

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 10th August, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

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

### AGENDA:

1. Supplementary Grant for Erection of New House—Application in respect of house at Churchlands, Tinahely.
2. Supplementary Grants—Letter from Department of Local Government re making of Grants in respect of provision of houses by a person or Company for occupation by their employees.
3. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That Council provide an extra room at cottage of Patrick Smyth, Askakeagh, Ballinglen, as his wife is suffering from tuberculosis and using the stairs has an adverse effect on her health.
4. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That William Nolan, Mongnacoole, Aughrim, be given permission to dispose of his vested cottage to Mrs. Philomena Sargent, 2, Avonbeg Cottages, Ballinaclesh.
5. Applications for consent to sale of vested cottages at Parkmore, Baltinglass, Ballingate, Carnew, and Aughavannagh, Aughrim.
6. Report on sites for Housing at (1) Newtownmountkennedy; and (2) Ashford.
7. Report on sites for Housing at Dunlavin.
8. Report re proposed provision of ten houses at Tinahely.
9. Application from Forestry Division, Department of Lands, for lease of sites for two houses at Kilgarron, Enniskerry.
10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That the Council build six houses in Aughrim, as approved by County Medical Officer of Health, owing to many married persons living in sub-standard houses.
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor P. McCarthy—That the Council acquire land in the Templarainey area for the erection of twenty houses.
12. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—That the sewerage main be extended from Tinahely to serve all the cottages in the Churchlands Housing Scheme.
13. Housing Authorities (Loans for Acquisition or Construction of Houses) Regulations, 1964—To consider Scheme for the making of Loans.



14. Applications for Loans for the Erection of New Houses.
15. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
16. Report of Acting County Architect re use of portion of existing cottage plots for new Housing.
17. Letter from Department of Local Government re Planning Consultant for the Dublin Region and extent of area to be dealt with.
18. Application of Irish Local Government Officials' Union for introduction of Five-Day Working Week for Councils' staff.
19. Repairs to cottages carried out during month of July, 1964, and cottages to be repaired during month of August, 1964.

**Item No. 1.—Supplementary Grant for Erection of New House—Application in Respect of House at Churchlands, Tinahely.**

The County Manager submitted an application from Stanley Weir, Tinahely, for a Supplementary Grant towards the erection of a new house at Churchlands, Tinahely. He indicated that from inquiries made the applicant would appear to be eligible for a Grant in the sum of £300.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant in the sum of £300 to Stanley Weir, "Corner House," Tinahely.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 2.—Supplementary Grants—Letter from Department of Local Government re Making of Grants in Respect of Provision of Houses by a Person or Company for Occupation by Their Employees.**

The following letter dated 20th July, 1964, Ref.: H.275/11, from the Department of Local Government, regarding the making of Supplementary Grants in respect of the provision of houses by a person or Company for occupation by their employees, was read:—

Roinn Rialtais Aitiúil.

Teach An Chustaim,

Balle Atha Cliath 1.

20 July, 1964.

H275/11  
Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
WICKLOW.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 8th July regarding the desire of Wicklow County Council that statutory authority be provided so as to permit the making of supplementary grants in respect of the provision of houses by a person or company for occupation by their employees, and to state that the contents have been noted

Mise, le meas,

The Council noted the contents of this letter.

**Item No. 3.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That Council Provide an Extra Room at Cottage of Patrick Smyth, Askakeagh, Ballinglen, as his Wife is Suffering from Tuberculosis and Using the Stairs has an Adverse Effect on her Health.**

The County Manager submitted a Report from the County Medical Officer regarding the condition of cottage occupied by Patrick Smyth, Askakeagh, Ballinglen. It was stated by the County Medical Officer that whilst it would be desirable that Mrs. Smyth should have a room for herself following her return from Peamount Sanatorium, due to obsolete type of the cottage he considered it better that a transfer to a more suitable cottage should be arranged, when possible. Councillor Miss Walsh considered that an extra room should be provided to the existing cottage or alternatively that some type of chalet be provided by the Council. It was agreed that a transfer be arranged whenever possible and the County Manager undertook to examine the alternative proposal regarding the provision of a chalet.

**Item No. 4.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That William Nolan, Mongnacooles, Aughrim, be Given Permission to Dispose of his Vested Cottage to Mrs. Philomena Sargent, 2, Avonbeg Cottages, Ballinaclesh.**

The County Manager submitted application by William Nolan, Mongnacooles, Aughrim, seeking approval to the disposal of his interest in vested cottage No. 145/10 to Mrs. Philomena Sargent, 2, Avonbeg Cottages, Ballinaclesh, Rathdrum, the price having been agreed in the sum of £175 between the interested parties.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh.

Resolved—That having considered application of Mr. William Nolan, Mongnacooles, Aughrim, for consent to the disposal of his interest in cottage No. 145/10 at Mongnacooles, Aughrim, we approve of consent being given to the disposal of his interest in the cottage to Mrs. Philomena Sargent, 2, Avonbeg Cottages, Ballinaclesh, Rathdrum.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 5.—Applications for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottages at Parkmore, Baltinglass, Ballingate, Carnew, and Aughavannagh, Aughrim.**

The County Manager submitted application of Mr. Thomas Byrne, Ballybeg, Ballinglen, for consent to the disposal of his interest in cottage No. 154/10 at Aughavannagh, Aughrim, to Mr. Dermot Bouchier-Hayes, 43, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin. It was indicated that the tenant had not resided in this cottage for several months and that he had alternative accommodation available. The matter of the eligibility of the proposed purchaser under the terms of the Labourers' Act, 1936, was queried by several Members and it was decided that in this case legal advice be obtained regarding the disposal of the cottage and the views of the Department of Local Government sought. The Council agreed that it would be in order to dispose of the cottage provided the purchaser be considered eligible under the terms of the Labourers' Act, 1936.

An application of Edward Bradley, Main Street, Baltinglass, for consent to the disposal of his interest in cottage No. 15/1 at Parkmore,



Baltinglass, to Mrs. Mary Gilligan, Weaver Square, Baltinglass, was submitted for consideration by the Council, the purchase price being £505.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill.

Resolved—That having considered application of Mr. Edward Bradley, Main Street, Baltinglass, for consent to the disposal of his interest in cottage No. 15/1 at Parkmore, Baltinglass, we approve of consent being given to the disposal of his interest in the cottage to Mrs. Mary Gilligan, Weaver Square, Baltinglass.

Passed unanimously.

An application of Mr. Richard Tobin, Ballingate, Carnew, for consent to the disposal of his interest in cottage No. 219/9 at Ballingate, Carnew, to Mr. William Gathercole, Donishall, Carnew, was submitted for consideration by the Council, the purchase price in this case was £250.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh.

Resolved—That having considered application of Mr. Richard Tobin, Ballingate, Carnew, for consent to the disposal of his interest in cottage No. 219/9 at Ballingate, Carnew, we approve of consent being given to the disposal of his interest in the cottage to Mr. William Gathercole, Donishall, Carnew.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 6.—Report on Sites for Housing at (1) Newtownmountkennedy; and (2) Ashford.**

The County Manager submitted a Report from the County Architect regarding the acquisition of sites at Newtownmountkennedy for housing requirements. It was indicated by the Architect that if the derelict back gardens at the back of the houses in O'Neill Park were acquired that sites for approximately thirty houses would be available. He considered that further extension of O'Neill Park into the countryside was not to be recommended. He further indicated, however, that the area on the right-hand side of the road to O'Neill Park at the back of the existing property fronting on and parallel with the Main Road should be acquired and would be suitable for both private and Council development. Councillor J. Gregory was of opinion that the back gardens of the cottages at O'Neill Park should not be acquired and he requested that the Report be deferred for further inquiries. The County Manager pointed out that in any case where portions of existing plots were acquired that compensation would be payable to the respective cottage tenants. The Council agreed to adjourn the matter for further inquiry.

Regarding the matter of acquisition of land for houses in the Ashford area it was indicated that no Report was yet available from the Council's Engineer regarding suitable sites in that area.

**Item No. 7.—Report on Sites for Housing at Dunlavin.**

Regarding the proposed provision of houses at Dunlavin the County Manager stated that no Report had yet been submitted by the Coun-

cil's Engineer, but that the matter was receiving attention. Councillor M. Deering submitted a letter dated the 8th August, 1964, from the Dunlavin Development Association enclosing a list of people who would be interested in obtaining housing accommodation in Dunlavin and requested that the persons on the list be contacted regarding their housing needs.

**Item No. 8.—Report Re Proposed Provision of Ten Houses at Tinahely.**

The County Manager submitted correspondence concerning the provision of houses at Tinahely and indicated that a Report regarding a suitable site was awaited from the Council's Engineer. Councillor Miss Walsh stressed the necessity for additional houses at Tinahely.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea.

Resolved—That six new houses be provided at Tinahely and that a suitable site for the purpose be recommended.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 9.—Application from Forestry Division, Department of Lands, for Lease of Sites for Two Houses at Kilgarron, Enniskerry.**

The County Manager submitted application from the Department of Lands, (Forestry Division), for the leasing of two sites for two residences at Kilgarron, Enniskerry. It was considered that two sites, each approximately twenty to thirty perches in area, should be leased to the Department of Lands, (Forestry Division), for a period of 150 years, at a ground rent of £10 per annum for each site.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the leasing of two sites to the Forestry Division at Kilgarron, Enniskerry, for a period of 150 years, at an annual ground rent of £10 per site.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 10.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That the Council Build Six Houses in Aughrim, as Approved by County Medical Officer of Health, Owing to Many Married Persons Living in Sub-standard Houses.**

The County Manager indicated that a revised Plan had been submitted to the Department of Local Government some time ago in respect of a further six houses to be erected at Aughrim. Discussions had taken place between the Council's Architect and the Department's Inspector, but to date no approval had been received to the revised Plan. The matter would be taken up with the Department with the request that the issue of approval be expedited.

**Housing at Grattan Park, Greystones, and Kilcoole.**

Councillor E. Byrne inquired regarding the matter of provision of additional houses at Grattan Park, Greystones, and Kilcoole, and he was informed that these matters would be referred to at the next Meeting of the Local Housing Committee.



**Item No. 11.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor P. McCarthy—That the Council Acquire Land in the Templarney Area for the Erection of Twenty Houses.**

A report dated the 7th August, 1964, was submitted from J. P. Caffrey, B.E., Assistant County Engineer, Arklow, in which he stated that he had examined a number of sites in the Arklow area which might be considered as suitable for building purposes, but in his opinion none of these sites could be acquired by the Council, unless by compulsory purchase. He recommended that the Council should advertise inviting landowners who might be interested to sell a site of approximately four to five acres in the vicinity of Arklow to the Council. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., inquired if the housing proposed by Councillor McCarthy to be provided, as per his Motion, would be relating to the Urban or Rural area. In the absence of Councillor McCarthy it was agreed that the matter be adjourned for consideration at the next Meeting of the Council.

**Item No. 12.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—That the Sewerage Main be Extended from Tinahely to Serve all the Cottages in the Churchlands Housing Scheme.**

The County Manager submitted a Report indicating that an approximate estimate of the cost of provision of sewerage for Council cottages at Churchlands and Lugduff, Tinahely, would be in the region of £4,500. State Grants would be available, amounting to 50 per cent. of the total cost, thus leaving a balance of £2,250 to be met by the Council. The loan charges on £2,250 over a period of twenty-five years would amount to £170 15s. 11d. The number of cottages which would be served by the proposed sewerage would be sixteen and a contribution at the rate of 1/9d. per week would be levied on the tenants of these cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley.

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of sewerage for sixteen Council cottages at Lugduff and Churchlands, Tinahely. Plans and other details of the Scheme to be prepared. Charge of 1/9d. per week to be made by way of addition to rent or annuity in respect of each cottage in which sewerage is installed.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 13.—Housing Authorities (Loans for Acquisition or Construction of Houses) Regulations, 1964—To Consider Scheme for the Making of Loans.**

The County Manager submitted details relating to the Scheme for the making of Loans for provision of new houses in accordance with the Housing Authorities (Loans for Acquisition or Construction of

Houses) Regulations, 1964, and indicated that the Scheme generally would be along the lines of the previous Scheme under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering.

Resolved—That we approve of the Scheme for the making of Loans under Section 11 of the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962.

Passed unanimously.

It was considered by Councillors H. J. Byrne and H. B. Hipwell that the income ceiling of £1,040 under the Regulations was rather low and it was felt that £1,200 income limit would be more in keeping with present-day standards. It was also felt that for farmers the rateable valuation of £50 would appear to be too low. The County Manager indicated that he would draw the attention of the Department to these representations. Councillor J. Miley asked that provision be made in the Regulations that a single man should be entitled to qualify for a loan under the Regulations, but the County Manager stated that there was nothing in the Regulations to debar a single man from obtaining a Loan to erect a dwellinghouse.

**Item No. 14.—Applications for Loans for the Erection of New Houses.**

There were no applications for submission to the Council in respect of Loans under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.

**Item No. 15.—Applications Under Town and Regional Planning Acts.**

Councillor Hipwell inquired regarding application made by Eamonn Black, "Celeste," Glencormac, Kilmacanogue, for approval to an extension to his dwellinghouse. The County Manager indicated that permission had been refused as it was considered that the water supply position relating to the dwellinghouse was inadequate. A further Report on the matter had been received from the County Medical Officer and it was expected that the matter would be resolved following agreement by Mr. Black as regards compliance with the Private Water Supplies and Sewerage Facilities Regulations, 1963.

Councillor J. Miley inquired regarding an application made on behalf of Peter Murphy, Holyvalley, Blessington, for approval to site on which to erect a dwellinghouse. The County Manager indicated that the Council's Engineer had been requested to examine the position regarding the site for a dwellinghouse, but that a final Report had not yet been received as the matter of road realignment at Holyvalley was involved in this particular case. The Acting County Engineer stated he would submit a Report on the position.

Councillor J. Temple inquired regarding application made by T. O'Boyle, Esq., "St. Kevin's", Killarney Road, Bray, for approval to development of lands at Oldcourt Park, Bray, on which to erect eight dwellinghouses. He subsequently sought approval to erect two houses, but was refused permission. The County Manager stated that it had



been intended by the applicant Mr. O'Boyle, that cesspits would be provided for these houses and the County Medical Officer of Health was not prepared to approve of such arrangements for sewage disposal. Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that he would be prepared to support Councillor Temple that permission be granted for the erection of two houses. Councillor Temple stated that he would submit a Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in regard to the granting of permission under Section 57 of the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934, to Mr. Thomas O'Boyle, "St. Kevin's", Killarney Road, Bray, for the erection of two houses at Oldcourt Park, Bray.

**Item No. 16.—Report of Acting County Architect Re Use of Portion of Existing Cottage Plots for New Housing.**

A Report dated 31st July, 1964, was submitted by the Council's Architect in connection with proposed housing sites in the Boghall/Oldcourt Park, Bray, area. It was suggested by Councillor Temple that this matter be deferred to a meeting of the Members of the Council for the Bray Area and it was agreed that a Meeting would take place at the Town Hall, Bray, on Tuesday, 25th August, 1964, at 8.00 p.m.

**Item No. 17.—Letter from Department of Local Government Re Planning Consultant for the Dublin Region and Extent of Area to be Dealt With.**

The County Manager read letter dated 21st July, 1964, from the Department of Local Government, concerning the appointment of a Planning Consultant for the Dublin Region. It was indicated by the Department that the Planning Consultant would extend the scope of his examination of the Region to areas in Wicklow, or elsewhere, beyond a thirty miles radius of Dublin if it was considered necessary or desirable to do so for the purpose of any aspect of his Report. The County Manager stated that he had submitted any data which he considered necessary to the Planning Consultant, who had recently visited County Wicklow, and in reply to Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., it was stated by the Manager that the Planning Consultant was advising the Government on all aspects of Town and Regional Planning. The Council noted the contents of the letter.

**Item No. 18.—Application of Irish Local Government Officials' Union for Introduction of Five-Day Working Week for Council's Staff.**

The County Manager indicated that in accordance with procedure at present operating throughout the country it was proposed to introduce a Five-Day Working Week for all County Council clerical staffs.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the introduction of a Five-Day Working Week for members of the Wicklow County Council staff

and approve of the necessary notices being inserted in the local newspaper informing the public of the introduction of the Five-day Working Week.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 19.—Repairs to Cottages Carried Out During Month of July, 1964, and Cottages to be Repaired During Month of August, 1964.**

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired during the month of July, 1964, and of those to be repaired during the month of August, 1964.

**Boghall Water Supply Scheme.**

Councillor J. Temple inquired as to the position regarding the Water Supply Scheme for the Boghall Area and he was informed by the County Manager that the Contract was ready for sealing.

**Works at Blessington.**

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to work being carried out at Blessington which had not been included in the current Road Works Scheme. He requested that a Report be submitted by the Council's Engineer on this matter.

**Blessington Housing Scheme.**

Councillor J. Miley requested that he be informed of the present position regarding the proposed erection of six houses by Contract at Blessington. The Manager undertook to inform him as to the position.

**Lackan Water Supply.**

Councillor J. Miley sought information concerning the provision of water supply from Lackan to Carrig. He considered that this extension should be provided without further delay. The County Manager undertook that a Report on the position would be submitted to Councillor Miley.

**Road Realignment at Newtownmountkennedy/Kilpeddar**

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to the surfacing of the new realignment at Newtownmountkennedy/Kilpeddar and stated that a new type of road surface material had been used which had not been specified. He asked for a Report to be submitted.

**Mapping of Cottages.**

Councillor Miss Walsh inquired regarding the numbers of cottages mapped for vesting purposes in the South and South-East areas of the County. The County Manager stated that details would be prepared.



## Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That a Report be submitted as to the operation of Diphtheria Immunisation Scheme for school-children and when it was last carried out in Aughrim and Annacurra areas.

In the names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins—We, the undersigned, will move a Motion requesting the Council to build at least eight new houses in Baltinglass.

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That I or someone for me will move that County Council take steps to acquire land for improvement of Annacurra Cross Roads.

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That Council call on Government to introduce legislation to prevent any landlord from increasing ground rent on expiry of lease on any house reconstructed out of funds provided by State and Local Authority.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council will be held at the Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 17th October, 1983, at 5.30 pm.

The following Members attended:  
Councillors: J. J. McKeen, Chairman

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The County Jail was designed by George Engstrom, City Architect; County Engineer and Assistant County Geologist H. D. Rasmussen; District Attorney J. C. Coffey were present.

Mr. H. Malinowski, Council's Secretary, also attended at the Meeting.



Notice of Motion

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

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That a Report be submitted as to the operation of Diphtheria Immunisation Scheme for school children and when it was last carried out in August and Annamurra areas.

In the name of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins—We the undersigned will move a Motion requesting the Council to build a new right hand bridge in Ballinghoo.

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That I or someone for me will move that County Council take steps to acquire land for improvement of Annamurra Cross Road.

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That Council call on Government to introduce legislation to prevent any landlord from increasing ground rent on expiry of lease on any house reconstructed out of funds provided by State and Local Authorities.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 17th August, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

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

Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Council's Solicitor, also attended at the Meeting.

### AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 8th and 29th June, 1964.
2. Schemes for Scholarships for Secondary, Vocational and other Approved Schools and for Universities for year 1965—Recommendations of Scholarship Committee.
3. Letter from University Scholarship holder.
4. Scholarships for Secondary, Vocational and other Approved Schools, 1964—Results of Examination.
5. Application from Motor Enthusiasts' Club, Ltd., for closing of Roads in Rathdrum Area on Saturday, 5th September, 1964.
6. Letter from Department of Health approving increases in (a) Infectious Diseases Maintenance Allowances; and (b) Disability Allowances.
7. Supply of Pasteurised Milk to Institutions — Letter from Department of Health.
8. Filling of vacancy on Council.
9. Filling of vacancy on Vocational Education Committee — Letter from Association of Parents of Rathdrum Vocational School.
10. Filling of vacancy on Committee of Agriculture and letter from Department of Agriculture regarding Agriculture (Amendment) Act, 1964.
11. Appointment of Rate Collector for No. 17 District.
12. To consider letter from Wicklow Urban District Council re Coast Erosion and making of Declaration under Section 2 (3) of the Coast Protection Act, 1963.
13. Report of Consultant on Quarry Production. (Copy circulated to Members).
14. (a) Purchase of tarmacadam for Road Works at Kilpedder; (b) New Road Surface at Kilpedder/Newtownmountkennedy.
15. Report of County Engineer on experience of new Lorries purchased in 1963.



16. Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1964/65 — Letter from Department of Local Government allocating Grant for Rural Employment Schemes.
17. Revision of remuneration of Fire Brigade personnel.
18. Extension of watermain from Kilcoole to Knockroe.
19. Water supply at Newcastle.
20. Extension of water supply to Ballymanus Lane, Glenealy — Estimate of Cost.
21. Water Supplies in East Wicklow—Requirements and use of new sources.
22. Domestic Scavenging, Carnew — Report of County Engineer.
23. Minutes of Meeting of County Councils' General Council held on 7th May, 1964.
24. Letter from Department of Social Welfare regarding Assistance Districts.
25. Special Road Works at Blessington.
26. Sheep Dipping — Letter from Department of Agriculture re Survey of sheep dipping facilities in County Wicklow and enclosing Reports on condition of Baths.
27. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor P. McCarthy — That the Council acquire land in the Templaraine area for the erection of twenty houses. (Adjourned from Housing Meeting of Council held on 10th August, 1964).
28. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

#### Item No. 1—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 8th and 29th June, 1964.

Passed unanimously

#### Item No. 2—Schemes for Scholarships for Secondary, Vocational and other Approved Schools and for Universities for year 1965—Recommendations of Scholarship Committee.

The County Manager submitted recommendations of the Council's Scholarship Committee relating to proposed Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other Approved Schools for 1965.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we approve of the Scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools now submitted from the Scholar-

ship Committee and of the clause included therein regarding the pursuing of a technical course in a school approved by the Council. Passed unanimously

The Council's Scholarship Committee also recommended the adoption of Scheme for University Scholarships in 1965, on similar terms to Scheme adopted in 1964.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we approve of a Scheme for University Scholarships similar to that adopted for and applicable to the present year.

#### Item No. 3—Letter from University Scholarship Holder.

A letter dated 12th July, 1964, from Patrick O'Sullivan, "Hillsdene," Vevay Road, Bray, was read, in which Mr. O'Sullivan indicated that he had passed his Final Medical Examination and conveyed his thanks to the Council for having given him the opportunity of studying medicine and the financial assistance afforded by way of a University Scholarship. The Council noted the letter.

An application dated the 8th August from Patrick J. Lynch, Esq., "Kilnamona," 7, Marine Tce., Bray, was submitted to the Council, in which an extension of one year was sought to enable Mr. Lynch to complete his course in Horticultural Science, which was now a four year University course.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole;

Resolved—That subject to agreement with University Authorities the Scholarship awarded to Mr. Patrick J. Lynch, "Kilnamona," 7, Marine Tce., Bray, be extended to a period of four years to allow him to complete course in Horticulture.

Passed unanimously

#### Item No. 4—Scholarships for Secondary, Vocational and other Approved Schools, 1964—Results of Examination.

The details of proposed award of Scholarships under the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1964, were circulated to the Council. The County Manager indicated that the sanction of the Minister for Education had been received to the proposed awards.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the award of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other approved Schools for 1964, as set out in the Schedule now submitted.

Passed unanimously

In reply to inquiry from Members the County Manager stated that the award covered thirty-nine Scholarships and a bursary.



**Item No. 5—Application from Motor Enthusiasts' Club, Ltd., for Closing of Roads in Rathdrum Area on Saturday, 5th Sept., 1964.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. D. Haughton;  
Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the closing to public traffic of part of Road T.7 and part of Road L.23 and Link Road joining these roads, between 9.45 a.m. and 12.00 noon and 1.30 p.m. and 6.15 p.m. on Saturday, 5th September, 1964, for the purpose of holding Practices and Motor Race. It is noted that alternative routes will be available.  
Passed unanimously

**Item No. 6—Letter from Department of Health approving Increases in (a) Infectious Diseases Maintenance Allowances; and (b) Disability Allowances.**

The County Manager submitted letter dated 30th July, 1964, from the Department of Health approving of increases in allowances in respect of (a) Infectious Diseases Maintenance Allowances; and (b) Disability Allowances, under the Health Acts and requesting that the Council would approve of additional expenditure arising during the current financial year as a result of the increased allowances.

It was

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

Resolved—That we approve of increase in (a) Infectious Diseases Maintenance Allowances; and (b) Disability Allowances, under the Health Acts, as recommended in Department of Health Circular of 30th July, 1964, and for this purpose we also approve of additional expenditure, other than that provided in the Annual Estimates, in the current year, which is estimated to amount to £2,350.  
Passed unanimously

**Item No. 7—Supply of Pasteurised Milk to Institutions — Letter from Department of Health.**

A letter dated 29th July, 1964, from the Department of Health was submitted to the Council concerning the desirability of using pasteurised milk in all Institutions in order to avoid the possibility of infection arising from the use of supplies of raw milk. The Minister indicated that he would be glad if, when Contracts were being placed again, steps would be taken by the Local Authorities to ensure that as far as possible pasteurised milk only would be supplied to all Institutions. Councillor G. Timmins stated that in his opinion the supplies of raw milk to the various Institutions had been satisfactory and he did not see any reason why it should be insisted that pasteurised milk be used.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;  
Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—Circular from Department of Health on this matter having been read it is the opinion of the Council that milk for County Institutions need not necessarily be pasteurised.

Passed—Councillor Hadden dissenting.

**Item No. 8—Filling of Vacancy on Council.**

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., inquired if the Council was in order in filling the vacancy on the Council at that Meeting since a formal Resolution declaring a vacancy through the death of the late Councillor C. W. Hudson had not been passed at the Meeting of the Council held on the 13th July, 1964. The Chairman indicated that such Resolution had not been formally passed.

It was

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

Resolved—That the seat on the Council which has become vacant through the death of the late Councillor C. W. Hudson is hereby now declared vacant and that steps be taken to fill the vacancy at the next statutory Meeting of the Council to be held on 14th Sept., 1964.  
Passed unanimously

**Item No. 9—Filling of Vacancy on Vocational Education Committee—Letter from Association of Parents of Students of Rathdrum Vocational School.**

The matter of the filling of this vacancy was deferred to the next statutory Meeting of the Council to be held on 14th September, 1964.

**Item No. 10—Filling of Vacancy on Committee of Agriculture and Letter from Department of Agriculture regarding Agriculture (Amendment) Act, 1964.**

These matters were deferred to the next statutory Meeting of the Council to be held on 14th September, 1964.

**Item No. 11—Appointment of Rate Collector for No. 17 District.**

The County Manager stated that before the matter of appointment of a Rate Collector for No. 17 District could be considered it would be necessary for the Council to approve of the method of appointment. The County Manager indicated that the usual method of appointment was that the educational qualifications of applicants be first assessed before submission to the Council for appointment.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;  
Seconded by Councillor A. H. Hadden:

Resolved—That this Council considers that having regard to the nature of the duties of the office of Rate Collector for District No. 17 the knowledge and experience necessary to the efficient performance of these duties and the qualifications for the office, the person to be appointed to the office cannot be satisfactorily selected by competitive examination and we decide that the person be selected following an examination of the applications received for the post.

Passed unanimously

The County Manager submitted the names of ten qualified applicants who had been interviewed and a Certificate had been received from the members of the Interview Board to the effect that the candidates for the post of Rate Collector for No. 17 District had a



sufficient standard of education to enable all books and accounts required in connection with the position to be kept efficiently. The names of the qualified candidates were as follows:—

O'GORMAN, John Joseph, Mullins, Tinahely.

DONOHUE, Michael, Seskin, Tinahely.

MURPHY, Joseph, School Hill, Shillelagh.

KAVANAGH, Robert Michael, Kilpipe, Aughrim.

CLANCY, Terence, Ballycreen, Aughrim.

SPELLACY, John Joseph, Askakeagh, Ballinglen.

FOLEY, Sean, Ballinasillogue, Knockananna, Arklow.

O'BYRNE, Peter Paul, Ballinatone, Rathdrum.

CLARE, Richard, Ballykilmurry, Hacketstown.

MURRAY, Edward, Coolakay, Enniskerry.

The Members present voted as follows:—

FOR, JOHN JOSEPH O'GORMAN—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., A. H. Hadden, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, and James O'Toole—SIX.

FOR MICHAEL DONOHUE—NIL.

FOR JOSEPH MURPHY—NIL.

FOR ROBERT MICHAEL KAVANAGH—Councillors J. Everett, T.D., James Gregory, J. Quigley and J. J. McCrea—FOUR.

FOR TERENCE CLANCY—NIL.

FOR JOHN JOSEPH SPELLACY—NIL.

FOR SEAN FOLEY—Councillors Edward Byrne, H. J. Byrne, Mark Deering, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh—FIVE.

FOR PETER PAUL O'BYRNE—Councillors J. D. Haughton, Hugh B. Hipwell, J. Temple, P. McCarthy, and R. Miley—FIVE.

FOR RICHARD CLARE—NIL.

FOR EDWARD MURRAY—NIL.

Robert Michael Kavanagh having been eliminated a further vote was taken which resulted as follows:—

FOR JOHN JOSEPH O'GORMAN—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., A. H. Hadden, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, and J. O'Toole—SIX.

FOR SEAN FOLEY—Councillors Ed. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, Mark Deering, J. Everett, T.D., G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh and J. J. McCrea—SEVEN.

FOR PETER PAUL O'BYRNE—Councillors J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton, Hugh B. Hipwell, P. McCarthy, Roger Miley, J. Quigley, and J. Temple—SEVEN.

John Joseph O'Gorman having been eliminated a third vote was

taken to determine whether Sean Foley or Peter Paul O'Byrne would be appointed and the vote resulted as follows:—

FOR SEAN FOLEY—Councillors Ed. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, Mark Deering, J. Everett, T.D., A. H. Hadden, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh, and J. J. McCrea—EIGHT.

FOR PETER PAUL O'BYRNE—Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton, Hugh B. Hipwell, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, P. McCarthy, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, J. Quigley and J. Temple—TWELVE.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That having considered and examined the applications received for the post of Rate Collector for No. 17 Collection District, we hereby appoint, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, Mr. Peter Paul O'Byrne to the post, in accordance with the qualifications and particulars of office approved by the Minister. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12—To consider Letter from Wicklow Urban District Council re Coast Erosion and Making of Declaration, under Section 2 (3) of the Coast Erosion Act, 1963.

The County Manager read a letter dated 11th August, 1964, from Wicklow Urban District Council, in which it was stated that the Wicklow Urban District Council at Meeting held on the 10th August, 1964, noted from a Report of the Acting County Engineer that protection works were necessary along Wicklow Foreshore and that the estimated cost of the works, as recommended, would amount to £13,750. The Wicklow Urban District Council approved of the works recommended by the Acting County Engineer and requested that the Wicklow County Council would make the necessary Declaration under Section 2 (3) of the Coast Protection Act, 1963, to enable a Coast Protection Scheme to be promoted. The County Manager pointed out that the County Council could make the necessary Declaration, as required, under Section 2 (3) of the Coast Protection Act, 1963.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

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

Resolved—That being satisfied that land on the Foreshore at Wicklow, within the Urban District of Wicklow, is being progressively damaged by the continued encroachment of the sea, and that such encroachment is liable to endanger the safety of Wicklow Harbour buildings, amenities of a residential character, and other valuable property, it is hereby determined that the promotion of a Coast Protection Scheme for the area in question is expedient and the Commissioners of Public Works are hereby asked to carry out a preliminary examination.

Passed unanimously

Councillor J. Temple referred to the matter of a Coast Protection Survey which was to have been carried out at Ballygannon regarding which he claimed no effort had been made to have such survey carried out. He asked that the Commissioners of Public Works be requested to expedite the Survey at Ballygannon.



**Item No. 13—Report of Consultant on Quarry Production.**

The County Manager referred to Report of Consultant on Quarry Production, copy of which had been circulated to each Member. It was agreed by the Members to defer consideration of the Report until the newly appointed County Engineer would have had an opportunity of examining it.

**Item No. 14 (a) Purchase of Tarmacadam for Road Works at Kilpedder; (b) New Road Surface at Kilpedder/Newtownmount-Kennedy.**

The County Manager submitted a Report dated 20th July, 1964, from the Acting County Engineer, relating to the purchase of tarmacadam for Road Works at Kilpedder. It was stated in the Report that the Council did not possess Plant capable of producing the materials required for the type of high-grade surfacing of Arterial Roads as laid and that the tarmacadam provided was in accordance with standard Specification and was durable and hard-wearing, with an estimated life of twenty years. Since the final accounts for the work at Kilpedder were not available a full Report on costs could not be submitted to that Meeting.

A Report from the Acting County Engineer was submitted by the County Manager regarding the new road surface at Kilpedder/Newtownmount-Kennedy. In the report it was stated that the surfacing laid on this section of road was in accordance with standard Specification as regards composition. Its texture and grip qualities improved from day to day after laying, just as in the case of ordinary tarmacadam or concrete road finishes. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to several accidents to cars which were alleged to have occurred along this stretch of roadway and which he considered could be attributed to the new road surface. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the Chairman, and Councillor J. O'Toole felt that the new road was a very fine job, well done, and had no fault to find with it.

The Reports were noted by the Council.

**Item No. 15—Report of County Engineer on Experience of New Lorries purchased in 1963.**

The County Manager stated that a Report had been received from the Acting County Engineer regarding the experience and working of the new lorries purchased by the County Council earlier in the year. It was considered by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., and Councillor A. H. Hadden that since the lorries were in operation for only about four months that it would be unfair to expect that a definite Report on the experience and running of these vehicles could be submitted, or that any accurate details could be available. It was felt that at least a period of twelve months should elapse before a Report on the running of the lorries be prepared. The Council adjourned consideration of the Report.

**Item No. 16—Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1964/65—Letter from Department of Local Government Allocating Grant for Rural Employment Schemes.**

The County Manager informed the Council that the Department of Local Government had provisionally allocated a Grant of £850 to

County Wicklow for Rural Employment Schemes under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1964/65. The issue of the Grant of £850 was subject to a local contribution of £285. The Department proposed that the Grant of £850 be allocated as follows:—

BALTINGLASS—£200.

RATHDRUM—£200.

RATHNEW/MERRYMEETING—£250.

SHILLELAGH—£200.

The Acting County Engineer submitted proposals for the carrying out of work in the respective districts, as indicated by the Department, and it was decided to refer the matter of the proposed works to the next Meeting of the local Councillors in the respective Engineering Areas.

**Item No. 17—Revision of Remuneration of Fire Brigade Personnel.**

The County Manager submitted details regarding proposed revision of remuneration of Fire Brigade personnel arising from the recent National 12 % Wage Increase. It was stated that the increase would be effective as from the 14th January, 1964, in the 1963/64 financial year, and the estimated expenditure in excess of amount provided in the Annual Estimates would be £160 for the year 1963/64 and £750 for the year 1964/65.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That having considered application from Unions we hereby approve of the additional expenditure of £750 being the amount in excess of the provision allowed in the Annual Estimates, for the purpose of remuneration of members of the Council's Fire Brigade, together with a sum of £160 relating to period 14th January, 1964, to 31st March, 1964.

Passed unanimously

**Item No. 18—Extension of Watermain from Kilcoole to Knockroe.**

The County Manager submitted a Report dated 6th August, 1964, from the Deputy County Engineer, in which it was stated that the estimated cost of laying watermain, providing connections, to stop-cocks, together with sinks, etc., for twenty-five houses, would be £8,000. Councillor E. Byrne expressed satisfaction that the Report and estimate had been submitted as the houses in this particular area were in urgent need of piped water supplies.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of a watermain and connections to Council houses, together with fittings, at Knockroe, Kilcoole, at an estimated cost of £8,000, and direct that tenders now be sought for this work, and that a loan of £8,000 be procured to meet the cost of the Scheme.

Passed unanimously



**Item No. 19—Water Supply at Newcastle.**

The County Manager submitted a Report from the Deputy County Engineer dated 7th August, concerning the provision of a water supply to Newcastle village and an extension of the supply to Tiglin. The total estimated cost of providing the extension from Killadreenan to the existing service tank at Newcastle, including connections for seven houses and installation of sinks, etc., in these houses, would be £3,952. The extension of the existing 4" main at Newcastle to eighteen houses in Tiglin, including connections to stopcocks, installation of sinks, etc., would be £5,100, the total estimated cost being £9,052.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of a water supply for Newcastle village and an extension to Tiglin, at estimated cost of £9,052, and direct that tenders for the carrying out of the work be sought, and that a Loan of £9,052 be procured to meet the cost of the Scheme.

**Item No. 20—Extension of Water Supply to Ballymanus Lane, Glenealy — Estimate of Cost.**

A report and estimate dated 21st July, 1964, from the Chief Assistant County Engineer in respect of the provision of a water supply to Ballymanus Lane, Glenealy, at an estimated cost of £1,650, was submitted by the County Manager. The estimate provided for the laying of a 2" main and providing six house connections, together with installation of sinks, etc.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton:

Resolved—That we approve of the extension of water supply to Ballymanus Lane, Glenealy, at estimated cost of £1,650, and direct that tenders for the carrying out of the work be sought, and that a Loan be procured to meet the cost of the Scheme.

Passed unanimously

Councillor J. D. Haughton inquired if it would be possible to provide a piped water supply for cottage at Drumdangan, Glenealy. He stated that there were four or five cottages at Drumdangan without piped water supply. The County Manager indicated that he would seek a Report from the Council's Engineer on this matter. Councillor R. Miley inquired regarding the proposed Laragh/Annamoe Water Supply Scheme. It was stated by the County Manager that all the necessary documents had been prepared by the Consultant and forwarded to the Department of Local Government and the necessary approval to these documents by the Department was awaited.

