1) Protection of the 100 yards section of the beach immediately to the north of the present promenade at an estimated cost of the order of £3,000, and
- (2) Additional protection over the promenade from the north end to within 140 feet of the pier calling for a total of 6,500 cubic yards of stone and rock at an estimated cost of the order of £10,000.

It has been indicated to us that the Minister is prepared to approve a grant equal to 75 per cent of the cost of these works, and this would mean that the Council would be obliged to raise the balance in sum of £3,250. Even if such a contribution were to be financed by means of a 25 year loan, the cost to the rate of the town would be 6d. in the £. This, as you will imagine, is a rather heavy burden as at present there is a charge of 1/- in the £ on the rates to finance works carried out over the past seven years.

It is understood that the Government has under consideration the introduction of a Bill dealing with coastal erosion and that such a Bill will provide for a contribution by County Councils towards the cost of works which have to be undertaken in Urban areas situate in that county. In anticipation of this Bill being published and subsequently becoming law, my Council now make application to the Wicklow County Council for a grant towards the local contribution of £3,250 which has to be raised to finance the proposed works.

The Council are also contacting local industries to enquire if assistance could be received from them. They are also hoping that the Minister for Finance will receive a deputation to discuss the possibility of increasing the grant.

I would be obliged if you would put this matter before the next meeting of your Council and indicate that the Wicklow Urban Council would be most pleased to obtain a grant so as to lessen the burden on the Urban rates.

Mise, le meas.

M. J. CUSACK,

Town Clerk.

The County Secretary informed the Council that there was no legal authority at present which would enable the Council to contribute towards the cost of works in relation to Coastal Erosion within an Urban District. It had been mentioned that a Bill in relation to Coastal Erosion would be introduced in the Dáil shortly, but details of the Bill were not yet available. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., pointed out that an additional 6d. in the £ on the Urban Rates would be a very heavy burden. The Chairman, having pointed out that as things stood at present, the Council had no legal authority to make a contribution, the Council agreed to defer the matter pending the passing of legislation in relation to Coastal Erosion.

#### Item No. 7—Proposed Erection of Council Houses at Laragh.

The County Secretary stated that from an examination of the applications received, it seemed that five applicants were eligible for re-housing at Laragh. One of the applicants at present occupied an unserviced rural type Council cottage, but wished to obtain the tenancy of a full serviced house, and his cottage when it would become vacant could be allocated to another applicant, who was a Forestry labourer with four young children and whose income was £6 7s. 6d. per week. It was suggested, therefore, that the Council might approve of the provision of four houses at Laragh. It had been indicated in the advertisement inviting applications that the rents of the houses would be on a graded scale of 16/- to 46/- per week, plus rates. Councillor R. Miley pointed out that there were two other applicants who were eligible and should be included. The County Secretary

stated that these two applicants were single and consequently could not be regarded as eligible. The Council agreed that if confirmation were received that the two single applicants were getting married, that their case could be considered later.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

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

Resolved—That we approve of the erection of four houses at Laragh on site acquired by the Council and direct that County Engineer prepare Plans, Specification and Estimate of Cost for submission for approval of Department of Local Government to this Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 8—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor James Miley—

That I or someone for me will move that Michael Donoghue be raised to the status of an Overseer and be paid accordingly.

Councillor J. Miley stated that he had raised this matter at the previous Meeting, and he pointed out that Mr. O'Donoghue was doing the work of an Overseer and that he should be paid accordingly at Overseer's rate of pay. He stated that from 1946 to 1948 he had been in receipt of payment as an Overseer, but not subsequent to that date. He contended that he reported directly to the Engineer and was not subject to any other Overseer and also had responsibility for supervising a number of men. The County Secretary pointed out that Mr. Donoghue was graded as an Assistant Overseer and was not allocated any area, and consequently he did not discharge the same duties as an Overseer and did not carry the same responsibility. There was no vacancy for appointment of an Overseer at present and no recommendation had been submitted by the County Engineer for any revision of Overseers' Areas or the creation of an additional area. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that the County Engineer had suggested that the matter be deferred pending the resumption of duty by Mr. P. McGuinness, Assistant County Engineer, and the Council agreed to defer the matter to the next meeting.

#### Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor G. Timmins—

That the Present Unsatisfactory Pipeline to the Council Houses at Srughaun, Baltinglass, be Replaced by a 1" Pipe.

The County Secretary stated that the main difficulty in regard to this supply was the lack of pressure in the existing Baltinglass supply. The present pipeline to Srughaun was of 1" galvanised iron and was badly corroded. To give an adequate supply to the seventeen houses along the Road, the Chief Assistant Engineer stated it would be necessary to lay a 3" diameter main from Chapel Hill to a storage tank of approximately 5,000 gallons, i.e., a day's supply for the houses on the main—the tank to be filled by a booster pump. It was estimated that the Scheme would cost £2,300 and make water available to the seventeen houses at an average cost of £135 per house.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of preparing Plans for the extension by 3" main to Srughaun to serve seventeen houses.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 10—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—

That Council Consider Extending the Water Pipeline from Stratford Village to a Point Near the Council Houses at Manger.

The County Secretary stated that this Scheme had been before the Council previously and the Council had asked that enquiries be made



from the tenants if they were agreeable to make a contribution of 1/9d. per week towards the cost of extending the watermain and providing the fittings and connections to the houses. The tenants, however, had indicated that they were not prepared to pay the contribution. It seemed that the proposal now before the Council was for the extension of the main and that the tenants would make their own connections.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we approve of proceeding with extension of the Stratford Water Supply to Manger, Stratford-on-Slaney, at an estimated cost of £1,282.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins and M. Deering—That the Watermain in Lackan be extended to Carrig.**

The County Secretary stated that this proposal was for an extension of the existing Lackan supply. The Chief Assistant Co. Engineer had reported that there seemed to be sufficient water available from recent observations, and that being so, the present 3" diameter main could be extended 2,400 lineal yards to make water available to an additional fourteen houses at an estimated cost of £3,000. The average cost was £216 per house.

It was

Proposed by Councillor James Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Deering;

Resolved—That we approve of Plans being prepared for an extension of the Water Supply at Lackan to Carrig to serve fourteen houses at estimated cost of £3,000.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Miley—That Blessington be Given a Refuse Collection Weekly.**

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that arrangements for a Refuse Collection Service in Blessington might be on the following basis:

A Collection to be made weekly by the County Council Lorry with two men who would collect bins from outside the houses on the Street and deliver to a local Refuse Dump. The operation could take place every Friday morning only. The County Engineer estimated the cost of the service to be about £350 per annum. The County Secretary stated that as no provision had been made in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of this Scheme, it would be necessary for the Council to authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the Estimates.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we approve of providing a Domestic Refuse Collection Service in Blessington at an estimated cost of £350 per annum and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the service.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor A. H. Hadden Regarding Use of Hospital Building at Kilmantin Hill Wicklow, as Offices for Council's Staff at Present Located at Rathdrum, and Advice of Council's Solicitor.**

On account of the absence of Councillor Hadden, the Council decided to defer the matter to the next Meeting.

**Item No. 14—Application from National Council for the Blind of Ireland (Co. Wicklow Branch) for Increase in Grant Towards Salary and Expenses of Home Teacher.**

The County Secretary stated that the County Wicklow Branch of the National Council for the Blind of Ireland had applied for an increase of £100 in the Grant made by the Council towards the salary and expenses of the Home Teacher. In the application it was stated that a new salary scale had been applied to trained Home Teachers with effect from the 1st April, 1962, and this involved an increase in salary from that date of £75 per annum. In the previous year the Branch had to meet an additional car allowance of £50 per annum for the Teacher and that there had been increases in other costs also. The present Grant paid by the Council was £290 per annum.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we approve of the Grant to the County Wicklow Branch, National Council for the Blind of Ireland, being increased from £290 per annum to £390 with effect from 1st April, 1962.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 15—Inquiries Arising from County Manager's Orders: Proposed Use of Vested Council Cottage as Sub-Post Office.**

Councillor J. Quigley enquired if there had been any Report in regard to the Resolution passed at a previous Meeting of the Council concerning the use of Cottage at Ballinacdash, of which the tenant-purchaser was Mr. Nolan. The County Secretary pointed out that when the Resolution had been passed by the Council, the County Manager had indicated that the Vested Cottage could not be used otherwise than as a residence. He stated that there did not seem to be any grounds on which the County Manager could make application to the Minister under Section 23 of the Labourers Act, 1938, for a suspension of a Statutory Condition, as in order to do so he would have to be satisfied on the grounds that it would be unreasonable to insist on complying with a Statutory Condition or that there would be undue hardship and that, furthermore, the suspension of a Statutory Condition would have to be for a specific period. In passing the Resolution the Members of the Council had not indicated the grounds on which application might be made to the Minister. It seemed also that the making of an application under Section 23 was an executive function and not a reserved function of the Council. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., maintained that the making of the application was one for the Council and that the Council required the Manager to submit the Resolution. He pointed out that the Council could require the Manager, under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to comply with the Council's requirement. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., and Councillor Quigley also stated that if necessary the Council would be asked to pass a Resolution under Section 4. On the proposal of Councillor Quigley, seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the Council passed a Resolution indicating that they intended to require the County Manager, under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, to submit the Council's Resolution on the subject.



**Supply of Medicines and Drugs to Bray Dispensary.**

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, supported by Councillor Temple, asked that particulars be supplied to the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their forthcoming Meeting regarding the procedure for ordering Medicines and Drugs for Bray Dispensary, and stated there had been complaints of delay in obtaining supplies.

**Derelict Sites at Stratford-on-Slaney**

It was agreed that the matter of Derelict Sites at Stratford-on-Slaney and generally in the Baltinglass Electoral Area be considered by the Members of the Council for the area at their next local Meeting.

**Tribute to Temporary Engineer**

Councillor J. Miley, supported by Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Deering and Councillor Timmins, referred to Mr. Seán O Fearghaill, B.E., who had been acting as Temporary Engineer for the Blessington Area for some months and who is shortly leaving to take up an appointment elsewhere, and expressed appreciation of the manner in which Mr. O'Fearghaill had discharged his duties during his period in Blessington.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

In the names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins—That the Council consider a Motion to provide a Refuse Collection weekly for Baltinglass.

In the names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and James Miley—That the Council consider the matter of having tarmacadam laid on the footpath leading from Donard Village to the two Churches, and also the laying of tarmacadam on the footpath in the Village from Murphy's corner to the Post Office.

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That the Council take the necessary steps to relieve the serious flooding of land adjoining the Merginstown River.

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That a Report be obtained from the Engineer with regard to repairs to Cottages at Kilpipe occupied by Edward Murphy and Mrs. Julia O'Neill.

In the name of Councillor James Everett, T.D.—That extension of pipes from Deputy's Pass to Bahana for supply of water to residents be proceeded with as approved at Meeting on 13th November, 1961.

In the names of Councillors Edward E. Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John C. Temple, H. J. Byrne and Mrs. M. Ledwidge—That in view of unsatisfactory and disappointing nature of the water supply due to discoloration to our houses at Monastery, Enniskerry, that our Engineering Staff be asked to make a Report on the approximate cost of correcting same.

**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, 13th August, 1962, at 2.30 p.m.

The following members attended:

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman.

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., P. McCarthy, John Quigley, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley and J. Gregory.

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

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor E. Byrne and from Councillor C. W. Hudson who expressed his thanks to the Members for their good wishes for his recovery.

**AGENDA:**

1. Supplementary Grants—Report in regard to Grants allocated to date and authorisation of further Loan of £20,000.
2. Application for Supplementary Grant in respect of new dwelling-house at Killincarrig.
3. To open Tenders received for erection of Cottages at Johnstown, Arklow, and Eadestown, Stratford-on-Slaney.
4. Proposed provision of Cottage for applicant at Aurora, Glencree.
5. Proposed Improvement Scheme at Meeting of the Waters, Avoca.
6. Improvement Scheme at Greystones—Proposed acquisition of land at Rathdown Road.
7. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
8. Vesting of Cottages—Report in regard to preparation of Maps.
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley re Repairs to Cottages at Kilpipe occupied by Edward Murphy and Mrs. Julia O'Neill.
10. Repairs to Cottages during Month of July, 1962, and Repairs to be carried out during August, 1962.

**Item No. 1—Supplementary Grants.**

The County Secretary submitted details of the position in regard to Supplementary Grants as at the 29th June, 1962. At that date 967 Grants had been allocated of which number 722 were in respect of reconstruction of houses, 26 in respect of new houses and 219 in respect of water supply and sewerage. The total value of Grants allocated amounted to £76,811. The number of Grants paid at the 29th June, 1962, was 817 at a cost of £62,683. The total amount of Loans raised by the Council to date was £70,000. The County Secretary stated that in order to continue the Scheme a further Loan would be required and suggested that a Loan of £20,000 might be raised. There was no diminution in the number of applications being received currently.



It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £20,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 25 years for the purpose of making Supplementary Grants for Repair and Improvement of Houses, Erection of New Houses and for Private Water Supply and Sewerage Facilities.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 2—Application for Supplementary Grant in respect of New Dwellinghouse at Killincarrig.**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Miss Gertrude Orr, 4, Trees Avenue, Mount Merrion, Dublin, for a Supplementary Grant towards the cost of erection of a new dwellinghouse at Killincarrig. Miss Orr's income was £266 per annum and the amount of the State Grant allocated was £175. Having considered the matter and having noted the details of the house erected

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh:

Resolved—That we approve of payment of Supplementary Grant of £175 to Miss Gertrude Orr, 4, Trees Avenue, Mount Merrion, Dublin, in respect of erection of new house at Killincarrig.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 3—To open Tenders received for Erection of Cottages at Johnstown, Arklow, and Eadestown, Stratford-on-Slaney.**

The County Secretary stated that in response to public advertisement only three Tenders had been received for the erection of Cottages at Johnstown, Arklow, and Eadestown, Stratford-on-Slaney. The Tenders were opened in the presence of the Members. The Tenders received were as follows:—

**For Cottage at Johnstown, Arklow:**

Messrs. O'Toole Bros., Kiltimon—£1,530 plus £398 for provision of services.

**For Cottage at Eadestown, Stratford-on-Slaney:**

Seán Quinn, Castleruddery, Donard—£1,650 plus £300 for provision of services.

John Shortt, Tuckmill, Baltinglass—£1,730 18s. 10d. plus £208 4s. for provision of services.

In reply to enquiry from the Members the County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had estimated the cost of erection of the Cottages and providing services as follows:—

**Cottage at Johnstown, Arklow:**

£1,375 plus £485 for cost of services.

**Cottage at Eadestown, Stratford-on-Slaney:**

£1,375 plus £330 for services.

Following a discussion on the matter it was proposed by Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Deering, that the County Engineer submit a firm estimate for the building of the Cottages at Eadestown and Johnstown for the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 20th August, 1962, and the Tenders were referred to the County Engineer for examination and Report.

**Item No. 4—Proposed Provision of Cottage for Applicant at Aurora, Glencree.**

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Patrick Quinn, Aurora, Glencree, had applied to have a Cottage erected for him on a site at Aurora and the Local Housing Committee had suggested that he be asked to indicate if he would accept a Cottage to be erected on a

site at Kilgarron, Enniskerry, or at Hollybrook, Bray, as the site proposed by him was six miles from the nearest town or village and three and a half miles from the nearest school and there were eight children in the family. Mr. Quinn had replied stating that he was not prepared to accept any site other than that at Aurora, Glencree. The Council decided to defer the matter indefinitely.

**Item No. 5—Proposed Improvement Scheme at Meeting of the Waters, Avoca.**

The County Secretary stated that An Bord Failte had now indicated that the Board expected to be in a position to acquire the site at the Meeting of the Waters, Avoca, from the owner and to hand over this site in fee simple to the Council. The Board had already indicated that they would make a Grant towards the cost of improvement of this plot if the Council would accept responsibility for future maintenance.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh:

Resolved—That having considered further correspondence regarding Scheme for improvement of plot at the Meeting of the Waters, Avoca, we approve in principle of proceeding with a Scheme for the improvement of this plot subject to a Grant to meet the cost of such improvement being made available by An Bord Failte and agree to accept responsibility for future maintenance of the plot when the improvement has been completed.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 6—Improvement Scheme at Grystones—Proposed Acquisition of Land at Rathdown Road.**

The County Secretary stated that the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at a recent Meeting had considered the matter of acquiring a field known as the Circus Field at Rathdown Lower, Grystones, with a view to its being made available as a playing field for the area. The owner had the field up for sale and proposed to dispose of it for housing. The field had been used for many years at a playing pitch. The members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area had asked that enquiries be made from the owner or her Auctioneer as to the price which would be required for the field. The County Secretary stated that a reply had been received from Mr. Ernest B. Wilson, Auctioneer and Valuer, on behalf of the owner, stating that the owner would require £700 plus Auctioneer's Fees for the site and that she already had a buyer. Having considered the matter the Council agreed that it would be desirable to acquire the field and

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That having considered correspondence with Mr. Ernest B. Wilson, Auctioneer and Valuer, regarding field known as the Circus



Field at Rathdown Lower, Greystones, we approve of an offer of £700 being made for the field.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 7—Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.**

The County Secretary stated that the only application refused during the previous month was the matter of the erection of a shed by Mr. T. Lawrence, Drummin, Killickabawn, in front of a new bungalow. It was found that this shed was being erected without approval and further proceeding with the work had been prohibited. The shed was sited adjoining the public road. The Council noted the report in the matter.

**Item No. 8—Vesting of Cottages—Report in regard to Preparation of Maps.**

The County Secretary submitted a Report of the County Architect in regard to the vesting of Cottages in which he stated that up to the end of July some 54 maps had been prepared for vesting purposes and that this disposed of the majority of the cottages where the tenants had indicated their willingness to have the cottages vested in them without further repairs. The total number of tenants who wished to have their cottages vested amounted to 1,066, but many of these cottages were in schemes for which key maps already existed and for the purpose of preparing maps for these cottages, when the necessary repairs had been carried out, the areas of some 300 sites had been calculated. It was proposed to deal with the cottages that had been repaired next and then to prepare maps for the remainder as repairs were carried out. An engineering student had been employed to assist the County Architect in the work of preparing the maps. The Council noted the report on the matter and the progress made. Members of the Council submitted the names of five tenants who had applied for vesting some time previously and who were prepared to accept the cottages in their present condition. The County Secretary stated that arrangements would be made to have the necessary maps prepared in these cases.

**Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Quigley re Repairs to Cottages at Kilpipe occupied by Edward Murphy and Mrs. Julia O'Neill.**

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

PM/JH. Courthouse, Wicklow.  
County Secretary, 13th August, 1962.  
A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 13th June regarding a Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Quigley, concerning repairs to cottages at Kilpipe occupied by Edward Murphy and Mrs. Julia O'Neill, I desire to report:

(1) That I inspected the house occupied by Edward Murphy on the 10th inst. The southern gable shows signs of cracking and is damp. The ground on which the cottage is built is rather soft and may require to be drained. The northern gable requires to have cracks hacked out and filled with suitable compound and plastered over. This and other general repairs required will be attended to as soon as the Council's staff resumes work after annual holidays.

(2) The house occupied by Mrs. O'Neill was inspected on Thursday last. It is a two-storey building. The back wall is damp. It will be necessary to have the joints hacked out here also to examine the extent of the treatment required. This house also will be attended to as soon as the staff resumes work after annual holidays.

I estimate that the repairs required will cost not less than £50 to £60.

Mise, le meas,

J. T. O'BYRNE, County Engineer.

The Council noted that arrangements were being made for repairs to these cottages.

**Item No. 10—Repairs to Cottages during Month of July, 1962, and Repairs to be carried out during August, 1962.**

The Council noted the list submitted of cottages repaired during the month of July, 1962, and of those to be repaired during the month of August, 1962. Councillor J. Temple referred to the lack of details in regard to the works proposed to be carried out on cottages during the month of August, 1962, and asked that particulars of the repairs to the following cottages be submitted to the next Meeting on the 20th August.

Bolger, Dunbur, Wicklow—£35.

James Kenny, Tigroney—£34 14s. 10d.

James McGrainor, Baleeshal—£46 13s. 9d.

Councillor Miss M. Walsh asked that the repairs to the cottage of Thomas Dowser, Tubberpatrick, Tinahely, be expedited, as this tenant was unable to occupy the cottage until the repairs had been completed. Councillor Quigley asked that repairs be carried out to the cottage of Jane Redmond, Baleeshal, Aughrim. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to previous representations he had made in regard to repairs needed to certain cottages and asked that the County Manager examine particularly the matter of arranging for repairs to the following cottages:

Mrs. Wright, Ballyconnell, Redcross.

Catherine Brennan, Springfield, Clonegal.

Browne, Tigroney, Avoca.

Melia, Rathnew.

Reid, Ballyconnell, Redcross.

Mrs. Margaret Crane, 11, St. Brigid's Terrace, Rathnew.

**HOUSING SCHEME AT KIRIKEE.**

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that he had received complaints regarding the new houses recently erected by the Council at Kirikee and asked that a report from the County Engineer in regard to these houses be obtained.

**HOUSING SCHEME AT LARAGH.**

Councillor R. Miley handed in letters from the Parish Priest in regard to two single persons who were going to be married and who were seeking extra houses at Laragh. He asked that two additional houses be provided.



**ST. COLUMCILLE'S HOSPITAL, LOUGHLINSTOWN.**

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge stated that emergency cases were not being accepted at St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown, and asked if any arrangement could be made under which such cases could be accepted at this Hospital. The County Manager pointed out that it was a matter for Doctor or Matron of the Hospital to determine whether or not a case could be regarded as an emergency and normally cases from Wicklow area should be sent to St. Michael's Hospital, Dun Laoghaire.

**FIRE AT ROUNDWOOD.**

Councillor R. Miley paid tribute to the prompt attendance of the Wicklow Fire Brigade at a fire at Roundwood and the effective work they had carried out in saving the premises.

**SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROVED SCHOOLS, 1962.**

The County Secretary submitted the list of successful candidates at the examination for the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools. 132 candidates had competed, of which 126 had sat for the examination and 63 candidates had passed the examination. 35 scholarships were available and it would be noted that of these 18 were for students attending National Schools and 17 for students who were attending at Secondary Schools.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley.

Resolved—That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Education we approve of the award of Scholarships under the Council's Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1962, as follows:—

Name and Address of Student	Value of Scholarship
KIERNAN, Brigid M., 24, Parnell Road, Bray.	£100
FINLAY, Fergus B., "St. Jude's," 5, Novara Rd., Bray.	£30
KINSELLA, Paul F., 1, Alexander Tce., Novara Rd., Bray.	£30
MURPHY, Paul A. N., 5, Main Street, Wicklow.	£30
GORRY, John, Main Street, Baltinglass.	£100
NI BHROIN, Maire S., Wentworth Villas, Wicklow.	£30
MAC AINDREIS, Seamus, 60, St. Peter's Place, Arklow.	£30
BYRNE, Mary C., 13, Grattan Park, Kindlestown	£30
MCDONNELL, Thomas, Coolnarrig, Baltinglass.	£100
LOUTH, Anne Mary, "Carrigmore," Dublin Rd., Arklow.	£30
BYRNE, Rita M., 4, Alexandra Tce., Novara Rd., Bray	£30
TYRRELL, Dorothy, "Genthorne," Arklow.	£30
BYRNE, James, "Bernagh," Kiltegan.	£100

ROCHFORD, Roseanna, "The Piers," Castlekevin, Annamoe	£100
BYRNE, Leslie, "Rosaria," Dargle Road, Bray.	£30
O'LOUGHLIN, Liam, Ballymorris, Aughrim.	£100
TUITE, Patrick F., Marlton Road, Wicklow.	£30
DESMOND, Dermot A. F., "Langara," Church Hill, Wicklow.	£30
MCCARTHY, Maura, Shelton, Arklow.	£30
NAUGHTON, Claire A., 8, Roselawn Park, Bray.	£30
PHILLIPS, Andrew, 14, Fairview Rd., Wicklow.	£30
O CATHASAIGH, Tomas Lorcan, "St. Jude's," Fairgreen, Rathdrum.	£30
CONDREN, Daniel J., "Beach Vista," Harbour Rd., Arklow.	£30
O'NEILL, Dermot, "Claddagh," Newcourt Road, Bray.	£30
DONOHUE, Brigid, Slievecorragh, Hollywood.	£100
O'MALLEY, Mary T., Tomriland, Annamoe, Bray.	£100
TROY, Jean C., Kilgarion, Enniskerry.	£30
HARMON, John J., Ballingui'e, Rathdangan, Baltinglass.	£100
FLANAGAN, Fergal P. J., "Ardnacree," Church Hill, Wicklow.	£10
MCGRATH, Patrick, 5, Brewery Place, Rathdrum.	£30
FORTUNE, Patrick, "St. Patrick's," Davitt Rd., Bray.	£30
KEOGH, William J., 35, Dargan St., Bray.	£30
TOOLE, Liam J., 35, St. Peter's Place, Arklow.	£30
DEVENISH, Marguerita M., 3, Beach Road, Bray.	£30
FARRINGTON, Michael, Kilmullen, Moneystown, Bray.	£50

Passed unanimously.

**Proposed Closing of Roads at Rathdrum.**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Motor Enthusiasts' Club, Ltd., for the closing of Roads in the Rathdrum area for the purpose of Motor Races on Saturday, 15th September, 1962, from 10.00 a.m. until 12 noon for Practice and from 2.00 p.m. until 6.00 p.m. for Races. It was stated that provision would be made to facilitate bus services which would otherwise be affected by the closing of the roads. The roads proposed were portion of the Rathdrum-Arklow road, southwards for 0.2 of a mile from the point where it is joined by the Rathdrum-Aughrim road, portion of the Rathdrum-Aughrim road from the junction with Rathdrum-Arklow road, a distance of 0.3 of a mile and a link road joining the other two about 0.3 of a mile in length. As the proposal involved the closing of portion of the main trunk road between Rathdrum and Arklow and also portion of the main road from Rathdrum to Aughrim, both of which were used by buses, it seemed unlikely that the Council would agree to their proposal. The County Engineer stated that C.I.E. had been in touch with him and had indicated that there were no suitable alternative routes for buses and that they would have to object to the proposed closing. The Council decided to defer the matter to the Meeting on the 20th August and asked that in the meantime the Motor Enthusiasts' Club, Ltd., be asked if they could suggest alternative roads for the purposes of the Race.