**Item No. 21—Water Supplies in East Wicklow—Requirements and Use of New Sources.**

The County Manager indicated to the Council that a Report was available from the Chief Assistant County Engineer regarding water supplies in North-East and Mid-East Wicklow and that discussions had taken place between the County Council and Dublin Corporation representatives concerning water supplies generally in that area.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., and Councillor J. D. Haughton inquired if any information was available regarding the proposed use of water at Glenmacnass by the Electricity Supply Board and Councillor R. Miley indicated that from his information it would appear that it was intended that a dam be erected at the bottom of the Falls at Glenmacnass. The County Manager stated that he would be glad to hear of any such proposals as water for the Laragh/Annamoe Scheme could be obtained from Glenmacnass. Councillor J. Temple inquired regarding proposals for a Group Water Supply Scheme at Carrigoona Commons and stated that the Scheme had originally been examined and approved by the Council's Engineer and subsequently by an Inspector from the Local Government Department. He felt that there was nothing unreasonable in the proposed Scheme and that from his information Dublin Corporation would be prepared to make supplies of water available for the Carrigoona Scheme. The County Manager stated that the Dublin Corporation would be prepared to provide supplies on condition that the County Council would, within a period of about five years, agree to take over such Schemes and provide water from the Council's own Schemes. He considered, however, that at this stage the Council was endeavouring to deal with its own internal matters regarding water supplies before making any other arrangements with Dublin Corporation, or other interested parties, and that the Council could not give such an undertaking as at present required by Dublin Corporation.

**Item No. 22—Domestic Scavenging, Carnew—Report of Co. Engineer.**

A Report received from the Council's Assistant Engineer concerning domestic scavenging in Carnew was submitted by the County Manager. In the course of the Report it was stated that the amount allowed in the current year for domestic scavenging in Carnew was £200 and that the work was being carried out at present by two men with horse and cart. The Engineer in his Report stated that in recent years the amount of domestic refuse had increased to such an extent that a horse and cart was really not able to cope with the collection and that the actual annual cost was now approximately £400. Councillor J. J. McCrea stated that an excellent service was being given by the Council in relation to domestic scavenging and he considered that additional money should be provided to maintain the service.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

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

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the expenditure of an additional £200 on a Domestic Scavenging Service for Carnew.

**Footpath at Carnew.**

The Chairman inquired from the Assistant Engineer, Mr. N. D. Farrell, B.E., when it was proposed to provide the footpath at Carnew. He understood that this work was to have been done early in the year. The Assistant Engineer stated that due to the fine weather conditions which had existed necessary surface dressing work had been carried out in the district, but he expected that the footpath would be laid during the month of September.



**Item No. 23—Minutes of Meeting of County Council's General Council held on 7th May, 1964.**

The County Manager submitted Minutes of Meeting of County Council's General Council held on the 7th May, 1964, at which Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., James J. McCrea and G. Timmins were present. The Minutes were noted by the Council.

**Item No. 24—Letter from Department of Social Welfare regarding Assistance Districts.**

The County Manager submitted a letter dated 27th July, 1964, from the Department of Social Welfare, concerning the re-allocation of Dispensary Districts to Assistance Officers. It was noted by the Minister for Social Welfare that the County Manager proposed, as a temporary measure, to assign the Coollattin and Tinahely Dispensary Districts to the Assistance Officer at Aughrim and that a Report would be submitted to the Department at the end of twelve months indicating how such arrangement had worked. The Minister assumed that the Council would agree that the temporary arrangement proposed would provide the experience necessary to enable satisfactory permanent arrangements to be made. The letter was noted by the Council, who re-affirmed their previous decision on the matter and indicated that they were not agreeable to the proposal of the Department.

Councillor Temple raised matters relating to Bray Dispensary and it was indicated that he could bring these matters up at the next Meeting of the local Councillors to be held in Bray on the 25th August, 1964.

**Item No. 25—Special Road Works at Blessington.**

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., raised the matter of works carried out at Blessington which had not been included in the Council's current Road Works Scheme, nor had been approved by the County Council. He claimed that land had been fenced for a private individual and that Council men had worked overtime on Saturdays carrying out such work. The County Manager stated that he had received a Report from the Acting County Engineer to the effect that works had been carried out on Road No. 374, near Blessington, but that he had not been informed of any such work, nor had any application been made to him for approval to works. He understood that An Bord Failte had informed the Acting County Engineer that a Grant for such work would be available, but he was not aware of this and neither had any representations in this regard been made to An Bord Failte for a Grant. Councillor J. Miley pointed out that the matter of these works at Blessington had been discussed at a Meeting of the local Councillors for the West Wicklow Area and that the Councillors at that Meeting had approved of the necessary works being carried out. He submitted that if no record was available regarding such approval that it may have been an error on the part of the County Secretary in omitting to note such decision. Councillor J. Miley stated that it had been agreed at that Meeting that the turn at Logstown, giving access through Valleymount, be taken off and that a nominal sum be provided for works on the Blessington-Kilbride Road. Councillor Everett stated that he was sure the County Secretary had not failed to record any decision made and it was

agreed by the Members that the matter be deferred pending the attendance of the County Secretary at the next meeting of the Council.

**Item No. 26—Sheep Dipping — Letter from Department of Agriculture re Survey of Sheep Dipping Facilities in County Wicklow and enclosing Reports on Condition of Baths.**

The County Manager stated that a Survey of Sheep Dipping Baths had been carried out over the past several months by Inspectors from the Department of Agriculture and details had recently been submitted by the Department concerning Baths which required attention by way of repair. The Council's Engineers in the various areas had been requested to examine the various Baths and to submit estimates of the cost of repair. It was pointed out by the County Manager that it was rather difficult for the Engineers in the respective areas to examine these Baths as expeditiously as one would have liked due to important Road Works and other duties having to be performed, but estimates had been submitted to the Department for approval and a letter dated the 5th August, 1964, from the Department of Agriculture had conveyed the approval of the Minister for Agriculture to expenditure on the repair of the following Sheep Dipping Baths:—

Cannow, Glen Imaal—£35.

Mongduff, Kiltegan—£76.

Ballinguike, Rathdangan—£15.

Ballyfolan, Brittas—£32.

Tallyho, Ballinglen—£37 10s.

Tomacork, Carnew—£90.

Ballingate, Carnew—£15.

It was

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

Resolved—That we approve of repairs to Sheep Dipping Stations as follows:—

Cannow Glen Imaal—£35.

Mongduff, Kiltegan—£76.

Ballinguike, Rathdangan—£15.

Ballyfoley, Brittas—£32.

Tallyhoe, Ballinglen—£37 10s.

Tomacork, Carnew—£90.

Ballingate, Carnew—£15.

Passed unanimously



**Item No. 27—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor P. McCarthy—That the Council Acquire Land in the Templaraine Area for the Erection of Twenty Houses (Adjourned from Housing Meeting of Council held on 10th August, 1964).**

The County Manager referred to Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. McCarthy, relating to the acquisition of land in the Templaraine area for the erection of twenty houses, which had been adjourned from the Housing Meeting of the Council held on the 10th August, 1964. Councillor McCarthy stated that further houses were urgently required as the existing accommodation in the Arklow area could not cater for the increased numbers of people in that area. The County Manager stated that at the previous Housing Meeting of the Council a Report had been received from Mr. J. P. Caffrey, B.E., Assistant County Engineer for the Area, in which he suggested that the Council might advertise for suitable housing sites. Mr. Caffrey stated that he had prepared a further Report, but this Report was not available for the Meeting. The County Manager stated that he would examine Mr. Caffrey's Report when received, and would have the matter of housing needs in that area fully examined.

**Item No. 28—Inquiries Arising from County Manager's Orders.**

The Council noted the particulars of the Manager's Orders for the month of July, 1964, which had been circulated to the Members.

#### Resolution of Sympathy.

In the course of the Meeting the Chairman stated that he had just received a message to the effect that Mr. P. McDowell, County Registrar, had died and he expressed the sympathy of the Council with the relatives of the late Mr. McDowell. Members of the Council paid tribute to the late Mr. McDowell and the County Manager asked that himself and the Council's staff be associated with the Council's expression of sympathy.

#### Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—That a water supply be provided for three cottages at Liscolman, Coolkenno (Tullow).

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That a Report be obtained from Engineer about Department of Posts and Telegraphs puncturing a watermain leading from old reservoir to farmlands on Aughrim-Woodenbridge Road, thereby depriving stock from a water supply.

In the name of Councillor J. D. Haughton—That the following information be available at the next Meeting of the Council: (1) The total expenditure to date on the conversion of the former District

Hospital, Wicklow, into Offices; (2) The approximate cost of any further work not yet completed (if any); and (3) The amount of expenditure approved by the Council and the date or dates of such approval.

In the names of Councillors J. Temple, Hugh B. Hipwell and Edward Byrne—That Town Planning permission be given to Mr. Thomas Boyle, Killarney Road, Bray, to erect two bungalows on the Killarney Road, in accordance with the Plans submitted.

To consider the following Resolution in the name of Councillors John Temple, Hugh B. Hipwell and Edward Byrne:—That in pursuance of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1958, which requires that Councils should be granted under Section 27 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1962, to Mr. Thomas O'Boyle, "St. Kevin's" Bungalow, East Bray, for the erection of two bungalows on the site of the old bungalow, in accordance with Plans submitted, but this Resolution be included on the Agenda for the Council Meeting to be held on Monday, 7th September, 1964.

3. Application for Representative Orders for New Dwellings.  
2. Application for consent to sell of Cottages at (a) The Green, Manor Kilbride; (b) Cappagh, Aughrim; and (c) Aughrim, Aughrim.

Letter from County Council General Counsel concerning sale of school towards loan charges applied to "new" houses under the "Temporary" Acts for facilities being an independent in labourers' cottages.

4. Report of Acting County Architect in reply to request of New Town Development.

5. Report of Assistant County Engineer and County Medical Officer re housing sites adjoining Arklow Urban District.

6. Notice of Motion in name of Councillors J. J. Temple and G. Temple re building of additional houses at Ballynabuck.

7. Map of Cottage Plots—Report of Acting County Engineer.

8. Application for loan towards cost of erecting a New House.

9. Application for Town and Country Planning Act.



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 7th September, 1964, 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 and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary, Mr. R. L. Farrell, Acting County Engineer, Mr. P. J. Birmingham, Acting County Architect, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. McCaffrey, N. D. Farrell and J. Power were present.

### AGENDA:

1. To consider the following Resolution in the names of Councillors John Temple, Hugh B. Hipwell and Edward Byrne—That in pursuance of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we require that general permission be granted under Section 57 of the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934, to Mr. Thomas O'Boyle, "St. Kevin's," Killarney Road, Bray, for the erection of two dwellinghouses at Oldcourt Park, Bray, in accordance with Plans submitted; that this Resolution be included on the Agenda for the Council Meeting to be held on Monday, 7th September, 1964.
2. Applications for Supplementary Grants for New Dwellings.
3. Applications for consent to sale of Cottages at (1) Threecastles, Manor Kilbride; (2) Cappagh, Aughrim; and (3) Aughavannagh, Aughrim.
4. Letter from County Councils' General Council concerning rate of subsidy towards loan charges applying to houses provided under the Labourers' Acts for families living as sub-tenants in labourers' cottages.
5. Report of Acting County Architect re sites for houses at Newtownmountkennedy.
6. Report of Assistant County Engineer and County Medical Officer re housing sites adjoining Arklow Urban District.
7. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins re building of additional houses at Baltinglass.
8. Mapping of Cottage Plots—Report of Acting County Engineer.
9. Application for Loan towards cost of erecting a New House.
10. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.



11. Notice of motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley — That the Council call on the Government to introduce legislation to prevent any landlord from increasing ground rent on expiry of lease on any house reconstructed out of funds provided by State and Local Authority.

12. Repairs carried out to Cottages during month of August, 1964, and Cottages to be repaired during month of September, 1964.

#### Retirement of County Engineer.

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., proposed that the Council extend their best wishes to Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, former County Engineer, and Mrs. O'Byrne for a happy and prosperous retirement. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., referred to Mr. O'Byrne's service of nearly forty years with the Council and to the value of his work, particularly in regard to roads. Councillor P. McCarthy seconded the proposal and associated himself with what had been said. The Chairman, Councillor J. J. McCrea, and other Members of the Council also paid tribute to Mr. O'Byrne and wished him health and happiness in his retirement.

Item No. 1—To consider the following Resolution in the names of Councillors John Temple, Hugh B. Hipwell and Edward Byrne —That in pursuance of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we require that general permission be granted under Section 57 of the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934, to Mr. Thomas O'Boyle, "St. Kevin's," Killarney Road, Bray, for the erection of two dwellinghouses at Oldcourt Park, Bray, in accordance with Plans submitted; that this Resolution be included on the Agenda for the Council Meeting to be held on Monday, 7th September, 1964.

Councillor J. Temple stated that this matter had been fully discussed by the Council previously and asked that the decision be unanimous and he trusted that the County Manager would accede to the Council's wishes in the matter.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That in pursuance of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we require that general permission be granted under Section 57 of the Town and Regional Planning Act, 1934, to Mr. Thomas O'Boyle, "St. Kevin's," Killarney Road, Bray, for the erection of two dwellinghouses at Oldcourt Park, Bray, in accordance with Plans submitted.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 2 — Applications for Supplementary Grants for New Dwellings.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £300 to Mr. Laurence Doyle, Ballintreskin, Kilmacanogue, in respect of the erection of a new house at Brickfield, off Killarney Road, Bray.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £300 to Mr. Malachy C. Stone, Brittas Bay, Wicklow, in respect of the erection of a new house at Ballinacarrig, Dungans-town East.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 3—Applications for Consent to Sale of Cottages at (1) Three-castles, Manor Kilbride; (2) Cappagh, Aughrim; and (3) Aughavannagh, Aughrim.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the disposal by Mr. Michael Kearns, Senr., of his interest in his cottage at Three-castles, Manor Kilbride, No. 18/3, to his son, Michael Kearns, Junr.

Passed unanimously.

In regard to the proposed sale of the cottage No. 151/10 at Cappagh, Aughrim, the County Secretary stated that the Council had been unable to let the cottage and having complied with the required procedure of offering the cottage to the original owner of the lands, etc., the cottage had been advertised for sale. Only one offer had been received, being that from Mr. James Merrigan, Cappagh, who offered a sum of £100. Councillor Miss Walsh stated that it would cost about £500 to put the cottage in proper condition and she felt the offer was reasonable.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the offer of £100 from Mr. James Merrigan, Cappagh, Aughrim, for the purchase of the Council's cottage No. 151/10 at Cappagh, Aughrim.

Passed unanimously.

In regard to the application of Mr. T. Byrne, Ballybeg, Ballinglen, for permission to dispose of his interest in cottage No. 154/10 at Aughavannagh, Aughrim, to Mr. Dermot Bouchier-Hayes, the County Secretary stated that this matter had been considered by the Council at the previous Meeting when it had been noted by the Council that it was doubtful if the applicant to purchase the cottage was a qualified person. The opinion of the Council's Solicitor had been sought on the matter and he advised that the proposed purchaser was a Solicitor and obviously would not be eligible to occupy the cottage. The Council's Solicitor stated that the Council should not consent to the sale and pointed out that cottages should be reserved for people coming within the definition of a "labourer." Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, suggested that the facts might be put to the Minister and his sanction sought to the sale of the cottage to the applicant. Councillor H. B. Hipwell stated that he had received an inquiry from



a person who was looking for a cottage in the County and who was a native of Co. Wicklow and asked that the Council adjourn the application so that he could take up the matter with this person. The Council agreed to adjourn consideration of the matter.

**Item No. 4—Letter from County Council's General Council concerning Rate of Subsidy towards Loan Charges applying to Houses provided under the Labourers' Acts for families living as sub-tenants in Labourers' Cottages.**

The County Secretary stated that the County Council's General Council had considered the Council's recent letters in connection with the higher rate of subsidy for re-housing sub-tenants in Council cottages and that it had been decided to ask the Minister to extend the date of operation of the higher rate to 1966. The Council noted the decision of the County Council's General Council.

**Item No. 5—Report of Acting County Architect re Sites for Houses at Newtownmountkennedy.**

The County Secretary stated that at the previous Meeting the Council had considered a Report from the Acting County Architect in regard to sites at Newtownmountkennedy and in particular in regard to a suggestion that portion of existing cottage plots might be acquired for the purpose of erecting additional houses thereon. The County Architect had met Councillor Gregory and had made preliminary inquiries with the tenants of cottages and it seemed that the tenants would seek payment of from £100 to £150 for a portion of the plots suitable for erecting an additional house thereon. In some cases tenants asked that the site be reserved for their sons. Councillor Gregory stated that he believed that if the tenants got suitable compensation for portion of the plots they would have no objection to disposing of them to the Council. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed to refer it for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area.

**Sites for Houses at Ashford.**

The County Secretary submitted Report received from the Acting County Architect in regard to five sites mainly in the Ballinalea area of Ashford which would be suitable for housing. It was agreed that this matter be referred for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area.

**Sites for Houses at Dunlavin.**

The County Secretary stated that the Acting County Architect had submitted a Report in regard to four possible sites for houses in Dunlavin. A list of names of persons who were seeking houses in the area had been handed in by Councillor Deering at the previous Meeting and was being examined and Reports obtained in regard to the applicants' housing circumstances. The Council agreed that the matter be referred for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area.

**Sites for Houses at Ballywaltrim, near Bray.**

The County Secretary stated that at a recent Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area the Committee had considered a proposal to acquire five plots on the Housing Scheme at Ballywaltrim and it had been ascertained that four of these plots

were vested. An inquiry had been made from the Council's Solicitor as to whether the Council would be in order in approaching the tenants to acquire the plots for the purpose of building houses on them. The Council noted the position in the matter.

**Item No. 6—Report of Assistant County Engineer and County Medical Officer re Housing sites adjoining Arklow Urban District.**

The County Secretary stated that the Report of the Assistant County Engineer on sites at Arklow for housing had been considered by the Council at the last Meeting and the County Medical Officer had subsequently visited Arklow and inspected the sites. The County Medical Officer reported that while the sites at Templaraine were good, development costs would be high as E.S.B. transmission lines restrict their proper use. He considered the sites at Ballyruaan quite satisfactory. Water from the Urban Council supply was readily available, but he urged that detailed inquiries into the adequacy of the water supply from the Urban District be made before any firm commitment was entered into. A Sewage Disposal Works could be sited in a lower field near the adjoining stream, but septic tank treatment, with disposal of the effluent into the stream, would not be satisfactory and a more comprehensive treatment than that provided by a septic tank would be necessary and any effluent discharged into the stream should be of a good standard. The County Medical Officer stated that this was only a matter of detail and that the site was quite suitable. It was agreed that negotiations be entered into with a view to acquiring the site at Ballyruaan.

**Completion of Houses at Johnstown and Eadestown.**

In reply to inquiries from Members the County Secretary stated that some plumbing work still had to be done at the cottage at Johnstown and also some electrical work and it was hoped that this could be carried out within the next week or two. There had been difficulty in obtaining a plumber and an electrician to complete the work. In regard to the cottage at Eadestown the County Secretary stated that he understood the keys for the cottage would be handed in during the coming week.

**Rural Cottage Scheme.**

In reply to Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., the County Secretary stated that valuations of the sites for the cottage to be built under this Scheme were being obtained and arrangements being made to purchase the sites. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., asked that the matter be speeded up as persons who were seeking the cottages were at present living in unsatisfactory houses.

**Houses at Grattan Park, Greystones.**

In reply to Councillor E. Byrne, the County Secretary stated that a reply had not yet been received from the Department of Local Government in regard to the proposed erection of additional houses at Grattan Park, Greystones. A further reminder would be addressed to the Department in the matter.

**Blessington Housing Scheme.**

In reply to Councillor J. Miley, the County Secretary stated that the present Contract for the Blessington Scheme was for four houses only. Councillor Miley proposed that a further six houses be built



and that this be arranged immediately. The County Secretary pointed out that the Contractor had not yet commenced work on the erection of the four houses and in fact the Bond had not yet been received. It was felt that it would be desirable to have the existing four houses put in hands before any arrangements to build additional houses were entered into.

**Item No. 7—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins re Building of Additional Houses at Baltinglass.**

The County Secretary stated that the Acting County Architect had reported on eight sites which would be suitable for housing in the vicinity of Baltinglass. In regard to two other houses at Bawnogue referred to by Councillor O'Neill and Councillor Timmins the County Secretary stated that these were included under the Rural Scheme. The Council agreed to refer the matter of the sites for additional houses for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area and to proceed with the two houses at Bawnogue under the Rural Cottage Scheme.

**Item No. 8—Mapping of Cottage Plots — Report of Acting County Engineer.**

The County Secretary submitted the Report of the Acting County Engineer indicating that maps had been prepared for the Cottage Purchase Scheme in the following numbers:—

Southern Engineering Area	...	...	60
North Eastern Area	...	...	236
Western Area	...	...	124
South Eastern Area	...	...	80
Total	...	...	500

The Acting County Engineer reported that an additional 130 plots were in progress, making 50 in the Southern Area, 60 in the Western Area, and 20 in the South Eastern Area. Councillor Miss Walsh expressed appreciation of the work carried out by the Student Engineers in a short space of time and suggested that their services should be retained in order to get the work completed as soon as possible. The County Secretary stated that the Students were still engaged on the preparation of maps, but would have to return to College after the end of September.

**Item No. 9—Application for Loan towards Cost of Erecting a new House.**

The Council considered the application of Mr. Martin Desmond Cullen, Millbank, Blessington, for a Loan of £500 towards the cost of erecting a new house at Threecastles, Manor Kilbride. The Council noted that the applicant's remuneration was within the limits specified and

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £500 to Mr. Martin Desmond Cullen, Millbank, Blessington, towards the cost of erecting a new house at Threecastles, Manor Kilbride.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 10—Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.**

The County Secretary stated that permission had been refused for proposals under the Town and Regional Planning Acts in the following eight cases:—

1. Extensions and alterations to the "Green Lizard" Motel, Ashford, for Mr. George G. Donohue. The County Secretary stated that in this instance work had commenced without approval and consequently it had been necessary to serve a Prohibition Order on the owner.
2. Dwellinghouse at Brittas Bay for Mr. G. Staunton. The County Secretary stated that it was understood that an Appeal was being submitted to the Minister for Local Government in regard to this application.
3. Erection of ten houses at Greystones by Mr. E. Finucane. The County Secretary stated that the Lay-out Plan submitted with the application for approval for the ten houses did not correspond with the Plan which had been approved by the Council for this development.
4. Erection of Filling Station by Messrs. Watson & Johnson, Greystones, Ltd. The Filling Station was proposed to be erected on the Burnaby Park opposite the present premises of the firm. The Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area had agreed that the erection of a Filling Station at this place was undesirable and would injure the amenities of the district.
5. Factory at Rathnew for William Giffney & Co., Ltd. The buildings proposed would not comply with the provisions of the Factories Act in regard to a number of matters and these points had been brought to the notice of the Architect.
6. Erection of Barbecue Poultry House for Mr. Josef Wahlen, Redford, Greystones. In this instance the sanitary services proposed were not acceptable.
7. Alteration in sites of Petrol Pumps at Glen O' Downs Garage for Caltex (Ireland), Ltd. The new sites proposed for the Pumps would be on part of the public road and this could not be agreed to by the Council.
8. Alterations and extensions to licensed premises at Barndarrig for Mrs. E. M. O'Farrell. The Plans submitted were unsatisfactory and did not comply with the requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations.

The County Secretary stated that it had been necessary to serve a Prohibition Order on a Mr. Bayan Giltsoff and Miss Hastings in respect of the commencing of work on a house at Kilmolin, Enniskerry, for which approval had not been given by the Council.



**"Green Lizard" Motel.**

The County Secretary stated that the owner had asked the Council if the Plans for the extension of the Southern end of the premises might be dealt with separately as this accommodation was urgently required. It was agreed that this could be done provided the necessary information required in regard to the Specification, etc., was supplied. Members of the Council referred to the improvements in the appearance of the premises which had been carried out by the previous owner and urged that permission be granted for the proposals as soon as possible. The County Manager pointed out that there had been difficulties with the previous owner in regard to encroachment on the public road and the danger of further encroachment and there also had been flooding of the road on the Northern side of the premises.

**Factory Sites at Bray.**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received for approval to the use of a site in the ownership of the Meath Estate at the Southern side of Boghall Road for sites for eight factories. Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that the Council should not grant permission for a proposal of this nature unless there were definite details of a particular factory to be erected. He pointed out that persons wishing to erect factories normally wanted to purchase the ground freehold and were not prepared to take sites on lease. The site in question was very suitable for Housing Development. Councillor Temple pointed out that the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at a recent Meeting had agreed that this site be acquired for housing. The Council recommended that the application be refused.

**Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Quigley—That the Council call on the Government to introduce Legislation to prevent any Landlord from Increasing Ground Rent on Expiry of Lease on any house reconstructed out of funds provided by State and Local Authority.**

Councillor Quigley stated that in a particular case of which he was aware a lease was due to expire within the next two or three years and it was likely that the ground rent would be increased and he felt that this was not reasonable. Councillor H. J. Byrne pointed out that under recent legislation the landlord's power to increase ground rent was restricted.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That this Council calls on the Government to introduce legislation to prevent any landlord from increasing ground rent on expiry of lease on any house reconstructed out of funds provided by the State and Local Authority.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 12—Repairs carried out to Cottages during month of August, 1964, and Cottages to be Repaired during month of Sept., 1964.**

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired during the month of August and of those to be repaired during the month of September,

1964. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., requested a Report as to why repairs to the following cottages had not been carried out:—

1. Gaffney's Cottage, Ballycapple, Redcross. (First report two years ago and several occasions since with reply that complaints would be attended to).
2. Miss McEvoy's Cottage, Rathdrum.
3. Mr. Redmond's Cottage, Ballycapple, Redcross.

**Water Supply at Bawnogue.**

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge submitted a sample of water from the supply at Bawnogue and asked that the water be analysed as the residents there had been complaining of its condition.

**Water Supply at Bellevue, Delgany.**

Councillor E. Byrne inquired as to the position regarding supply of water at Bellevue, Delgany, and the County Secretary stated he would investigate and report on the matter.

**Litter Bins for Aughrim.**

Councillor J. Quigley asked that litter bins be supplied for the town of Aughrim, as had been requested some while previously. He inquired also as to when seats could be made available for Aughrim.

**Refuse Collection.**

Councillor J. Temple inquired regarding the receipt of tenders for the collection of refuse in the Avondale, Ballywaltrim and Boghall areas of Bray. The County Secretary stated that tenders would be invited as soon as the legal arrangements regarding the Enniskerry Dumping Ground were completed.

**Appointment of R.M.S. for Mental Hospital at Newcastle.**

The County Secretary stated that a Recommendation had been received from the Local Appointment Commissioners for the appointment of Dr. Thomas Egan, Mental Hospital, Clonmel, as Resident Medical Superintendent of the Mental Hospital at Newcastle.

**Notices of Motion.**

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

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That a Report be submitted from the Acting County Engineer about the watercourse on roadside leading off Greenane/Moneymeen Road to Messrs. Christopher Kennedy's and Andrew Burke's holdings at Clonerkin and as to the possibility of laying pipes by County in order to make this entrance passable.

In the name of Councillor H. J. Byrne—That all tenders for the supply of sand/gravel, or any other material, or for the hire of machinery, shall be opened at a Council Meeting.



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th September, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

The County Manager, County Secretary, Mr. R. L. Farrell, Acting County Engineer, and Assistant County Engineers P. T. Hickey and N. D. Farrell attended.

Councillor M. J. O'Neill conveyed apologies for the absence of Deputy P. Brennan who was very ill. On the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Quigley, the Council agreed to send their best wishes to Councillor Brennan, T.D., for a speedy recovery.

### AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 6th July, 1964.
2. Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 30th September, 1964, and for Quarter to 31st December, 1964.
3. University Scholarship Scheme, 1964—Results of Examination and award of Scholarships.
4. Applications for renewal of University Scholarships.
5. Letter from Irish Sugar Co., Ltd, re use of disused roadways or lay-bys by farmers for storing beet and Report of Acting County Engineer.
6. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That Council take steps to acquire land for improvement of Annacurra Cross Roads.
7. Awards in 1963 Safe Driving Competition—Letter from Safety First Association of Ireland.
8. Agriculture (Amendment) Act, 1964—Letter dated 29th July, 1964, from Department of Agriculture giving details of Act. (Copy of Circular circulated to each Member).
9. To fill vacancy on County Council.
10. To fill vacancy on County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee.
11. To fill vacancy in membership of Committee of Agriculture.
12. To fill vacancy on Wicklow Harbour Commissioners.
13. Revision of salary scales of Assistant County Engineers and Library Staffs—Recommendations of Arbitrator and Conciliation Council.
14. Letter from Bord Failte Eireann re proposed acquisition of property adjoining Greystones Railway Station.
15. Outfall pipe for Killincarrig Sewerage Scheme—Report of Acting County Engineer and estimate of cost of works.
16. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley re damage to old watermain at Aughrim.
17. Proposal to provide an additional public light at Davidstown, Donard—Quotation from E.S.B.
18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh re provision of water supply for three cottages at Liscolman, Coolkenno.



19. Group Water Supply at Sea Road, Kilcoole.
20. Site for New Dispensary Residence at Rathdrum.
21. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. D. Haughton re cost of conversion of building at Kilmantin Hill for use as Offices.
22. Clinic at Killarney Road, Bray—Report of County Architect on proposed alterations and additions.
23. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley re operation of Diphtheria Immunisation Scheme for schoolchildren in Aughrim and Annacurra areas.
24. St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum—Report of County Architect re height of walls surrounding main building.
25. Coast Protection Act, 1963—Protection works at Wicklow—To furnish Undertaking required under Section 3 (1) (c) of the Act.
26. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

**Item No. 1.—Minutes.**

It was

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

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 6th July, 1964.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 2.—Overdrafts on General Account.**

The County Secretary stated that the sanctioned overdraft for the Quarter to 30th September, 1964, was £100,000 but it had been found that this figure was exceeded during the Quarter and consequently he would ask the Council to increase the authorisation to £150,000, which was the same figure as in the previous year. The amount of overdraft required for the Quarter to 31st December, 1964, was also £150,000.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;  
Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton.

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank Ltd., for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the Quarter to 30th September, 1964, shall not exceed £150,000. This Resolution to be substituted for our Resolution of the 8th June, 1964.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;  
Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton.

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank Ltd., for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the Quarter to 31st December, 1964, shall not exceed £150,000.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 3.—University Scholarship Scheme, 1964—Results of Examination and Award of Scholarships.**

The County Secretary stated that details of the awards to be made to candidates under the provisions of the University Scholarship Scheme had been circulated to the Members.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;  
Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton.

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of the University Scholarship Scheme, 1964, we approve of the award of Scholarships under the Scheme as follows:—

	Amount of Scholarship
Christopher Paul Fitzgerald, 15, Scott Park, Bray.	£150
Catherine Rose Doyle, "An Grianan," Ballynultagh, Shillelagh.	£210
Kevin James Lee, Ballinacarrig, Rathdrum.	£250
James Joseph Ward, Cronroe, Rathnew.	£230.
Passed unanimously.	

**Item No. 4.—Renewal of University Scholarships.**

The County Secretary stated that subject to satisfactory Reports being received in each case it was proposed to renew University Scholarships for a further year where applied for. An application had been made by one Scholarship holder, Mr. James P. Travers of Arklow, for a renewal of a Scholarship for a further three years, which would be necessary for him to complete his Course of Studies. The County Secretary pointed out that the Council could not renew a Scholarship for a period of three years in advance, but it was the practice to grant extensions of Scholarships where the Scholarship holder had made satisfactory progress in each year.

It was

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

Resolved—That having considered applications received we approve of the renewal of University Scholarships as follows, subject in all cases to the Scholarship holder qualifying at the Examination held in 1964:—

James P. Travers, 59, Main Street, Arklow	For a Fourth Year.
Michael Tuite, Marlton Road, Wicklow	For a Fourth Year.
Laurence P. Tallon, "Emoclew," Arklow	For a Fourth Year.
Maurice T. Crean, "Cloghlea," Herbert Road, Bray	For a Third Year.
Francis J. Lonergan, 2, Castle Tce., Bray	For a Third Year.
Henry J. Byrne, 35, Mountpleasant Sqare, Ranelagh, Dublin	For a Fourth Year.
Peter W. Sheehan, Corballis, Rathdrum	For a Third Year.
James B. O'Farrell, 22, Camaderry Road, Bray	For a Third Year.
James F. McCabe, 17, Dwyer Park, Bray	For a Third Year.
Matthew J. Crotty, St. Manntan's Road, Wicklow	For a Second Year.
Felim Maguire, 6, Florence Road, Bray	For a Second Year.
Patrick J. O'Neill, Ballinclare, Kilbride	For a Second Year.
Mary Philomena Byrne, "Brittas House," Brittas Bay, Wicklow	For a Second Year.
Michael Joseph McCann, 63, Beech Road, Bray	First Year.
Passed unanimously.	



Item No. 5.—Letter from Irish Sugar Co., Ltd., Re Use of Disused Roadways or Lay-bys by Farmers for Storing Beet and Report of Acting County Engineer.

The following letter from the Irish Sugar Co., Ltd., was submitted:—

**COMHLUCHT SIUICRE EIREANN, TEO.,**

7, Clare Street,

DUBLIN, C.2.

28th August, 1964.

Ref: DO'H/MD.  
The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
WICKLOW.

Dear Sir,

A Working Party of Beet Growers' Association, Beet Hauliers' Association, Coras Iompair Eireann and Comhlucht Siuicre Eireann, TEO., representatives was recently set up to investigate the problems associated with mechanical loading of sugar beet.

It is the considered view of the Working Party that if farmers were allowed, where possible, to store their beet on disused roadways or lay-bys it would be of very great advantage to all concerned.

As Secretary to the Working Party I am instructed to enquire what the attitude of your Council is towards farmers making such use of disused roadways and lay-bys.

Yours faithfully,  
**DONAL O'HANLON**

The Acting County Engineer had reported as follows:—

Ref: PM/AD.

Court House,

WICKLOW.

7th September, 1964.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Use of Disused Roadways or Lay-bys.

A Chara,

In reply to your letter of the 4th inst., regarding proposal by the Irish Sugar Co., Ltd., for the use of lay-bys or disused roadways for loading grounds for sugar beet, I consider that if the lay-bys and disused roadways are carefully chosen there would be no objection. To avoid any controversy I would recommend that the Working Party in selecting the sites would do so in co-operation with the Assistant County Engineers of the area. I would like to draw attention to the dangerous condition of roads sometimes created in wet weather by the mud carried on the wheels of the transport vehicles from the fields to the depot.

Mise, le meas,

**R. L. FARRELL,**

Acting County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor A. H. Hadden;  
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering.

Resolved—That having considered application of the Working Party of the Beet Growers' Association, Beet Hauliers' Association, Coras Iompair Eireann, and the Irish Sugar Co., Ltd., and Report of Acting County Engineer, we approve of permission being granted for

the use of lay-bys and disused roadways for the storage of sugar beet, subject to sites to be used being approved by the Council's Engineer for the area.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—That Council Take Steps to Acquire Land for Improvement of Annacurra Cross Roads.

Councillor Quigley stated that this matter had been before the Council for some years, but there had been difficulty in regard to obtaining Title to some of the land required. He understood that a member of a family owning some of this land died recently and that it might now be possible to arrange for acquiring the land. The Council agreed that the matter be re-examined.

Erection of Warning Sign.

Councillor A. H. Hadden referred to an accident which had occurred at the junction of the Hacketstown-Rathcoyle and Knockanna/Kiltegan Roads and suggested that one of these roads should be deemed to be the major road and "YIELD—RIGHT OF WAY" signs erected on the other road. The Council agreed that the Engineer arrange for the erection of the necessary signs at this cross-roads.

Item No. 7—Awards in 1963 Safe Driving Competition—Letter from Safety First Association of Ireland.

The County Secretary submitted Report received from the Safety First Association of Ireland giving a list of seventeen Drivers employed by the Council who had been awarded Silver Medals for having five years safe driving and also a list of eleven Drivers who had qualified for Certificates for safe driving in respect of the year 1963. The Council expressed their congratulations to the Drivers concerned on their success.

Item No. 8—Agriculture (Amendment) Act, 1964—Letter dated 29th July, 1964, from Department of Agriculture Giving Details of Act.

The County Secretary stated that a copy of the following letter had been circulated to each Member:—

Department of Agriculture,

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29th July, 1964  
Agriculture (Amendment) Act, 1964.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state for the information of your Council that the Agriculture (Amendment) Bill, 1964, became law on the 7th July, 1964.

The main provisions of the Act are contained in Sections 1 and 2.

Section 1 provides with effect from 1st April, 1965, for an increase in the maximum annual contribution which may be paid by County Councils to Committees of Agriculture to twenty-one times the produce of a rate in the preceding local financial year of one penny in the pound in the area consisting of the county exclusive of every (if any) urban district therein.

The effects of Section 2 are to require that:—

- (a) Every Committee of Agriculture appointed subsequent to the next local elections shall be composed both of persons who are and



persons who are not members of the relevant Council, and the members who are members of the Council shall not in number—

- (i) in case the Committee consists of an even number of members, exceed, or
- (ii) in case the Committee consists of an odd number of members, exceed by more than one, the members of the Committee who are not members of the Council.
- (b) The qualifications set out in Rule 5 of the Second Schedule to the Agriculture Act, 1931, shall continue to apply to every member of such Committee of Agriculture who is also a member of the Council.
- (c) Every person, other than a member of the Council, appointed to be a member of such Committee of Agriculture shall be chosen by the Council for such appointment either by reason of his attainments in the practice of farming or the development of agriculture and rural living in the particular locality in which he resides, or by reason of his attainments in the promotion of agricultural or rural home education and advisory work.

The Minister feels confident that the resultant broadening of membership of Committees of Agriculture to include, for example, suitable persons from the rural organisations and the co-operative movement, as well as local individuals prominent in the practice of farming who for one reason or another are unwilling to stand for election to County Councils, will greatly strengthen the effectiveness of Committees of Agriculture, and will lead to a more general acceptance of the agricultural advisory service throughout the country.

Copies of the Act will be placed on sale in due course by the Government Publications Sale Office, G.P.O., Arcade, Dublin 1.

Mise, le meas,  
D. O hEACHTAIR,  
Runai Cunta.

The Secretary,  
Each County Council.