**NOTICES OF MOTION.**

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

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That I or someone for me will move a motion at the next appropriate Meeting of the Council, a request by the people of Kiltegan and Rathangan, to have a sewerage scheme installed in the villages.

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That I or someone for me will move a motion at the next Meeting of the Council to consider the matter of having a house built in the village of Stratford-On-Slaney, for an agricultural worker, John Barrett.

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That I or someone for me will move a motion at the next Meeting of the Council to consider the matter of the cleaning of the Merginstown River which, in its present condition, is causing serious flooding of the land adjoining it.

In the name of Councillor J. Miley—That I or some member of this Council will move for me that this Council purchase the balance of site of Vocational School at Blessington that can be bought, that is suitable for building site.

In the name of Councillor G. Timmins—That I or someone for me will propose at the next Meeting of the Council that the existing water supply for the Council houses at Raheen, Baltinglass, be extended to a position more convenient to them.

In the name of Councillor G. Timmins—That the question of providing water for Rathgorragh, Rathdangan, be examined.

At a Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area following the Council Meeting, the Members agreed that the price and conditions sought for the acquisition of a site known as "The Paddock," Greystones, were excessive and could not be accepted. The Members also agreed on the suggested area to be included for the proposed Domestic Scavenging Service.

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 20th August, 1962, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman.

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

In the absence of Cllr. J. J. McCrea, Chairman, Councillor H. J. Byrne took the Chair.

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

It was noted by the Vice-Chairman that an apology for non-attendance due to illness was submitted by the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman offered his best wishes for the quick recovery of the Chairman. An apology for inability to attend due to illness was also received from Councillor C. W. Hudson.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor O'Toole to the meeting after his absence owing to illness and expressed his good wishes for his continued good health. Councillor O'Toole suitably replied.

**RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.**

A letter was read from the family of the late William Clarke of Rossanagh, thanking the County Council for their message of sympathy on the recent death of Mr. Clarke. A similar letter was received from Judge Deale. Both letters were noted with appreciation by the Council.

**NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND OF IRELAND.**

A letter of thanks from the National Council for the Blind of Ireland (County Wicklow Branch), conveying thanks for recent increase in Grant, was read to the Members of the Council, who duly noted same.

**AGENDA.**

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 4th, 18th, 25th June and 2nd July, 1962.
2. University Scholarship Scheme 1962—To consider award of Scholarships under Council's Scheme.
3. Abstract of Accounts for year to 31st March, 1962.
4. Rural Employment Schemes—Letter from Department of Local Government regarding Grant of £600, subject to local contribution of £200 for works under Employment Schemes Vote, 1963, and recommendation from County Engineer.
5. Proposed closing of Roads at Bray for purposes of Circuit of Bray Cycle Race.
6. Application for closing of Roads at Rathdrum for purposes of Motor Car Race.



7. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and J. Miley regarding laying of tarmacadam on footpath from Donard Village to two churches and on footpath in the Village and Report of County Engineer.
8. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That the Council take the necessary steps to relieve serious flooding of land adjoining Merginstown River.
9. Report of County Engineer in regard to use of lay-bys adjoining public roads by itinerants.
10. Wages of Roadworkers—Recommendation of Labour Court dated 24th July, 1962.
11. Proposed revision of remuneration of certain Officers.
12. Report in regard to request for provision of water supply in Wind-gates area.
13. Notice of motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D. for extension of watermain from Deputy's Pass to Bahana.
14. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors E. Byrne, H. B. Hipwell, J. Temple, H. J. Byrne and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge—That in view of the unsatisfactory and disappointing nature of the water supply due to discolouration to our houses at Monastery, Enniskerry, that our Engineering Staff be asked to make a Report on the approximate cost of correcting same.
15. Letter from Department of Defence regarding proposed provision of water supply from supply serving Coolmoney Camp.
16. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins for provision of Refuse Collection Service weekly in Balinglass.
17. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor A. H. Hadden in regard to use of County Hospital building at Kilmartin Hill for Offices.
18. Proposed extension of Burial Ground at Glendalough—Correspondence received.
19. Fire Brigade Service—Recommendation of Chief Fire Officer in regard to replacement of Fire Engine at Dunlavin.
20. Erection of houses at Eadestown and Johnstown—Report of County Engineer on Tenders received.
21. Details of certain Repairs to Cottages as requested by Council at last Meeting.
22. Minutes of Meeting of County Councils' General Council held on 3rd May, 1962.
23. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

**Item No. 1.—To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meetings held on 4th, 18th, 25th June 2nd and 9th July, 1962.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge.

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 4th, 18th, 25th June, 2nd and 9th July, 1962.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 2.—University Scholarship Scheme, 1962—To consider award of Scholarships under Council's Scheme.**

The Council were given particulars of the amount available for University Scholarships in the current year and particulars of the number who passed the Examination, differentiating between those who secured an Honours Leaving Certificate and a Pass Leaving Certificate.

The following Resolution was passed approving of the award of Scholarships to the successful candidates:—

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole;

Seconded by Councillor Hipwell.

Resolved—That we approve subject to the sanction of the Minister of the award of the following Scholarships to the successful candidates under the University Scholarship Scheme, 1962:—

NAME AND ADDRESS	VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP
SHEEHAN, P. W. Corballis, Rathdrum ... ..	£250
CREAN, Maurice Thomas, "Cloghlea," Herbert Road, Bray ... ..	£150
O'FARRELL, James Brian, 22 Camaderry Road, Bray ... ..	£150
McCANN, Michael Joseph, 63 Beech Road, Bray ... ..	£150
McCABE, James Francis, 17 Dwyer Park, Bray ... ..	£140

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 3—Abstract of Accounts for Year to 31st March, 1962.**

When submitting the Abstract of Accounts to the County Council details of indebtedness on foot of loans, total expenditure from Revenue on all services, cost per mile of Main Roads, cost per mile of County Roads, total number of Cottages, loss per Cottage borne by the Rates, percentage rate collection, amount of Cottage rents collected and percentage collection, were circulated to the Council before the Meeting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh.

Resolved—That we note the submission of the Abstract of Accounts of the Council for the year to 31st March, 1962.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 4—Rural Employment Schemes—Letter from Department of Local Government regarding Grant of £600, subject to Local Contribution of £200 for Works under Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1963, and Recommendation from County Engineer.**

The County Engineer recommended in Report dated 10th August, 1962 that the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote monies should be expended as follows:—

1 ASHFORD—Continuation of footpaths to Nun's Cross Church ... ..	£265
2 Newtownmountkenedy—Footpaths in front of Cottages north of Newtownmountkenedy ... ..	£265
3. Rathnew—Footpaths in village ... ..	£270

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge.

Resolved—That we approve of recommendations of the County Engineer for Schemes to be carried out with the aid of Grant under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote 1962/63 and authorise the necessary expenditure of £800 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of these works

Passed unanimously.



**Item No. 5—Proposed Closing of Roads at Bray for Purposes of Circuit of Bray Cycle Race.**

The Council having considered the application from Bray Amusements Committee for permission to close certain Roads at Bray from 2.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. on Sunday, 2nd September, 1962, for the purpose of Bray Cycle Race and having noted that there were no objections received in response to the notice given in this connection on the 14th July 1962, passed the following Resolution:—

It was

Proposed by Councillor Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Hipwell.

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the Roads described hereunder on Sunday, 2nd September, 1962, from 2.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. and authorise the holding of the Circuit of Bray Cycle Race on these Roads while closed to public traffic:—

Strand Road, Bray, from its junction with Albert Avenue to its junction with Putland Road;

Putland Road;

Vevay Road from its junction with Putland Road to Town Hall;

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

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

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 6.—Application for Closing of Roads at Rathdrum for Purposes of Motor Car Race.**

The Council were informed that C.I.E. had some objections to the proposal to close the Roads referred to, but a telephone call was received on the morning of the Meeting to the effect that the Secretary of the Motor Enthusiasts' Club had agreed to make special arrangements with C.I.E. to cease racing for certain times so as to allow C.I.E. essential traffic to pass through. A Deputation of two Members from the Motor Enthusiasts' Club attended the Meeting and explained that special arrangements would be made to allow buses through at appropriate times. Councillor Haughton stated that there was no objection to the proposal to close the Roads from local residents. The following

Resolution was then passed:—

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Hipwell.

Resolved—That subject to the arrangements being found suitable by C.I.E. and the Garda Síochána we approve of the closing of Public Roads in Rathdrum area as set out in application from Motor Enthusiasts' Club, on Saturday, 15th September, 1962, from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon and 2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 7.—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and J. Miley regarding Laying of Tarmacadam on Footpath from Donard Village to Two Churches and on Footpath in the Village and Report of County Engineer.**

The Council were informed that approval had been given for the laying of tarmacadam on the footpath from Murphy's Corner to the Post Office, at a cost of £70, but that it was considered that the laying of tarmacadam on footpath from Donard Village to Two Church was not necessary as the footpath was in good condition and it was not considered desirable to spend £140 on laying this tarmacadam. After discussion, however, it was decided by the Council that this latter work should be referred to the Local Committee for consideration.

**Item No. 8.—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That the Council take the necessary steps to relieve serious flooding of land adjoining Merginstown River.**

The Council were given particulars of the Assistant Engineer's Report on the matter. This Report was to the effect that the River in question was improved under the Arterial Drainage Scheme some years ago. Maintenance had since been carried out from money provided by the Office of Public Works at the rate of £50 per annum. The Council had carried out the maintenance on behalf of the Department. Because of representations by the landowners last year the Council obtained an increase in the Office of Public Works annual Grant to £100 for the current year. The money is due to be expended next month when the water is at its lowest level. It was pointed out in the Engineer's Report that land drainage in the adjoining fields was being carried out following the River drainage operations and that considerable water remained on some of the land even at this time of the year and that the necessary drainage of such land was not being held up by any sluggishness in the River. The Council, having discussed the matter, on the suggestion of Councillor J. Temple, it was agreed that the local Councillors for the area should examine the matter with the Council's Engineer.

**Item No. 9.—Report of County Engineer in Regard to Use of Lay-bys Adjoining Public Roads by Itinerants.**

The following letter from the County Engineer was read to the Council and the County Manager explained in detail to the Members present the difficulty experienced in dealing with itinerants for some years past.

Courthouse,  
Wicklow,  
26th July, 1962.

PM/JH.

County Secretary.

Re/ Itinerants.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 25th inst., addressed to Mr. Hickey, regarding occupation of a vacant site at 40, Castle Street, Bray by a group of itinerants on the 19th inst., I would like to remark that while this particular occurrence is very perturbing it is quite in keeping with similar occurrences all along the main roads in County Wicklow. You will have noticed that the lay-bys and other roadside



spaces following road improvements are frequently used by tinkers in a most objectionable manner.

In my opinion the only way to get over this problem is that the appropriate Government Authority should arrange that no parking or camping should be allowed on such spaces (except by a licence of the Gardaí or Local Authorities). The alternative should be prosecution and fine. Notices drawing attention to such legislation should be erected on main roads where such lay-bys and vacant spaces are available

Mise, le Meas.

J. T. O'Byrne,  
County Engineer.

The Council, having discussed the matter at length, passed the following Resolution:—

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell;  
Seconded by Councillor Miley.

Resolved—That we strongly recommend to the Department of Justice that the necessary measures be taken by them to prevent itinerants from camping alongside Main Roads.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 10. — Wages of Roadworkers—Recommendation of Labour Court, Dated 24th July, 1962.**

The Recommendation of the Labour Court pursuant to the terms of the Industrial Relations Acts, 1946 and 1955 (Recommendation No. 1557, D.476) dated the 24th July, 1962, was submitted to the Council. It was noted from the Recommendation that the Labour Court recommended that the wages of the workers in County Wicklow should be increased to £7 1s. 6d. per week retrospective to the 1st April, 1962, which represented an increase of 11s. After lengthy discussion by the Council the following Resolution was proposed by Councillor P. Brennan T.D., and seconded by Councillor J. Miley:—

That having considered recommendation of Labour Court we approve of increase of 11/- in wages of Roadworkers with effect from 1st April, 1962, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of such increase in wages.

Councillor P. McCarthy proposed the following amendment, which was seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:—

That no decision be taken on Labour Court Recommendation on workmen's wages until information is received from the Workmen's Unions on their views in relation to the Recommendation.

The amendment having been taken in the first instance and voted upon by the Members present it was found that the members voted as follows:—

**In Favour:** Councillors Edward Byrne, James Everett, T.D., James Gregory, James D. Haughton, Patrick McCarthy, Roger Miley, John Quigley, P.C., John Temple, Miss Mary Walsh—Nine.

**Against:** Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., H. J. Byrne, Mark Deering, Hugh B. Hipwell, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, James Miley, Michael J. O'Neill, James O'Toole, G. Timmins—Nine.

The result being a tie, the Chairman's casting vote was against the amendment, which was declared lost. The Council then agreed

that it was unnecessary to vote on the Resolution and that the vote on the amendment should be accepted as being the same as the Resolution, which was accordingly passed.

**Item No. 11—Proposed Revision of Remuneration of Certain Officers.**

The Council having been given particulars of increases to certain Officers of the County Council and having been informed of the cost of the increases, passed the following Resolution:—

It was

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

Resolved—That we approve of the application of the following revised salary scales for Officers of the Council with effect from 1st November, 1961, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of these revisions: County Engineer and County Medical Officer—£2,115 x £72—£2,405; County Secretary £1,630 x £55—£2,010. That we note revised salary scale, £2,410 x £72 10s. 0d—£2,700, fixed by Minister for Local Government for the office of County Manager with effect from 1st November, 1961, and authorise necessary expenditure involved.

Passed unanimously.

In connection with the discussion on salary increases a discussion took place regarding the necessity of revising the rate of Travelling Expenses paid to Councillors and in this connection the following Resolution was passed:—

It was

Proposed by Councillor Temple;  
Seconded by Councillor Quigley.

Resolved—That Department of Local Government be requested to examine the matter of travelling expenses scales for attendance at Meetings of local authorities and that 50 per cent. increase be approved.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 12.—Report in Regard to Request for Provision of Water Supply in Windgates Area.**

After a discussion it was decided by the Council that the matter be submitted to a Meeting of the Members for the Northern Area to whom copies of the Engineer's Report should be circulated.

**Item No. 13.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., for Extension of Watermain from Deputy's Pass to Bahana.**

During a discussion on the matter, Councillor Everett, T.D., referred to the proposed extension of the water supply at Rathnew which was previously raised by him by Notice of Motion in November, 1961. The Council were informed that correspondence was in progress with the Department of Local Government in the matter at the moment. The following Resolution was passed:—

It was

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

Resolved—That we approve of Plan and Specification being prepared for Scheme for extension of watermain from Glenealy Water Supply from Deputy's Pass to Bahana.

Passed unanimously.



**Item No. 14.—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors E. Byrne, H. B. Hipwell, J. Temple, H. J. Byrne and Mrs. Ledwidge—That in view of the unsatisfactory and disappointing nature of the Water Supply due to discolouration to our houses at Monastery, Enniskerry, that our Engineering Staff be asked to make a Report on the Approximate Cost of correcting same.**

The County Engineer's Report in the matter was read to the Members and during a discussion reference was made by Councillor Hipwell to the serious discolouration of baths, cisterns, sanitary fittings, by the piped water at Monastery. It was agreed that when making representations to the Department of Local Government for a Loan towards the cost of the work that particular stress should be laid on the points raised by the Council at the Meeting. The following Resolution was passed:—

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;  
Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne.

Resolved—That, having considered Report of County Engineer, we approve of the re-laying of 4" main at Monastery, Enniskerry, at total estimated cost of £2,700 and authorise the raising of a Loan of £2,700 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 25 years, to defray the cost of this Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 15.—Letter from Department of Defence regarding proposal Provision of Water Supply from Supply serving Coolmoney Camp.**

Letter from the Department of Defence was read to the Council to the effect that owing to encrustation of the supply system at Coolmoney Camp, there is only sufficient water available to keep the Camp supplied, if fully occupied. Consideration was being given to the question of providing a new watermain, but it was expected that the work, if undertaken, would require approximately two years to complete. The Department would then be in a position to re-examine the possibility of providing supplies of water to the residents referred to by the Council. During a discussion on the matter it was suggested that it was considered that there was a falling-off in the number of Military Personnel attending at Coolmoney Camp during the past few years when compared with some years earlier and that if the water in earlier years was sufficient to cater for the larger number, the Department might on re-examination of the proposal find it possible to accede to the Council's request. In the circumstances the Council asked that the Department of Defence be good enough to re-consider the matter in view of the points raised.

**Item No. 16.—Notice of motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins for Provision of Refuse Collection Service Weekly in Baltinglass.**

Having discussed the provision of a Refuse Collection Service in Baltinglass, the provision of a similar Service for Blessington, Dunlavin and Rathdrum was also considered and as a result the following Resolution was passed:—

It was

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

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of a Refuse Collection Service at Baltinglass, and agree that Tenders be invited for the provision of Refuse Collection Service for Blessington, Baltinglass, Dunlavin and Rathdrum.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 17.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor A. H. Hadden, in Regard to Use of County Hospital Building at Kilmantin Hill for Offices.**

Owing to the absence of Councillor A. H. Hadden, this item was adjourned until the next meeting of the County Council.

**Item No. 18.—Proposed Extension of Burial Ground at Glendalough—Correspondence Received.**

Letter from Professor W. B. Stanford was read to the Council as was letter dated 30th July, 1962, from T. W. Moody, Focelyn Otway-Ruthven, F. S. L. Lyons and James F. Lydon, which appeared in the issue of the "Irish Times" dated Friday, August 3rd, 1962. The Council, having considered the matter, decided that the letter from Professor Stanford should be acknowledged stating that same was duly noted by the Council. The Council agreed that the National Monuments Advisory Council should be asked to state the approximate period of time which would be required to excavate and determine what objects, if any, of a National or historical interest, were contained in the plot to be acquired by the Council, should the Council be agreeable to allow them to do this work. In the meantime it was agreed by the Members present that steps should be taken to secure an estimate of the cost of fencing, laying of paths and other necessary work in connection with the proposal to extend the Graveyard by acquiring the plot in question. It was agreed by the Council that a suitable type of fencing, layout and control of the erection of monuments would be necessary so that the Graveyard, as extended, should not in any way conflict with the existing amenities or historical or antiquarian values of the locality.

**Item No. 19.—Fire Brigade Service—Recommendation of Chief Fire Officer in Regard to Replacement of Fire Engine at Dunlavin.**

Report of the Chief Fire Officer was read to the Council. It was noted from the Report that the Chief Fire Officer recommended that in the interests of economy the number of Fire Stations should be reduced from ten to eight and it was suggested that both Tinahely and Blessington might be closed down as the fire calls received over a period of ten years did not justify the existence of either Station. After a discussion it was felt by the Council that neither Blessington nor Tinahely should be closed down and they requested that the matter be referred back to the Chief Fire Officer for a further Report owing to the views of the Council in the matter.

**Item No. 20.—Erection of houses at Eadestown and Johnstown—Report of County Engineer on Tenders Received.**

The following Report from the County Engineer was submitted to the Council. The Council, having considered the County Engineer's Report in the matter, agreed that a fully serviced Cottage should be provided in each case and they accordingly accepted that the work should be carried out by Direct Labour at the costs as set out in the County Engineer's recommendation. It was agreed by the Council that the matter should now be submitted to the Department of Local Government for sanction on the basis outlined in the County Engineer's Report.



Court House,  
Wicklow,  
17th August, 1962.

PM/JH

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re/ Erection of Cottages at Eadestown and Johnstown.

A Chara,

In reply to your letter of the 14th inst., I have examined the Tenders received in reply to the Council's advertisement for the erection of Cottages at Johnstown and Eadestown. The Tenders are returned herewith as follows:—

**EADESTOWN:**

1. John Quinn, Castleruddery, Donard.			
Building Cottage without Services	...	...	£1,635
Additional for Service	...	...	£300
TOTAL:	...	...	£1,925
2. John Shortt, Tuckmill, Baltinglass.			
Building Cottage without services	...	...	£1,730 18 10
Additional for services	...	...	£203 4 0
TOTAL	...	...	£1,939 2 10

**JOHNSTOWN:**

1. O'Toole Bros., Kiltimon, Newcastle.			
Building Cottage without services	...	...	£1,530
Additional for services	...	...	£398
TOTAL.	...	...	£1,928

As stated in my Report of 7th April, I consider that the Cottage at Johnstown South could be built by Direct Labour for a total of £1,860, allowing £485 for the provision of sanitary services. The Cottage at Eadestown could be built by Direct Labour at a cost of £1,705, allowing £330 for the provision of sanitary services. The original Tender are returned herewith.

Mise, le meas,

J. T. O'BYRNE

County Engineer.

**Item No. 21.—Details of Certain Repairs to Cottages as Requested by Council at Last Meeting.**

Details requested at last Meeting were submitted and noted by the County Council.

**Item No. 22.—Minutes of Meeting of County Councils' General Council held on 3rd May, 1962.**

Minutes of Meeting of County Councils' General Council held at 11 Parnell Square, Dublin, on Thursday, 3rd May, 1962, were given to the Members and same were noted.

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

Summary of principle Orders made by the County Manager during month of July, 1962, was circulated to the Members and same were duly noted.

**Other Business.**

Before the closing of business the Council were informed that the Department of Health, per Circular, had authorised increases in Allowances to Disabled Persons and those suffering from Infectious Diseases. The increases were 2s. 6d. per week in the case of Disabled Persons and averaged from 2s. 6d. to 5s. in the case of persons suffering from Infectious Diseases. The increases became effective from the 1st August, 1962, and the estimated cost for the current year was £2,000, of which sum £1,000 would be recoupable to the Council by way of Health Grant. The Members of the Council duly noted the increases and approved of payment with effect from the 1st August.

**Secondary and Vocational Schools Scholarships.**

Councillor Temple raised the matter of Secondary School Scholarships held by the Misses Cleary and Moran of Bray and asked would it be possible for these students to continue their studies at the Holy Faith Convent, Dublin, instead of at the High School of Commerce, Rathmines. It was agreed that the Department of Education should be requested to grant the necessary permission.

**Notices of Motion.**

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

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That I or someone for me will move a Motion at the next appropriate Meeting of the Council a request by the people of Kiltegan and Rathdangan to have a Sewerage Scheme installed in these villages.

In the name of Councillor J. Miley—That I or someone of this Council will move for me that this Council purchase land (balance of site of Vocational School, Blessington) that can be bought, that is suitable for building site.

In the name of Councillor G. Timmins—That I or someone for me will propose at the next Meeting of the Council that the existing water supply for the Council houses at Raheen, Baltinglass, be extended to a position more convenient to them.

In the name of Councillor G. Timmins—That the provision of water for Rathgorragh, Rathdangan, be examined.

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That I or someone for me will move a Motion at the next Meeting of the Council to consider the matter of having a house built in the village of Stratford-On-Slaney for an agricultural worker, John Barrett.

In the name of Councillor Miss Walsh—To extend the watermain from Coolboy to the eight houses at Hillbrook.

In the name of Councillor Miss Walsh—That this Council appoint a Caretaker for Tinahely Refuse Dump, to receive refuse at specified regular intervals and maintain the general condition of Dump.

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—I request that a Report be got from Engineers as to condition of the following Cottages:—

Michael Fleming, Macreddin, Aughrim.

James Dixon, Rednagh Road, Aughrim.

Michael Kennedy, Killaduff, 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, 3rd September, 1962, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors C. W. Hudson and James D. Haughton.

### AGENDA:

1. Affixing of Corporate Seal to Deed of Mortgage in connection with Loan of £4,000 from Commissioners of Public Works, for water and sewerage services at Kilpedder and Newtownmount-kennedy.
2. Housing Scheme at Laragh—Provision of Houses.
3. Proposed Housing Scheme for Rathdrum.
4. Provision of Cottage at Kilcarra for Patrick O'Reilly.
5. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill re provision of Sewerage Scheme for Kiltegan and Rathdangan.
6. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley re purchase of balance of site at Vocational School, Blessington, as a building site.
7. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins re extension of existing water supply for Council Cottages at Raheen, Baltinglass.
8. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins that the provision of water for Rathgorragh, Rathdangan, be examined.
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill that the erection of a cottage in village of Stratford-on-Slaney for agricultural worker, John Barrett, be considered.
10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Walsh re extension of watermain from Coolboy to eight houses at Hillbrook.
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Walsh that a Caretaker be appointed for Tinahely Refuse Dump.
12. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor John Quigley that Report be obtained re condition of Cottages tenanted by the following: Michael Fleming, Macreddin, Aughrim; James Dixon, Rednagh Road, do.; Michael Kennedy, Killaduff, do.
13. Repairs to Cottages during month of August, 1962, and Repairs to be carried out during September, 1962.



**Resolutions of Sympathy:**

On the proposal of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the wife, family and relatives of the late Dr. Doyle, Dispensary Medical Officer, Avoca. The Council also passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the parents and family of the late Raymond Howes, St. Kevin's Terrace, Wicklow. The County Manager and Acting County Secretary associated themselves with the Resolutions.

**Item No. 1—Affixing of Corporate Seal to Deed of Mortgage in Connection with Loan of £4,800 from Commissioners of Public Works, for Water and Sewerage Services at Kilpedder and Newtownmountkennedy:**

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the Loan of £4,800 required for Water and Sewerage Services at Kilpedder and Newtownmountkennedy.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 2—Housing Scheme at Laragh—Provision of Houses.**

The Members of the Council were informed that it was intended to erect four houses at Laragh and that this had already been indicated to the Department. Councillor Miley stated that there were two fresh applications for housing accommodation and he requested that two additional houses be built. He stated that both men, while single, were awaiting housing accommodation in order to get married and that if such accommodation were not provided they would be compelled to emigrate. Several other Councillors supported Councillor Miley in the matter. The Council were informed of the manner in which monies had to be raised and were told that from experience in the past it was found that oftentimes a number of original applicants did not take up occupation in the houses with the result that the Council were left with vacant houses on their hands. It was suggested to the Council that it would be better to proceed with the four houses, and at a later date submit to the Department the Council's recommendation that a further two houses should be provided for the two applicants referred to by Councillor R. Miley. The Council after a discussion on the matter agreed to this suggestion.

**Item No. 3—Proposed Housing Scheme for Rathdrum.**

The Council were informed that the position in respect of applications for housing at Rathdrum had been very carefully examined and particularly the Report of the County Medical Officer, and it was found that two houses only were required at Rathdrum. It was noted, however, that the County Council at their Meeting held on the 4th September, 1961, approved of the erection of six houses. The Council were informed also that recently a vacant Cottage was advertised at Ballygannon and only four applications were received for the tenancy of this Cottage. In the circumstances, it was pointed

out that if six houses were built it was most unlikely that suitable tenants would be found to occupy them. The Council's particular attention was drawn to Circular Letter No. 4/60 of the 12th October, 1960, on the subject of housing needs and the submission of Schemes. After a discussion it was decided to adjourn the matter until a further investigation was made of the housing needs.

**Item No. 4—Provision of Cottage at Kilcarra for Patrick O'Reilly:**

The Council were given particulars of the proposed site for this Cottage and were informed that an Ordnance Sheet on which the site was marked had been sent to the Department and that the approval of the Department to the site must now be awaited before further consideration would be given to the matter. The Council noted the action taken.

Items Nos. 5, 7 and 8—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill re Provision of Sewerage Scheme for Kiltegan and Rathdangan—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor G. Timmins re Extension of Existing Water Supply for Council Cottages at Raheen, Baltinglass.—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor G. Timmins that the Provision of Water for Rathgorragh, Rathdangan, be Examined:

Items Nos. 7 and 8 were taken in conjunction with Item No. 5. The following Report from the Deputy County Engineer was submitted to the Members, and after a lengthy discussion by the Members on the need for the supply of water to various villages and hamlets in the County, it was decided that the whole matter should be grouped:

Courthouse,

Wicklow.

RLF/JH.

County Secretary.

3rd Sept., 1962.

**Re: Sewerage Scheme—Kiltegan and Rathdangan.**

A Chara,

With reference to the Notice of Motion on the Agenda, the first problem is to provide an adequate water supply to Kiltegan and Rathdangan.

It is proposed to design a Regional Water Supply Scheme for an area which would embrace Baltinglass, Kiltegan and Rathdangan and investigations are in progress on this line.

Until an adequate water supply is available there would be no use in providing a Sewerage Scheme.

Mise, le meas.

R. L. FARRELL,

Deputy Co. Engineer.



The Council were informed of the difficulty of obtaining and retaining the services of Temporary Engineers. The Council noted the position and, after lengthy discussion, passed the following Resolution:

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That Consultants be employed for the purpose of preparing Water Supply Schemes for Laragh/Annamoe District, Baltinglass/Kiltegan/Rathdangan, and for Tinahely and for Carnew.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 6—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Miley Re Purchase of Balance of Site at Vocational School, Blessington, as a Building Site.**

The Council were informed that the balance of the site was privately owned and was not the property of the Vocational Education Committee. They were further informed that it was possible that when new teachers were appointed to the School, that the site might be required for the purpose of private building by those teachers. After discussion the following Resolution was passed:—

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miley;

Seconded by Deputy Brennan:

Resolved—That County Engineer and County Medical Officer examine and report on possibility of using land adjacent to Vocational School at Blessington for housing purposes and also site at Carnew.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That the Erection of a Cottage in Village of Stratford-on-Slaney for Agricultural Worker, John Barrett, be Considered.**

The Council were informed that this man's application for a Cottage was sent to the County Medical Officer on the 2nd August, who was asked to examine it and report, and that the County Architect was also asked to report regarding the suitability of the proposed site. No Report had come to hand at the time of the Meeting, and it was accordingly adjourned for the submission of the necessary Reports.

**Item No. 10—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss Walsh Re Extension of Watermain from Coolboy to Eight Houses at Hillbrook:**

The following Report from the Deputy County Engineer was submitted to the Council, which was duly noted.

Courthouse,

Wicklow.

1st Sept., 1962.

RLF/JH.

Acting County Secretary.

A Chara,

With reference to the proposal to extend the Coolboy Water Supply to eight houses in Hillbrook, as the position of these houses is at an elevation which would prohibit further extension of the existing supply without resorting to pumping, a smaller diameter pipe could be used provided it is agreed that provision for a water supply in the case of firefighting is not needed.

The total length of the proposed extension is 2,240 lineal yards, and it is estimated that the cost of laying and providing a connection to the stopcocks would be:

3" diameter P.V.C. main	..	..	..	£2,938
2" diameter P.V.C. main	..	..	..	£1,922

The 3" diameter main would supply sufficient water for firefighting purposes.

Mise, le meas,

**R. L. FARRELL,**

Deputy Co. Engineer.

It was agreed that the extension of the watermain from Coolboy to the eight houses at Hillbrook should be taken in conjunction with the Group Scheme.

**Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss Walsh—That a Caretaker be Appointed for Tinahely Refuse Dump:**

The Report of the Assistant County Engineer was read to the Meeting, and it was agreed that a County Council workman should be asked to do the work on, say, two half-days per week. The Chairman suggested that the Dump should be fenced and locked and opened only on prescribed days per week. It was finally agreed that the Tinahely Development Association be asked to make a recommendation on suitable opening days of the Dump.

**Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor John Quigley—That Report be Obtained Re Condition of Cottages Tenanted by the following: Michl. Fleming, Macreddin, Aughrmi; James Dixon, Rednagh Road, do., and Michael Kennedy, Killaduff, do.**

The Council were informed that the Cottages referred to were listed for Repairs under Item No. 13, which was before the Meeting on that day.

**Item No. 13—Repairs to Cottages During Month of August, 1962, and Repairs to be Carried Out During September, 1962.**

List of Cottages repaired during Month of August and to be repaired during September was duly noted by the Council.



**Public Lighting at Kilgarron Park, Enniskerry:**

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge stressed the necessity for the provision of a light at Kilgarron Park, Enniskerry, and it was agreed that a Report in the matter should be submitted to the Meeting of the Co. Council to be held on Monday, the 10th inst.

**Scholarship:**

Councillor E. Byrne raised the question of Scholarship awarded to Miss Jean Troy of Kilgarron, Enniskerry, and pointed out that due to home circumstances and the fact that the house occupied by her Mother was rather small, and that there were four other children in the family which would make it difficult for this girl to study at home as there were no facilities for such study, her mother desired that she be admitted as a boarder to the Holy Faith Convent, Greystones, and that the amount of the Scholarship be increased from £30 to £100 per annum. After discussion, the Council agreed that the circumstances of the case should be brought to the notice of the Department of Education with the request that the higher Scholarship should be awarded in this case.

**Purchase of Plot of Land known as "The Paddock," Greystones:**

The Council were informed that Bórd Fáilte by telephone had advised that they were prepared to purchase lease of this plot for a sum of £700 and hand same over to Wicklow County Council, free of charge, other than the rent of £1 per annum. The Council considered the matter and decided that in view of the price, the annual rent and the restrictions attached to the lease, not to accept the offer of Bórd Fáilte.

**Derelict Sites:**

Councillor J. Miley raised the question of Derelict Sites at Stratford-on-Slaney. The Council were informed of the difficulty of ascertaining the owners of these sites, and that in the absence of such information there was not much the Council could do about it at the moment. The Council, however, did acquire some of the sites in question and the necessary Orders in connection with these sites will be made in due course. Steps were being taken to have these particular sites cleared as soon as possible.

**Blessington and Carnew Housing Schemes:**

The Council enquired the present position re the Blessington and Carnew Housing Schemes and were informed of action taken to date.

**Notices of Motion:**

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

In the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—If County Manager will state the number of requests received from Patrick Mulhall (tenant) of Cottage at Ballinabarney, Redcross, to have drain in his plot piped as promised, date of Engineer's visit and what action was taken in the matter.

In the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—If County Manager will state date the Office at Rathdrum forwarded request to the Engineer's Office to inspect Cottage (tenant, Miss Mary Cullen, Coolruss, Clonegal) and date of Engineer's inspection and what repairs, if any, were carried out.



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 10th September, 1962, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, Deputy County Engineer, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell, P. T. Hickey, and P. McGuinness were present. In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

### AGENDA.

1. To authorise Overdraft Accommodation on Capital and General Account for quarter ending 31st December, 1962.
2. Proposed Closing of Roads at Rathdrum for purposes of Motor Car Race.
3. Letter from Department of Justice re Itinerants.
4. Resolution from Dublin City Council re introduction of legislation to relieve ratepayers and taxpayers of cost of providing treatment in hospitals.
5. Resolution from Kerry County Council re curtailment of Trading activities by semi-state bodies.
6. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor A. H. Hadden in regard to use of County Hospital Building at Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, for offices.
- 6 (a) Purchase of lands to provide access to Sea at Magherymore, Wicklow.
7. Letter from Department of Local Government re County Road Improvement Grant.
8. Notice of Motion in names of Councillor O'Toole and others regarding lowering of road bank at entrance to Kindlestown cottages.
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley that an additional public light be erected at 'Bus Stop, Avoca.
10. To make a Purchase Scheme No. 6 in respect of Council cottages.
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley re use of vested cottage at Ballinacash as a Sub-Post Office.
12. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders,



**Item No. 1—Overdraft Accommodation on Capital and General Account for Quarter ending 31st December, 1962.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor 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 December, 1962, shall not exceed £200,000.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor 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 Capital Account as may be required and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 31st December, 1962, shall not exceed £10,000.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 2—Proposed Closing of Roads at Rathdrum for Purposes of Motor Car Race.**

The County Secretary stated that the necessary public notice had been given and no objections had been received to the proposed closing of the roads at Rathdrum for the purpose of Practice and Motor Car Races on 15th September, 1962. The Garda Authorities had indicated that they had no objection to the closing of the roads and C.I.E. had stated that arrangements were being made with the Club organising the Races to allow buses through the road blocks at Rathdrum and that they were withdrawing their objection.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic portion of Road T.7 (RATHDRUM/ARKLOW) from junction of L32 (RATHDRUM/BALLINACLASH/AUGHTRIM) to junction with County Road No. 149 and thence to junction of County Road No. 149 with Road L32 and portion of L32 to junction with T.7, a distance of 0.8 miles, on Saturday, 15th September, 1962, between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon and 2.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. and authorise the holding of Practice for and Motor Races on the roads while so closed to public traffic.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 3—Letter from Department of Justice re Itinerants.**

The County Secretary stated that following the Meeting of the Council on the 20th August, a letter had been addressed to the Department of Justice asking that the Department ensure that suitable legislation be enacted for the adequate control of itinerants, tinkers and such like persons. It had been pointed out that these persons caused a nuisance to residents in the area adjoining Main and County Roads and to the public in general and to users of motor vehicles. The Department had replied stating that the matter had been referred to the Commission on Itinerancy who were at present considering the problems arising out of the presence of itinerants on roads in the Country. The Council noted the reply on the matter.

**Item No. 4—Resolution from Dublin City Council re Introduction of Legislation to relieve Ratepayers and Taxpayers of Cost of Providing Treatment in Hospitals.**

The Council adopted the following Resolution received from the Dublin City Council:—

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell,

Seconded by Councillor Temple;

Resolved—That Council desires the early introduction of legislation to relieve ratepayers and taxpayers of the cost of providing treatment in hospital for persons injured in accidents where the cost of such treatment can be obtained from persons whose negligence caused the accidents and that copies of this motion, if passed, be sent to all local authorities and to the Ministers for Health and Local Government.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 5—Resolution from Kerry County Council re Curtailment of Trading Activities by Semi-State Bodies.**

The Council considered the following Resolution received from Kerry County Council:—

It was

Proposed by Mr. O'Donoghue,

Seconded by Mr. Lenihan.

Resolved—That we ask the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Transport to request semi-State bodies to curtail their trading activities in so far as they are interfering with the lives of small shopkeepers upon whom the Council depends for Revenue for the running of its services, and to point out that some years ago an Act of the Oireachtas was contemplated for this purpose. That a copy be sent to all other County Councils.

Members of the Council, having expressed varying views in regard to the Resolution, the Council agreed that the terms of the Resolution required clarification and the Council decided to send back the Resolution to Kerry County Council for such purpose.



**Item No. 6—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor A. H. Hadden in Regard to Use of County Hospital Building at Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, for Offices.**

In accordance with Notice of Motion

It was

Proposed by Councillor A. H. Hadden,

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of the use of the Hospital building at Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, for the purpose of Offices for the Council's Staff at present located at Rathdrum, in view of the unsatisfactory character of the Offices at Rathdrum as reported to the Meeting of the Council on 14th May, 1962.

Clr. P. McCarthy referred to a previous decision of the Council to defer the matter pending consideration of the proposal regarding the use of Newcastle Sanatorium and suggested that the Council was not in order in considering the matter without the suspension of Standing Orders. The County Secretary read the following letter received from the Council's Solicitor:—

4, Church Street,  
Wicklow,

7th July, 1962.

**Re/ Notice of Motion in regard to Use of Hospital Building at Wicklow.**

Dear Sir,

With further reference to this matter, we note that the Council considered a Notice of Motion at their Meeting on the 18th June to approve of the use of the above Building for the purpose of Offices for the Council Staff at present located at Rathdrum and that the matter was deferred pending consideration of another proposal regarding the use of Newcastle Sanatorium.

In our opinion, since the previous Resolution was merely one deferring the consideration of the matter, the Council are now entitled to reconsider the matter, without the necessity of a Notice of Motion to suspend the Standing Orders. In other words, the first Resolution is not one that requires suspension of Standing Orders because it was merely a decision to defer consideration of the matter.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. MCCARROLL.

K. J. Brangan, Esq.,  
County Secretary,  
Court House,  
WICKLOW.

The County Secretary also submitted letters received from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union asking that the Council comply with the provisions of the Office Premises Act of 1958. Following a discussion on the matter it was proposed as an amendment by Clr. J. Temple, Seconded by Councillor J. Haughton.

Resolved—That we defer decision regarding use of building at Kilmantin Hill pending the outcome of the negotiations regarding the use of Newcastle Sanatorium.

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

IN FAVOUR—Councillors M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton, R. Miley, J. Quigley, P.C., J. Temple—SEVEN.

AGAINST—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, A. H. Hadden, Hugh B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, P. McCarthy, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh—TWELVE.

The amendment was declared defeated by twelve votes against to seven votes in favour and the Council agreed that the Resolution be declared passed on the same voting.

**Item No. 6 (A.) — Purchase of Lands to Provide Access to Sea at Magherymore, Wicklow.**

The County Manager referred to proposals which had been considered by the Council some years previously for the acquisition of the Beach and access thereto at Magherymore and stated that recently Mr. Cooney, the owner of the lands, had informed the Council that the lands were available for sale. An Bord Fáilte had been approached in the matter and had indicated that the Board would be prepared to contribute towards the cost of acquiring and developing the access to the sea at this point. The County Manager stated that it had been subsequently ascertained that Mr. Cooney wished to dispose of an area of 30 acres although the area originally sought by the Council amounted to 15 acres only and that an offer of £10,000 had been made by another interested party. The Council agreed that in view of the price sought which was far removed from what was considered to be a reasonable value of the property, that no further action be taken in the matter.

**Item No. 7—Letter from Department of Local Government re County Road Improvement Grant.**

The County Secretary submitted letter of 25th August, 1962, from the Department of Local Government in regard to the County Road Improvement Grant 1962/63, in which the Department had indicated that in future routes to be improved should be decided on traffic considerations rather than on the basis of a regional distribution of the available resources and also drew attention to the rates burden involved in the maintenance of dust-free County Roads which, it was suggested, should not be further increased by an indiscriminate extension of the mileage of improved County Roads. It was suggested by the Department that the Council should consider transferring a substantial portion of the County Road Improvement Grant to Main Roads for the purpose of carrying out necessary improvements to the Arterial Roads in the County. The County Secretary stated that the Deputy County Engineer had reported on the matter in Report of 7th September, 1962, and had given details of the costs of maintenance of County Roads and of the trend of traffic flow as shown by traffic counts. The Council decided that the letter from the Department and the Report of the Deputy County Engineer be considered by the Members of the Council for the various Electoral Areas at their local Committee Meetings.



**Item No. 8.—Notice of Motion in names of Councillor O'Toole and others Regarding Lowering of Road Bank at Entrance to Kindles-town Cottages.**

In regard to the Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors J. O'Toole, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple and E. Byrne, the Council agreed that this matter and the Engineer's Report thereon be considered by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their next local meeting.

**Item No. 9.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley that an Additional Public Light be erected at the 'Bus Stop, Avoca.**

In regard to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley the County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that it scarcely seemed necessary to provide an additional public light at the 'Bus Stop, Avoca, in view of the fact that there was already a public light on the Railway Bridge 40 yards away and as at the most there were only two buses passing each evening. Councillor Quigley having suggested that there might be some re-arrangement of the lights, the Assistant County Engineer stated that it would not be desirable to move the light on the Railway Bridge which gave light to the road entering the village of Avoca. The Council noted the position in the matter.

**Item No. 10.—To Make a Purchase Scheme No. 6 in Respect of Council Cottages.**

The County Secretary submitted Cottage Purchase Scheme No. 6, being in respect of three new Cottages at Kirikee and seven Cottages which had been re-vested in the Council.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins,

Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Scheme for the Purchase of Cottages under the Labourers' Act, 1936 entitled "THE COUNTY WICKLOW NO. 6 COTTAGE PURCHASE SCHEME" being in relation to ten Cottages erected by the Council.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 11.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley re Use of Vested Cottage at Ballinaclash as a Sub-Post Office.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley,

Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.

Resolved—That the Council consider it unreasonable to withhold consent from Mrs. Dora Nolan to allow her to accept appointment to position of Sub-Postmistress and do hereby suspend Statutory Condition under Section 17 (d) (ii) (111) in respect of Cottage No. 276/10 vested in Mr. William Nolan, for the period of Annuity pursuant to Section 23 (1) of the Labourers' Act, 1936.

The County Manager pointed out that the Department of Local Government had indicated that it would be necessary for an appropriate Order to be made by the County Manager indicating precisely the terms of suspension proposed in respect of this Cottage, if the matter was to be considered by the Minister. He did not feel that the circumstances in which suspension of the Statutory Condition was sought would bring the matter within the terms of Section 23 of the Labourers' Act, 1936. A Cottage provided by the Council could not be used for purposes other than as a dwellinghouse and he did not feel that the circumstances in this case would justify departing from the principle as set out in the Act. The Council, however, if they so desired, could pass a Resolution under the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to require that the Order be made. The following Notice was handed in by Councillors J. Quigley, P. McCarthy and J. Everett, T.D.

**TO THE WICKLOW COUNTY MANAGER.**

Notice is hereby given that it is the intention to propose the following Resolution at the Meeting of the County Council to be held on 1st October, 1962:—

**RESOLUTION**

That in pursuance of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we require that the operation of the Statutory Condition at Section 17 (d) (ii) (111) of the Labourers' Act, 1936 be suspended in respect of Cottage No. 276/10 vested in Mr. William Nolan for the period of the Annuity payable in respect of such Cottage and while such Cottage is used for the purposes of a Sub-Post Office.

**Item No. 12.—Inquiries Arising from County Manager's Orders.**

Councillor Haughton raised the matter of a Grant towards the cost of reconstructing a house of Mr. O'Reilly, Kileandra, Redcross, and asked that a Supplementary Grant be paid in this case. He stated that the Department had paid a Grant though the amount had been reduced consequent on the use of corrugated iron for the roof. It was agreed that the details in the matter be submitted to the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

**PUBLIC LIGHT AT KILGARRON HILL.**

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge asked if a Report could be available for the next Meeting in regard to the provision of an additional public light at a point halfway down the hill at Kilgarron Hill, Enniskerry.

**FENCING OF LAND FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT.**

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., state that land which had been acquired by the Council for road improvement about twenty-two years ago from Mr. William Dowse, Carnew, had been provided with only a temporary fence and Mr. Dowse sought to have this fence replaced. It was agreed that a Report on the matter be submitted to the next Meeting of the Council.

**SECONDARY SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.**

In reply to an enquiry by Councillor P. McCarthy, the County Manager expressed regret that due to an error it had been indicated to three candidates for Scholarships that they had qualified for the award of Scholarships whereas it had subsequently been ascertained



that sufficient monies were not available to allow the award of Scholarships in these cases. It was suggested by Councillor J. Temple that in future the results of the Scholarship Examinations be submitted to the Scholarship Committee prior to the announcement of the awards. The County Secretary stated that a reply had been received from the Department of Education regarding the proposal that the Scholarship for Miss Troy, Enniskerry, be increased to £100 to enable her to attend a Residential School at Greystones, and the Department had indicated that an increase in the Scholarship could only be considered if it could be shown that there was no suitable means of transport between Enniskerry and an Approved School. The Council noted that in the circumstances a Scholarship for attendance at a Residential School could not be given. Councillor A. H. Hadden raised the matter of a Scholarship for Liam O'Loughlin, Ballymorris, Aughrim. The County Manager stated that the distance from the candidate's home to Arklow, where there was an Approved School, was 8½ miles, and in consequence a Scholarship of £30 only could be awarded. Members of the Council pointed out that there was no direct bus route from Aughrim to Arklow and suggested that in the circumstances the Scholarship of £100 could be granted. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed that the question as to whether or not there was a convenient method of transport from the student's home to Arklow, be examined, and the matter reported to the Council at their next Meeting.

#### CLOSING OF ST. PATRICK'S COPPER MINES.

Councillor P. McCarthy referred to the closing of St. Patrick's Copper Mines, Avoca, and the concern which was felt generally in regard to unemployment which would arise. He proposed that the Council ask the Minister for Industry and Commerce to give priority to Avoca as a factory site for a new industry. The Council agreed that representations be made to the Minister for Industry and Commerce to grant priority to Avoca for the purposes of a new industry.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION.

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

In the name of Councillor J. Miley—That I or someone for me will move that Thomas White, Knockieran, be paid the sewerage grant at a distance of 40 ft. from his house.

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That I or someone for me will move a motion asking the Council to consider the matter in having repairs carried out to the Sheep Dipping Bath at Dragoon Hill, Hollywood, which is in a very bad condition.

In regard to a Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill, that steps be taken to remove a heap of rubble, etc., in the village of Hollywood, it was agreed that the matter need not be dealt with by means of a Notice of Motion, and that a Report be obtained from the Engineer on the matter.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, the Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, 1st October, 1962, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

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

Apologies for inability to attend due to illness were received from Councillors J. J. McCrea and C. W. Hudson.

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, took the Chair. The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell, P. T. Hickey and P. McGuinness, attended.

#### AGENDA:

1. To consider the following Notice of Motion as circulated to Members:—  
"That in pursuance of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we require that the operation of the Statutory Condition at Section 17 (d) (ii) (111) of the Labourers' Act, 1936, be suspended in respect of Cottage No. 276/10, vested in Mr. William Nolan, for the period of the Annuity payable in respect of such Cottage and while such Cottage is used for the purposes of a Sub-Post Office."
2. Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962. (Copy of Circular in relation to Act, circulated to Members).
3. Application for Supplementary Reconstruction Grant for house at Kilcandra, Redcross.
4. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley, "That Thomas White, Knockieran, be paid Sewerage Grant at distance of 40 ft. from his house."
5. Letter from Department of Defence in regard to proposed provision of piped water supply from Coolmoney Camp System to serve houses in the area.
6. Report of County Engineer on Tenders received for provision of Water Supply and Sewerage Services to Cottages at Church Road, Newtownmountkenedy, and at Kilpedder.
7. Proposed extension of watermain to Manger from Stratford-On-Slaney—Replies received from tenants of Council Cottages.
8. Applications for Loans under S.D.A. Acts.
9. Repairs to Cottages carried out during month of September, 1962, and to be carried out during October, 1962.
10. To receive Tenders for Domestic Scavenging in Greystones Area.
11. Renewal of University Scholarships.
12. Access Road to new factory at Shelton, Arklow.



**Item No. 1.—To consider the following Notice of Motion as circulated to Members:** "That in pursuance of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we require that the operation of the Statutory Condition at Section 17 (d) (ii) (111) of the Labourers' Act, 1936, be suspended in respect of Cottage No. 276/10, vested in Mr. William Nolan, for the period of the annuity payable in respect of such cottage and while such cottage is used for the purposes of a Sub-Post Office."

In accordance with Notice of Motion, copy of which had been circulated to the Members, in compliance with the requirements of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

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

Resolved—That in pursuance of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we require that the operation of the Statutory Condition at Section 17 (d) (ii) (111) of the Labourers' Act, 1936, be suspended in respect of Cottage No. 276/10, vested in Mr. William Nolan, for the period of the Annuity payable in respect of such Cottage is used for the purposes of a Sub-Post Office. A vote having been called for on the matter it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR: Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., E. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, P. McCarthy, J. Miley, R. Miley, J. O'Toole and J. Quigley, P.C.—TWELVE.

AGAINST: Councillors H. J. Byrne, A. H. Hadden, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh—FIVE.

The Resolution was declared passed by twelve votes in favour to five votes against. The County Secretary stated that the appropriate Order would be made by the County Manager and submitted for the sanction of the Minister, as required by the Resolution.