Councillor A. H. Hadden stated that he presumed that Agricultural Organisations could nominate members for election to the Committee. The Council noted the new arrangements which would operate following the next Local Elections.

#### Item No. 9.—To Fill Vacancy on County Council.

The County Secretary submitted the following letter which had been received from Mr. M. McMahon, Wentworth Villas, Wicklow:—

Wentworth Villas,  
WICKLOW.

13/9/64.

#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Secretary of Wicklow Fine Gael Committee asked me if I had any objection to the Party proposing Mr. William Hopkins for co-option to the seat of the late Councillor Hudson. I wish the Members of the County Council to know that I (M. McMahon) seconded the nomination of Councillor Hudson as a member of the Fine Gael Party at the Local Government Election in June, 1960, and I would be very glad to have the seat in the County Council filled by such a worthy man as William Hopkins.

M. McMAHON.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;  
Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh.

Resolved—That the vacancy in the membership of the Council arising from the death of the late Councillor C. W. Hudson be filled by the co-option of William Hopkins.

It was

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

Resolved—That the vacancy in the membership of the Council arising from the death of the late Councillor C. W. Hudson be filled by the co-option of William Lawless.

A vote having been called for as to which of the two candidates proposed should be co-opted, the Members present voted as follows:—

FOR MR. W. HOPKINS: Councillors M. Deering, A. H. Hadden, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. Temple, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh and J. J. McCrea—TEN.

FOR MR. W. LAWLESS: Councillors E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton and J. Quigley—SIX.

Mr. William Hopkins was accordingly declared co-opted as a Member of the Council by ten votes in favour to six votes in favour of Mr. William Lawless.

#### Item. No. 10.—To Fill Vacancy on County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee.

The following letter received from Mr. Michael Holden, Hon. Secretary, Association of Parents of Students of Rathdrum Vocational School, was submitted:—

Derrybawn,  
RATHDRUM,  
13th July, 1964.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Court House,  
WICKLOW.

Dear Sir,

The Association of Parents of Students of Rathdrum Vocational School respectfully ask you to have the County Council consider appointing Mr. R. Miley, M.C.C., to fill the vacancy on the County Vocational Education Committee.

There has been no representative from the area served by Rathdrum School on the Committee for some years and the Association of Parents consider Councillor Miley eminently suitable for membership.

He has intensely interested himself in the Rathdrum School and was largely responsible for arranging transport services for the students from Roundwood, Laragh, Annamoe and Moneystown to the School.

We trust you will bring this matter to the notice of the County Council.

Yours faithfully,  
MICHAEL HOLDEN,  
Hon. Secretary,  
Parents' Association.



It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins.

Resolved—That the vacancy in the membership of the Vocational Education Committee arising from the death of the late Councillor C. W. Hudson be filled by the co-option of Councillor M. Deering.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. D. Haughton;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley.

Resolved—That the vacancy in the membership of the Vocational Education Committee arising from the death of the late Councillor C. W. Hudson be filled by the co-option of Councillor R. Miley.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley.

Resolved—That the Council adjourn co-option of a Member to fill the vacancy on the Vocational Education Committee to the next Meeting.

The matter having been put to the Council by the Chairman it was declared defeated on a show of hands.

A vote having been called for as to whether Councillor Deering or Councillor Miley would be co-opted as a Member of the Vocational Education Committee the voting resulted as follows:—

FOR COUNCILLOR DEERING: Councillors E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, A. H. Hadden, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. Temple, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh and J. J. McCrea—TWELVE.

FOR COUNCILLOR R. MILEY: Councillors J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton and J. Quigley—FOUR.

Councillor Deering was declared co-opted as a Member of the Vocational Education Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Councillor C. W. Hudson by twelve votes in his favour to four votes in favour of Councillor Miley.

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Executive Officer of the Vocational Education Committee had indicated that Very Rev. J. Piggott, P.P., Arklow, had resigned from membership of the Committee and requested that the Council take the necessary steps to fill the vacancy caused by his resignation. The Council agreed that the matter be considered at the next Meeting of the Council.

#### Item No. 11.—To Fill Vacancy in Membership of Committee of Agriculture.

Councillor A. H. Hadden asked that the Council postpone the filling of this vacancy until the next Meeting and stated that he had not had an opportunity of looking into the matter due to harvesting and would like to have an opportunity of putting forward a suitable person in the Wicklow area. The Council agreed to defer the matter to the next Meeting.

#### Item No. 12.—To Fill Vacancy on Wicklow Harbour Commissioners.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley.

Resolved—That the vacancy in the membership of the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners caused by the death of the late Councillor C. W. Hudson be filled by the co-option of Councillor J. Gregory.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 13.—Revision of Salary Scales of Assistant County Engineers and Library Staffs—Recommendations of Arbitrator and Conciliation Council.

The County Secretary stated that applications for revision of the salary scale for Assistant County Engineers and for salary scales of County Librarian, Assistant Librarian, and Library Assistant, had been dealt with under the Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration and the Recommendation of the Arbitrator and Conciliation Council had been accepted by the Staff Representatives.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne.

Resolved—That having considered the findings of the Arbitration Board we approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister, of the application of the following scale of salary for Assistant County Engineers, with effect as from 1st October, 1963:—

£1,330 x £50—£1,680.

That having considered findings of the Arbitration Board we approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister, of the application of the following salary scales for Library Staff, with effect from 1st October, 1963:—

County Librarian—£1,140 x £40—£1,420.

Assistant Librarian—£865 x £35—£1,040.

Library Assistant—£350 x £30—£500 x £50—£550 x £35—£830.

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

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 14.—Letter from Bord Failte Eireann re Proposed Acquisition of Property Adjoining Greystones Railway Station.

The County Secretary stated that Bord Failte Eireann had submitted an offer from C.I.E. for the sale to the Council of property at the Railway Station, Greystones, for a sum of £800, but subject to a lease for 250 years at a rent of £1 per annum and Rates. The Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area had some while ago considered a proposal to acquire portion of the property at the Railway Station, but at that time the area which C.I.E. were prepared to make available was not sufficient to justify the Council's acquiring it. The new proposal related to a larger area which could be developed. The cost of development might be fairly substantial and in the course of it it would be necessary to remove a public convenience which was at



present on part of the site. The Council agreed to refer the matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area.

**Item No. 15—Outfall Pipe for Killincarrig Sewerage Scheme—Report of Acting County Engineer and Estimate of Cost of Works.**

The County Secretary stated that the Acting County Engineer had submitted Drawings and Specification for the re-laying of approximately 90 ft. of the 18" diameter outfall pipe on the Greystones Beach. The work proposed involved the carrying of a pipeline on timber piles and not on a concrete bed as previously as it was believed that the cause of failure of the pipe over the years was due to wave action on the concrete bed which piled the gravel up on one side and scoured out on the other side and eventually toppled over the concrete block. The work involved, i.e., driving piles under sea conditions, was of a specialist type. Councillor Hipwell stated that the work was very important.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell.

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge.

Resolved—That having considered Report of Acting County Engineer we approve of tenders being invited for the re-laying of approximately 90 ft. of the 18" diameter outfall pipe on Greystones Beach, the work to be financed by Loan.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 16—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley re Damage to Old Watermain at Aughrim.**

In reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Quigley requesting a Report on the puncturing of a watermain leading from the Old Reservoir to farmlands on the Aughrim/Woodenbridge Road, the County Secretary stated that since the installation of the new Water Supply at Aughrim the Council had abandoned the Old Reservoir and watermain in Killacoran and the question of persons taking a water supply from the old main would be a matter for those through whose land the watermain passed and would not be one for the Council. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that he had received a Memorial signed by persons from Killacoran who were concerned regarding the matter of a water supply and asked for a Report in regard to it. The County Secretary pointed out that the Council was obliged to supply water for domestic use only and not for other purposes. The Council agreed that a further Report be submitted regarding the old watermain and the application for water supply from persons in the area.

**Item No. 17—Proposal to Provide an Additional Public Light at Davidstown, Donard—Quotation from E.S.B.**

The County Secretary stated that the E.S.B. had quoted a sum of £78 for the provision of a lamp on the public road which formed the approach to Davidstown Catholic Church. The County Secretary stated that the cost of erection of the one light seemed very high. Councillor O'Neill agreed that the estimate was high in view of the fact that there was a pole a short distance away going to the Catholic Church. The Council agreed that the E.S.B. be asked to reconsider the matter of the estimate.

**Item No. 18—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh re Provision of Water Supply for three cottages at Liscolman, Coolkenno.**

In regard to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh, the County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that he had visited Liscolman and that there were three houses situated close together, two of which were Council cottages, with the total number of occupants being twelve. He stated that there had not been a proper water supply in the area and that people had to go some distance for water across the fields. He pointed out that it was not the policy of the Council now to provide roadside pumps. The Council cottages were not vested and he felt that the occupants would scarcely be in a position to contribute towards a Group Water Supply Scheme, which would appear to be the best solution. Councillor Miss Walsh stated that strong representation had been made to her in this matter and that she understood that the people there had to take water from a drain and carry it nearly half a mile across fields. It was agreed that the Engineer be asked for a further Report and recommendation in regard to the provision of a water supply for the cottages.

**Item No. 19—Group Water Supply at Sea Road, Kilcoole.**

The following letter received from Mr. R. B. Wellwood, Munster and Leinster Bank, Ltd., 2 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin, was submitted:—

"I wish to refer to my letter of 28th July last and to our recent discussion regarding the above Scheme. I would respectfully ask you to re-consider your decision not to supply water to the Group. Work on the Scheme has been fully completed and the Group have expended a large amount of their own money in providing the services in connection therewith. I would like to reiterate that the Group acted at all times in good faith in the carrying out of the work and we trust you will see your way to give the necessary permission. I await the favour of your early reply and with kindest regards."

Yours sincerely,

R. B. WELLWOOD.

The County Secretary stated that the matter of this Group Scheme had been considered by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at a recent Meeting and the Committee recommended that the application for a supply of water to the Group and for the making available of Supplementary Grants be refused. The Scheme was for the purpose of providing a water supply to ten houses situated near the sea at Kilcoole and the Scheme had not been approved by the Council. The Council had provided a water supply along a part of the Sea Road to supply Council cottages, but had not approved of extending this main any further. The houses being served by the Group Scheme were regarded as only of a temporary type used as Summer residences and were unsatisfactory. The County Medical Officer had reported on the Scheme and stated that some of the houses were derelict and that only one was of an adequate standard. The site was bounded by the railway line in front and a swamp at the back and the swamp came to within a few yards of the back of the houses and was very wet even in the Summer. The County Medical Officer was of opinion that had the railway embankment not been constructed the swamp would have extended further towards the sea and would be where the houses now are. The ground water



level was high even in the Summer and in the opinion of the County Medical Officer the site was unhealthy and was certainly one which would not have been considered for use by a Local Authority and the buildings were of a standard not acceptable to a Local Authority or to Town Planning. The approach was by means of a one track rutted sand and gravel lane overgrown with grass. The County Medical Officer expressed the view that expenditure of public moneys, as had been suggested, would not be justified. Councillor E. Byrne pointed out that there were areas in the North of the County where a water supply was much needed and he objected to the manner in which this Scheme had been organised and carried out and did not feel that a connection should be made available. Councillor Temple agreed that the houses concerned were used primarily for Summer residence, but suggested that the matter be referred back for re-consideration by the Bray Committee and in the meantime the Members might visit the area and see the Scheme. Councillor H. J. Byrne also objected to the manner in which the Scheme had been formulated. He stated that the area concerned lent itself towards the development of shacks and poor types of construction of houses. It was agreed that the matter be referred to the Committee for the Bray Area further consideration.

**Item No. 20—Site for New Dispensary Residence at Rathdrum.**

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had inspected a site at Fairgreen, Rathdrum, which had a frontage of approximately 70 ft. and had reported that it appeared to be suitable as a site for a proposed new Dispensary Residence for Rathdrum. He stated that all services were convenient and the site was also convenient to the Dispensary. The Council agreed that negotiations be entered into with a view to the acquisition of the site for the purposes of a Dispensary Residence.

**Item No. 21—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. D. Haughton re Cost of Conversion of Building at Kilmantin Hill for use as Offices.**

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Haughton the County Secretary stated that the original tender for the work was in the sum of £4,578 18s. 6d. and a Loan of £4,600 had been approved by the Council. The total extras on the Contract amounted to £2,039 19s. 6d. The County Secretary stated that when the work commenced it was found that many existing floors which it was thought could be patched or repaired had to be replaced and a considerable amount of extra plastering had to be carried out as it was found that patching of walls was not possible. The cost of the electric heating was also increased substantially as the E.S.B. required that a special board and special wiring be provided for the storage heating system. The Council asked that details of the works provided for in the Specification and details of the extras carried out be circulated to the Members and expressed concern at the increase in the expenditure over the original estimate.

**Item No. 22—Clinic at Killarney Road, Bray — Report of County Architect on Proposed Alterations and Additions.**

The County Secretary submitted Report of the County Architect and Plan showing revised layout of alterations and additions to the Clinic at Bray in order to provide some extra accommodation and make better provision for circulation. The main entrance was being

moved to the junction between the old and new buildings, with offices and toilet accommodation adjoining, a new opening was being formed to the existing Waiting Room and part of it would be partitioned off to form the Pharmacy. The Dentist's Surgery would be partitioned and provided with a new window to form a corridor to the Optician's Room. The existing bathroom in the upper storey would be removed and a partition erected to form two good sized rooms and a Doctors' toilet with independent access. The County Secretary stated that the Plan and Report had been considered by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area who had approved of the proposals. Councillor J. Temple pointed out that the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area while approving of the proposals considered that it was essential that facilities be provided for prams. It was agreed that the County Architect amend the Plans by making provision for the accommodation of perambulators.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we approve of the proposed alterations to the Clinic at Bray, estimated to cost approximately £2,700, and direct that the proposals be submitted for consideration by the Department of Health.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 23—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley re operation of Diphtheria Immunisation Scheme for School-children in Aughrim and Annacurra Areas.**

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had reported that since Dr. Mangan took up duty as District Medical Officer in Aughrim he had been endeavouring to get him to carry out the work of Diphtheria Immunisation, but without success. He had on various occasions reported this to the County Manager as well as taking up the matter with Dr. Mangan. He had also asked him personally on various occasions and had received assurance that the work would be done. On one occasion Schools were circularised and Consent Forms sent out, but Dr. Mangan did not carry out the work. He had considered having the work done directly by his own Department, but had been reluctant to do this as immunisation was the duty of each District Medical Officer and one for which he was paid. Councillor Quigley stated that he had raised the matter because an individual had told him that he had to have his children immunised at his own expense. He felt the Scheme should be rigidly enforced. The Council agreed that a strong warning be issued to the Doctor concerned and that he be asked to carry out the Scheme within three months. Failing this the Council considered that the question of his suspension should be examined.

**Item No. 24.—St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum—Report of County Architect re Height of Walls surrounding Main Building.**

The County Secretary stated that the County Architect in the course of a Report on proposed alterations and repairs to St. Colman's Hospital had commented on the height of the walls surrounding the main buildings and expressed the view that the excessive height of these walls tended to create a prison-like atmosphere and that if they were reduced to a maximum of 5' 6" overground the shelter and privacy which they provide would be largely retained and the excessive



sense of enclosure would be minimised. It was felt, however, that the outside wall bounding the Orchard might first be retained at its present height as a wind-break. Councillor Temple agreed with the recommendation of the Architect and Councillor Hipwell stated that he would be glad to see the height of the walls reduced and the jail-like atmosphere removed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Architect we approve of the reduction of the height of the walls surrounding the main buildings at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, to a maximum of 5' 6" overground, with the exception of portion of the outside wall bounding the Orchard, the work to be included as part of the Improvement Scheme for St. Colman's Hospital.

Passed unanimously.

#### Transfer of Staff.

Councillor Haughton asked if the County Manager would consider leaving a male member of the Council's staff at Rathdrum and stated that the Matron of the Hospital had put forward the suggestion and felt that this would be desirable. The County Manager stated that the suggestion would be looked into, but that it was not clear what the purpose of leaving one Officer there would be.

#### Item No. 25—Coast Protection Act, 1963—Protection Works at Wicklow—To Furnish Undertaking Required under Section 3 (1) (c) of the Act.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That Wicklow County Council, as promoting authority for the Coast Protection Scheme at Wicklow, hereby undertake that if after the carrying out by the Commissioners of Public Works of a preliminary examination of the encroachment of the sea the Commissioners make a determination under Paragraph 'a' of Sub-section 1 of Section 4 of the Coast Protection Act, 1963, or the Council, as promoting authority, makes a declaration under Paragraph 'a' of Sub-section 1 of Section 5 of the Act, the Council, as promoting authority, will pay the amount which will become appropriate to be paid by them when a Notice under Sub-section 1 of Section 26 of the Coast Protection Act, 1963, has been served.

Passed unanimously.

#### Coast Erosion Scheme at Ballygannon.

In reply to Councillor J. Temple the County Secretary stated that a letter had been addressed to the Commissioners of Public Works inquiring when the Survey in relation to the Scheme at Ballygannon would be carried out, but no reply had been received to date. Councillor Temple asked that a further letter be addressed to the Commissioners of Public Works on the matter.

#### Item No. 26—Inquiries Arising from County Manager's Orders.

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

#### Town Planning.

In reference to the Circular issued to the Members of the Council informing them that the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act would come into operation on the 1st October, 1964, Councillor Temple asked if each of the Members of the Council could be supplied with a copy of the Act. The County Secretary stated that extra copies had been ordered, but it had been found that the Act was at present out of print and it would probably be some time before further copies were available.

#### Effect on Coming Year's Rates of Schemes approved by the Council.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Hadden the County Secretary stated that the County Accountant was preparing a Report on this matter and it was expected it would be available for the next Meeting.

#### Grant for Wicklow Branch of the National Council for the Blind of Ireland.

Councillor M. J. O'Neill stated that he understood that an increase was being sought in the amount of the Council's Grant to the Wicklow Branch of the National Council for the Blind of Ireland. The County Secretary stated that any application would be submitted to the Council at the next Meeting.

#### Assistance — Building Strike.

Councillor Temple inquired as to whether arrangements could be made for providing Assistance for workers unemployed due to the Building Strike. The County Manager stated that anybody who was in need of Assistance should approach the Assistance Officer for the area and each case would be dealt with on its merits.

#### Pension Increases.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor J. Everett, T.D., as to why increases in pensions had not been paid to all the Council's pensioners, the County Secretary stated that some of these payments had been made, but there were some further ones to be dealt with. It was expected that all the remaining pension increases would be paid within the following week.

#### 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 ambulance mileage charge of 1s. 6d. per mile be discontinued to any patient travelling either to or from hospital.

In the name of Councillor Edward Byrne—I hereby give notice that I will move at the next Meeting of the Council that this Council views with disappointment and concern the failure of the Housing Officials to grant Mr. Herbert Hill of Kilcoole, the Grant available on his house and that time be allowed for discussion at the next Meeting.



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantain Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 5th October, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.

Mr. K. J. Brangan, Deputy County Manager, Mr. R. L. Farrell, Acting County Engineer, and Assistant County Engineers P. T. Hickey, J. P. Caffrey and N. D. Farrell attended.

### New Councillor.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Members and on his own behalf, extended a welcome to Mr. H. W. Hopkins who had been co-opted to fill the vacancy created by the death of Councillor C. W. Hudson. Mr. Hopkins suitably thanked the Chairman.

### Resolution of Sympathy.

Councillor M. J. O'Neill referred to the recent death of Mr. Luke McDonald, Baltinglass, who had been a Rate Collector with the Council for a long number of years and proposed that a Resolution of Sympathy be passed with his widow and family. The Council passed a Resolution of Sympathy and the Deputy County Manager asked that the County Manager, staff and himself be associated with the Council's expression of sympathy.

### Tribute to World Ploughing Champion.

At the outset of the Meeting Councillor H. J. Byrne asked that the congratulations of the Council be conveyed to Mr. Charles Keegan, Enniskerry, on his achievement in winning the World Ploughing Championship. Mr. Byrne stated that not alone had Mr. Keegan won the individual Championship, but his colleague from Wexford had helped him to win the Team Championship, something which had never been achieved by Ireland in any previous Competition. Other Members of the Council associated themselves with the tribute to Mr. Keegan.

### AGENDA.

1. Application for consent to sale of Vested Cottage No. 51/2 at Dunlavin.
2. Income and valuation limits of eligibility for Housing Loans—reply from Department of Local Government.
3. Acquisition of sites for Housing—To arrange meetings of local committees to consider reports of County Architect.
4. Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963—Summary of major provisions of Act circulated to members.



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5. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor E. Byrne — That this Council views with disappointment and concern the failure of the Housing Officials to grant Mr. Herbert Hill of Kilcoole the Grant available on his house, and that time be allowed for discussion at the next meeting.
6. Applications under Town and Regional Planning Acts.
7. Report re repairs to cottages at Ballycapple and Rathdrum requested by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.
8. Repairs carried out to cottages during month of September, 1964, and cottages to be repaired during month of October, 1964.

**Item No. 1—Application for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottage No. 51/2 at Dunlavin.**

An application for consent to the sale of Vested Cottage No. 51/2 at Dunlavin was submitted and

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the disposal by Mr. James Brogan, tenant-purchaser of Cottage No. 51/2 at Dunlavin, of his interest in the cottage to Mr. Edward Searson, Church Road, Dunlavin.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 2—Income and Valuation Limits of Eligibility for Housing Loans—Reply from Department of Local Government.**

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

H.209/24/13  
Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council

Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil,  
Teach an Chustaim,  
Baile Atha Cliath 1,  
1st September, 1964.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo regarding the desirability of increasing the income and valuation limits of eligibility for housing loans made under schemes formulated under the Housing Authorities (Loans for Acquisition or Construction of Houses) Regulations, 1964, and am at the same time to point out that the limits referred to apply only to the re-lending by the Council of monies which they had borrowed from the Local Loans Fund. As stated in this Department's circular letter of the 30th May last (H. 5/64) it is open to the housing authority to propose the raising of money from sources other than the Fund for the purpose of making loans to persons outside the income and valuation limit applicable to Local Loans Fund monies.

Mise, le meas,

The County Secretary stated that at a previous Meeting of the Council Members had suggested that the limits of income and valuation with regard to making Housing Loans available should be increased as the present income limit was £1,040 and the valuation limit £50. The Chairman indicated that in view of the Department's

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letter there was nothing the Council could do about the matter and the letter was noted by the Council.

**Item No. 3—Acquisition of Sites for Housing—To arrange Meetings of Local Committees to consider Reports of County Architect.**

Regarding the matter of the acquisition of sites for housing it was agreed by the Members that Local Meetings should be held to discuss sites and other housing matters. It was decided that the Meetings for the four Electoral Areas be held as follows:—

At the Town Hall, Bray, on Friday, 9th October, at 8 p.m.

At the Courthouse, Baltinglass, on Tuesday, 13th October, at 3 p.m.

At Shillelagh on Wednesday, 7th October, at 3 p.m.

At Wicklow on Wednesday, 14th October, at 3.30 p.m.

**Item No. 4—Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 — Summary of Major Provisions of Act circulated to Members.**

The County Secretary referred to the coming into operation on the 1st October, 1964, of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 and a brief summary of the major provisions of the Act had been submitted to the Members. It was pointed out by the County Secretary that one of the major provisions in the Act was that every Planning Authority, i.e., a County Council or an Urban Council, shall within a period of three years from the 1st October, 1964, make a Plan indicating development objectives for their area. Councillor Temple stated that a Special Meeting should be arranged to consider the implications of the new Act, but he proposed that the Council wait until each Member was supplied with a copy of the Act so that careful consideration could be given to it. The County Secretary stated that copies of the Act were on order and would be issued to the Council as soon as available. It was agreed to adjourn the discussion until copies of the Act had been circulated.

**Item No. 5—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor E. Byrne—That this Council views with disappointment and concern the failure of the Housing Officials to grant Mr. Herbert Hill of Kilcoole the Grant available on his House, and that time be allowed for discussion at the next Meeting.**

It was agreed to defer consideration of the Motion for attendance of the County Manager at next Meeting.

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

The County Secretary stated that one application under Town and Regional Planning Acts had been refused during the month of September. This application was in respect of additions and alterations to licensed premises of Myles J. Doyle, Newcastle. It was noted that the Plan showed the building extending beyond the building-line and also on to the public road. It was presumed that this difficulty would be overcome by the applicant's Architect.



**Item No. 7—Report re Repairs to Cottages at Ballycapple and Rathdrum requested by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.**

In response to an inquiry from Councillor J. Everett, T.D., a Report dated 1st October, 1964, was submitted by Mr. J. P. Caffrey, B.E., Assistant County Engineer, relating to the following cottages:—

Gaffney's Cottage, Ballycapple, Redcross.

McEvoy's Cottage, Rathdrum.

Redmond's Cottage, Ballycapple, Redcross.

It was pointed out that Gaffney's cottage was not a vested cottage and Councillor Everett proposed that repairs to this cottage be carried out immediately. In the case of McEvoy's and Redmond's cottages the Assistant Engineer indicated that he had asked the Contractor to carry out repairs, but to date the Contractor had not yet reached on them. Councillor J. Everett asked that the County Medical Officer examine these cottages and any other cottages not repaired and report on them and expressed the view that there should not be so much delay in having necessary repairs carried out. Mr. Caffrey indicated that he would expedite the repair of these three cottages.

Councillor Quigley referred to cottage of James Byrne, Mucklagh, Aughrim, and to the condition of the roof which was leaking badly. He also referred to the cottage of Patrick Moules, Killacoran, Aughrim, which was in need of repair.

Councillor Timmins drew attention to repairs required to cottages of Thomas Furlong, Woodfield, and Patrick Murphy, Irongrange, Baltinglass. In the latter case Councillor Timmins stated that repairs had been carried out about nine years ago, but were never completed.

Councillor M. J. O'Neill stated that the cottage of Martin Colohan, Rathbrann, was in a very bad condition and also cottage occupied by Mrs. Keogh, Grangecon Hill, and he asked that repairs to these cottages be carried out.

Councillor J. D. Haughton asked that special attention be paid to the cottage of John Byrne, Straight Mile, Aughrim. He stated that the cottage had been examined by the Assistant Engineer some time ago, but that no repairs had been carried out. The Assistant Engineer, Mr. J. P. Caffrey, stated that the Contractor had been requested to repair this cottage, but had not done so to date. Councillor Quigley confirmed that the condition of this cottage was very bad.

Councillor Hadden referred to cottage occupied by Mr. William Quaile at Drummin, Ballinglen, and stated that he had examined this cottage and was shocked at its condition. The County Secretary submitted a Report dated 5th October, 1964, from Mr. R. L. Farrell, Acting County Engineer, in connection with his examination of the cottage and indicating that in his opinion the house would have to be re-built and that it would be advisable to re-house the tenant and his family as soon as possible. It was stated by the Acting County Engineer in his Report that he considered the condition of the gable highly dangerous and that in view of the extent to which the walls of the house had deteriorated a full examination could only be carried out when it was unoccupied. Councillor Hadden referred to the

likelihood of using an unoccupied cottage at Knocknaskeagh, but Councillor Miss Walsh stated that to re-house the Quaile family at Knocknaskeagh would cause grave hardship and she suggested that the Council should acquire a caravan or chalet for use by some of the family, pending the reconstruction of the house or the provision of a new dwelling. The County Secretary indicated that it might be possible to get a temporary structure to house the family and that he would look into the matter.

Councillor Quigley inquired regarding the position of disposal of cottage by John Phelan, Barniskey, Avoca, to James Stedman. The amount of the purchase money was stated to be £50. Councillor Everett indicated that as far as he was aware John Phelan was now a temporary postman in Redcross and the County Secretary stated that this cottage could not be disposed of by Mr. Phelan until there was a clear Certificate from him that he had housing accommodation. Such Certificate had not yet been received.

Councillor P. McCarthy suggested that Contractors for cottage repairs should be instructed by the respective District Engineers to give priority to cottages which were most in need of urgent repairs.

**Newcastle Mental Hospital—R.M.S.'s Residence.**

The County Secretary stated that the newly appointed R.M.S. had indicated that he would take up duty on the 1st November, 1964, and that repairs and re-decoration of the Residence were considered necessary.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That we approve of repairs and re-decoration being carried out to the Resident Medical Superintendent's residence at Newcastle Mental Hospital and note that the estimated cost of the works amounts to £465.

Passed unanimously.

**Cottage at Croneyhorn — Tenant: Kelly.**

The Chairman referred to Six Day's Notice which had been served on a Mr. Kelly, Croneyhorn, Carnew, relating to his failure to occupy cottage and a Summons had been issued against Mr. Kelly by the Council to obtain possession of the cottage. The Chairman stated that in his opinion the Notice and Summons should be withdrawn and he recommended that this be done. Councillors Miss Walsh and J. Quigley supported the recommendation.

**Cottage at Eadestown.**

Councillors J. Miley and M. J. O'Neill asked what the position was regarding the new cottage at Eadestown and the Acting County Engineer, Mr. R. L. Farrell, stated that the cottage was completed except for the carrying out of some fencing. He also stated that arrangements were being made to submit details of the total cost of the erection of this cottage and the County Secretary stated that the rent could be determined on receipt of details of the final cost.



A Meeting of Scholars, Social Critics, and Artists at the Fowler  
Graham, 20 Virginia St., Boston on July 11, 1969. The speaker, 1969  
winner of the Pulitzer Prize, is the author of *The American* and *The*

The following members served:

Councillors: P. Brumby, P. D. ...

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1. 20. Frankfurter, G.

- County Employees**

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13. The Commission will also receive the following documents:

- Journal of Management Education 34(10)p.1111-1124

- To fill vacancy in Committee of Agriculture advised by the State



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th October, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

Mr. K. J. Brangan, Deputy County Manager, Mr. T. J. Donovan, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell, P. T. Hickey and J. Power attended.

### AGENDA.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 13th July, 10th and 17th August, 1964.
2. University Scholarships—Applications for deferment of Scholarships.
3. To fill vacancy on Committee of Agriculture caused by death of Councillor C. W. Hudson.
4. To fill vacancy on Vocational Education Committee caused by resignation of Very Rev. Fr. Pigott, P.P., Arklow.
5. To fill vacancy on Bray O.A.P. Sub-Committee caused by transfer of Rev. G. A. G. Barrett.
6. Road Safety Fortnight—Letter from Minister for Local Government to Chairman (Copy circulated to Members).
7. Acquisition of property at Castle Street, Bray, for Road Improvement.
8. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor H. J. Byrne—That all tenders for the supply of sand/gravel, or any other material, or for the hire of machinery, be opened at Council Meeting.
9. Report requested by Councillor J. Quigley re "watercourse on roadside leading off Greenane/Moneymeen Road to Messrs. Christopher Kennedy's and Andrew Burke's holding at Clonerkin—as to possibility of laying pipes by Council in order to make this entrance passable."
10. Letter addressed to Chairman re application for taking over as a public road of road serving Land Commission holdings at Coonanstown, Dunlavin.
11. Access to Lough Dan — Report of Assistant County Engineer and letter from Bord Failte.
12. Fire Station at Arklow—To affix Seal of Council to Mortgage from National Bank, Ltd.
13. Water Supply at Liscolman — Report from Acting County Engineer.
14. Old watermain at Aughrim — Report of Acting County Engineer.
15. Group Water Supply Scheme at Sea Road, Kilcoole—Recommendation of Committee for Bray Electoral Area.



16. Salary scale for Assistance Officers — Recommendation of Labour Court.
17. Blind Welfare Scheme — Application for increase in Grant by Council.
18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley — That the ambulance mileage charge of 1s. 6d. per mile be discontinued to any patients travelling either to or from hospital.
19. New Council Offices at Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow — Report of Acting County Engineer on extras on Contract (Copy circulated to Members).
20. Coast Protection Schemes at Wicklow — Letter from Commissioners of Public Works.
21. Authorisation of excess expenditure — 1962/'63.
22. Report requested by Councillor A. H. Hadden on likely effect on Rates for coming year of new Loan Charges and effect of other increases in expenditure approved by Council since adoption of Estimates.
23. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley — That Thomas Kehoe, Rate Collector for County Council, be paid all costs of Court to recover Rates from Miss Alcock.
24. Claim of J. A. Halligan, Hempstown Garage, Manor Kilbride, re machinery parts and repairs.
25. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

#### County Engineer.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, welcomed Mr. T. J. Donovan, who had taken up duty as County Engineer on that date, and introduced him to the Members of the Council.

#### Item No. 1 — Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 13th July, 10th and 17th August, 1964.  
Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 2—University Scholarships — Applications for Deferment of Scholarships.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. J. J. Doyle, "An Grianan," Shillelagh, for the deferment for two years of Scholarship awarded to his daughter, Catherine Doyle, under the current year's Scholarship Scheme. It was represented that his daughter had to receive a special diet and it was felt that she could not do justice to herself, or her education, if she took up the Scholarship immediately. It was stated also that she hoped to be called to the Teachers' Training College for a two years' course of training and at the end of that period she would be in a better position to attend the University. The County Secretary stated that the Council had deferred the taking up of Scholarships on previous occasions only where the Scholarship candidate wished to enter a Novitiate and on inquiry from the Department of Education the Department had stated that while it was not a matter in which it would be open to the Minister to make a recommendation to the Council Scholarships awarded under the Department's Scheme of University Scholarships were not postponed except in cases in cases

where the successful candidates wished to enter a Novitiate.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor A. H. Hadden:

Resolved—That we approve of deferring the Scholarship awarded to Miss Catherine Doyle for a period of two years, subject to sanction of the Minister for Education.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had deferred a Scholarship awarded under the Scheme for 1962 to Mr. Michael McCann of Bray for a period of two years to enable him to enter a Novitiate. Mr. McCann had entered the Novitiate of the Legion of Christ two years ago. It appeared that the Legion hoped to have a new Novitiate built by this time at Stillorgan to enable their students to attend U.C.D., but that this would not be completed for another fifteen to eighteen months and in the meantime those of their students who had completed the two years' Novitiate were being sent to either Rome or Salamanca to continue their studies. Bro. McCann was now in Rome.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we approve of the deferment for a further year of the taking up by Bro. Michael McCann of the University Scholarship awarded to him under the Scheme for 1962.

Passed unanimously.

#### Secondary Schools Scholarship Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Education had conveyed approval to the Scheme of Scholarships for the year 1965, subject to certain amendments, of which details were given. It was necessary for the Council to approve of the carrying into effect of the Scheme, as amended. The Council approved of the carrying into effect of the Scholarship Scheme for 1965, as amended by the Minister for Education.

#### Item No. 3 — To fill Vacancy on Committee of Agriculture caused by Death of Councillor C. W. Hudson.

The following letter from the National Farmers' Association, Wicklow County Executive, was submitted:—

NATIONAL FARMERS' ASSOCIATION.

(Wicklow County Executive).

The Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council.

5th October, 1964.

Dear Sir,

At a Meeting of this Executive held on the 17th September, Mr. T. Cooney, Kilcandra, Glenealy, was unanimously nominated to fill the vacancy on the County Committee of Agriculture.

It is apparent that he is an eminently suitable choice for the post and it is to be hoped that your County Council will give this nominee the most favourable consideration.

I am, yours truly,

JAMES J. NOLAN,

Hon. Secretary.



It was

Proposed by Councillor A. H. Hadden;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved—That the vacancy in the membership of the Committee of Agriculture caused by the death of the late Councillor C. W. Hudson be filled by the co-option of Thomas Cooney.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 4 — To fill Vacancy on Vocational Education Committee caused by Resignation of Very Rev. Fr. Pigott, P.P., Arklow.**

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Rathdrum Parents' Association asking that Councillor Roger Miley be appointed as a Member of the Committee. In reply to inquiries from Members of the Council, the County Secretary stated that no recommendation had been received from the Vocational Education Committee for the filling of the position. Councillor H. J. Byrne pointed out that it was the usual practice to appoint the successor to a Parish Priest when he resigned. The Council decided to defer the appointment until the next Meeting of the Council.

**Item No. 5 — To fill Vacancy on Bray O.A.P. Sub-Committee caused by Transfer of Rev. G. A. G. Barrett.**

At the suggestion of Councillor H. B. Hipwell the Council agreed to defer the filling of the vacancy on the Sub-Committee to the next Meeting and to ask the Old Age Pension Sub-Committee to submit a further recommendation.

**Item No. 6 — Road Safety Fortnight — Letter from Minister for Local Government to Chairman.**

The following letter from the Minister for Local Government to the Chairman had been circulated to the Members of the Council:—

Oifig an Aire Rialtais Aitiuil,  
Baile Atha Cliath 1,

29th September, 1964.

Dear Mr. Chairman,

You will recall that in December last and again at Easter I requested you to lend your weight to road safety campaigns which I had initiated in an effort to reduce the appalling toll of the road. The support of the local authorities was an important factor in creating a nationwide feeling of goodwill for the road safety movement on both those occasions. Indeed, I have no doubt that, if these campaigns had not been held, the number of road accidents this year would (taking account of the increase in the number of motor vehicles) have been greater than those we have experienced. However, the incidence of accidents is anything but acceptable, and I feel I should be failing in my duty if I were not to continue with my efforts to bring home to the public the need to take care and to show consideration for others. Accordingly, I have decided to conduct a Road Safety Fortnight, starting on Friday, 4th December next, covering the period leading up to the Christmas rush, which is one of the most dangerous times on our roads.

On previous occasions the support given by local authorities mainly took the valuable form of statements and discussions at their meetings, which were duly reported in the public press. I hope this will continue. But I am emboldened to ask councils to go a step further this time and to organise, each in their own area, activities

to coincide and tie in with the Road Safety Fortnight. This is particularly desirable in an area where up to now the Safety First Association or other voluntary body has not developed local interest in road safety. Where such a voluntary body operates, the local authority may be able to help them to launch and develop schemes of road safety promotion.

The principal focal point of the December Road Safety Fortnight will be a symposium at which important aspects of the road accident problem will be put squarely before the public by experts on the subject. I hope to see attend at the symposium, not merely officers of local authorities who are concerned, but those members who have a particular interest in road safety and who as elected leaders of the community can do so much as leaders in this particular field. I attach a statement on the symposium. All the themes to be discussed will be of interest to local authorities, but I think the final theme will be of special interest to the members.