**Item No. 2.—Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962.**

The County Secretary stated that copy of the Circular of 14th September, 1962, from the Department of Local Government in regard to this Act, had been circulated to the Members. The County Secretary indicated the main provisions of the Act. In regard to Section 10 the County Secretary stated that the Section enabled Loans to be made in respect of the repair or improvement of Cottages being purchased under the Labourers' Acts, and that provision was made for securing the re-payment of a Loan by the deposit with the Housing Authority of the Land Certificate. It was suggested that it would be desirable to obtain the views of the Council's Solicitor in regard to the powers of the Council in the event of a default by a Tenant Purchaser of a Vested Cottage in making re-payments of the Loan. The Council agreed that legal advice be obtained in regard to this Section. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, and other Members, expressed the view that the Council should not avail of the powers given under Section 13 to guarantee advances made to private persons for the provision of houses. It was felt that the operation of any such Scheme would be likely to give rise to losses which would have to be met to the extent of 50 per cent. from the Rates and it did not seem that the Council would be able to obtain any security for such guarantees. The

Council asked that legal opinion be obtained in regard to the provisions of this Section. The Council agreed that the matter of revising current Schemes for Grants for the repair and improvement of houses or for new houses and for the making of Loans in respect of the repair and improvement of houses, having regard to the provisions of the 1962 Act, be considered at the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

**Item No. 3.—Application for Supplementary Reconstruction Grant for House at Kilcandra, Redcross.**

The County Secretary stated that an application for a Supplementary Grant in respect of the repair and improvement of a house at Kilcandra, Redcross, was received from Mr. John Reilly, of that address, on the 30th August, 1962. It was found the the Department of Local Government had reduced the amount of the grant from £140 to £130 because of the use of corrugated iron roofing. The Council in June, 1961, had agreed that since corrugated asbestos or galvanised iron roofing were unsatisfactory as roofing material for a dwelling-house, no Grant would be paid where these materials were used. Mr. Reilly was accordingly notified that a Supplementary Grant could not be paid to him in respect of the work. It had been indicated by the applicant when applying for the Supplementary Grant that the work consisted of general repairs made necessary by a fire and the total estimated cost of the work was given as £934 4s. 0d. Mr. Haughton stated that Mr. Reilly had commenced work on the house in May, 1961, prior to the decision of the Council in regard to the use of corrugated asbestos or galvanised iron roofing and that the total expenditure on the repairs amounted to over £1,200. He had provided sheeting underneath the galvanised iron and the Department had paid him a Grant of £130, being £10 less than the Grant originally indicated. He suggested that in the circumstances the Council might agree to pay the Supplementary Grant. In reply to enquiry from Members the Assistant County Engineer, Mr. J. P. Caffrey, stated that he had not inspected the house since the work was completed. It was agreed that Mr. Caffrey inspect the house and that a Report be submitted to the Meeting of the Council on the following Monday.

**Item No. 4.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley, "That Mr. Thomas White, Knockieran, be paid Sewerage Grant at Distance of 40 ft. from his house."**

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miley, the County Secretary stated that Mr. Thomas White, No. 5, Knockieran Lower, Blessington, had applied for approval to the provision of private sewerage facilities to his Cottage, at Knockieran, which involved the siting of a Septic Tank 42 ft. from the dwelling-house. The Council's Engineer, in reporting on the matter, stated that the work had been carried out and that the Septic Tank-Soakage Pit was situated 42 ft. from the dwelling and inside the Cottage site and because of the nature of the site it was not possible to conform to the 60 ft. requirement. He was not happy about the location of the Septic Tank and drew attention to his previous Report in October, 1959, in regard to a proposal at that time that the tenants of seven houses at Knockieran, would provide Septic Tanks to serve their houses. In that Report he had pointed out that the Cottages were in the proximity of the Lake at Blessington, from which a water supply for Dublin City was taken and the provision of a number of Septic Tanks so near the Lake would not be desirable. The County Medical Officer had reported that the position appeared to be an



unsatisfactory one, both because of the site and because of the proximity of the Cottage to the Dublin water supply. It was obvious that the effluent from the tank would seep towards the Cottage and towards the Lake and that the Council had a responsibility to Dublin Corporation as it was their water supply. In the view of the County Medical Officer not only should Mr. White not receive a Grant, but he should be instructed to discontinue the use of the Septic Tank and return to conservancy methods. Councillor Miley stressed that the Septic Tank had been built to satisfactory standards and that he saw no reason why the effluent from this Septic Tank should cause any difficulty in regard to the water supply taken from the Lake. The County Manager, having pointed out that in view of the advice of the Chief Medical Officer the Council could not approve of the provision of a Septic Tank at this place, the County Council agreed that the County Medical Officer and County Engineer consult Dublin Corporation in regard to the matter.

**Item No. 5.—Letter from Department of Defence in regard to proposed provision of piped water supply from Coolmoney Camp System to serve houses in the area.**

The County Secretary stated that a reply had been received from the Department of Defence, to the further representations made by the Council, in regard to the making available of the water supply serving Coolmoney Camp, to serve a number of houses in the area. In their reply it was indicated that there had not been any diminution in the numbers of troops using Coolmoney Camp in recent years, and that the adequacy of the water supply to meet the requirements of the Camp at certain periods each year, had been a cause of concern for a considerable time past. In the circumstances the Minister regretted that it was not possible under present conditions to spare water for residents in the area. At the suggestion of Councillor O'Neill it was agreed that the Council's Engineer meet the Officer in charge of the Camp to discuss the matter further.

**Item No. 6.—Report of County Engineer on tenders received for provision of Water Supply and Sewerage Services to Cottages at Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy, and at Kilpedder.**

The County Secretary stated that five Tenders had been received for the provision of water supply and sewerage facilities to 17 houses at Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy, and also five Tenders for the provision of these services to thirteen houses at Kilpedder. The Tenders had been opened in the presence of a Member of the Council. The County Engineer had examined the Tenders, but reported that before recommending the acceptance of the lowest or any Tender investigation had to be made concerning the experience of the Contractor and the quality of the work already carried out by him. These investigations were in progress and a recommendation would be made at the next Meeting of the Council, if the investigations were completed. The Council agreed that the matter be adjourned to the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 8th October.

**Item No. 7.—Proposed extension of Watermain to Manger from Stratford-on-Slaney—Replies received from tenants of Council Cottages.**

The County Secretary stated that the tenants of six Council Cottages at Manger had been asked to agree to a weekly contribution of 1s. 9d. towards the cost of installing water in their Cottages in the event of the watermain being extended. The tenants were not agree-

able to do so and at a later Meeting of the Council it was suggested that the Council might extend the main at a cost of £1,282 and that the tenants be permitted to make their own house connections and installations. A letter was addressed to each tenant asking if they were prepared to agree to take in the water in the event of the main being extended, but only one tenant had indicated that he was prepared to do so. A farmer named William Nolan, whose house was about 50 yards further along the road from the last Council Cottage, had written to state that he would be prepared to take a water supply, if the main were extended, and pay any necessary extra expenses involved in the extension to serve his house. As, however, only one tenant was agreeable to put in a water supply, it was felt that the Scheme could not be proceeded with. Councillor O'Neill submitted a list of signatures from the six tenants and stated that the tenants had now agreed to take in the water supply. It was agreed that a further letter be addressed to the tenants asking them to give the necessary undertaking that they would install the water in their houses, if the main were extended.

**Item No. 8.—Applications for Loans under S.D.A. Acts.**

The Council considered the application of Miss Ann Dunne, Summerhill Hotel, Enniskerry, for a loan of £2,000 in respect of the erection of a new house at Summerhill, Enniskerry. The County Secretary stated that he had been informed by Miss Dunne that the house was intended for the occupation of her mother and her sister in addition to herself. Particulars of Miss Dunne's income were given to the Council. The Council indicated that they would be prepared to agree to recommend a Loan of £1,600, subject to confirmation that the house would be occupied by a family.

The Council considered the application of Mr. James Finn, Charlesland, Delgany, for a Loan of £1,000, in respect of the erection of a house at Kilcoole. Having considered the particulars of income and valuation of the house, the Council recommended that a Loan of £1,000 be granted.

**Item No. 9.—Repairs to cottages carried out during month of September, 1962, and to be carried out during October, 1962.**

The Council noted the list of Cottages repaired during the month of September, 1962, and of those to be repaired during the month of October, 1962. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., enquired concerning Notices of Motion he had handed in in relation to repairs needed to the houses of Patrick Kearns, Knockenree, and Patrick Mulhall, Ballinaberney. The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that he had had several representations about repairs to these two Cottages in the past couple of months, but that they were only two of very many Cottages to be repaired. He stated that so many Cottage tenants were seeking repairs that it was impossible to cope with them in the time available and that it should be remembered that in addition to inspecting the Cottage, the Cottage also had to be visited in the course of repairs and again to make a final inspection for payment of the Contractor. It was convenient if the Cottages could be done in one area at one time and he had three other Cottages repaired in the area recently, but in the course of inspection twice he was unable to get into Kearns's Cottage and at his last visit almost missed the tenant. He now had both this Cottage and Mulhall's on the list for repairs next month. Councillor Everett pointed out that



representations in regard to the need for repairs to these Cottages had been made by him over the past two years and he did not accept the Engineer's explanation for the delay in completing the repairs. Members of the Council submitted names of other instances in which repairs were needed to Cottages and these were noted by the County Secretary.

**Item No. 10.—To receive tenders for Domestic Scavenging in Greystones Area.**

Five Tenders received in response to public advertisement for Domestic Refuse Collection in the Greystones area, were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council. The Tenders received were as follows:—

Name and Address of Tenderer	Amount of Tender	Period Tendered For
Edward Sutton,	£1,500	For 1 Year.
Windgates, Bray.	£4,350	For 3 Years.
John Flynn,	£2,100	For 1 Year.
5, New Street, Wicklow.	£6,200	For 3 Years.
	£10,150	For 5 Years.
William Keegan,	£2,000	For 1 Year.
Three-Trout-Bridge,	£6,200	For 3 Years.
Delgany.	£10,300	For 5 Years.
William Patrick Gammell	£1,200	For 1 Year.
Kilcoole.	£3,600	For 3 Years.
	£6,000	For 5 Years.
Patrick Murphy,	£2,130	For 3 Years.
Mount John, Newcastle.	£2,130	For 5 Years.

The Council agreed that the Tenders be referred for examination by the County Engineer and recommendation. It was noted that the Tender of Patrick Murphy, Mount John, Newcastle, was not clear, and that it would be necessary to obtain clarification of his Tender.

**Item No. 11.—Renewal of University Scholarships.**

The County Secretary submitted details of University Scholarships requiring renewal for the following year. The Council noted that Mr. Ml. J. Tuite would not be seeking a renewal of the Scholarship for the year 1962/63 as he would be doing one year's practical work and agreed that the Scholarship be deferred for that year. Having considered the application of Michael Joseph McCann, 63, Beech Road, Bray, who had been awarded a Scholarship under the current year's scheme, the Council agreed to defer the Scholarship for two years to enable him to complete his two years Novitiate. The Council approved of the renewal of the remaining Scholarships, subject to satisfactory progress having been made by all Scholarship holders during their previous year and subject to compliance with the terms of the University Scholarship Scheme.

**Secondary School Scholarship Scheme, 1962.**

The County Secretary referred to discussion at the previous Meeting of the Council in regard to the amount of the Scholarship made available to Liam O'Loughlin, Ballymorris, Aughrim. The public transport service from Aughrim to Arklow was by means of the bus service to Rathdrum and the train service from Rathdrum to Arklow. The bus left Aughrim at 8.24 a.m. and on the return journey in the evening reached Aughrim at 8.03 p.m. Enquiries had been made regarding the possibility of this Scholarship holder using the special minibus service operated between Aughrim and Arklow Technical School and the Chief Executive Officer of the Vocational Education Committee had stated that it seemed unlikely that a seat could be made available to the boy in question. In his letter he pointed out that the carrying capacity of the minibus and the insurance cover under which it operated limited the number of passengers to sixteen and that a total of twenty students from Aughrim were attending Day Classes at the Arklow School. Up to the date of his letter twelve students had been availing of the minibus and the remaining eight were cycling, but four of the latter had now intimated that they wished to avail of the minibus service and the vehicle would accordingly be filled to capacity. The Council agreed that as there was no suitable transport available between the Scholarship holder's home and Arklow, a Scholarship of £100 should be awarded.

It was

Proposed by Councillor McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor Quigley.

Resolved—That we hereby amend Clause 1 of the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1962, and allocate a sum of £1,750 in the financial year 1962/63, for the award of Scholarships, of which sum £1,330 shall be allocated to candidates whose parents or guardians comply with the means qualifications incorporated in the Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that at the next Meeting arrangements would be made for a Meeting of the Scholarship Committee to consider the Schemes of Scholarships for the coming year.

**Item No. 12.—Access Road to New Factory at Shelton, Arklow.**

The County Manager stated that Nitrigin Eireann Teoranta had requested approval of the Council to making a connection with the Main Road for a road to serve the factory to be erected. The County Engineer had indicated that there was no objection to an exit being provided on to the Main Road at the point indicated, provided vehicles approaching the Main Road had a sight distance of 500 ft. on either side. The Council noted that there was no objection to the proposed connection to the public road.

**EXTENSION TO HOUSE AT CARNEW.**

Councillor P. Brennan referred to the proposal of a Mr. P. Brennan to build an extension to his house and stated that it was proposed that the extension be at the gable end and be roofed with a flat roof. The Council's Engineer had, however, advised that the extension should be provided with a pitched roof to fit in with the existing roof. He asked that the matter be re-examined and that a flat roof be permitted in this case.



### BLESSINGTON WATER RATE.

Councillor J. Miley referred to the recent increase in the water rate in Blessington from 3s. to 5s. 8d. and requested the submission of details giving rise to the increase.

### NOTICES OF MOTION.

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

In the name of Councillor James Miley—That I or someone for me will move at the next Meeting that the existing water supply be improved at Ballyknockan Village and that a Report be submitted at this Council Meeting.

In the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—That I or some Councillor for me will move that a Report be submitted to the Council as to the reasons why a patient (name enclosed) in Newcastle Sanatorium for past three years, has not been supplied with a suit of clothes, although he had made many written applications for same, and if, as a result of failure of County Council to supply suit of clothes this patient is at present wearing a trousers and coat belonging to a deceased patient.

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That I or someone for me will move a motion asking the Council to consider a matter of grave public concern in connection with the reconstruction of the public road between the Railway Bridge and Clough Cross, south of the town of Baltinglass, under Special Grant. Further, to request the County Engineering Section to submit to this Council a detailed account of all expenditure on this particular road under separate headings, i.e., cost of acquisition of land, manual labour, the hire of heavy machinery and lorries, etc., and special fees to Engineers, etc., if any.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 8th October, 1962, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

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

### AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 13th August, 1962.
2. Maintenance of Bridge Works provided by Electricity Supply Board under Liffey Reservoir Act, 1936.
3. Resolution from Arklow U.D.C. in regard to construction of Car Park at Main Street, Arklow.
4. Correspondence regarding fence adjoining road at Croneyhorn, Carnew.
5. Preservation Order in respect of lands at Glendalough.
6. Further Report of Chief Fire Officer regarding Fire Brigade Service—Proposed closing of Fire Stations at Tinahely and Blessington.
7. Report of County Engineer on Tenders received for provision of Water Supply and Sewerage Services at Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy, and at Kilpedder.
8. Report of County Engineer on Tenders received for domestic Scavenging Service in Greystones area.
9. Improvement Scheme for the Library Service—Reports of County Librarian and County Architect, in regard to provision of Branch Libraries at Blessington, Dunlavin and Rathdrum.
10. Report of Assistant County Engineer regarding application for Supplementary Grant in respect of house at Kilcandra, Redcross.
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill regarding repairs to Sheep Dipping Bath at Dagoon Hill, Hollywood.
12. Letter from Department of Industry and Commerce in reply to Council's Resolution concerning Industrial Employment in Avoca.
13. To fix date for Meeting of Scholarship Committee to consider Scholarship Schemes for 1963.
14. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

### Item No. 1.—Minutes.

I was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor O'Neill.

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign minutes of Meeting held on 13th August, 1962.

Passed unanimously.



**Item No. 2.—Maintenance of Bridge Works provided by Electricity Supply Board under Liffey Reservoir Act, 1936.**

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government in letter of 18th September, 1962, had indicated that the Minister had been asked by the Minister for Transport and Power to concur in proposals for legislation which, if implemented, would give the Electricity Supply Board power to inspect bridge works provided by them in Hydro-Electric Schemes and handed over to Local Authorities for maintenance and if necessary to repair those works at the expense of the Local Authorities. The Department enquired whether the Council had any objection to the proposals and in particular whether there was any contention between the Council and the Board in regard to responsibility for Bridges or Road Works constructed under the Liffey Reservoir Act, 1936. The Council's Solicitor had confirmed that there was a liability on the Council only for the maintenance of the surface of the road over the Bridges and that the maintenance of the Bridges themselves was the liability of the Electricity Supply Board. The Liffey Reservoir Act, 1936, made no provision as to the liability for maintenance of the Bridges, but in view of the fact that the Bridges were erected by the E.S.B. the Council's Solicitor was of opinion that the obligation was on the Board to maintain the Bridges and that it was not a liability of the Council. The Department had been informed that the Council considered that since the Bridges had been erected by the Electricity Supply Board, the obligation to maintain these Bridges was one for the Board and was not a liability of the Council. The Council noted and agreed with the views conveyed to the Department.

**Item No. 3.—Resolution from Arklow U.D.C. in regard to Construction of Car Park at Main Street, Arklow.**

The County Secretary stated that the Council had made provision in the current Road Works Scheme for the construction of a Car Park at Main Street, Arklow, and had allocated a sum of £750 towards the cost of this work which would be recouped to the extent of 50 per cent. from the Main Road Upkeep Grant. The matter had been considered again by Arklow Urban District Council at their Meeting on the 14th September, 1962, and the following Resolution passed by the Urban District Council was submitted:—

Resolved—That the Wicklow County Council be requested to approve a scheme for the removal of the old graveyard at Main Street, Arklow, and the conversion of the area into a Car Park which is urgently required to relieve the traffic congestion in the Main Street and, furthermore, that the Department of Local Government be asked to provide a Grant from the Road Fund to meet the cost involved.

The Urban District Council felt that the old Graveyard at Main Street adjoining the proposed Car Park should be incorporated in it as it would give necessary additional parking space and much easier access since this old Graveyard adjoined the Main Street. Some years ago the Urban District Council had converted the old Graveyard to a Public Park and the headstones had been placed against the inside of the Park walls. The County Secretary stated that the Town Surveyor had submitted an estimate of the cost of the work in the sum of £2,080. The Council agreed that additional parking facilities were necessary at the Main Street, Arklow, and that details of the proposal be submitted to the Department of Local Government with the request that a Special Grant be allocated to meet the cost of the work now proposed.

**Item No. 4.—Correspondence regarding Fence Adjoining Road at Croneyhorn, Carnew.**

The County Secretary stated that Mr. William Dowse, Croneyhorn, Carnew, had written to the Council indicating that since his herd of cattle and premises were fully attested under the Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Scheme, the Inspector from the Department of Agriculture required that the wire and stakes on the road ditch at a particular corner be renewed as some of the stakes and wire had broken. Mr. Dowse stated that when corners had been removed some years previously by the Council that only a temporary fence was erected at the time and he requested that the fence be repaired. The County Engineer had reported that the road adjoining Mr. Dowse's property had been widened about twenty-five years previously and that a fence had been erected consisting of a stone retaining wall with timber stakes and wire fencing on top. At one point now the top of the fence was almost completely overgrown with bushes and furze. It had been indicated to Mr. Dowse that the Council could not accept that a fence erected twenty-five years previously was a temporary fence and that the Council was unable to accept any responsibility for its repair or replacement. Councillor J. J. McGrea, Chairman, and Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that they accepted Mr. Dowse's statement that the fence, when erected, was regarded as a temporary one and that a new fence was now needed. In reply to an enquiry as to the legal position the County Manager pointed out that no fence could be regarded as permanent as any type of fencing would deteriorate in time. The fence in question had been in position for twenty-five years and in view of the lapse of time it did not seem reasonable that the Council should accept responsibility and erect a new fence. There would be no legal liability on the Council to replace the fence. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed to defer further consideration pending a Report from the County Engineer as to the materials used in the original fence and the opinion of the Council's Solicitor as to the Council's legal liability.

**Item No. 5.—Preservation Order in Respect of Lands at Glendalough.**

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

**COMISINEIRI NA NOIBREACHA POIBLI**  
(THE COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS IN IRELAND)

51, Faice San Stiabhna,  
BAILE ATHA CLIATH

F94/39/1.  
The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
WICKLOW.

A Chara,

We wish to inform you that pursuant to Section 3 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act, 1954, we have made a Preservation Order undertaking the preservation of that portion of the monastic settlement in the townland of Sevenchurches or Camaderry, parish of Derrylossary, Co. Wicklow, shown outlined in red on the map annexed hereto.



The object of the Order is to ensure that the monument shall be safeguarded from destruction, injury or removal by any person or persons and its effect is that it is unlawful for any person to demolish or remove the monument either wholly or in part or to disfigure, deface or alter it or in any manner to injure or interfere with it or to dig, plough or disturb the ground within, around or in proximity to it without our written consent and we can impose on such consent any conditions or restrictions we may think fit. Any person who acts in contravention of these provisions becomes liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or at the discretion of the Court to imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months or to such fine and imprisonment.

The preservation of the monument is a matter of national importance by reason of its archaeological interest and we shall be glad to have your co-operation in its preservation.

Mise, le meas,

1 Deireadh Fomhair, 1962.

The County Secretary stated that the Map submitted showed that the area covered by the Preservation Order corresponded to the area of land which the Council proposed to use for the purposes of an extension to the Burial Ground. In reply to enquiries from the Members the County Secretary stated that this area of land could not be interfered with now except with the written consent of the Office of Public Works and that the Commissioners could impose such conditions as they thought fit if permission were granted. Following a discussion on the matter in which many of the Members protested against the action of the Commissioners of Public Works which would prevent the Council providing the extension to the Burial Ground, it was agreed that the Commissioners be notified of the protest of the Members and that they be asked to arrange that any excavations and examinations of this area of land be put in hands at once and completed within twelve months and that the land be then made available to the Council for the purposes of an extension to the Burial Ground.

**Item No. 6.—Further Report of Chief Fire Officer regarding Fire Brigade Service—Proposed Closing of Fire Stations at Tinahely and Blessington.**

The County Secretary stated that at a previous Meeting the Council had considered the Report of the Chief Fire Officer regarding the condition of the Fire Engine at Dunlavin and his recommendation that this machine be replaced and had asked for a further Report from him in regard to his suggestion that the Fire Stations at Blessington and Tinahely be closed. The Chief Fire Officer had reported further on the matter and while agreeing that if cost were no object, the ideal would be to have self-propelled fire appliances in each town of any size; such a system would not be justified having regard to the cost involved. He considered that an adequate Fire Brigade Service at a reasonable cost could be provided by having a limited number of fully equipped Stations. The present Engines at Tinahely and Blessington were old and not reliable and in consequence he felt that either these Stations should be closed or if it were intended to continue the Stations, that New Engines should be provided. Councillor J. Miley opposed the suggestion to close the Fire Station at Blessington and stated that within recent years much valuable property had been added by the erection of important buildings and that it would be essential

to have a Fire-fighting Service continued in the town. He considered that a New Fire Engine should be provided for Blessington. Councillor Miss Walsh opposed the closing of the Fire Station at Tinahely and while agreeing that the equipment was old, it was regarded as satisfactory. Councillor Quigley also pointed out that there were State Forests in the area and that it was desirable that the Fire Station be retained. The County Manager pointed out that the Blessington Fire Brigade had been brought into being during the Emergency period and that over the past ten years the Fire Brigade had received only eleven calls. Consequently, it could be seen that each call had cost between £300 and £400. In Tinahely over the period of ten years there had been twenty-nine calls, which was an average of something less than three per year. Having regard to the condition of the equipment in Blessington and to an extent in Tinahely, the Chief Fire Officer felt that if the equipment were brought to a fire and did not work sufficiently well, the Chief Fire Officer would be open to criticism. The Council agreed that a New Fire Engine be obtained for Dunlavin and Councillor Miley indicated that he would hand in a Notice of Motion that a New Engine also be obtained for Blessington. The County Secretary stated that if a New Engine was obtained it was proposed to place it in Rathdrum, to transfer the larger Rathdrum Engine to Arklow and the Arklow Engine to Dunlavin.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Deering,

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne.

Resolved—That Tenders be invited for a New Fire Engine for Dunlavin and that the present Services at Blessington and Tinahely be continued.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 7.—Report of County Engineer on Tenders received for provision of Water Supply and Sewerage Services at Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy, and at Kilpedder.**

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that he was satisfied that the lowest tenderers in each instance had the necessary experience to enable them to carry out the Contracts for the provision of water supply and sewerage services to Cottages at Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy, and to the Cottages at Kilpedder. He recommended the acceptance of the lowest Tender in each case.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,

Seconded by Deputy Brennan;

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the Tender of Messrs. McMahon and Regan Ltd., 33 Tara Street, Dublin, in the sum of £2,882 13s. 1d. for the provision of Water Supply and Sewerage Services to 17 houses at Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy, and approve of the acceptance of the Tender of Neil Donoghue, 74 Barton Drive, Rathfarnham, in the sum of £2,264 18s. 6d. for the provision of Water Supply and Sewerage Services to thirteen houses at Kilpedder, subject to the County Engineer being satisfied that these tenderers are competent to carry out the works satisfactorily.

Passed unanimously.



**Item No. 8.—Report of County Engineer on Tenders Received for Domestic Scavenging Service in Greystones Area.**

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had examined the Tenders submitted for the Scavenging Service at Greystones, but before making a final recommendation he wished to examine the type of vehicle to be used and to verify the personnel that would be employed. The Council agreed that the matter be deferred to enable the County Engineer to complete his enquiries.

**Item No. 9.—Improvement Scheme for the Library Service—Reports of County Librarian and County Architect, in regard to provision of Branch Libraries at Blessington, Dunlavin and Rathdrum.**

The County Secretary stated that the Council at a previous Meeting had suggested that Branch Libraries might be incorporated in the New Vocational Schools being provided in Blessington and Dunlavin and this suggestion had been examined by the County Architect and also by the County Librarian. The County Architect felt that there would not be adequate wall space for shelving at the Blessington School and that the corridors were only adequate for the traffic which they would be expected to bear and could not be reduced by the provision of shelving. He felt that Library accommodation could better be provided at the site of the New Dispensary which was both central and adequate. Alternatively a Branch Library might be provided as an extension to the County Council Office. As regards the Technical School at Dunlavin the Plan for this School was similar to that at Blessington and the same difficulties arose. While it might be possible to provide when carrying out the work to increase the width of the corridor to accommodate shelving, he felt that the corridors would be draughty and ill-lit and not suitable for the purposes of a proper Branch Library. He pointed out also that the site of the Vocational School being outside the village proper was not suitable for a Library. Consideration might be given to the use of the present Courthouse as a Library, when and if the proposed preservation work was carried out. In regard to Rathdrum a room might be made available for use as a Library, but it could not be guaranteed that this would continue to be available for Library purposes. The C.E.O. of the Vocational Education Committee had indicated that a site could be made available to the front of the School for a Library. Generally the County Architect did not favour the use of Vocational Schools for Branch Libraries, for the following reasons:

- (1) Difficulty of use during holiday periods and times when the teaching staff were not available.
- (2) Difficulty of providing facilities for adults and children who may want to use the Library while Technical School work is proceeding.
- (3) Protective grilles or doors would have to be provided for the shelving giving a restricted and forbidding appearance out of line with modern Library design.
- (4) The Library in a small town or village should be the focal point of cultural and educative interest with facilities for lectures, meetings, exhibitions, etc. That these should be associated with Vocational Schools was not unreasonable provided the Schools were sited centrally, but this was not the case in Dunlavin or Blessington.