I would appreciate it very much if you discussed the subject with the Manager and had it placed on the council's agenda at an early date. My Department is writing separately to the Managers, on detailed aspects of the subject.

I realise very fully the onerous volume of work which local authorities must shoulder at present, but I have no hesitation in asking them to share with me this effort to stop the drain of human life and the needless suffering that result from road accidents.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) NEIL T. BLANEY,  
Minister for Local Government.

**SYMPOSIUM ON ROAD SAFETY—DECEMBER, 1964.**

Venue—Intercontinental Hotel, Dublin 4.

Dates, etc. — 9-11 December inclusive.

Morning session each day to run from 10—1 approx., afternoon session from 2.30-5.30 approx.

**General** — At each session there will be a principal speaker, generally a foreign expert on the subject who will deliver a paper of about 1 hour's duration. Other experts will follow with shorter contributions (approx. ½ hour each) and then there will be opportunity for questions and a general discussion. All proceedings will be conducted in English.

It is hoped to have the papers to be read by the principal speakers, at least, available in print in advance of the symposium. Attendance will be mainly by invitation, but the public will be free to attend if places are available. The press will be present.

**Subjects:** Wednesday, 9 December.

A.M. Theme I—Driver fitness.

P.M. Theme II—Review of medical aid services for road accident victims.

Thursday, 10 December.

A.M. Theme III—Speed and accidents.

P.M. Theme IV—The highway engineer and accident prevention.



Friday, 11 December.

A.M. Theme V—Vehicle fitness.

P.M. Theme VI—Road safety "education" (in the sense of all the activities directed to the education of road users).

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that he felt there had been very few fatal accidents in County Wicklow and that this was due to the extent of the road improvements by way of easing bends and widening roads which had been carried out by the Council. Councillor H. J. Byrne stressed the need for more motor-cycle patrols and the need for exercising a greater courtesy and showing better manners in driving. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., urged that the Council make representations to the Minister concerning the quality of the material used in the construction of roads so as to ensure that it was of a non-skid type. In reply to inquiries from Members of the Council, the County Secretary stated that double white lines were being provided on corners along Main Roads and explained that where there was a continuous white line on the near side to a motorist he should not cross the line, but where there was a broken white line a motorist was entitled to cross, provided he was satisfied there was no danger in doing so. The Council agreed to lend their support to the Road Safety Fortnight and appealed for extra care on the roads during the month of December.

**Item No. 7—Acquisition of Property at Castle Street, Bray, for Road Improvement.**

The County Secretary stated that Bray Urban District Council had been acquiring property at Castle Street, Bray, as the opportunity arose for the purpose of eventually improving the approach to Bray by widening the entrance road and providing Car Parks. The Department of Local Government had approved of the proposal generally and the cost of acquiring and demolishing one house and improving the road at that point had been recouped by Main Road Improvement Grant. The County Council had recouped to the Bray Urban District Council a sum of £1,389 2s. 5d. in respect of the purchase of certain of the property at Castle Street and the Urban District Council had now asked for the recoupment of a further sum of £1,417 0s. 7d. in respect of other acquisitions. The Urban District Council had also recently agreed to purchase No. 37 Castle Street and the costs involved in this purchase, together with the purchase of the interests of ground landlords and expenses, would be £3,174 0s. 4d. The Department of Local Government had indicated that the costs of the acquisitions of property could be charged to Main Road Improvement Grant, but could not be recouped until the Road Works were actually carried out and in consequence the Council would have to bear the costs of the acquisitions for some time until it was possible to include the lands in a Road Improvement Scheme. Councillor J. Temple expressed the view that the Council should approach the Minister with a view to seeking his agreement to recoup immediately the moneys expended in acquiring property for this purpose.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of £1,417 0s. 7d. to Bray Urban District Council, being recoupment of the balance of the purchase price of 23/28 and 36/36A, Castle Street, Bray, together with

the purchase of No. 1, Emmet Road and 39 Castle Street, and legal costs in respect of 18/20 Castle Street, and approve also of the recoupment to Bray Urban District Council of the sum of £3,174 0s. 4d. being the purchase price of 37 Castle Street, together with the purchase price of interests of ground landlords and expenses. We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the costs of the acquisition of the premises required by the Council for Main Road Improvement and note that the costs of acquisition will be charged against Main Road Improvement Grant when the Scheme of Road Improvement at Castle Street is carried out. Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 8—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor H. J. Byrne—That all Tenders for the supply of Sand/Gravel, or any other material, or for the Hire of Machinery, be opened at Council Meeting.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne:

Resolved—That all tenders for the supply of sand-gravel, or any other material, or for the hire of machinery, shall be opened at a Meeting of this Council.

Following a discussion on the matter in the course of which it had been suggested that a small Committee be appointed to deal with the opening of tenders.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor A. H. Hadden:

Resolved—That consideration of the proposal be adjourned and a Report requested from the County Engineer on the matter.

The Council agreed to adjourn the proposal and await the Report from the County Engineer.

**Item No. 9—Report requested by Councillor J. Quigley re "Water-course on roadside leading off Greenane/Moneymeen Road to Messrs. Christopher Kennedy's and Andrew Burke's Holdings at Clonerkin — as to possibility of laying pipes by Council in order to make this entrance passable."**

The Assistant County Engineer reported that the lane in question was a private lane which served the two persons concerned and crossed a small stream. There was a light timber bridge across it for pedestrians and light traffic and presumably heavy traffic crossed by the ford. As the laneway was not maintained by the Council the Council could not provide a bridge or culvert and it was unlikely that the Council would take over a short stretch of road under 100 yards for the purpose. Councillor Quigley stated that the persons concerned claimed that when the road was re-surfaced an increased amount of water flowed down this laneway and that they were seeking the piping of this water across the lane. The Assistant County Engineer stated that the Road Works carried out had not affected the drainage of the road. The Council noted that since the road was not a public road maintained by the Council no action could be taken.



**Item No. 10—Letter addressed to Chairman re Application for Taking Over as a Public Road of road serving Land Commission Holdings at Coonanstown, Dunlavin.**

The County Secretary submitted letter addressed to the Chairman by Mr. Sean Brosnan, Coonanstown, Dunlavin, on behalf of Messrs. John and Donal O'Shea and himself, stating that they resided on Land Commission holdings at this place for the past two years and that the road serving the houses had been left in good order and was in a fit state to be taken over by the Council. They asked that the road be taken over by the Council as a public road and the possibility of having it surfaced in the near future be examined. The Council decided to refer the matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area when the Road Works Programme for the coming year was being prepared.

**Item No. 11—Access to Lough Dan — Report of Assistant County Engineer and Letter from Bord Failte.**

The County Secretary stated that Bord Failte had expressed concern regarding the availability of access for the public to Lough Dan and Lough Tay and that an inspection of the area had been carried out by the Assistant County Engineer with an Officer of Bord Failte from which it appeared that the lands around the Lakes were totally in group private ownership and that there was now no convenient means of access for the public to the Lake-shore. The Assistant County Engineer stated that there was, however, an old public right-of-way along the shores of Lough Dan and the shores of Lough Tay which eventually joined the public road at Luggala, though this was at present in a deplorable and almost unusable condition. He suggested, however, that the Council might consider acquiring this right-of-way in order to preserve the public rights along it. It was suggested that the Council might declare this right-of-way as a public road and Bord Failte had indicated that they, taking into account of the funds available to them, would be prepared to contribute towards the cost of the necessary works. The Council agreed that public notice be given of the Council's intention to take over the road as a public road.

**Item No. 12—Fire Station at Arklow — To Affix Seal of Council to Mortgage from National Bank, Ltd.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction dated 17th August, 1964, of the Minister for Local Government, the sum of £5,500 be borrowed from the National Bank, Ltd., for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the purchase of premises at Arklow from Arklow Products, Ltd., for use as a Fire Station, Garage, Store, etc., to be re-paid within fifteen 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. 13—Water Supply at Liscolman — Report from Acting County Engineer.**

The County Secretary stated that the Acting County Engineer had reported that there were three houses in need of water and that the tenants would not be able to contribute towards a Group Water Supply Scheme. If water was to be supplied it would be necessary to sink a well adjacent to the three cottages and if permission were granted the services of a Water Diviner would be obtained. It was estimated that the sinking of the well and providing a hand-pump would cost approximately £250. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that some of these people had been to see him and that he understood there were eleven families seeking water. He did not agree with the idea of merely putting up a pump. Councillor Miss Walsh stated that the people at this place had to carry water half a mile and that the water was obtained from a drain which was used by cows. She felt that a piped water supply should be provided. In reply to Councillor Miss Walsh, the County Secretary stated that the area was not included in the Regional Scheme and could not be served from it. The Council decided to adjourn the matter for further investigation and a Report as to the possibility of providing a water supply piped to the houses which required it.

**Item No. 14—Old Watermain at Aughrim—Report of Acting County Engineer.**

The County Secretary stated that as the Assistant County Engineer had been on leave he had not had an opportunity of reporting fully in regard to the matter of a water supply from the Old Reservoir at Aughrim. The Council agreed to adjourn the matter pending the submission of the required Report.

**Item No. 15—Group Water Supply Scheme at Sea Road, Kilcoole — Recommendation of Committee for Bray Electoral Area.**

Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that the Local Committee for the Bray Area had discussed this matter and agreed that permission for the water connection might be given, subject to the Members being satisfied that the houses to be served were of a substantial nature and not shacks. He suggested that the Council grant permission, subject to the Members for the Bray Electoral Area being satisfied in regard to the type of house, and stated that it was intended that the Members for the Bray Area would inspect the houses on that day and indicate whether they were satisfied with the buildings. Councillor Temple confirmed that the Committee had agreed that permission be given provided the houses were of a good type, but also felt that they should confirm that the houses were fully occupied for the entire year and he considered that the matter might be postponed to the next Meeting. Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that £1,000 had been spent on the laying of the pipes and that the applicants were seeking a Grant of only £100 from the Council. The Council agreed to adjourn the matter to the next Meeting for the Report from the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area following their inspection.

**ITEM NO. 16—SALARY SCALE FOR ASSISTANCE OFFICERS—RECOMMENDATION OF LABOUR COURT.**

The County Secretary stated that a Recommendation of the Labour Court for an increase in the salary scale for Assistance Officers had



been received, but that confirmation of acceptance of the Recommendation was not yet available from both sides. In the circumstances it would be necessary to defer the matter to the next Meeting. The Council agreed that the item be deferred to the next Meeting.

**ITEM NO. 17—BLIND WELFARE SCHEME—APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN GRANT BY COUNCIL.**

The following letter from the Hon. Secretary, County Wicklow Branch, National Council for the Blind of Ireland, was submitted:—

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND,  
OF IRELAND,  
County Wicklow Branch,  
"Glencot,"  
Glenealy,  
Wicklow.  
Wicklow County Council,  
Wicklow.  
10th July, 1964.

Dear Sir,

At a recent Meeting of the County Wicklow Branch of the National Council for the Blind of Ireland, the increasing financial difficulties of the local voluntary committees in meeting the rising costs of the Home Teacher's maintenance were discussed at length.

Since it now costs approximately £1,000 per annum to provide the Home Teacher's salary and expenses, the Meeting could find no alternative but to ask the County Council to increase the existing contribution of £390 to £500 at least. I would mention that this would be only 50 per cent. of the required amount and that the voluntary helpers are willing to make every effort to produce the remainder by subscriptions, functions, etc.

We trust that you will give this matter your early and earnest consideration.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

SARA BYRNE,  
Hon. Secretary,  
Wicklow Branch, N.C.B.I.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Social Welfare, we approve of an increase in the Grant to the Co. Wicklow Branch of the National Council for the Blind of Ireland from £390 per annum to £500 per annum, with effect from 1st October, 1964.

— Passed unanimously.

Councillor H. J. Byrne referred to a complaint he had received in regard to delay in repairing broken spectacles for a young boy in the Bray area. He asked that arrangements be made to expedite the completion of repairs.

**ITEM NO. 18—NOTICE OF MOTION IN NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. MILEY—THAT THE AMBULANCE MILEAGE CHARGE OF 1/6d. PER MILE BE DISCONTINUED TO ANY PATIENTS TRAVELLING EITHER TO OR FROM HOSPITAL.**

Councillor J. Miley stated that a patient travelling by ambulance from Baltinglass Hospital to Dublin, or from his home to Baltinglass, was expected to pay for the ambulance at the rate of 1/6d. per mile. He suggested that this charge should be abolished, and that it was not fair for the Council to charge at the rate mentioned. The County Secretary stated that holders of Medical Cards, or their dependants, had not to meet any charge in respect of the ambulance, but where persons availed of the Ambulance Service and were in a position to meet the cost a charge was made. The charge of 1/6d. per mile was that which the Council had to pay in respect of hired ambulances. The cost of transport of patients, including the cost of operating ambulances and payments for car hire, for the year 1962/63 was £7,890 and in the year 1963/64 amounted to £9,426. The receipts from patients in respect of charges for ambulance and car hire for these years were £429 and £454, respectively. It would be seen, therefore, that the amount recovered from persons by way of charges for the Ambulance Service was very small in relation to the costs of providing the Service. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., and Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, referred to a charge being made to a number of persons who travelled together in the ambulance and felt that where several people travelled in the ambulance on the one journey, the charge of 1/6d. per mile should be apportioned between them. It was agreed that the matter be further examined by the County Manager.

**ITEM NO. 19—NEW COUNCIL OFFICES AT KILMANTIN HILL, WICKLOW—REPORT OF ACTING COUNTY ENGINEER ON EXTRAS ON CONTRACT.**

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

RLF/SB.  
COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: NEW OFFICES AT KILMANTIN HILL, WICKLOW.

A Chara,

With reference to the renovation of the old building at Kilmantin Hill, the preliminary Survey was carried out by the Architect when the premises was occupied as a Hospital and naturally it will be appreciated that it was difficult to make a detailed Survey.

The conditions of floors and walls were examined and the amount of repairs necessary determined, but under these restricted conditions. On this inspection a Specification was made out scheduling what was considered necessary in repairs to floors and walls and any other parts which were found defective. It was originally decided to renovate the whole building, including the Basement, and tenders were sought on this Specification. Ultimately it was decided to omit the Basement and the tenders adjusted accordingly.

When the premises became vacant and a more careful examination could be made it was found that under the linoleum, which was down when it was occupied as a Hospital, the flooring was defective more than was anticipated and, of course, this had to be renewed. Actually



the amount of flooring which was renewed was 20½ squares. It should also be pointed out that these old floors which are down for many years had become exceedingly rough, and as it was intended to cover them with linoleum it was obvious that they would have to be smoothed off or renewed. Sanding was resorted to wherever possible, but in many cases it was found that this would be ineffective and too costly and it would be cheaper to renew the flooring.

In connection with the plastering, as is often experienced when a defective portion is renewed, it is found that this leads to more and more, and eventually the stage is reached when it is obvious that the whole wall has to be hacked off and renewed. This happened in many cases and altogether there was 206 sq. yards of extra plastering necessary.

In the case of the upstairs toilets which had a timber floor, it was found that these had become rotten and it meant taking out the whole floor and indeed most of the joists. It was obvious that a timber floor in such a place is unsatisfactory and it was decided to re-lay in concrete and tile it as should have done in the first place.

There was, of course, a considerable amount of odds and ends to be repaired—sashes which looked sound when being re-painted were found defective; skirting-boards in most rooms which had been omitted originally or were again defective had also to be renewed.

Although it had been decided to omit the Basement, some of the floors were found to be very damp and it was decided that these should be rendered as damp free as possible by a special treatment, and this was carried out.

On the original Survey the plumbing was reasonably satisfactory, but as additions were being made to it, it became obvious that major alterations would have to be made and this work was carried out.

In connection with the electrical installation which had to be re-wired throughout, a provisional sum was provided in the Specification for electric storage heaters as being the most economic way of heating the Offices. Extra additions and equipment were required to satisfy the E.S.B. requirements which considerably increased the cost. The reason for this is that with the electric storage heaters it is necessary to give a boost during the day and special devices had to be incorporated to allow for this.

A Switchboard was originally proposed to be erected in the Hall, but it was found to be larger than anticipated and it was decided to erect it in the Basement, which necessitated some extras.

It is, of course, necessary in installing central heating of this type, which is switched on at night, to take every precaution against fire which would be very serious in a building of this type and all the wiring had to be of the highest standards.

On top of this the increase in wages of 12 per cent. and the 2½ per cent. Turnover Tax came into operation.

To carry out work of this type, that is to say, the renovation of an old building, there are two ways of doing it, either by Contract or Time and Material Contract. In my opinion, the best way was adopted, that is, to specify as much as can be ascertained and a

tender received on this Specification, even though it is realised that there will be extras, rather than the Time and Material method which lacks the incentive of maximum output.

The original Contract was £4,578 18s. 6d. and the final cost will be just under £7,000. This is an increase over the estimate of approximately 50 per cent., which is not in excess of expenditure on other buildings which the Council have renovated themselves, such as Dispensary at Enniskerry, or the Courthouse here. An expenditure of £7,000 on a building of this size, which had nothing done to it for so long and which is providing a new set of Offices for the Council, would not seem unreasonable.

	General	Electrical	
	Work	Work	TOTAL
Original Contract			
Price	£3,589 6 6	£989 12 0	£4,578 18 6
Extras	£1,331 17 11	£1,047 9 4	£2,379 7 3
	£4,921 4 5	£2,037 1 4	£6,958 5 9

Mise, le meas,

R. L. FARRELL,

Acting County Engineer.

Councillor Hadden expressed the view that the present room was too small and very crowded and not suitable for use for Council Meetings. Councillor Temple also felt that the room was unsuitable and that it would be necessary to carry out improvements. He pointed out that additional seating should be provided. Councillor Hipwell also referred to the need for providing coat hangers for Members of the Council. In regard to the Report of the Acting Co. Engineer, Councillor Temple and Councillor Hipwell expressed dissatisfaction with the Report and stated that the Council should have been notified during the progress of the work of the likelihood of excess expenditure arising. The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had complained that the floor space allocated to his Section in the new Office was less than had been available at Rathdrum, and was not adequate to enable him to carry out his duties and he had asked that an additional room be made available. Arrangements were being made to have this done.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole;

Resolved—That, having noted Report of County Secretary in regard to expenditure to date and likely future expenditure on completion of repairs and alterations and equipping Offices at Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, we approve of additional expenditure of £2,400 on this work and authorise the borrowing of a further sum of £2,400 from the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., repayable over a period of ten years.

Passed unanimously.



**ITEM NO. 20—COAST PROTECTION SCHEMES AT WICKLOW—  
LETTER FROM COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS.**

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

OIFIG NA NOIBREACHA POIBLI,

51, Faiche San Stiabhna,

Baile Atha Cliath, 2.

Ref.: FI33/92/1.

The Secretary,  
Wicklow Co. Council,  
Courthouse,  
Wicklow.