The County Architect felt that more study of the whole problem was required and that the advice of the Library Council might be obtained before a decision was taken.

The County Librarian in her Report suggested that in Blessington and Dunlavin the general subjects classroom of the Technical School might be used for the purposes of the Library, but she considered that a Vocational Teacher should be appointed as Branch Librarian. It would be preferable, however, if a separate room could be provided for the Library attached to the Vocational School. The County Librarian agreed that the Library as a form of adult education would be most appropriately housed in the Vocational School and pointed out that the Vocational Schools were used by local adult educational agencies. If the Library was in a separate building he felt that the absence of a trained Librarian would be a defect.

Councillor J. Miley said that if a New Dispensary was provided at Blessington the Branch Library might be provided with the building which would be in a central position. The County Manager referred to the amount provided by the Council for education generally and pointed out that the provision of additional Branch Libraries would not be very expensive. He felt that there should be books of an educational nature in every school with technical information available. He suggested that the Local Committees might wish to consider the matter further and put forward their views. The Council agreed that the matter of Branch Libraries be considered by the Local Committees. The County Secretary stated that the County Librarian had prepared a Report on improvements to the Library Service and that this would be circulated to the Members and considered at the next Meeting.

**Item No. 10.—Report of Assistant County Engineer regarding Application for Supplementary Grant in Respect of House at Kilcandra, Redcross.**

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

Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
Arklow.

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

**Re: House at Kilcandra.**

Dear Sir,

I wrote Mr. Reilly on the 24th November last asking for particulars of the work he was proposing to carry out to his house, but I received no reply. I visited the house on the 28th November and inspected the repairs then being carried out. I wrote you saying there was no objection to the carrying out of the work under the terms of the Town and Regional Planning Acts as he was carrying out general repairs and the house was already roofed with galvanised iron. I sent the form S.L. 60 in this connection to Rathdrum.



The house is a two-storey stone built house consisting of three rooms upstairs, three rooms downstairs with a kitchenette and bathroom, and W.C. It is roofed with corrugated galvanised iron which has been painted grey and it is stated that it is sheeted underneath with felt, but as there is no trap door in the ceiling it is not possible to confirm this. The interior of the house has been completely renovated. Plastering to all walls and ceilings, new floors and staircase completed and the work has been generally very well done. It is stated the total expenditure was over £900 and I believe this to be true.

The house is a long distance off the road and cannot be seen from it.

Yours faithfully,

J.P. CAFFREY.

JPC/PD.

Councillor J. Haughton, who had raised the matter at the previous Meeting, pointed out that Mr. Reilly had spent a considerable amount on the house and he noted that the Engineer considered that the work had generally been very well done. He considered that the Council should agree to make the Supplementary Grant available in the circumstances. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., pointed out that in this case the house had been destroyed by fire and the applicant had to re-roof it as a matter of urgency and in the circumstances a Supplementary Grant might be made available. He would not, however, favour making Grants available for corrugated iron roofing which he agreed was not a suitable material for use on dwellinghouses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Haughton.

Seconded by Councillor Everett.

Resolved—That having considered Report of Assistant County Engineer and having noted that Department of Local Government have already paid a Grant of £130 in this instance, we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £130 to Mr. John Reilly, Kilcandra, Redcross, in respect of repairs and improvements to his house.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill regarding repairs to Sheep Dipping Bath at Dragoon Hill, Hollywood.

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill the County Secretary pointed out that this Sheep Dipping Bath was not a Public Bath and that consequently the Council could not provide monies for the carrying out of repairs to it. The Council made payments to the owner each year in respect of the number of sheep dipped in the Bath. The Council noted that the Bath in question was not a Public Bath and that the Council had no responsibility for repairs.

Item No. 12.—Letter from Department of Industry and Commerce in reply to Council's Resolution concerning Industrial Employment in Avoca.

The following letter from the Department of Industry and Commerce was submitted:—

Department of Industry and Commerce,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin, 2

26 Mean Fomhair, 1962

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer to your letter of 14th September, 1962, expressing the views of the Wicklow County Council in regard to the question of industrial employment in Avoca.

The Minister is fully conscious of the desirability of providing employment opportunities in the Avoca district and he will be pleased to give all possible assistance and support to any sound industrial proposal that may be formulated for the district. You will appreciate however, that the selection of a location for an industrial project must, in the last analysis, be left to the promoters and those proposing to invest their capital in the project, in consultation with their technical advisers. It would be neither prudent nor practicable for the Minister to endeavour to compel the promoters of any industrial project to go to a particular area lest his insistence on this point would jeopardise the whole project.

While the selection of a location for an industrial project is a matter for the promoters, it has been found that local development groups and other local interests can do much to attract new industries to their areas by establishing contact with persons having experience in the initiation and conduct of industrial enterprises and by bringing to their notice the facilities and amenities that may be available locally, such as factory premises or sites, labour supply, raw materials, water supply, electric power, transport, local capital and other resources. The following are some of the ways in which various local groups have succeeded in establishing contact with industrialists interested in establishing new enterprises:—

- (a) Advertising in trade journals both here and abroad that circulate among people engaged in particular industries, which the local interests consider suitable for their area and circularising firms engaged in such industries.
- (b) Circulation of a leaflet or Brochure setting out facilities available in the area for the establishment of a new industry.
- (c) Seeking the advice of local groups in other areas which have been successful in attracting industries.
- (d) Getting in touch with persons in the area known to be successfully established in business elsewhere with a view to obtaining their assistance in making suitable contacts, or in suggesting possible commodities which might be manufactured.



The following documents which may be of assistance to a local development group are enclosed:—

1. A brochure—"Opportunities for Industrialists."
2. A brochure—"Capital for Industry."
3. Memorandum—"Grants for Industrial Development."
4. Memorandum—"Industrial Development (Encouragement of External Investment) Act, 1958."
5. Memorandum—"Principal Income Tax and Corporation Profits Tax Reliefs having special importance in relation to industrial production."
6. List of manufactured and processed commodities of which there were substantial imports in the year 1960 to Ireland exclusive of the Six Counties.

(More comprehensive data about imported goods are contained in the Trade Statistics of Ireland, published monthly; the issue for December, 1961, gives particulars of all imports for the year 1961 and may be obtained from the Government Publications Sale Office, G.P.O. Arcade, Henry Street, Dublin 1. (Price 2/- plus 2d. postage).)

Avoca has been included in the lists of localities seeking industries which are maintained by this Department and the Industrial Development Authority. These lists are brought to the notice of industrial promoters requesting information regarding locations for industrial projects. It would, of course, be for local interests to satisfy themselves as to the standing of any parties who might approach them with an industrial proposal.

Mise, le meas

S. O. Cearbaill.

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

It was

Proposed by Councillor McCarthy,

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh.

Resolved—That we request the Minister to assist in establishing as soon as possible the new Nitrogen Industry at Shelton, Arklow, so as to provide employment for workers formerly employed by St. Patrick's Copper Mines, Avoca.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. Haughton stated that Rathdrum had also been badly affected by the closing of the Avoca Mines. He felt that Wicklow had plenty of raw material for a Wood Pulp Factory and that Rathdrum would be an ideal site for such a factory. He understood that the Department of Lands were at present concerned regarding the disposal of thinnings from the State Forests in County Wicklow and that this would be a suitable time to impress on the Minister for Industry and Commerce the advantages of Rathdrum as a site for a factory which would utilise the timber from the State Forests. The Council agreed that the views expressed regarding Rathdrum be conveyed to the Department of Industry and Commerce.

#### Item No. 13.—To Fix Date for Meeting of Scholarship Committee to Consider Scholarship Schemes for 1963.

The Council agreed that the Scholarship Committee meet at 3.00 p.m. on Thursday, 16th October, 1962, to consider Scholarship Schemes for 1963.

#### Item No. 14.—Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

The Council noted the particulars submitted of principal Orders made by the County Manager during the month of September, 1962.

#### Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor James Miley—That I or some Member for me will move that a new self-propelled fire engine be provided for Blessington at the next Meeting of this Council.

In the name of Councillor John Quigley—That I or someone for me will move that the County Engineer make provision in next year's Estimates for sand gravelling of Ballymacroe/Moyne Road as this road passes Ballymacroe Cemetery.



## 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, 5th November, 1962, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

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

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

### AGENDA:

1. Cottage Purchase Scheme—Application for consent to sale of Vested Cottage at Lathaleere, Baltinglass.
2. Application for Supplementary Grant—House at Logstown, Valley-mount.
3. To affix Seal of the Council to Mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works in respect of Loan of £20,000 for Supplementary Grants.
4. Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962—Opinion of Council's Solicitor (1) Re making of Loans available towards cost of Repair or Improvement of Vested Cottages, and (2) Re powers under Section 13 of the Act for guaranteeing advances for provision of houses.
5. Revision of Scheme for Supplementary Grants for Reconstruction and Improvement of Houses.
6. Revision of Scheme for Supplementary Grants in respect of erection of New Houses.
7. Revision of Scheme for Loans for Reconstruction, Repair or Improvement Works on Dwellinghouses.
8. Letter from Bray and District Trades Union Council re need for working-class houses in Bray and North County Wicklow and provision of such houses.
9. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
10. Application for Loan under S.D.A. Acts.
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., re repairs to Cottages at Glenealy and Report of County Engineer.
12. Cottages repaired during month of October, 1962, and to be repaired during month of November, 1962.



**Item No. 1.—Cottage Purchase Scheme—Application for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottage at Lathaleere, Baltinglass.**

The Council considered the application of Mrs. Elizabeth Keogh, tenant of Cottage No. 110/1, at Lathaleere, Baltinglass, for consent to dispose of her interest in the Cottage to Mrs. Sarah Jones of Fortgranite, Baltinglass. The County Secretary stated that Mrs. Jones was a widow who had one child. All arrears of annuity in respect of the Cottage had been discharged to the 30th September, 1962, and Mrs. Keogh and her family were now resident in England and did not intend resuming possession of the Cottage which had been vacant for the past two years.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor O'Neill.

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the disposal by Mrs. Elizabeth Keogh, Tenant/Purchaser of Cottage No. 110/1, at Lathaleere, Baltinglass, of her interest in that Cottage to Mrs. Sarah Jones, Fortgranite, Baltinglass.

Passed Unanimously.

**Item No. 2.—Application for Supplementary Grant—House at Logstown, Valleymount.**

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Edward Geoghegan, Logstown, Valleymount, had applied for a Supplementary Grant from the Council in respect of the reconstruction and improvement of his house in September, 1962, and it had been found that the Department of Local Government had reduced the amount of the State Grant from £100 to £88 consequent on the re-roofing of the dwelling having been carried out in corrugated iron. It was noted that the Department's Housing Inspector, in completing the form of estimate of the cost of the work for the purposes of the Grant, had indicated that corrugated iron was being used for the roof. As this material was not regarded by the Council as a suitable roofing material the matter was submitted to the Council. Following a discussion on the matter, in the course of which Members agreed that the use of corrugated asbestos or corrugated iron as roofing for a dwellinghouse was undesirable.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple.

Resolved—That having considered Report submitted regarding the application of Edward Geoghegan, Logstown, Valleymount, for a Supplementary Grant and reduction made in State Grant by reason of the re-roofing of the dwelling having been carried out in corrugated iron, we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £88 to Edward Geoghegan.

Passed—Councillor H. J. Byrne dissenting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering.

Resolved—That in respect of any application made to the Department of Local Government after this date no Supplementary Grant will be paid where corrugated asbestos or corrugated iron is to be used for roofing of a dwellinghouse or part thereof.

Passed Unanimously.

The Council agreed that a Notice be inserted in the local papers for a period of two or three weeks drawing the attention of persons proposing to reconstruct or improve their houses to the fact that the Council would not make any Supplementary Grant where corrugated asbestos or corrugated iron was used for re-roofing a dwellinghouse or for roofing any extension thereto.

**Item No. 3.—To affix Seal of the Council to Mortgage from Commissioners of Public Works in Respect of Loan of £20,00 for Supplementary Grants.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell.

Resolved—That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the re-payment of the sum of £20,000 (Twenty Thousand Pounds), proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing (Amendment) Acts and Local Loans Fund Acts.

Passed Unanimously.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Hadden the County Secretary stated that the total value of Grants allocated to 31st October, 1962, was £83,169, of which a sum of £69,609 had been paid. The total amount of Loans raised to date including the Loan for which the Mortgage was completed that day amounted to £90,000. The County Secretary stated that the cost of the loan charges in the current year amounted to approximately 4½d. in the pound and the full loan charges in respect of the Loans of £90,000 would eventually amount to approximately 7d. in the pound.

**Item No. 4.—Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962—Opinion of Council's Solicitor (1) re Making of Loans Available towards Cost of Repair or Improvement of Vested Cottages, and (2) re Powers under Section 13 of the Act for Guaranteeing Advances for Provision of Houses.**

The County Secretary stated that as regards the powers given under Section 13 of the Act for guaranteeing advances for provision of houses the Council's Solicitor agreed with the views expressed by Members of the Council that it would not be desirable to operate a Scheme under this Section having regard to the likelihood of loss arising to the Council.

The Council's Solicitor noted that the Council had some concern as to whether the deposit of the Land Certificate by the tenant/purchaser would entitle the Council to obtain possession of a Vested Cottage in the event of failure to repay the Loan, but expressed the opinion that the deposit of the Land Certificate created an equitable mortgage by deposit and that accordingly the Council would be entitled to recover possession in default of repayment by the tenant/purchaser. The Council's Solicitor, however, referred to the provisions of the Labourers' Act, 1936, under which the Council was entitled to get possession of a Vested Cottage only in the event of breach of one of the Statutory Conditions set out in that Act. He believed that a Court would construe the Section 10 (2B) as imposing a further Statutory Condition, but considered that the position could have been made much clearer if it had been specifically stated that the Section created an additional



Statutory Condition to those mentioned in the Labourers' Act, 1936. The County Secretary suggested that as there appeared to be some doubt in the matter it might be desirable that Counsel's opinion be obtained. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that the matter of the powers of a Council to recover possession of a Vested Cottage where the tenant/purchaser failed to repay a Loan advanced under this Section had been considered by Dáil Éireann and that the Minister had assured the Deputies that the provision made in the Section would remove any difficulties in regard to the making of Loans by Councils for the repair or improvement of Vested Cottages. He felt that there was no necessity to obtain Counsel's opinion.

It was

Proposed by Councillor A. H. Hadden;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne.

Resolved—That we obtain Counsel's opinion as to the powers of the Council to recover possession of a Vested Cottage in the event of the failure of the tenant/purchaser to repay a Loan advanced by the Council for the repair or improvement of the Cottage.

As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor Haughton;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley.

Resolved—That we note the provisions of Section 10 of the Housing Act, 1962, and agree that the deposit of the Land Certificate be accepted as giving power to the Council to recover possession of a Vested Cottage on failure of a tenant/purchaser to repay a Loan advanced by the Council for repair or improvement of the Cottage.

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

IN FAVOUR—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, P. McCarthy, J. Miley, R. Miley, J. O'Toole, J. Quigley, P.C., J. Temple, J. J. McCrea—THIRTEEN.

AGAINST—Councillors E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, A. H. Hadden, H. B. Hipwell, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh—SEVEN.

The amendment was declared carried by thirteen votes in favour to seven votes against.

The amendment being put as a substantive motion, the Council agreed that it be declared passed on the same voting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Hadden.

Resolved—That having noted advice of Council's Solicitor we determine that the Council do not avail of the provisions of Section 13 of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, in relation to guarantees of advances.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 5—Revision of Scheme for Supplementary Grants for Reconstruction and Improvement of Houses.

The County Secretary stated that the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, made no alteration in the amounts of Grants for reconstruction and improvement of houses nor generally in the conditions relating to Grants. Provision was made in the Act for the payment of second Grants for reconstruction of houses in certain circumstances as had been notified to the Council in Circular Letter from the Department dated 3rd November, 1960. The proposed revised Scheme for Supplementary Grants was therefore generally on the same lines as the previous Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Deputy Brennan;

Seconded by Councillor Hipwell.

Resolved—That we approve of the Draft Scheme of Supplementary Grants for the Reconstruction, Repair or Improvement of Dwelling-houses under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, as submitted to this Meeting.

Passed Unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that Section 5 of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, provided for a new Scheme of Grants to cover the carrying out of minimum essential repair work to houses situated in County Health Districts and would apply only to houses which could not be made fit in all respects at reasonable cost. The Section provided that the Council could contribute to the cost of repairs to such houses. A Draft Scheme to cover cases arising under this Section would be submitted to the Council later.

#### Item No. 6—Revision of Scheme for Supplementary Grants in Respect of Erection of New Houses.

The County Secretary stated that the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962 (Section 12), allowed the Council to provide within new maximum limits of valuation and income the type of Supplementary Grants Scheme to suit local circumstances. The maximum valuation limit had been raised from £35 to £50 and the maximum income limit from £520 to £832. Following a discussion on the matter the Council agreed that a Draft Scheme be prepared and circulated to the Members and considered at the next Meeting. Members of the Council expressed the view that the proposed new Schemes should provide for a substantial increase in the lower income limit for the purpose of Supplementary Grants.

#### Item No. 7.—Revision of Scheme for Loans for Reconstruction, Repair or Improvement Works on Dwellinghouses.

The Council agreed that Draft Scheme in relation to Loans for Reconstruction, Repair or Improvement works on dwellinghouses be prepared and circulated to Members for consideration at the next Meeting.



**Item No. 8.—Letter from Bray and District Trades Union Council Re Need for Working Class Houses in Bray and North County Wicklow and Provision of such houses.**

The following Resolution received from Bray and District Trades Union Council was submitted:—

"That this Trades Union Council wishes to draw the attention of the responsible Local Authorities to the urgent and increasing need for working class houses in Bray and North County Wicklow and calls on them to speed up the housing programme in this District to meet this demand with the minimum delay."

The Council agreed that the matter be referred to the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area for consideration at their next Local Committee Meeting. The Council noted that Bray Urban District Council were dealing with the matter of the provision of houses within the Urban Area.

**Item No. 9.—Applications Under Town And Regional Planning Acts.**

The County Secretary stated that two applications received during the month of October had been refused. One of the applications was for the erection of a Service Station at Enniskerry and was refused as the site immediately adjoined the junction of the Main Dublin Road with the road from Glencree and would give rise to traffic hazards. The second application refused was in respect of the erection of a house by the Royal Hotel Co., Ltd., Glendalough, for the Manager of the Hotel on a site opposite the Hotel. It was considered that the Plans submitted were not satisfactory and the Specification inadequate. Following representations made by Members of the Council it was agreed that the Council's Architect would arrange to meet the applicant and to explain the grounds for refusal of permission. The County Secretary stated that an application had been received on the 2nd November, 1962, for the erection of two Petrol Pumps at "The Beehive," Wicklow, and that it was intended to refuse permission for the work. The County Engineer had reported that the land on which it was proposed to erect the Pumps had been acquired by the Council for the purposes of the Road Improvement carried out at this place and had been dedicated to public use. The site for the Pumps adjoins the Rathnew/Arklow Road which carries a large volume of fast traffic and the roadway and crossing at this point had been improved and re-aligned to provide safety precautions. The effect of providing Petrol Pumps on the site indicated would be an inducement for vehicles to pull in and use this area and portion of the old road and would mean that the original traffic hazards would be restored and increased. The Council noted the recommendation of the County Engineer and that permission would be refused for the work.

**Item No. 10.—Application for Loan Under S.D.A. Acts.**

The Council considered the application of Mr. Patrick Flynn, "Violet Hill," Ballywaltrim, Bray, for a Loan of £1,600 in respect of the erection of a house at Dargle Road, Bray. The Council noted that Mr. Flynn had left the employment which he held at the time of the application and was now employed otherwise and that a letter had been addressed to his new employers. The Council deferred the matter pending a reply from his employers.

**Item No. 11.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Re Repairs to Cottages at Glenealy and Report of County Engineer.**

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Secretary submitted the following Report of the County Engineer in regard to two Cottages at Glenealy:—

Court House,  
Wicklow,  
25th October, 1962.

PM/JH.  
County Secretary.

**Re/ Cottage Repairs.**

A Chara,

In reply to your letter of the 17th inst., regarding Notice of Motion handed in for next Meeting of the Council, I desire to report that the Cottages have been inspected and the following are the required details and estimate of repairs:—

- (1) **William Glynn, Ballinacoola, Glenealy**—This Cottage has a corrugated asbestos roof, the ceilings in the kitchen and living-room are beyond repair and in the ceiling in the hall there is a hole, 4' x 4'. New fire bricks and fire plate are required for the range. There are some cracks in the walls. Two square yards of the kitchen floor need repairs and one gutter needs to be refixed. The estimate for these repairs, including new roof, is £190.
- (2) **James Byrne, Drumdangan, Glenealy**—New hall door and frame and two window frames required. Repairs are required to the living-room floor and to ceilings at back and front porch. Four tiles are needed on the roof. The estimate for these repairs is £29.

Mise, le meas,  
J. T. O'Byrne,  
County Engineer.

In a further Report the County Engineer stated that the Cottage occupied by William Glynn, Ballinacoola, Glenealy, had been erected in 1943, during the emergency, by direct labour, and that the condition of the ceilings was the direct result of the type of roof provided at the time. The Council noted the Report in regard to the repairs required to these Cottages and that arrangements were being made for repair.

**Item No. 12.—Cottages Repaired during Month of October, 1962, and to be Repaired during Month of November, 1962.**

The Council noted the list of Cottages repaired during the month of October, 1962, and those to be repaired during the month of November, 1962.

**Unemployment in Rathdrum and Arklow.**

Councillor J. Haughton referred to the extent of unemployment at present in Rathdrum and also in the Avoca area and asked if any Special Grant could be made available to provide employment in these areas prior to Christmas. The unemployment in the areas had arisen from the closing of St. Patrick's Copper Mines, Avoca. It was agreed that representations be made to the Department of Local Government for the allocation of a Special Grant. Councillor Haughton also asked that the provision of a water supply improvement scheme for Rathdrum be expedited.



### Arklow Bridge.

Councillor P. McCarthy raised the matter of the delay in the completion of Plans for reconstruction of Arklow Bridge and following a discussion on the matter it was agreed that the Consultant be asked to submit all outstanding required details within one week as otherwise it would be necessary to engage a new Consultant to complete the project.

### Employment at Christmas Period.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that the County Engineer submit for the next Meeting a Report as to what additional works could be put in hands prior to the Christmas period to provide additional employment at this time.

### Aughrim Public Lighting.

Councillor J. Quigley submitted a letter received in regard to public lighting in Aughrim and stating that although it had been reported to the local E.S.B. staff that certain lights were not functioning these lights had not been repaired and apparently would not be repaired without an official order from the Council. It was agreed that the Secretary take the matter up directly with the E.S.B.

### Flooding at Aughrim.

Councillor J. Quigley stated that flooding was occurring between the Parochial Hall and the Parochial House at Aughrim and that this could be remedied by the level of the road being raised slightly. It was agreed that the matter be investigated.

### Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor M. Deering—That the Council acquire powers so that in certain instances they might re-possess Vested Cottage through purchase or other means to prevent them falling into the hands of those for whom they were not intended.

In the names of Councillors H. B. Hipwell and John Temple—That the County Engineer be requested to obtain an estimate of cost of supplying a public light at the junction of the Blind Lane and Dargle Road, Bray.

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—That a sum of money be provided for the provision and reconstruction of footpaths in the Tinahely area.

In the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—That a Report be obtained regarding the condition of Cottages tenanted by Miss Mary Clare, 55 Ballybeg, Rathnew, Michael Doyle, Crone, Redcross, Miss Kathleen Byrne, Ballymoate, Glenealy, and that repairs be carried out immediately.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th November, 1962, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

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

### AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 25th June, 20th August, 3rd and 10th September and 1st October, 1962.
2. Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools and Scheme for University Scholarships for year 1963—Recommendations of Scholarship Committee.
3. Resolution from Carrickmacross U.D.C. in regard to the making available of results of Secondary Schools Intermediate Examination not later than third week of August in each year.
4. Fence adjoining road at Croneyhorn, Carnew—Report of County Engineer and Opinion of Council's Solicitor.
5. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley re taking over and maintaining the following roads:—
  1. Balleeshal Lane, Aughrim, from Keegan's Cottage to Meath's walls.
  2. Tinnakilly Old Road from point where it turns to form Ballymorris Cross Roads to State Forest bounds at Cronebeg.
  3. Portion of Three Walls Street from Keenan's farmyard gate to existing County Road.
6. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That County Engineer make provision in next year's Estimates for sand graveling of Ballymacroe/Moyne Road as this road passes Ballymacroe Cemetery.
7. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—That a sum of money be provided for the provision and reconstruction of footpaths in the Tinahely Area.
8. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill in regard to reconstruction of public road between the Railway Bridge and Clough Cross, south of Baltinglass, under Special Grant and requesting detailed account from County Engineer of all expenditure under separate headings.



9. Letter from Miss E. F. Bobbett, Springfield, Kilbride, regarding Road Improvement work at The Tap, Ballard, etc.
10. Fluoridation of certain water supplies—Estimate of cost submitted by County Engineer.
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—That existing water supply be improved at Ballyknockan Village and that a Report be submitted to the Council.
12. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—That a new Self-Propelled Fire Engine be provided for Blessington.
13. Report of County Engineer on Tenders received for Domestic Refuse Collection Service for Blessington and Baltinglass.
14. Letter from Office of Public Works in regard to Prohibition Order under National Monuments Acts in respect of lands adjoining Burial Ground at Glendalough.
15. Report of County Librarian on Improvement Scheme for Libraries.
16. Letter from Department of Transport and Power in reply to representations from Council concerning Industrial Development at Avoca and Rathdrum.
17. Report of County Medical Officer in regard to matter of supply of suit of clothes for patient in Newcastle Sanatorium.
18. To fix dates for Meetings of :
  - (a) Special Committee of Council in regard to proposed use of Newcastle Sanatorium for Council's Health Services
  - (b) Committee of County Council and Urban District Councils in regard to Brittas Bay Development Plan.
19. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

**Item No. 1.—Minutes.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell;  
Seconded by Councillor Quigley.

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 25th June, 20th August, 3rd and 10th September and 1st October, 1962.

Passed unanimously.

**Arklow Bridge.**

Councillor P. McCarthy stated that an accident had occurred on Arklow Bridge on Saturday, 10th November, 1962, when a lorry ran onto the footpath and a wheel went down through the path. He stated that it was fortunate that no person was injured. Councillor McCarthy again raised the matter of the delay in the completion of Plans for the improvement of Arklow Bridge and putting the works in hand and asked if a reply had been received from the Consulting Engineer. The County Secretary stated that a reply had not yet been received, but that a week had not yet elapsed from the date of the letter to the Consultant. Following a discussion on the matter

It was

Proposed by Councillor Temple;  
Seconded by Councillor Hipwell.

Resolved—That the Consultant Engineer for Arklow Bridge be required to meet Chairman, Councillor McCarthy and Officials of Council at Wicklow within one week, preferably on Monday, 19th November, 1962.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 2—Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other Approved School and Scheme for University Scholarships for Year 1963.**

The County Secretary submitted the Report of the Scholarship Committee in regard to Scholarship Schemes for 1963. In regard to the Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools the Committee recommended that the figure of ten miles in Clause 2 (b) of the 1962 Scheme be altered to five miles and that Clause 2 (c) be omitted. The only other alterations recommended in the Scheme were those which had been indicated as necessary by the Minister including the alteration in the age limit. Following a discussion in regard to the desirability or otherwise of altering the provision in the 1962 Scheme regarding the limit of ten miles in Clause 2 (b).

It was

Proposed by Councillor Quigley;  
Seconded by Councillor Everett.

Resolved—That we accept the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee, adopt a Scheme of Scholarships in accordance with such recommendations and determine to carry such Scheme into effect, as approved by the Minister.

As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor Haughton;  
Seconded by Councillor Deering.

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and adopt Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools for the year 1963, as recommended by the Scholarship Committee, subject to the retention of the provisions under paragraphs 2 (b) and 2 (c) as in the Scheme for 1962.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors E. Byrne, M. Deering, A. H. Hadden, J. D. Haughton—FOUR.

AGAINST—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., H. J. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, P. McCarthy, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, P.C., J. Temple, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh, J. J. McCrea—SIXTEEN.



The amendment was declared defeated by sixteen votes against to four in favour. The original motion in the name of Councillor Quigley, seconded by Councillor Everett, was declared passed on the same voting.

The Council noted that the University Scholarship Scheme for the year 1963 was on similar lines to that adopted by the Council for the year 1962.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh.

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and adopt Scheme for University Scholarship Scheme for the year 1963, which was on similar lines to that adopted by the Council for the year 1962.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 3.—Resolution from Carrickmacross U.D.C. in Regard to Making Available of Results of Secondary Schools Intermediate Examination not later than Third Week of August in Each Year.**

The Council adopted the following Resolution received from Carrickmacross Urban District Council and which had been adopted also by Bray Urban District Council:—

"That we recommend to the Minister for Education that he take immediate steps to ensure that the results of the Secondary Schools Intermediate Examination are made available not later than the third week in August each year, as the present system causes considerable hardship to parents, pupils and teachers alike."

**Item No. 4.—Fence Adjoining Road at Cronehorn, Carnew — Report of County Engineer and Opinion of Council's Solicitor.**

In regard to the application of Mr. William Dowse of Cronehorn, Carnew, that the Council replace a fence bounding his property and which he contended had been erected by the Council following road improvements and as a temporary fence only, the County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had noted that the fence had been provided about twenty-five years previously and consisted of a stone retaining wall with timber stakes and wire fencing on top and in his opinion could not be regarded as a temporary fence and that there was no obligation whatever on the Council to replace or repair the fence. The County Engineer reported that the fence consisted of stone retaining walls with timber stakes and wire on top and that the stakes were of oak and one fence consisted of three strands of plain wire with two strands of barbed wire, the other being of oak posts with four strands of plain wire and two of barbed wire. The fences were still sound although the wire had rusted and some of the oak posts were loose. He could not agree that the fence had been a temporary fence. Following a discussion on the matter in which Members of the Council stated that they knew the landowner and were satisfied that he would not have claimed that the fence was a temporary fence unless this had been the case.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.

Resolved—That we erect a fence to replace the fence at corner at Cronehorn, on Mr. Dowse's land.

Before the Resolution was put it was indicated by the County Secretary that in view of the Opinion of the Council's Solicitor there was no obligation on the Council to replace this fence and if the Council did so it could be that a charge would be raised by the auditor. The County Manager also pointed out the position to the Members and indicated that he could not see his way to implement the Council's Resolution, if passed. A vote having been called for, it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, P. McCarthy, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, J. Quigley, P.C., G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh, J. J. McCrea—FOURTEEN.

AGAINST—Councillors H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, A. H. Hadden, J. D. Haughton, H. E. Hipwell, J. Temple—SIX.

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

**Item No. 5.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley re Taking Over and Maintaining of the Following Roads—1, Balleeshal Lane, Aughrim, from Keegan's Cottage to Meath's Walls. 2, Tinna-killy Old Road from point where it turns to form Ballymarris Cross Roads to State Forest Bounds at Cronebeg. 3, Portion of Three Wells Street from Keenan's Farmyard Gate to existing County Road.**

The Council decided to refer the matter of the proposed taking over of these roads for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area when considering the Roads Estimates for the coming financial year.

**Item No. 6.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—that County Engineer make provision in next year's Estimates for Sand/Graveling of Ballymacroe-Moyne Road as this Road passes Ballymacroe Cemetery.**

The Council decided to refer this matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area when considering the Road Works Programme for the coming financial year.

**Item No. 7.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—That a sum of money be provided for the Provision and Reconstruction of Footpaths in the Tinahely Area.**

The Council decided to refer this matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area when considering the Roads Estimates for the coming financial year.

**Item No. 8.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill in Regard to Reconstruction of Public Road Between Railway Bridge and Clough Cross, South of Baltinglass.**

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor O'Neill was considered:—

"I or someone for me will move a motion asking the Council to consider a matter of grave public concern in connection with the reconstruction of the public road between the Railway Bridge and Clough Cross, south of the town of Baltinglass, under Special Grant. Further to request the County Engineering Section to submit to this Council a detailed account of all expenditure on this particular road under separate headings, i.e., cost of acquisition of land, manual labour, the hire of heavy machinery and lorries, etc., and special fees to Engineers, etc., if any."



A report of the County Engineer of 10th November, 1962, was submitted, in which it was stated that the total estimated cost of the Scheme as a whole was £13,852 and the works were proposed to extend into allocations available on a three-year basis, viz., 1961/62: £5,700; 1962/63: £5,800; and 1963/64: £2,352. The expenditure to date was as follows—Wages £2,324; Materials, etc., £1,342; Plant £7,369; Land £450, Total £11,485.

The County Engineer stated that the Scheme would be completed for the amount of the estimated cost, so that there would not appear to be any reason for anxiety on that point. The Council noted the terms of the Report submitted by the County Engineer.

**Item No. 9.—Letter from Miss E. F. Bobbett, Springfield, Kilbride, Regarding Road Improvement Work at The Tap, Ballard, etc.**

The following letter from Miss E. F. Bobbett, Springfield, Kilbride, addressed to the Chairman of the Council, was submitted.

To: The Chairman,  
Wicklow County Council.

Speed v. Safety.

Dear Sir,

As I am more interested in Safety than Speed and am a Ratepayer and keenly interested in the manner in which Ratepayers' money is expended, I wish to bring to your notice the condition of a Road Improvement Scheme which has been carried out in my district.

It is the new part of the road made at The Tap, Ballard, on the Main Dublin/Arklow Road. The new speed track is all that can be desired by the Speed Hogs, but there is no consideration for the people who live in the area and have to use the road daily either by walking or by car. It is a death trap to try and cross it from the Kilbride Road which has been raised at the corner of Mrs. Arthur's Cottage and the new road is so close to the Cottage garden that your motor car is half out in the middle of the new Main Road before you can see if a car is coming from the Wicklow direction. The little hedge and shrubs on the Cottage garden hide the view completely and there is no Road Sign on the Wicklow side of the road to show you that there is a side road to the left.

It is most dangerous for a pedestrian to cross that road as the three roads meet the traffic coming from Arklow and I would suggest that a pedestrian crossing island be put on it, or better still, traffic lights.

I understand that all these Main Road Schemes are mapped out by the Engineers in the Department of Local Government, so I am not blaming our local Engineers for the Scheme, but surely they could have pointed out such mistakes in the planning.

With regards to the "four-rail" wooden fences which are erected along these new roads, I would be very interested to know what is the cost per hundred yards of such wooden fences compared with cement posts and link wire fences and what is the "life span" of both fences? While the wooden fence may be a way to find a market for some of our home timber I consider it is not as suitable a fence as the span is too much and lambs can get through it.

Having erected the wooden fences will the County Council put up netting wire to keep the farmers' lambs from getting out on to roads? Is it a compulsory order from the Department of Local Government that these wooden fences be used?

I write this letter in the interests of Safety. This corner is now the most dangerous on the road where as before it was done there was never a bad accident at it.

Yours sincerely,

ELIZABETH F. BOBBETT,

24/10/62

Springfield, Kilbride, Wicklow.

The County Engineer in his Report of 7th November, 1962, which was submitted to the Council, pointed out that the Standards for Modern Road Design had been devised and adopted with due regard to the interests of the users of the highway and their ease and safety in the enjoyment thereof. Much thought had been given to the matter over many years and he felt that the public were beginning to appreciate the efforts being made by the Council, its Engineering Staff and the Central Government Authority, to provide modern highways capable of dealing with the rapidly increasing traffic which these roads were now called upon to accommodate. The modern motor vehicle was capable of average speeds of 50 to 60 m.p.h. and since there was little could be done to restrict that rate in rural areas, it followed that a new aspect of road planning was necessary and that Standards appropriate to the conditions must be adopted. The County Engineer stated also that it seemed that pedestrians and residents in rural areas particularly had not yet appreciated the change in traffic conditions and the necessity for pedestrians as well as drivers to exercise care. In regard to the complaint concerning the road work at Ballard, the County Engineer pointed out that prior to the carrying out of this work there had been a very dangerous junction with the Main Road from the Carrigmore and Kilbride Road and that it was incorrect to say that a car would be half-way out in the middle of the new Main Road before a car could be seen coming from Wicklow. He pointed out that the work as a whole had not yet been fully completed and that it would be preferable to await the completion of the Scheme before coming to any conclusions.

In regard to the post and rail wood fences the County Engineer stated that the Council would have been aware that he was endeavouring to get away from the unsightly concrete post and wire fence and that apart from the fact that many landowners had informed him that they found difficulty in maintaining the concrete post fence the unsightliness of such structures would be apparent to anyone having regard to the preservation of the beauty of the rural scene. The County of Wicklow had been much praised in recent months for its thought and resourcefulness in adopting the timber post and rail fence and in the event, providing a use for native products. The cost of this fencing was less than that using concrete posts, but even if that were not so he felt that the achievement was creditable to the County of Wicklow and to all concerned. In regard to the protection of lambs the County Engineer stated that no complaint had been made to him in this regard in any seriousness and that one landowner with whom the matter was discussed, was satisfied with the structure and position of the lower rail and considered that from the point of view of cattle it was entirely satisfactory. The County Engineer stated also that he felt the Council would not agree that the corner was now the most dangerous on the road or that there never had been a bad accident on it. The Council noted the County Engineer's Report on the matter and that the work had not yet been fully completed.



**Item No. 10.—Fluoridation of Certain Water Supplies—Estimate of Cost Submitted by County Engineer.**

The County Secretary stated that the cost of the equipment required for the fluoridation of the water supplies at Enniskerry, Cronroe (Wicklow Regional) and Arklow, was estimated at approximately £1,400. The annual operating costs would be about £400. In addition the Council would have to contribute towards the costs of the fluoridation by the Corporation of Dublin of water supplies serving areas within the County and it might be taken that the gross annual cost would be in the region of £1,000 of which 50 per cent. would be met from Health Services Grant.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Hipwell.

Resolved—That we approve of the purchase of the necessary equipment and of the fluoridation of the Enniskerry, Wicklow Regional and Arklow water supplies in accordance with the provisions of the Health (Fluoridation of Water Supplies) Act, 1960, and the Fluoridation of Water Supplies (Wicklow) Regulations, 1962.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 11.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—That Existing Water Supply be Improved at Ballyknockan Village and that a Report be Submitted to the Council.**

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley the following Report of the Chief Assistant County Engineer was submitted.

Courthouse,  
Wicklow,  
12th November, 1962.

County Secretary.

Re: Water Supply at Ballyknockan.

A Chara,

I examined the water supply system in Ballyknockan with Mr. McGuinness on the 8th inst.

The intake comprises the collection of two mountain streams, delivery into a pressure filter and into a small storage tank. From there it is delivered to the village in a 3" diameter C.I. pipe.

The supply has always proved adequate and satisfactory and the trouble is in the distribution system.

It would be advisable, therefore, for a thorough investigation of the distribution main, but as this main runs through difficult terrain consisting of stones, boulders and even partially under a tip-head from local quarries it might take a considerable time and work to locate the trouble which could be a broken pipe or a stoppage in the pipe.

I would therefore recommend that a sum of £150 be made available for the carrying out of this investigation and repairing the fault when located.

Mise, le meas,

R. L. FARRELL.

Chief Assistant Co. Engineer.

RLF/GF.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Timmins.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Report of the County Engineer for the carrying out of improvements to existing water supply at Ballyknockan Village.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 12.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—That a New Self-Propelled Fire Engine be provided for Blessington.**

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley the County Secretary stated that the Chief Fire Officer estimated the cost of supplying a suitable Fire Engine of the Land Rover type similar to those in service in Carnew, Baltinglass and Greystones, at £1,600.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Timmins.

Resolved—That we approve of the purchase of a new Self-Propelled Fire Engine for Blessington.

As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne.

Resolved—That we defer the proposal to purchase new Fire Engine for Blessington to the Estimates Meeting.

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

IN FAVOUR—Councillors E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, A. H. Hadden, J. D. Haughton, H. B. Hipwell, J. Quigley, P.C., J. Temple—TEN.

AGAINST—Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge, P. McCarthy, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh, J. J. McCrea—NINE.

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

**Item No. 13.—Report of County Engineer on Tenders Received for Domestic Refuse Collection Service for Blessington and Baltinglass.**

The County Secretary stated that in response to public advertisement only two Tenders had been received for the Domestic Refuse Collection Service for Blessington and for Baltinglass. The lower of the two Tenders in each case was Mr. James O Toole, Rathbawn, Tullow, in the sum of £4 weekly (£208 per annum) for Blessington and £5 weekly (£260 per annum) for Baltinglass. The County Engineer, in reporting on the Tenders, stated that Mr. O'Toole was well known to Carlow County Council and had been their Refuse Contractor for Tullow, Muinebeag, Rathwilly and Hacketstown, for the past three years and had been reasonably satisfactory and he recommended the acceptance of the Tenders. The County Secretary pointed out that from



inquiries made it seemed that the cost of providing a Domestic Scavenging Service in adjoining Counties was much less than the Tenders received for Blessington and Baltinglass. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed that the possibility of using local carters with horses and carts for a Domestic Scavenging Service in these areas be examined and a Report submitted and the matter of consideration of the Tenders was deferred pending such Report.

**Item No. 14.—Letter from Office of Public Works in Regard to Prohibition Order under National Monuments Acts in Respect of Lands Adjoining Burial Ground at Glendalough.**

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

**OIFIG NA nOIBREACHA POIBLI**  
F94/39/1. 51, Faiche San Stiabhna, Baile Atha Cliath.  
An Runai,  
Comhairle Conndae Chille Manntain,  
Teach na Cuirte, Cill Manntain.  
A Chara,

With reference to your letter dated the 10th October, 1962, regarding the Preservation Order under the National Monuments Acts in respect of lands adjoining the burial ground at Glendalough, I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to say that the site is considered to be of sufficient national, historical and archaeological importance to require its being retained and preserved permanently as a national monument. Accordingly, the carrying out of archaeological excavations will not free the site for use as a burial ground. The Preservation Order is not subject to a time limit.

Mise, le meas,

T. O CONGALAIG.

22 Deireadh Fomhair, 1962

The Council asked that the Parliamentary Secretary be requested to receive a Deputation from the Council to put forward the views of the Members that the area of land covered by the Prohibition Order should be made available at some date in the future for the purposes of the Burial Ground.

**Item No. 15.—Report of County Librarian on Improvement Scheme for Libraries.**

The Report of the County Librarian giving her recommendations for improvements in the County Library Service, dated October, 1962, had been circulated to the Members of the Council. The Council decided to defer further consideration of the matter to the Estimates Meeting.

**Item No. 16.—Letter from Department of Transport and Power in Reply to Representations from Council Concerning Industrial Development at Avoca and Rathdrum.**

The following letter from the Department of Transport and Power was submitted:—

Department of Transport and Power,  
Kildare Street, Dublin, 2.  
30 Deireadh Fomhair, 1962

R.315  
A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer to your letter of the 10th October, 1962, about industrial development at Avoca and Rathdrum.

With reference to the resolution passed by your Council regarding the nitrogenous fertiliser factory to be located at Shelton Abbey near Arklow, enclosed for your information is a copy of a recent Press release regarding that project. At this stage there is nothing which the Minister can usefully add to the statement attached.

As regards the question of establishment of a wood pulp industry at Rathdrum, the Minister is, as indicated in this Department's letter of 26th September, 1962, unable to direct a particular industrial project to any area as the selection of a location must be left to the promoters and those proposing to invest their capital in the project. He has, however, arranged that the facilities available at Rathdrum will be noted in the records of his Department and the Industrial Development authority.

Mise, le meas,

S. O CEARBHAILL.

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

(The Press announcement enclosed related to the Contract awarded for the erection of the Nitrogenous Fertiliser Factory at Arklow and indicated that the civil engineering work would commence immediately and that the entire factory was expected to be in operation by 31st March, 1965).

The Council noted the terms of the reply from the Department of Transport and Power. Councillor Haughton stated that he understood that it was proposed to establish a Wood Pulp Factory in County Mayo and that having regard to the much greater area of woodlands in Co. Wicklow, Co. Wicklow would seem a much more suitable location for such type of factory. He understood that Wicklow had the second highest area of land under woodlands of all the Counties in Ireland. He suggested that it would be desirable to obtain figures to show the acreage under woodlands in each County. It was agreed that these details be obtained.

**Item No. 17.—Report of County Medical Officer in Regard to Matter of Supply of Suit of Clothes for Patient in Newcastle Sanatorium.**

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., regarding the matter of the supply of a suit of clothes for a patient in Newcastle Sanatorium, the County Secretary stated that this patient applied for a suit of clothes in 1961, but supply was deferred as he had been supplied with a suit previously. A Measurement Form had been sent to him on the 18th September, 1962, but the patient stated that he did not require a suit, but rather a sports outfit. Subsequently the patient returned the completed Measurement Form and a suit was ordered for him on 16th October, 1962. Inquiries had been made from the Matron, Newcastle Sanatorium, who stated that at no time had the patient been supplied with a suit belonging to a deceased patient and that the patient was well dressed and did not appear to be in urgent need. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that he was not satisfied with the terms of the Report and stated that the patient had been informed in a letter of the 6th June that clothing was on order for him. He asked that the matter be further examined by the County Manager.



**Item No. 18.—To Fix Dates for Meetings of Committees.**

The Council decided that the Meeting of the Special Committee of the Council in regard to the proposed use of Newcastle Sanatorium for the Council's Health Services be held at 3.00 p.m. on Monday, 26th November, 1962. The Council decided that the Meeting of the Committee of the County Council and Urban District Councils in regard to Brittas Bay Development Plan be held at Wicklow on Monday, the 19th November, 1962, at 3.30 p.m.

**Item No. 19.—Inquiries Arising from County Manager's Orders.**

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to the Footwear Scheme operated by the Council and asked that the case of an applicant who had eleven children and who had been asked to contribute towards the cost of footwear to be supplied under the Scheme be re-examined.

**Notices of Motion.**

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

In the name of Councillor J. Miley—That I or someone for me will move that the Lockstown turn be improved to allow the milk lorry to get around with the milk on its daily collection.

In the name of Councillor J. Miley—That I or some Member of this Council will move for me at the next Meeting that two lights be provided for the seven houses at Knockieran.

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—That I or someone for me will move a motion requesting the Council to replace the fence surrounding the Cottage plot in the occupation of Fleming of Whites-town, Stratford-On-Slaney, which was removed on the reconstruction of the roadway at Waterloo Bridge.

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—That a new Self-Propelled Fire Engine be provided for Tinahely.

In the names of Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge and S. Ua Tuathail—That we or someone for us will move at the next Meeting of the County Council that two lights be provided to serve houses between Dargle Tavern and St. Valerie's Bridge, Dargle Road, Bray.

In the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—That we request that the County Engineer submit a Report re the condition of Cottage tenanted by Miss M. Conway, 7 Church Road, Dunlavin, and the reason why repairs were not carried out after several requests by the tenant.

In the name of Councillor John Quigley—(1) That I or someone for me will move that corner be taken off road junction at Tinnakilly where Three Wells Road joins Aughrim-Rathdrum Road; (2) That Council take over and maintain portion of Tinnakilly Old Road from Fox's Cottage to Ellis's gate; (3) That County Engineer make provision for sand/gravelling of Killacoran Old Road in next year's Estimates; (4) That Report be got from Co. Engineer about condition of following Cottages and the cost of repair:—

Messrs. Christopher Doyle, Crafield, Aughrim, John Cullen, Cappagh, Aughrim, Joseph Murphy, Annacurra Road, Aughrim, and John Murphy, Ballycoog, Avoca.

# 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, 3rd December, 1962, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

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

**AGENDA:**

1. Scheme of Supplementary Grants in respect of Erection of New Houses—To consider Draft Scheme circulated to Members.
2. Scheme for making Loans available towards cost of Repair or Improvement of Houses—To consider Draft Scheme circulated to Members.
3. Scheme for making of Grants for carrying out of minimum essential repair work to Houses under Section 5 of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962.
4. Proposed sales of Cottages at Carrigower, Kilpedder and Ballinahinch, Newtownmountkennedy.
5. Sewerage facilities for Cottage at Knockieran, Blessington.
6. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. Deering — That the Council acquire powers so that in certain instances they might repossess Vested Cottages through purchase or other means, to prevent them falling into the hands of those for whom they were never intended.
7. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
8. Applications for Loans under S.D.A. Acts.
9. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,
  - (a) That the County Engineer submit a Report re condition of Cottage tenanted by Miss M. Conway, 7 Church Rd., Dunlavin, and the reason why repairs were not carried out after several requests by the tenant.
  - (b) That Report be obtained re condition of Cottages tenanted by Miss Mary Clare, 55 Ballybeg, Rathnew; Michael Doyle, Crone, Redcross; Mrs. Kathleen Byrne, Ballymoate, Glenealy; and that repairs be carried out immediately.
  - (c) That a Report be obtained on the condition of Delaney's Cottage, Tonlagree, Brittas, and that it be placed on list for immediate repairs.



10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Quigley—That a Report be got from the County Engineer about the condition of the following Cottages and the cost of repair—Messrs. Christopher Doyle, Crafield, Aughrim, John Cullen, Cappagh, Aughrim, Joseph Murphy, Annacurra Road, Aughrim, and John Murphy, Ballycooge, Avoca.
11. Repairs to Cottages carried out during month of November, 1962, and Repairs to be carried out during month of December, 1962.
12. Employment during period prior to Christmas—Report of County Engineer.

**Item No. 1.—Scheme of Supplementary Grants in Respect of Erection of New Houses.**

The Council considered Draft Scheme which had been circulated to the Members and which provided for the payment of a Supplementary Grant equal to the State Grant where the applicant's income did not exceed £520 per annum or if a farmer, where the rateable valuation did not exceed £27-10-0. The amount of a Supplementary Grant would be reduced by one-quarter for each increase of £78 in income or £6 in valuation and no Grant would be payable where the income exceeded £754 or the valuation £45-10-0. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that he felt that a Grant equal to the State Grant should be paid to applicants with valuations up to £35 at least and that there should not be so many reductions in the amounts of the Grants proposed. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, suggested that a grant of the same amount as the State Grant should be given to all persons within the maximum income and valuation limits and Councillor P. Brennan agreed. Councillor J. Temple and other Members having supported the suggestion,

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple.

Resolved—That we adopt a Scheme for the payment of Supplementary Grants equivalent to the State Grant in each instance, to persons with family income not exceeding £832 per annum and to persons deriving their livelihood from farming within a valuation of £50.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 2.—Scheme for Making Loans Available Towards Cost of Repair or Improvement of Houses.**

The County Secretary stated that while it had not been possible to circulate a Draft Scheme to the Members prior to the Meeting the Scheme proposed to the Council was on similar lines to the existing Scheme for Loans for reconstruction, repair or improvement works

on dwellinghouses, subject to an amendment to allow of the securing of the repayment of a Loan by a deposit with the Council of the Land Certificate issued under the Registration of Title Acts, 1891 and 1942, in cases where Loans were advanced in respect of Vested Cottages. The existing Scheme provided that a Loan would not exceed two-thirds of the estimated net cost of the work, i.e., the estimated gross cost less any Grants and would be subject to a minimum contribution by the applicant of £20 in respect of each separate dwelling forming part of the house after the execution of the works. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., suggested that the applicants should be asked to contribute only 10 per cent. of the balance of the cost after allowing for State Grant and the Supplementary Grant. Following a discussion on the matter

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne.

Resolved—That we approve of Scheme as submitted to this Meeting for making Loans available towards cost of repair or improvement of houses subject to the amendment of Condition 2 (c) to provide that the minimum personal contribution by the applicant be 10 per cent. of the net cost of the work, i.e., 10 per cent. of the estimated cost as approved by the Minister for the purposes of the State Grant less the amount of Grants allocated.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 3.—Scheme for Making of Grants for Carrying Out of Minimum Essential Repair Work to Houses under Section 5 of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962.**

The Council considered Draft Scheme which had been circulated to the Members.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell,

Seconded by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.

Resolved—That we approve of Scheme as submitted to this Meeting for the making of Grants for carrying out of minimum essential repair work to houses under the provisions of Section 5 of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, subject to the amendment that the amount of the Grant be at the discretion of the Council and not exceed the amount of State Grant.

Passed—Councillor H. J. Byrne dissenting.

Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that he would be prepared to agree with the Scheme if it could be ensured that the number of persons occupying the house after the carrying out of the essential repairs for which a Grant was given did not exceed the number occupying the house prior to the carrying out of repairs.



**Item No. 4.—Proposed Sales of Cottages at Carrigower, Kilpedder, and Ballinahinch, Newtownmountkennedy.**

In regard to the Cottage at Carrigower, Kilpedder, the County Secretary stated that this Cottage was in an isolated district and had not been occupied for a number of years. An application had been received for the tenancy of it in April, 1962, and tenant had been appointed, but never took up possession. The Cottage had been built in 1902 and inquiries had shown that the original owner of the site had no successors, but that Mr. John P. Fisher was the successor in title to the original occupier of the lands and was prepared to purchase the Cottage at the reserved price of £200.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell,

Seconded by Councillor Temple.

Resolved—That we approve of the sale of Cottage No. 92/6, Carrigower, Kilpedder, to Mr. John P. Fisher, the successor in title to the occupier of the lands for the sum of £200.

Passed unanimously.

In regard to the Cottage at Ballinahinch, Newtownmountkennedy, this Cottage, No. 79/6, had been vacant for a number of years and it had not been possible to find a suitable tenant. The successor of the original owner of the lands from whom the site was acquired was not interested in purchasing the Cottage, but the successor in title of the original occupier of the lands who was a Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher, Ballinahinch, Newtownmountkennedy, was prepared to buy the Cottage from the Council at the reserved price of £220.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor Hipwell.

Resolved—That we approve of the sale of Cottage No. 79/6, Ballinahinch, Newtownmountkennedy, to Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher, Ballinahinch, Newtownmountkennedy, the successor in title to the occupier of the lands for the sum of £220.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 5.—Sewerage Facilities for Cottage at Knockieran, Blessington.**

The County Secretary stated that the matter of the application of Thomas White, tenant of Cottage at Knockieran, Blessington, for a Grant in respect of the provision of private sewerage facilities at his Cottage had been previously before the Council and had been adjourned to enable the County Medical Officer to consult the County Medical Officer, Dublin Corporation, in regard to the matter, as the Cottage was in the vicinity of the lake at Blessington from which part of the water supply for Dublin was drawn. The County Medical Officer reported that he had discussed the matter with Dr. Morgan Crowe and

it had been agreed that septic tanks for individual houses should not be sited nearer than 60 ft. from the lake and that the drainage from the septic tank should be so distributed that no visible effluent should reach the lake. With regard to the villages of Lacken, Valleymount and Ballyknocken and any Group Schemes concerning Cottages or other houses, proposals in draft should be submitted to the Dublin Corporation so that there could be a joint discussion, if considered necessary. In regard to the particular proposal before the Council the County Medical Officer stated that the septic tank was situated 42 ft. from the dwelling as against the required 60 ft. laid down by the Department. He had always been reluctant to approve of a lesser distance than that laid down by the Department and did not recall having at any time done so. However, he had viewed Mr. White's application with sympathy, but the deciding factor was that the slope of the Ground was from the septic tank towards the Cottages and this, of course, was unacceptable. The proximity to the lake was in this case a minor factor and in fact a proposal to site the tank in the field on the lower side of the road and nearer to the lake might have been acceptable provided there was an adequate soak pit and wide distribution with open-jointed drain pipes. Councillor J. Miley pointed out that the applicant could not site his tank more than 42 ft. from the house. He felt that the applicant had endeavoured to improve his living conditions and that he should be entitled to the appropriate Grants. The County Manager pointed out that the County Medical Officer was concerned about the distance of the tank from the house and of the effluent percolating through the soil back towards the house as the land sloped in that direction. Councillor J. Temple suggested that the County Medical Officer's Report on the matter should be submitted to the Department of Local Government and the Department be asked if in the circumstances the Department would agree to departure from their Regulations. The Council agreed to adopt the suggestion of Councillor Temple and to refer the matter to the Department. It was agreed also that the Department be asked to reconsider the matter of the limit of 60 ft. from a dwellinghouse or a public road of a septic tank.

**Item No. 6.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. Deering—That the Council Acquire Powers so that in certain instances they might re-possess Vested Cottages through Purchase or Other Means, to prevent them falling into the hands of those for whom they were never intended.**

Councillor Deering suggested that the Council should prohibit the sale of Vested Cottages until one-third of the period of the annuity had expired and that this would tend to prevent a tenant vesting solely for the purpose of selling to an immediate prospective purchaser. He pointed out that in view of the cost of building new houses Council should not lose their grip on houses already provided. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., did not agree that there was anything wrong with the present method of control and pointed out that all applications had to come before the Council. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, pointed out that the sale of Vested Cottages was governed by legislation and all that the Council could do was to pass a Resolution asking for amending legislation. Following a discussion on the matter Councillor Deering agreed to withdraw his motion.

**Item No. 7.—Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.**

The County Secretary stated that there were two applications received in relation to Caravan Sites. The first application related



to a site at Fairy Hill, Bray, and in this instance the application was made by Lt. Col. Johnson, who is Managing Director of Caravan Services, Ltd. The Company was anxious to provide a Caravan Site in or near Bray and the proposal was to purchase the premises known as Fairy Hill, Bray, and to develop the lands for the purposes of Caravans. The County Medical Officer reported that he had no objection in principle to the use of this site for Caravans, but pointed out that sewage disposal might present some difficulties and perhaps lead to some limitations on numbers. Councillor H. J. Byrne pointed out that a grave traffic problem might arise from using the site adjoining the Killarney Road, Bray. The Council agreed that as the site adjoined the Bray Urban District the views of Bray Urban District Council be obtained in regard to the proposal.

The second application submitted related to a site at Tinnahinch, Enniskerry, the applicant being Mr. Oliver McCarron, Architect. The area of the site contained almost 40 acres and it was proposed to use it for 50 Caravans and one dwellinghouse. The County Engineer stated that he saw no objection to the use of the site, subject to the approval of the County Medical Officer and the provision of suitable sewerage and drainage. The County Medical Officer had reported also on the site and agreed that it was suitable and the proposal could be approved in principle. The Council agreed to approve in principle of the use of this site for Caravans.

#### Item No. 8.—Applications for Loans Under S.D.A. Acts.

The Council considered further the application of Mr. Patrick Flynn, Violet Hill, Ballywaltrim, Bray, for a Loan of £1,600 in respect of the erection of a house at Dargle Road, Bray. Further particulars received in relation to Mr. Flynn's employment were submitted to the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple,

Seconded by Councillor O'Toole,

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £1,600 to Patrick Flynn, Violet Hill, Ballywaltrim, Bray, under the S.D.A. Acts, in respect of the erection of a new house at Dargle Road, Bray, subject to compliance with the conditions of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 9.—Notices of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.

—(a) That the County Engineer submit a Report re Condition of Cottage Tenanted by Miss M. Conway, 7 Church Road, Dunlavin, and the Reason why Repairs were not carried out after several Requests by the Tenant; (b) that Report be obtained re Condition of Cottages Tenanted by Miss Mary Clare, 55 Ballybeg, Rathnew; Michael Doyle, Crone, Redcross; Mrs. Kathleen Byrne, Ballymoate, Glenealy, and that Repairs be carried out immediately; (c) that a Report be obtained on the Condition of Delaney's Cottage, Tonlagree, Brittas, and that it be placed on List for Immediate Repairs.

The County Secretary submitted Reports in regard to the Cottages listed and the Council noted that the Cottages had been included on the list for repairs.

#### Item No. 10.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Quigley—That a Report be got from the County Engineer about the Condition of the Following Cottages and the Cost of Repair—Messrs. Christopher Doyle, Craffield, Aughrim, John Cullen, Cappagh, Aughrim, Joseph Murphy, Annacurra Road, Aughrim, and John Murphy, Ballycooge, Avoca.

The Council noted that these Cottages had been included on the list for repairs.

#### Item No. 11.—Repairs to Cottages carried out during the Month of November, 1962, and Repairs to be carried out during Month of December, 1962.

The Council noted the list of Cottages repaired during November, 1962, and of those to be repaired during December, 1962.

#### Item No. 12.—Employment During Period Prior to Christmas.

The County Engineer reported that in the Western Engineering Area nine additional men would be employed prior to Christmas and in the Southern Engineering Area sixteen men whose employment had to be terminated after the Summer holidays would be offered temporary employment from the 3rd December to the 27th December. In the South-Eastern Engineering District there would be thirteen men employed in Rathdrum, twelve at Barndarrig, seven in Arklow/Avoca Area and eighteen in Aughrim. In addition an extra eleven men would be employed for footpath work at Rathdrum. He hoped to employ about thirty men altogether in the Northern Area. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., expressed disappointment at the limited number of additional men being taken on and proposed that a sum of £10,000 be provided from next year's Road Works Scheme to provide employment prior to Christmas. Councillor J. D. Haughton seconded the proposal. The County Engineer pointed out that if it were necessary to provide additional employment the Council should vote the monies separately and suggested that an arrangement to draw on next year's Road Works Scheme would not be proper. He pointed out that no special provision had been made by the Council to cover the increases in wages which had applied during the present year. The County Manager stated that the position in regard to unemployment, consequent on the closing of St. Patrick's Copper Mines, had been brought to the notice of the Special Employments Schemes Office with the request that a Special Grant be allocated, but so far no indication of any Special Grant had been received. The County Manager felt that this was a matter which should be dealt with by the central authority and should not be left to the Council to finance. A letter had also been addressed to the Department of Local Government drawing attention to the need for Special Grant to finance employment in Rathdrum and Avoca. Following a discussion on the matter the Council agreed that the Council's Engineers arrange to provide employment for as many unemployed men as could reasonably be done in the fortnight prior to Christmas. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., agreed to defer his proposal.



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 10th December, 1962, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended: —

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., P. McCarthy, John Quigley, C. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, James D. Haughton and J. Gregory.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors Miss M. Walsh, A. H. Hadden and C. W. Hudson.

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

### AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 8th October, 1962.
2. Overdraft on General Account and Capital Account.
3. Vacancy on O.A.P. Sub-Committee—To consider recommendation of Sub-Committee for filling of vacancy.
4. Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools—Letter from Department of Education in regard to Commercial Courses.
5. Letter from Secretary to Minister for Education in relation to Council's Resolution concerning the issue of Intermediate Examination results in the third week of August.
6. Arklow Bridge—Letter from Department of Local Government approving of Scheme in accordance with amended design and estimate submitted.
7. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—That I or someone for me will move that the Lockstown Turn be improved to allow the milk lorry to get around with milk on its daily collection.
8. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—That I or someone for me will move that the Council request the County Engineer in 1963/64 Estimates to make provision for sand/graveling and re-surfacing of Tigroney Road to Conary Cross and Sulphur Brook Road to Tigroney Green.
9. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That I or someone for me will move:
  - (a) That the Council take over and maintain as a County Road Coolbawn Lane for a distance of 1½ miles from Upper Kilpipe Road via Hannigan's and Byrne's holdings.



- (b) Remove dangerous corner at Killacoran Cross at left-hand side approaching from Kilpipe.
  - (c) That Council take over and maintain as a County Road Ballymoneen Lane, Avoca, approximately one mile in length and serving Messrs. Arthur Greene's, Michael Merrigan's, Charles Fleming's, John Fleming's and Mrs. Anne Merrigan's holdings.
  - (d) That Council make provision for gullet or bridge on road leading from Mucklagh to Rosahane Cemetery.
10. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Miley and M. Deering—That I or some member of this Council will move for me that the paths in Dunlavin be included in the Roads Scheme in the coming year for reconstruction.
  11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—That a new Self-Propelled Fire Engine be provided for Tinahely.
  12. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge and S. Ua Tuathail—That two lights be provided to serve houses between Dargle Tavern and St. Valerie's Bridge, Dargle Road, Bray.
  13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillors H. B. Hipwell and J. Temple—That County Engineer be requested to obtain estimate of cost of supplying public light at the junction of the Blind Lane and Dargle Road, Bray.
  14. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge for provision of public lights at St. Brigid's Park, Blacklion, and Kilgarron, Enniskerry.
  15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—That I or some Member for me will move at the next Meeting that two lights be provided for the seven houses at Knockieran.
  16. Vocational Education—Letter from Chief Executive Officer, Vocational Education Committee, forwarding Financial Scheme for 1963/64, which provides for increase of 3d. in £ on rate for 1962/63, for approval by Council under Vocational Education (Amendment) Act, 1962.
  17. Brittas Bay Development Plan—Report and recommendation of Special Committee representative of County Council and Urban District Councils—Copy circulated to Members.
  18. Health Services—Introduction of 90 hour fortnight in Council's Hospitals and provision of necessary staff and authorisation of additional cost.
  19. Health Services—Increase in Grants to District Nursing Associations.
  20. Repairs and alterations to Criminal Court at Wicklow—Report of County Engineer and authorisation of additional cost.
  21. To fix date for Meeting of Council to consider Report of Special Committee in relation to proposed use of Newcastle Hospital for Health Services.
  22. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

**Item No. 1.—Minutes.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell,

Seconded by Councillor McCarthy.

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 8th October, 1962.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 2.—Overdrafts on General Account and Capital Account.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell,

Seconded by Councillor Deering.

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 31st March, 1963, shall not exceed £150,000.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell,

Seconded by Councillor Deering.

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Ltd., for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's Capital Account as may be required and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 31st March, 1963, shall not exceed £5,000.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 3.—Vacancy on O.A.P. Sub-Committee.**

The County Secretary submitted recommendation from the Bray O.A.P. Sub-Committee for the appointment of Mrs. Joan Keatings, "Wilton," Meath Road, Bray, to fill the vacancy on the Sub-Committee caused by the resignation of Miss Margaret Kelly.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hipwell,

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge.

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mrs. Joan Keatings, "Wilton," Meath Road, Bray, as Member of Bray O.A.P. Sub-Committee, to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Miss Margaret Kelly.

Passed unanimously.



**Item No. 4.—Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other Approved Schools—Letter from Department of Education in regard to Commercial Courses.**

The following letter from the Department of Education was submitted:—

An Roinn Oideacais,  
Brainse an Meanoideacais,  
1, Sraid Hiur,  
Baile Ata Cliat, 2,  
21 Samhain, 1962.

M. 2013/4.

An Runal,  
Comhairle Chontae Chille Mantain,  
Teach na Cuirte,  
CHILL MANTAIN.  
A Chara,

I am directed to refer further to your letter of 19th October with regard to the question of the approval of commercial courses at approved schools for purpose of the tenure of scholarships under schemes of scholarships awarded by Local Authorities to secondary, vocational and other approved schools. I am to say that the Department considers that any such course should include, in addition to purely commercial subjects, subjects of the curriculum for secondary schools of which Irish should be one. The Department regrets that it cannot agree that the requirement of Irish should be waived in favour of modern Continental language: it wishes to point out that the number of general subjects which it is customary to include in a commercial course are not so numerous as to prevent the inclusion of both Irish and a modern Continental language.

Mise, le meas,

The Council noted the terms of the Department's letter.

**Item No. 5.—Letter from Secretary to Minister for Education in Relation to Council's Resolution Concerning the Issue of Intermediate Examination Results in the Third Week of August.**

The following letter from the Secretary to the Minister for Education was submitted to the Council and noted by them:—

Oifig an Aire Oideacais,  
Baile Ata Cliat  
21 Samhain, 1962

County Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
WICKLOW.

A Chara,

In reply to your letter of 16th November, 1962, on the question of the issue of the Intermediate Examination results in the third week of August, I am desired by Dr. Hillery, Minister for Education, to say that there are over 10,000 Leaving Certificate and over 17,000 Intermediate Certificate candidates, with each of them taking at least five subjects and two papers in many subjects. The Minister's first care is that they be examined in accordance with a uniform and proper standard. There is then the problem of having the Leaving Certificate results out early in August in order to give the unsuccessful candidates a chance not only to apply in time for Autumn Matriculation but also to study for that examination.

It is accordingly only by dint of a most intensive effort on the part of all concerned that the Department manages to issue the Intermediate results in early September.

It is not merely a matter of getting each result in each subject into order, so that we can tell the schools firmly who passed in five subjects and who did not. In the examining itself it is necessary, in order to secure uniformity, that the inspector in charge of the subject receive from the examiners in his charge a continual stream of marked papers, which he checks and returns with notes on any divergence from the standard laid down by him at the examiners' conference. No inspector could handle more than about twenty examiners in this way, but on the other hand if there were to be two inspectors in charge of the examiners in a particular subject, the two might themselves diverge somewhat, with ill results on the standard of marking of their two sets of examiners. I mention this to show that it is not quite a question of simply placing more inspectors or other experts in charge of the examining.

However, while it would not be possible to issue the Intermediate results in their present form before the first week in September or so, the Department is constantly trying, in the fact, it may be added, of an ever-increasing number of candidates, to think out ways and means of shortcutting the work.

Mise le meas,

P/B

RUNAI AN AIRE.

**Item No. 6.—Arklow Bridge—Letter from Department of Local Government approving of Scheme in Accordance with Amended Design and Estimate submitted.**

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

Roinn Rialtais Aitúil,  
Teach an Chustaim,  
Baile Atha Cliath, 1.

December 4, 1962.

R. 27/6/7  
Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
WICKLOW.

Arklow Bridge.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to previous correspondence on the above subject and to state that the amended design referred to in your letter of the 12th September last is in order and the scheme for widening the bridge is approved subject to the deck of the new extension being sloped transversely to conform with the existing road surface, as agreed with the Consultant. The detailed estimate submitted under cover of your letter of the 20th instant is also in order. Specifications and Conditions of Contract should be submitted at an early date. The grant will be reviewed, if necessary, when a firm estimate based on the accepted tender is available.

A copy of this letter is enclosed for the information of the County Engineer.

Mise, le Meas,



The County Secretary stated that the amended estimate amounted to over £45,000. If a Grant of 75 per cent. of the cost were made available the Council would have to meet the remaining 25 per cent. and this would involve loan charges on a figure of up to £12,000. The first year's loan charges would amount to approximately £1,800. The Council noted the position in the matter.

**Item No. 7.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—That I or someone for me will move that the Locksturn Turn be improved to allow the Milk Lorry to get around with milk on its daily collection.**

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miley the County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that the proposal concerned a forked junction between Wicklow Gap and Hollywood whence there was a branch road leading off on a splayed angle for Valkeymount. The levels were such that the road for Hollywood dropped sharply beyond the intersection while the Valkeymount fork goes on to rising ground. The suggestion was to alter the intersection so that a lorry and trailer, which a milk collection firm proposed to put on this route, would be able to negotiate the junction from the direction of Valkeymount towards Hollywood. The Assistant County Engineer pointed out that widening the road at the fork would not give a solution because of the increasing difference in levels and would in fact make the intersection so deceptive from the Valkeymount direction that a serious accident might result. Alteration of road levels would lead to further complications and there was no easy solution. The Council decided to refer the matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area in conjunction with the Roads Estimates for 1963/64.

**Item No. 8.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—That I or someone for me will move that the Council Request the County Engineer in 1963/64 Estimates to make provision for Sand/Gravelling and Re-Surfacing of Tigroney Road to Conary Cross and Sulphur Brook Road to Tigroney Green.**

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been before the Council in April, 1962, and that the Council had noted that no provision had been made in the current year's Road Works Scheme for the reconstruction of these roads, but that it was expected that it would be possible to undertake reconstruction of portion of the road in the following year. The Council decided to refer the matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Local Electoral Area in conjunction with the Roads Estimates for 1963/64.

**Item No. 9.—Notices of Motion in name of Councillor Quigley—That I or someone for me will move: (a) That the Council take over and Maintain as a County Road Coolbawn Lane for a distance of 1½ mile from Upper Kilpine Road via Hannigan's and Byrne's Holdings. (b) Remove dangerous corner at Killacoran Cross at Left-hand side approaching from Kilpine. (c) That Council take over and maintain as a County Road Ballymonee Lane, Avoca, approximately one mile in length and serving Messrs. Arthur Greene's, Michael Merrigan's, Charles Fleming's, John Fleming's and Mrs. Anne Merrigan's Holdings. (d) That Council make provision for Gullet or Bridge on Road leading from Mucklagh to Rosahane Cemetery.**

The Council decided that these matters be referred for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Local Electoral Area in conjunction with the Road Works Programme for 1963/64.

**Item No. 10.—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Miley and M. Deering—That I or some member of this Council will move for me that the Paths in Dunlavin be included in the Roads Scheme in the Coming Year for Reconstruction.**

The Council decided that this matter be referred to the Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area for consideration in conjunction with the Roads Programme for 1963/64.

**Item No. 11.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—That a New Self-Propelled Fire Engine be provided for Tinahely.**

In the absence of Councillor Miss M. Walsh it was agreed that this matter be deferred to the next meeting.

**Item No. 12.—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge and S. Ua Tuathail that Two Lights be provided to serve houses between Dargle Tavern and St. Valerie's Bridge, Dargle Road, Bray.**

The Council agreed to consider this Notice of Motion in conjunction with following item on the Agenda.

**Item No. 13.—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors H. B. Hipwell and J. Temple—That County Engineer be requested to obtain Estimate of cost of Supplying Public Light at the Junction of the Blind Lane and Dargle Road, Bray.**

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported on the proposals for the provision of two lights between Dargle Tavern and St. Valerie's Bridge and also regarding the proposed provision of a public light at the junction of the Blind Lane and Dargle Road, Bray. In regard to the proposal relating to the junction of the Blind Lane with the Dargle Road, the Assistant County Engineer stated that the existing public light terminated at the Bray Urban boundary and there was no public light outside of the urban boundary in the County area. The Blind Lane location was about 200 yards outside the limit of existing public lighting. He considered that a light at this point would be desirable. In regard to the proposal for two lights between the Dargle Tavern and St. Valerie Bridge, the Assistant County Engineer stated that the previous light which he had recommended was within the limits of this proposal, but that beyond that it was felt that penetration of public lighting into a rural district was scarcely justified. In addition it was felt that public lighting should either be provided adequately or not at all and that two lights over this distance would render negligible lighting standard. However, for the reason that the area was generally rural in character the placing of public lights was not recommended. The Council agreed that a quotation be obtained from the E.S.B. for the provision of one public light at the junction of the Blind Lane, Bray, and Dargle Road, Bray.



**Item No. 14.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge for provision of Public Lights at St. Brigid's Park, Blacklion, and Kilgarron, Enniskerry.**

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had now recommended that a suitable location for the light at Kilgarron Park would be on E.S.B. pole No. 57/51, and that a suitable location for the light at St. Brigid's Park, Greystones, would be on the centre pole of the three existing poles on the southern side of the road. The Council agreed that quotations be obtained from the E.S.B. for the provision of these lights.

**Item No. 15.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley—That I or some member for me will move at the next meeting that two lights be provided for the seven houses at Knockieran.**

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer reported that this proposal related to eight cottages at Knockieran and that he was waiting a quotation from the E.S.B. in the matter. He pointed out, however, that the last quotation the Council had obtained for lights at Blessington was in the figure of £80 per light plus an annual charge of £5-15-0.

**Item No. 16. — Vocational Education—Letter from Chief Executive Officer, Vocational Education Committee, Forwarding Financial Scheme for 1963/64, which Provides for increase of 3d. in £ on Rate for 1962/63, for Approval by Council under Vocational Education (Amendment) Act, 1962.**

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Executive Officer, Vocational Education Committee, had submitted the details of Financial Scheme for 1963/64. The Scheme was based on an annual local contribution from the Council of 1/6d. in the £ which represented an increase of 3d. in the £ on the corresponding rate for 1962/63. Under the terms of the Vocational Education (Amendment) Act, 1962, it was necessary for the Council to approve the increased demand and to forward a copy of the Resolution to the Minister not later than the 31st December, 1962. The County Secretary stated that the main reasons for the increase in the contribution sought were the increase in cost of instruction arising from the employment of three additional teachers for the New School at Blessington and the proposed employment of a teacher of metalwork at Carnew. The rate in the £ for Vocational Education for 1962/63 amounted to 1s. 7.59d. and it was estimated that the rate in the £ needed for 1963/64 would be about 1s. 10d.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy,

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne.

Resolved—That having considered Draft Financial Scheme of Vocational Education Committee for year 1963/64, we approve of proposed increase in the annual local contribution for the year 1963/64 of 3d. in the £ in accordance with Section 46 of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, as amended

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 17.—Brittas Bay Development Plan—Report and recommendation of Special Committee representative of County Council and Urban District Councils.**

The County Secretary stated that a copy of the Report and recommendation of the Special Committee had been circulated to the Members.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple,

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne.

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the Special Committee representative of the County Council and the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow, in relation to the Draft Development Plan for Brittas Bay.

As an amendment

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell.

Resolved—That we defer consideration of the Report of the Special Committee representative of the County Council and the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow, in relation to the Brittas Bay Development Plan, and that the matter be considered at the Meeting of the Council in February, 1963.

Following a discussion on the matter in which it was suggested by Members that it would be desirable to leave further time for consideration of the Report Councillor Temple agreed to withdraw his proposal in favour of the amendment. The Council agreed to adjourn the matter for consideration at the Meeting of the Council in February next.

**Item No. 18.—Health Services—Introduction of 90 Hour Fortnight in Council's Hospitals and Provision of Necessary Staff and Authorisation of Additional Cost.**

The County Secretary stated that the Nurses' Association and the employees' Unions had applied for the introduction of a 90 hour fortnight for both Nursing and Domestic Staffs in the Council's Institutions. These conditions already operated in most Hospitals. The introduction of the 90 hour fortnight would involve the recruitment of two additional Nurses for Baltinglass Hospital, one additional Nurse in St. Colman's and two additional Nurses at Wicklow Hospital, together with additional Domestic Staff and the estimated cost in a full year was £4,800. It was proposed to introduce the 90 hour fortnight as from the 1st January, if possible, and the cost for the quarter to 31st March would be about £1,200.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor Quigley.

Resolved—That we approve of the introduction of a 90 hour fortnight for Nursing and Domestic Staffs in the Council's Institutions and of the employment of the necessary additional staff required and authorise expenditure of £1,200 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the extra cost arising.

Passed unanimously.



**Item No. 19.—Health Services—Increase in Grants to District Nursing Associations.**

The County Secretary stated that consequent on the increase in salaries of Jubilee Nurses during the past year the Council had received applications from the six Nursing Associations for an increase in the amount of the Council's Grant and it was proposed to increase the Grant in each instance by £100.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor Temple.

Resolved—That we approve the making of increased Grants to the District Nursing Association in respect of the year to the 31st March, 1963, and authorise the expenditure of £600 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of these increases in Grants.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor H. J. Byrne, supported by other Members from the Bray area, stated that an additional Jubilee Nurse was needed in the area and that the District Nursing Association would be prepared to recruit a second Nurse if the Council would provide an appropriately increased Grant. The County Manager suggested that it would be desirable to obtain a Report from the County Medical Officer regarding the Nursing Service in the Bray area and the Council agreed that the County Medical Officer report on the matter of the necessity or otherwise for an additional Nurse.

**Item No. 20.—Repairs and Alterations to Criminal Court at Wicklow—Report of County Engineer and authorisation of Additional Cost.**

The County Secretary stated that the matter of carrying out alterations to the Criminal Court at Wicklow had been before the Council on previous occasions and that it had been arranged to have the work put in hands during the year 1961/62 and complete it during the year 1962/63. It had not been possible, however, to commence the work until March, 1962, and in consequence the greater part of the expenditure on the Scheme would be incurred in the present financial year. The original estimated cost of the work was £768 but in the course of the work it was found that the existing floors were defective and that the supports of the judge's dais were to be replaced and also that the two balconies were dangerous and would have to be removed. The cost of the works would accordingly greatly exceed the original estimate and it was expected that the final cost would be in the region of £1,600. The amount provided in the Estimates each year for Courthouses generally was £700 and while there had been a saving of £270 approximately in the year 1961/62, there would be a considerable excess on the Estimate in the current financial year. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., pointed out that a Report should have been submitted to the Council immediately it was found that the Estimate was likely to be exceeded and the Council's approval obtained before further work was carried out. The County Manager agreed that the matter might have been reported to the Council earlier, but it was felt desirable to ascertain more accurately the extent of the additional expenditure which would be involved. The Council noted that it would be necessary to have the works completed prior to the Sitting of the Court on the 4th of February and directed that a further Report regarding the cost be submitted.

**Item No. 21.—To Fix Date for Meeting of Council to Consider Report of Special Committee in Relation to Proposed Use of Newcastle Hospital for Health Services.**

The Council agreed to hold a Special Meeting at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 17th December, 1962, to consider the Report of the Special Committee in relation to the proposed use of Newcastle Hospital for Health Services.

**Item No. 22.—Inquiries Arising from County Manager's Orders.**

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

**Proposed Promotion of Clerk/Typist.**

Councillor McCarthy raised the matter of Miss Rose O'Neill, who was employed as Clerk/Typist at the County Council Offices, Rathdrum, and urged that she be graded as Clerical Officer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor McCarthy,

Seconded by Councillor Haughton.

Resolved—That we recommend that Miss Rose O'Neill be graded Clerical Officer.

Passed Unanimously.

The County Manager stated that this matter had been raised on a previous occasion and that he had given his decision in relation to it.

**Arrangements for Ambulance Service.**

In reply to inquiries from Councillor P. McCarthy and Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Secretary stated that the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union had been pressing for the making of arrangements to improve the conditions of service of Ambulance Drivers and to ensure that each Driver would have a day and a half off in each week and also have two nights free from calls. In order to do this it was necessary to arrange a Duty Roster as between the Drivers of the Ambulances based at Rathdrum and Wicklow. It was considered desirable that Reserve Drivers be available on a stand-by basis particularly at week-ends so that they could be called to drive the reserve Ambulance in the case of an emergency arising from a road accident or otherwise. These arrangements would not affect the employment of a Relief Driver for the Ambulance during Annual Leave or Sick Leave of the Ambulance Drivers. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., objected to the proposals and stated that the persons proposed to be employed were not members of a Trade Union.

**Notices of Motion.**

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

In the name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.—That the Council consider installing water and sanitary services in the cottages on Rednagh Road, Aughrim.



In the name of Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.—That the Council consider providing a Sewerage Scheme for Redcross.

In the name of Councillor John Quigley—That a Report be got from County Engineer about cost of repairing the following cottages—Messrs. Robert Carty's, Balleeshal, Aughrim, James Gregory's, Ballykilageer, Avoca, and Mrs. Merrigan's, Ballykilageer, Avoca.

In the name of Councillor James Everett, T.D. — That Assistant Ambulance Drivers be members of a Trade Union.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 17th December, 1962, at 2.30 p.m., to consider the Report of the Special Committee appointed by the Council in regard to the proposed use of the buildings of Newcastle Hospital for the purposes of the Health Services.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Medical Officer were present.

The following Report of the Special Committee appointed by the Council to examine and report on the proposed use of the buildings of Newcastle Hospital for the purposes of the Health Services had been circulated to each Member of the Council:—

### PROPOSAL TO USE NEWCASTLE SANATORIUM FOR COUNCIL'S HEALTH SERVICES

#### REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Our Committee was set up by the Council at their meeting held on 25th June, 1962, and our instructions were to examine the possibility of using Newcastle Sanatorium as a Mental Hospital, or alternatively to consider other possible uses for it, such as a County Hospital or an Old Persons Home.

#### Mental Treatment Requirements.

An examination of the figures show that at 31st May, 1962, the County Council was maintaining 324 persons in the Mental Hospitals run by the Dublin Health Authority, which was formerly known as Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board. Of these cases 135 were in St. Brendan's (Grangegorman); 180 in St. Ita's (Portrane) and 9 in St. Loman's (Ballyowen). A further sub-division of the cases show that 289 were regarded as requiring "custodial care" whilst 35 were undergoing special curative treatment with a prospect of recovery.

As to age groupings it was found that 90 patients were over 65 years (37 men and 53 women) and 66 were over 70 years of age. Of the 66 patients who were over 70, 38 were in Portrane (St. Ita's) and 28 in Grangegorman (St. Brendan's).

It has been accepted for a long time past that the Mental Hospitals at Grangegorman and Portrane are rather overcrowded and consequently better accommodation is required. There was even a suggestion a few years ago that Wicklow County Hospital might be able to accommodate some of the old people, who require little "custodial care" in St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum. But this latter proposal was found not to be practicable. In the past twelve months or so the Dublin Health Authority took over the Sanatorium at Ballyowen, Lucan, Co. Dublin, and has been using it as a building in which special types of curative treatment are being provided for cases which show good prospects of recovery. But it will be noted that of the Co. Wicklow cases only 9 were undergoing treatment in St. Loman's Hospital, Ballyowen, at 31st May, 1962.



There have been proposals for providing improved accommodation at Grangegorman and Portrane by new buildings, extension and alterations and it is evident that these would involve heavy capital expenditure—an expenditure which ultimately would be reflected in the charges to Wicklow County Council. There is, however, nowadays reluctance to undertake heavy capital expenditure on new buildings for mental treatment seeing that it is hoped that new forms of treatment might be expected in the near future to lead to a reduction in the number of mental patients requiring institutional care.

#### Costs of Treatment.

At 31st March, 1961, the daily cost of maintenance and treatment in St. Brendan's (Grangegorman) was 18/- per day or £6 6s. 0d. per week, and in St. Ita's (Portrane) it was 12s. 4d. per day or £4 6s. 4d. per week. Members, however, will recollect that when the Annual Estimates were being submitted in February last, it was pointed out that the costs for the Mental Hospitals would probably show a fairly steep rise in the coming year because the figures on which the present year's costs were based did not include increased outlay resulting from new rates of remuneration and other costs.

#### Inspection of St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.

We visited St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, on 17th July, 1962, for the purpose of obtaining information about the conditions there. We found that the taking over of St. Kevin's Sanatorium some years ago has meant that much improved accommodation became available for a great part of the women patients. Improvements, however, would be required to the main buildings in which all the men patients and some of the women are maintained. In particular, better staircase access to upper floors and improved sanitation are most essential.

#### Visit to Newcastle Sanatorium—Buildings, etc.

On 1st August, 1962, we visited Newcastle Sanatorium and were shown over the buildings by Dr. G. Cullen, R.M.S., and members of the staff. It was our impression that the main buildings are in good condition. There may be some defects in one or two of the older additions to the main buildings, but we felt that these were not of much account and could be fairly easily remedied. Some of the buildings, such as the new ward Units in front of the main block and the Nurses' Home, were built in the past twelve years. The buildings were intended to cater for 220 T.B. patients, but it seems that at times there were more than this number in the Institution. In recent times, however, as a result of the decline in the incidence of tuberculosis, the number of patients showed a dramatic falling-off—at present the number in the Institution is about 40. We had some doubt, however, as to the suitability of the buildings at Newcastle Sanatorium for mental cases. The structures have balconies and a good deal of glass and we felt that these might present some difficulty in the case of mental patients, who require special care.

The farm attached to the Sanatorium is small and is only about 30 acres in extent. If a farm were to be used for Occupational Therapy, or were to produce a large part of the food requirements of a Mental Hospital, then we thought that it would have to be much larger than 30 acres. We had some doubt also about the possibility of providing adequate recreation rooms and generally we were under the impression that the buildings would probably require costly alterations to adapt them to use for the purpose of a Mental Hospital. However, these were first impressions and as will be seen, were not found to present special difficulties consequent on our visits to a few Mental Hospitals.

#### Visit to Ardee Mental Hospital, County Louth.

By arrangement with the Chairman of Louth County Council and the Louth County Manager, we visited Ardee Mental Hospital on 27th August, 1962.

#### (a) Number of In-Patients:

It was found that the number of In-Patients in Ardee ranged from 340 to 350 in the year. The R.M.S. told us that they had been endeavouring to cut down the average duration of stay for In-Patients and that for new patients who were discharged after a period of treatment, the stay had now been reduced from six months to less than three months. In the year 1961 the number of patients admitted to the Hospital was 59 of whom 43 were subsequently discharged. In the same year 187 new patients were seen, mainly at Out-Patient Clinics, but only some of these were admitted. The R.M.S. mentioned, moreover, that as a result of the new approach to mental treatment in County Louth, they were hopeful that in the next five to ten years they could effect a substantial reduction in the number of In-Patients in Ardee Mental Hospital.

#### (b) Average Daily Costs:

The average daily cost for Ardee Mental Hospital was 15s. 10d. per day, in the year ended 31st March, 1962, or £5 10s. 10d. per week.

Improvements have been carried out at the Mental Hospital and tended, of course, to a rise in costs in recent times.

#### (c) Out-Patient Clinics:

The Mental Hospital staff stated that the holding of Out-Patient Clinics was regarded as a most essential element in the arrangements for mental treatment in County Louth. There were three Out-Patient Clinics in the County, at Dundalk, Drogheda, and the District Hospital, Ardee. The average number attending Clinics was 380 and was greater than the average number of In-Patients, which as mentioned, ranged from about 340 to 350. In the year 1961 the total number of attendances at these Out-Patient Clinics reached 2,029.

These Clinics, it was found, were used both for early case finding and for subsequent follow-up in the treatment of cases which had been discharged from Hospital.

#### (d) Care and Custody of Patients:

It was stressed by the staff that in recent years the attitude to the care and treatment of patients had radically altered in most Mental Hospitals. Less time was now devoted by the staff to "custodial care" and with the aid of modern drugs and sedatives difficult cases could be readily composed. For some years past they had adopted in Ardee the "Open-Door" system.

We found that there were no high walls around this Institution nor were there any locked gates. The majority of the patients were free to visit the adjoining town and mixed freely with the inhabitants. It seemed that the townspeople had a special interest in the Mental Hospital and the patients were regarded nowadays as forming part of the local community.



(e) Occupational Therapy—Farm, etc.:

There is a large farm at Ardee, but it is found that it only provides occupation for 40 of the patients. It was pointed out to us that in a Mental Hospital half or more of the patients will be females, for whom the farm would not provide occupation, whilst many of the male patients would for reasons, such as age and other causes, be unsuited for farm work. The Medical Staff of Ardee Mental Hospital informed us that a limited area of land which would give occupation in gardening and horticulture would be quite suitable for Occupational Therapy.

(f) Design and Layout of Hospital:

Even though the Hospital was erected as late as 1933, it was felt by the Medical Staff that the layout was not suited to modern requirements. At present it would be desirable that a Mental Hospital should instead of having large wards be composed of small units in which different types of cases could be suitably segregated. We were told that essential features for a modern type of Mental Hospital would include space for (a) Occupational Therapy and Instruction, (b) Physical Culture, (c) a Hall for recreation, including badminton, dancing, etc., whilst the grounds should include provision for football pitches, croquet, and tennis.

General Impressions.

We were very favourably impressed by the conditions in Ardee Mental Hospital and it was evident that the approach to mental treatment was producing good results.

Visit to Carlow Mental Hospital.

We visited Carlow Mental Hospital on 7th September, 1962, and were shown over it by Dr. Blake, R.M.S., and his staff.

(a) Number of In-Patients:

The average number of In-Patients in Carlow Mental Hospital was 434 and we were told that it had been showing a steady reduction in recent times as a result of the introduction of modern methods of treatment and the holding of Out-Patient Clinics. In six years or so the number of patients had been reduced by about 100.

(b) Average Daily Costs:

For Carlow Hospital the average daily costs were 19s. 5d. or £6 15s. 11d. per week. Recent improvements, however, had involved considerable new outlay. The tendency, moreover, had been of late to concentrate increasingly on the use of drugs and this led to some rise in costs. In addition the Out-Patient Clinics involved an increase in costs.

(c) Out-Patient Clinics:

We were told that Out-Patient Clinics were held at four places in County Kildare and at four in Carlow. The number of attendances at these Clinics, which were held on four days in each week, was at present about 2,500 in the year.

In addition to the Clinics three Social Psychiatric Nurses were employed on home visiting. The Nurses also arranged for the transport of patients to Clinics.

(d) Care and Custody of Patients:

Here again it was stressed by the R.M.S. that there was no element of unusual restraint in the Hospital and "custodial care" was nowadays not required to the extent which obtained formerly. The patients were free to go outside the Hospital and visit the town. The high walls which surrounded the Hospital had been brought down to a low level and the grounds, which at the time of our visit looked particularly attractive with trees, shrubs and flowers, were open to everybody. We were told that it was felt most essential that patients should in his way be kept in touch with the outside world and that a Mental Hospital should no longer be regarded as an Institution in which patients would be strictly enclosed and cut off from communication with the rest of the community. The Hospital staff also tried to ensure that a patient's relatives would be kept in close touch with him.

(e) Occupational Therapy—Farm, etc.:

At Carlow there is a farm of 450 acres, but it seemed that only a very small number of the patients found occupation on it and at most it seemed that only about 20 patients worked on the farm. We were told that a farm need not be regarded as necessary for short-stay patients. The view was that instead of a farm it would be better to have gardens, lawns, and grounds, which could be attended to by the patients.

(f) Special Therapy Unit:

We were told in Carlow that a special Therapy Unit would be an essential item in a modern Mental Hospital. Items to which attention could be given in such a Unit would be the making of rugs, cardigans, lampshades, bedspreads, toys, etc. If possible such a Unit should be so sited and laid out that the patients might be given the idea of going to work each day. The Unit again should be an integrated one, i.e., both men and women should be employed in it in the same rooms.

(g) Design and Layout of Hospital:

The main building in Carlow was erected as far back as 1831 and consequently many improvements were found to be necessary. Large-scale repairs and alterations have been carried out over the past nine years. It was noted that the windows in the older part of the building had been or were being enlarged so as to provide better lighting. The interior was being altered by the provision of small rooms accommodating one or two patients. The new rooms were painted in bright



colours and generally the use of bright colours was a very notable feature of this Hospital. It was evident that every effort was being made to make both the buildings and the surroundings attractive. The open character of the buildings was very noticeable and generally there seemed to be no special element of restraint anywhere.

#### Visit to Portrane and Grangegorman Mental Hospitals.

On 29th October, 1962, we visited Portrane and Grangegorman Mental Hospitals and were received by the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary of the Dublin Health Authority. In inspecting the Mental Hospital at Portrane we were accompanied by Dr. Hegarty, Medical Officer, and in inspecting the Mental Hospital at Grangegorman, by Dr. Dunne.

#### Portrane Mental Hospital:

There were 1,800 in the Hospital, of which approximately 180 were from Wicklow and twelve of these patients were confined to bed. It was evident that there was considerable overcrowding and it was noted that Day-Room accommodation in the Hospital had been converted for use as wards. In a special ward for difficult patients the overcrowding was particularly noticeable and beds had to be placed very close together. The location of the Hospital at Portrane was considered unsatisfactory for Wicklow patients from the point of view of visits by relations or friends.

#### Grangegorman Mental Hospital.

The total number of patients amounted to 1,600 of which 135 were from Wicklow. It was noted in this Hospital also that there was gross overcrowding in some sections and in some cases beds had even to be set up in corridors. While some new ward blocks had been provided and also a new treatment section there did not appear to have been many alterations made to the old buildings in order to improve the conditions therein. We considered that on account of the considerable overcrowding there was difficulty in arranging for adequate segregation and treatment of patients and that in consequence the standard of maintenance and care of patients did not compare favourably with that provided in the Mental Hospitals at Carlow and Ardee. The location of Grangegorman Mental Hospital in the city rendered it difficult to apply the "open-door" system as operated at Carlow and Ardee Mental Hospitals. We considered also that any arrangement which could be made for relieving the overcrowding in Grangegorman and Portrane Mental Hospitals would be in the best interests of Wicklow patients.

#### Conclusions

While we are agreed that it would be possible to use the Hospital buildings at Newcastle for the purposes of a Mental Hospital and that it would be desirable to relieve overcrowding in Grangegorman and Portrane Mental Hospitals we failed to reach agreement on the best use to which the buildings at Newcastle Hospital might be put if taken over by the Council. Three Members considered that the buildings at Newcastle Hospital should be taken over by the Council and used for the purposes of a Mental Hospital. It was suggested by two

Members that the buildings at Newcastle should be used for the purposes of a County Hospital and it was submitted by one Member that with improved methods of treatment of mental illness a new Mental Hospital, if provided, would prove redundant after a limited period of years. One Member was not prepared to recommend the Council to enter into a definite commitment regarding Newcastle Sanatorium.

As regards the cost which might be involved if the buildings at Newcastle were used for the purposes of a Mental Hospital we are not in a position to give an accurate estimate of cost, but understand that the Department of Health wish to have a decision in principle in regard to the proposal and that any decision made by the Council could be subject to the condition that the financial arrangements with the Dublin Health Authority, the Board of Governors of Newcastle Hospital and the Department of Health, be satisfactory to the Council.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that the Committee had been appointed by the Council on the 25th June, 1962, and had visited and inspected St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, Newcastle Hospital, Ardee Mental Hospital, Co. Louth, Carlow Mental Hospital, Co. Carlow, and Grangegorman and Portrane Mental Hospitals, Dublin. While the recommendation of the Committee was not an unanimous one he felt that the details given in the Report should assist the Members in arriving at a decision on the matter.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that when the Department of Health suggested to the Council that the Hospital buildings at Newcastle might be availed of by the Council for use as a Mental Hospital he was very doubtful as to the feasibility of their being so used. Having visited the Mental Hospitals at Ardee and Carlow and seen what had been achieved in the treatment of mental disease in these institutions and having inspected the Dublin Health Authority's Hospitals at Grangegorman and Portrane and noted the extent of overcrowding in these Hospitals, he felt that the Council would be well advised to establish a Mental Hospital at Newcastle and avail of the offer of the Department of Health.

The Chairman stated that whilst he had had some doubt in the beginning about the desirability of the Council running their own Mental Hospital, he felt that it was now essential that they should do so. He was very impressed by the conditions in Ardee and Carlow Mental Hospitals and by what had been achieved there. It was found that there was gross overcrowding at Portrane and Grangegorman and he did not see how improvements could be effected in a short time in these institutions. In particular he was impressed by the lack of restraint on patients in Ardee and Carlow Mental Hospitals. The only way that the Council could provide improved accommodation and standards of treatment for mental patients would be by having their own Mental Hospital in County Wicklow.

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley.

Resolved—That having considered Report of Special Committee appointed to inquire into the proposed use of the buildings at Newcastle Hospital for the purposes of the Health Services, we approve



in principle of the use of these buildings for the purposes of a Mental Hospital for County Wicklow, subject to the financial arrangements with the Dublin Health Authority, the Board of Governors of Newcastle Hospital, and the Department of Health, being acceptable to the Council.

Councillor J. Temple referred to the fact that all the Members of the Committee were not in agreement that the buildings at Newcastle Hospital be used for the purposes of a Mental Hospital and suggested that the Council should hear the views of the other Members of the Committee. Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that from discussions he had had with the Medical Officer at St. Ita's Hospital, Portrane, he understood that with the new methods of treatment of mental disease now available and the advances likely to be made in coming years a position would be reached within, say, the next twenty years, when a Mental Hospital would no longer be necessary and patients could be treated in their homes. He felt that if this was the position it would be undesirable for the Council to take over the buildings at Newcastle for the purposes of a Mental Hospital as they might prove redundant to the Council's needs within a comparatively short period. He stated, however, that he was open to conviction on the matter. Councillor P. McCarthy stated that he felt that the provision of a County Hospital for Wicklow was of greater urgency than the providing of a Mental Hospital and that he felt that the buildings at Newcastle, if taken over by the Council, should be used for the purposes of a County Hospital. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., also disagreed with the proposal that the buildings at Newcastle be used for the purposes of a Mental Hospital.

Councillor E. Byrne supported strongly the proposal that the buildings at Newcastle be used as a Mental Hospital for County Wicklow and pointed out that due to the overcrowding in the Mental Hospitals at Grangegorman and Portrane it was not possible to arrange for sufficient segregation of patients and their treatment was hindered. A better standard of maintenance and treatment could be provided if the Council operated their own Mental Hospital at Newcastle. He felt that it would be in the best interests of County Wicklow patients that the Council set up their own Mental Hospital at Newcastle to accommodate the patients at present in Grangegorman and Portrane Mental Hospitals.

The County Medical Officer, having been asked for his views on the matter, referred to his original Report in which he had suggested that the buildings at Newcastle should be continued in use, if possible, for the treatment of tuberculosis, but failing that, that the premises be used as an Auxiliary Hospital by the Dublin Health Authority, for the treatment of mental illness. However, having seen the Mental Hospitals at Ardee and Carlow and having observed the overcrowded conditions at St. Brendan's and St. Ita's Hospitals in Dublin, he was of opinion that the buildings at Newcastle should be accepted by the Council and used for the purposes of their own Mental Hospital.

The County Manager stated that he felt that it was very desirable that a better standard of accommodation be provided by the Council for patients suffering from mental illness. Having seen St. Brendan's Hospital, Grangegorman, and St. Ita's Hospital, Portrane, he considered that it was not possible to provide better treatment in these Institutions, having regard to the extent of the overcrowding. The buildings

in these Institutions were very old and difficult to adapt for modern methods of treatment and there were very few new wards. St. Brendan's Hospital, Grangegorman, was located in the city and he felt that this location gave rise to further difficulties in the treatment of patients. From the experience in Counties Louth and Carlow it seemed evident that to effect a reduction in the numbers of mental patients maintained in Institutions, it was essential that Out-Patient Clinics be established and expanded. At present there were no Out-Patient Clinics for mental treatment in County Wicklow, but if a Mental Hospital were established within the County, it would be possible to establish these Clinics which had proved very effective in other Counties. He pointed out that the number of beds per thousand population for patients suffering from mental illness, was 21.5 in Ireland as compared with 10 in England and 12 in Scotland. As regards the suggestion that a County Hospital be established at Newcastle, the County Manager pointed out that such a Hospital would cater for only a very limited number of patients. Patients from the west of the County would scarcely wish to be treated at Newcastle and patients from the Bray Area would be likely to prefer treatment in Dublin Hospitals. Furthermore, a high proportion of the patients from County Wicklow receiving treatment in Hospitals in Dublin were sent there for specialist treatment and even if the Council had their own County Hospital a great number of patients would still have to be sent to Specialist Hospitals in Dublin. Of 122 patients receiving treatment in Extern Hospitals in a particular month it was found that only about 26 could have been catered for by a new General Hospital at Newcastle.

Councillor J. Temple pointed out that the Council had not any indication as to the financial arrangements which would arise if the Council accepted the proposal of the Department of Health and took over the buildings at Newcastle for use as a Mental Hospital. He suggested that the Council might defer a final decision on the use of the buildings at Newcastle for the purposes of a Mental Hospital pending receipt of details of the financial arrangements. Following further discussion on the matter, Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., agreed to the amendment of his proposal by the insertion of the words "Or some other Health Service" after the words "For the Purposes of a Mental Hospital for County Wicklow" and the Motion, as amended, having been put to the Council, was declared passed, Councillor J. Everett, T.D., and Councillor Gregory dissenting.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., supported by the other Members, expressed appreciation for the help and co-operation extended to the Members of the Committee by the Dublin Health Authority, Louth and Carlow County Councils and the Board of Governors of Newcastle Hospital and to the Officials of these bodies. The Members of the Council also expressed appreciation of the detailed Report which had been submitted by the Special Committee.

#### Work On Footpaths At Bray.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that he had received several "urgent and frantic" phone calls from traders and business people in Bray demanding that the work on footpaths be halted until after Christmas. The Members of the Council noted that special provision had been made in the Council's Estimates for the laying of new footpaths in the Main Street in Bray



and that the work was being carried out at this time with a view to providing some extra employment prior to Christmas, and consequently saw no reason for stopping the work.

#### Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the family of the late Mrs. Healy, widow of Mr. P. T. Healy, former Secretary to the County Council and County Manager.

#### Notice of Motion.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley was handed in and accepted by the Chairman:—

That I or someone for me will move that Council take over and maintain as a County Road Killeagh Lane from Connolly's Corner, Templelusk Road, to Merrigan's Gate.

Councillor J. Temple pointed out that the Council had not yet taken up the financial arrangements which would arise if the Council were to take over the road. He stated that the Council had not yet taken up the financial arrangements which would arise if the Council were to take over the road. He stated that the Council had not yet taken up the financial arrangements which would arise if the Council were to take over the road.

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