Coast Protection Act, 1963.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 1st September, 1964, and previous correspondence regarding the proposal submitted by your Council for the promotion of a coast protection scheme at Ballygannon, near Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow, I am to state that we have been advised that the undertaking required under Section 3 (1) (c) of the Coast Protection Act should be under the seal of the promoting authority. I am, accordingly, to request you to furnish in respect of the proposed scheme an undertaking under the seal of your Council in compliance with Section 3 (1) (c) of the Act. It is hoped to carry out shortly a reconnaissance survey of the proposals for the Ballygannon and other schemes with a view to the establishment of a priority list in relation to the proposals received from all over the country.

With regard to the proposal submitted in your letter of the 1st September for the promotion of a protection scheme at two locations at Wicklow Town, I am to state that as two distinct and separate schemes are proposed, it will be necessary for your Council to submit a proposal in respect of each scheme, including a certified copy of a resolution by your Council in compliance with section 3 (1) (a) of the Act, and an undertaking under the Seal of your Council in compliance with section 3 (1) (c) of the Act.

Mise, le meas,

J. KEOGH,

17 Mean Fomhair, 1964.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That being satisfied that land on the Foreshore within the Urban District of Wicklow, over a distance of approximately 60 yards, from the point where protection works had been carried out by Shamrock Fertilizers, Ltd., towards the Packet Pier, and for a distance of approximately 150 yards from the West Pier in front of the Gas Company Works, is being progressively damaged by the continued encroachment of the sea and that such encroachment is liable to endanger the safety of Wicklow Harbour buildings, amenities of a residential character, and other valuable property, it is hereby determined that the promotion of a Coast Protection Scheme for the area in question is expedient and the Commissioners of Public Works are hereby asked to carry out a preliminary examination.

Passed, unanimously.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Undertaking by the Council, as promoting authority for the Coast Protection Scheme at Wicklow Urban District Council, for the area of approximately 60 yards in length from the point where coast protection works had been carried out by Shamrock Fertilizers, Ltd., towards the Packet Pier, and for an area of approximately 150 yards in length from the West Pier in front of the Gas Company Works, that if after the carrying out by the Commissioners of Public Works of a preliminary examination of the encroachment of the sea, the Commissioners make a determination under Paragraph 'a' of Sub-section 1 of Section 4 of the Coast Protection Act, 1963, or the Council, as promoting authority, makes a declaration under Paragraph 'a' of Sub-section 1 of Section 5 of the Act, the Council, as promoting authority, will pay the amount which will become appropriate to be paid by them when a Notice under Sub-section 1 of Section 26 of the Coast Protection Act, 1963, has been served.

Passed, unanimously.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That being satisfied that land on the Foreshore within the Urban District of Wicklow, North of the existing Promenade and adjoining the grass Murrough to Goulding's Chemical Factory, is being progressively damaged by the continued encroachment of the sea, as distinct from occasional or abnormal storms, and that the encroachment is liable to endanger valuable property, it is hereby determined that promotion of a Coast Protection Scheme for the area in question is expedient and that the Commissioners of Public Works are hereby asked to carry out a preliminary examination.

Passed, unanimously.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Undertaking by the Council, as promoting authority for the Coast Protection Scheme at Wicklow Urban District, for the area North of the existing Promenade and adjoining the grass Murrough to Goulding's Chemical Factory at the Urban District boundary, that if, after the carrying out by the Commissioners of Public Works of a preliminary examination of the encroachment of the sea, the Commissioners make a determination under Paragraph 'a' of Sub-section 1 of Section 4 of the Coast Protection Act, 1963, or the Council, as promoting authority, makes a declaration under Paragraph 'a' of Sub-section 1 of Section 5 of the Act, the Council, as promoting authority, will pay the amount which will become appropriate to be paid by them when a Notice under Sub-section 1 of Section 26 of the Coast Protection Act, 1963, has been served.

Passed unanimously.



**ITEM NO. 21—AUTHORISATION OF EXCESS EXPENDITURE—1962/'63.**

The County Secretary stated that the Audit of the Accounts for the year 1962/'63 was nearing completion and it had been found that due to an oversight the Council had not been asked in March, 1963, to formally authorise excess expenditure which arose on Main and County Road Improvement Works in consequence of the increase in the amount of Grants allocated for that year after the Council had determined the Estimates. These amounts did not involve any loss to the Council. In addition, it had been found that there was an over-expenditure of £1,500 on County Road Maintenance and expenditure was required to be authorised on Materials Expense Account to an amount of £5,250 and Machinery Expense Account of £5,800.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure in excess of the amounts provided in the Estimates for the year 1962/'63 as follows:—

Main Road Improvement .. .. .	£40,000
County Road Improvement .. .. .	£42,000
County Road Maintenance .. .. .	£1,500
Materials Expense Account .. .. .	£5,250
Machinery Expense Account .. .. .	£5,800

Passed unanimously.

**ITEM NO. 22—REPORT REQUESTED BY COUNCILLOR A. H. HADDEN ON LIKELY EFFECT ON RATES FOR COMING YEAR OF NEW LOAN CHARGES AND EFFECT OF OTHER INCREASES IN EXPENDITURE APPROVED BY COUNCIL SINCE ADOPTION OF ESTIMATES.**

The County Secretary stated that it was anticipated that the increase in expenditure in respect of loan charges in the Estimates for the coming year would be in the region of £11,300. The major part of this increase would be in relation to Sanitary Services in respect of new Water Supply Schemes and also on Housing Services for new Housing Schemes. In regard to Health Services there was a likelihood that there would be a further increase in the charge for the maintenance of patients in Extern Hospitals, and it was expected that there would be an increase in the expenditure on Mental Health since the Council was maintaining their patients still in the Grange-gorman and Portrane Mental Hospitals while expenses were being incurred in regard to the Hospital at Newcastle. The Council noted the information supplied.

**ITEM NO. 23—NOTICE OF MOTION IN NAME OF COUNCILLOR J. MILEY—THAT THOMAS KEHOE, RATE COLLECTOR FOR COUNTY COUNCIL, BE PAID ALL COSTS OF COURT TO RECOVER RATES FROM MISS ALCOCK.**

Councillor Miley proposed that the Council recoup the costs incurred by Collector Thomas Kehoe in this matter as the steps taken

by him were necessary for the collection of Rates. The County Secretary gave details of the Action which had been taken against the Collector and stated that the taking of an Appeal by the Council against the decision had been carefully examined, but that the Council was advised that it would be preferable not to appeal. The Council had already considered the matter at a previous Meeting, and if the details of the costs were furnished by the Rate Collector it was intended to seek the approval of the Minister to the Council's accepting responsibility for these costs. The Council could not, however, do so without first obtaining sanction of the Minister.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That Rate Collector T. Kehoe be paid all costs of Court to recover Rates from Miss Alcock, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

The Council decided, however, to adjourn the matter pending the receipt of the details of the costs from the Rate Collector.

**ITEM NO. 24—CLAIM OF J. A. HALLIGAN, HEMPSTOWN GARAGE, MANOR KILBRIDE, RE MACHINERY PARTS AND REPAIRS.**

The County Secretary submitted letter addressed to Councillor J. Miley by Mr. Halligan, Hempstown Garage, in regard to accounts claimed to be due by the Council to him for repairs to machinery. The County Secretary stated that the Council had on previous occasions asked for details of a balance of £153 13s. 0d. claimed to be due by Mr. Halligan, but had not received satisfactory details. The Council agreed that the Chief Assistant County Engineer meet Mr. Halligan with a view to settling the matter.

**ITEM NO. 25—INQUIRIES ARISING FROM COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.**

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

**RURAL HOUSING SCHEME.**

Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., suggested that where agreement had been reached with the owners of the land, the Council should invite tenders immediately in order that the work could proceed.

**COTTAGE AT DRUMMIN.**

In reply to Councillor A. H. Hadden, the County Secretary stated that it was understood that the family living in the cottage did not wish to move to another cottage some distance away while their cottage was being rebuilt or repaired, and that the Engineer was examining the possibility of obtaining a suitable prefabricated building which could be erected on the site beside the cottage, to be used temporarily.

**ROAD AT KILCARRA.**

In reply to Councillor Hadden, the County Secretary stated that a Memorial had been received in regard to the taking over of a road at Kilcarra and that a Report was being obtained from the Engineer on the matter. It would be submitted to the next Meeting of the Council.







### DISPENSARY AT BRAY

In reply to Councillor Mrs. Ledwith, the County Secretary stated that the Plans for the improvements at the Dispensary at Bray had been submitted to the Department for sanction, but that sanction had not yet been received.

### NOTICE OF MOTION

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

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley:—That I or someone for me will move that the Council require parochial reports in the vicinity of Ballinacorney Church and Cemetery for the purpose of a by-law to that the County Engineer make provision for next year's estimate for the laying of a gutter down drainage at the road in the vicinity of the Cemetery as too narrow and as a source of fire risk and is completely blocked.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 2nd November, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.  
Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, G. Timmins, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwith, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley 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, P. T. Hickey and J. Power attended.

### Resolution of Sympathy.

Councillor G. Timmins referred to the news received over the week-end of the tragic death in Borneo of Mr. Marcus Deering, son of Councillor Mark Deering, and proposed that the Council pass a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with Councillor Deering and his family. Councillor Timmins further proposed that the Meeting be adjourned as a mark of respect to the Deering family. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh and the Members of the Council present expressed their sympathy with Councillor Deering in his bereavement. The Council decided unanimously to adjourn the Meeting as a mark of respect to the Deering family. The County Manager, on behalf of himself, the County Secretary, and the staff of the Council, asked that they be associated with the Council's expression of sympathy.

The Council decided to deal with the Housing and general matters at the Meeting to be held on the 9th November, 1964, and to hold a Special Meeting on the 16th November, 1964, to consider the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963. It was agreed that if it were not possible to complete the Agenda at the Meeting on the 9th November the items remaining would be dealt with at the Meeting to be held on the 16th November. The Meeting then terminated.

### Notices of Motion.

The following Notices of Motion in the name of Councillor John Quigley were handed in and accepted by the Chairman:-

1. That I or someone for me will move that the County Engineer in preparing the Road Estimate for 1965/'66 be requested to submit a list of public roadways not maintained by Council, which have come before that Body with a request for taking over, either by Notice of Motion of a Member, or a request from Ratepayers in Arklow Electoral Area, during lifetime of present Council, with a view to submitting to Department of Local Government for sanction for raising a Loan to cover cost of taking over such roads, as we regard such people as contributing to Road Fund while getting no benefit therefrom.
2. That I or someone for me will move that County Engineer in preparing Road Estimate, 1965/'66, make provision for improvement of footpaths in Aughrim and the extension of footpath from Ardee Road to Rednagh Road junction, with the removal of grass margin from Morrissey's Corner to same point at opposite side of road.



A Meeting of County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Killmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th November, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

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

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

#### AGENDA.

1. Applications for consent to sale of Vested Cottages at (1) Ardoyne, Tullow, and (2) Castlefield Tce., Killincarrig.
2. Applications for Supplementary Grants for new dwellinghouses at (1) Lemonstown, Dunlavin, and (2) Barnamire, Enniskerry.
3. Applications for Supplementary Grants for reconstruction of houses at (1) Millbank, Shillelagh, (2) Ballyduff Lower, Ashford, and (3) Coollatin Road, Carnew.
4. Aughrim Housing Scheme — Revised Layout Plan and House Plans for Scheme of six houses.
5. Grattan Park Housing Scheme — Letter from Department of Local Government conveying approval to proposals, subject to conditions.
6. Rural Housing Scheme — Cost of Cottage at Eadestown and calculation of rent.
7. Blessington Housing Scheme — Letter from Messrs. C. Byrne and Sons, Hacketstown, re building of additional six houses and Report of County Medical Officer on applicants for houses.
8. Housing Site at Tinahely.
9. Housing Site at Arklow — Report of Acting County Architect and applications received for housing accommodation in rural area adjoining Arklow.
10. Application of tenant-purchaser at Parkview, Blessington, for permission to have a house built on portion of cottage plot.
11. Group Water Supply Scheme at Sea Road, Kilcoole — Report of Committee of Members for Bray Electoral Area.
12. Proposed additional public light at Davidstown, Donard — Reply from E.S.B. re quotation.
13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Edward Byrne as follows: "That this Council views with disappointment and concern the failure of the Housing Officials to grant Mr. Herbert Hill of Kilcoole the Grant available on this house and that time be allowed for discussion at the next Meeting."
14. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh as follows: "That this Council gives a satisfactory explanation for the unnecessary delay in giving or denying approval to extensions proposed to County Council Cottages at Churchlands, Tinahely. (Tenants: Patrick Smith and Christopher Cullen)."
15. Remuneration of Rate Collectors—Application from Irish Transport and General Workers' Union for reception of Deputation.
16. Accommodation for tenant of Cottage at Drummin, Ballinglen.
17. Repairs to Cottages carried out in October, 1964, and Cottages to be repaired in November, 1964.



18. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 7th September, 1964.
19. To fill vacancy on Vocational Education Committee.
20. To fill vacancy on Bray O.A.P. Sub-Committee.
21. Road Safety Fortnight — Application from Leinster Provincial Council, Muintir na Tire, for contribution towards cost of promotion of Road Safety Campaign.
22. Report of County Engineer re invitation of tenders for supply of sand/gravel and other materials and hire of machinery.
23. Road Works on Tinahely/Togher Road — Recommendation of County Engineer.
24. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley: "That Council acquire parochial property in the vicinity of Ballycoogue Church and Cemetery for purpose of Car Park."
25. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley: "That County Engineer make provision in next year's Estimates for the laying of pipeline down Macreddin, as the road in the vicinity of the Cemeteries is too narrow and on occasion of funerals the road is completely blocked."
26. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley: "That Council take over and maintain as a County Road the road from Curran's Forge, Rustygath, to Kilcarra Cross-Roads, near Woodenbridge."
27. Proposed continuation of Five-Day Week for Roadworkers for Winter period — Report of County Engineer.
28. Water Supply Extension — Kilcoole to Knockroe — Report of County Engineer on tenders received.
29. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge: "That a proper Water Supply be provided for five Council Cottages at Killegar, Enniskerry."
30. Revision of remuneration of Assistance Officers — Recommendation of Labour Court.
31. Revision of Allowances of Home Assistance — To authorise necessary expenditure.
32. Clinic at Killarney Road, Bray — Repairs and Decoration.
33. Newcastle Mental Hospital — Repairs and Decoration to house for Senior Assistant Medical Officer and additional repairs to house for Resident Medical Superintendent.
34. St. Colman's Hospital — Alterations to stairs — Report of Acting County Architect.
35. District Hospital, Wicklow — Re-surfacing of Entrance Avenue.
36. St. Columille's Hospital, Loughlinstown — Settlement of Account.
37. Proposed purchase of property at Greystones Railway Station — Recommendation of Committee of Members for Bray Electoral Area.
38. Site for Automatic Telephone Exchange at Newtownmountkenedy — Proposed interchange of sites with Department of Posts and Telegraphs — Notice circulated to Members.
39. The Murrough, Wicklow — Letters from Wicklow Urban District Council and Wicklow Chamber of Commerce re Recreation Ground and Right-Of-Way.
40. Itinerants — Announcement of Minister for Local Government of decision of the Government to take steps to meet main recommendations in Report of Commission on Itinerancy.
41. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

**Item No. 1—Applications for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottages at (1) Ardoyne, Tullow, (2) Castlefield Tee., Killinacarrig.**

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by Thomas Hutton of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 228/9 at Ardoyne, Tullow, to Mr. Thomas Whelan, Knockloe, Tullow.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by Patrick J. McDonald of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 287/4 at Castlefield Tee., Killinacarrig, to Michael Duffy, Wicklow Arms Hotel, Delgany.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 2—Applications for Supplementary Grants for New Dwelling-houses at (1) Lemonstown, Dunlavin, and (2) Barnamire, Enniskerry.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley,

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Grant of £375 to William Farrington, Glenbride, Valleymount, towards the cost of erection of a new house at Lemonstown, Dunlavin.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £300 to Joseph Burton, Barnamire, Enniskerry, in respect of the erection of a new house at Curtletstown, Enniskerry.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 3—Applications for Supplementary Grants for Reconstruction of Houses at (1) Millbank, Shillelagh, (2) Ballyduff Lower, Ashford, and (3) Coollattin Road, Carnew.**

The County Secretary stated that in these cases the floor areas of the houses were less than 500 square ft., which was the minimum allowed in the Council's Scheme, and consequently the approval of the Council was required if the Supplementary Grants were to be paid. The Department of Local Government had allocated Grants in these cases.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we note that the floor area of the house is less than 500 sq. ft. and approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £100 to Peter Lannigan, Millbank, Shillelagh, in respect of reconstruction of the house.

Passed unanimously.



It was

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

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we note that the floor area of the house is less than 500 sq. ft. and approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £100 to Frederick Lawrence, Dunbur Road, Wicklow, in respect of reconstruction of house at Ballyduff Lower, Ashford.

Passed unanimously.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we note that the floor area of the house is less than 500 sq. ft. and approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £100 to Patrick Austin, Coollatin Road, Carnew, in respect of reconstruction of the house.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 4—Aughrim Housing Scheme — Revised Layout Plan and House Plans for Scheme of Six Houses.**

The revised Layout Plan and House Plans for the six houses at Aughrim were submitted to the Council, together with the Reports of the Acting County Architect thereon. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., referred to the houses being erected under the Scheme at Carnew and expressed the view that solid floors would have been preferable to timber flooring. Other Members of the Council also favoured the provision of solid floors. The County Secretary stated that the Scheme for Aughrim provided for solid flooring, with the use of P.V.C. tiling. The County Secretary further stated that the Department of Local Government had approved of the Layout Plan and House Plans and had noted also that the same House Plan would be used for the erection of individual rural cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley,

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That we approve of revised Plan and Layout Plan for six houses at Aughrim and of invitation of tenders for erection of houses.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 5—Grattan Park Housing Scheme — Letter from Department of Local Government conveying approval to Proposals, subject to Conditions.**

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

Secretary  
Wicklow County Council,  
Courthouse,  
Wicklow.

Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil,  
Teach an Chustaim,  
Baile Atha Cliath 1.  
21st October, 1964.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of 27th May regarding the proposed Housing Development at Grattan Park, Kindlestown, and to state that, subject to what follows, the Layout Plans submitted are in order:—

The road-paths to houses should be widened to approximately

14 ft.

The proposal to carry the spine road through to the Delgany-Blacklion Road may tend to turn it into a short-cut for vehicles and some solution to prevent this should be sought. Pedestrian access on the line shown would be preferable from a housing viewpoint.

It would be desirable to reserve sufficient land between fences to road facing houses 14 to 21 to provide a link to adjoining lands for possible future developments.

To ensure adequate sight distance at the junction with the Delgany-Blacklion Road buildings on the site should not be erected within 50 ft. of this road. Banks and hedges should be removed for a distance of 100 ft. on either side of the junction.

Mise, le meas,

The County Secretary stated that the layout of the Scheme provided for a central road which would link the Killincarrig/Blacklion Road with the Delgany-Blacklion Road and the Department of Local Government and the Council's Architect agreed that this road would become used as a short-cut from Delgany towards Greystones and would consequently carry a fair amount of traffic, with consequent danger to children in the Housing Scheme. The Council's Architect had suggested that rather than preventing any through traffic the route of the road might be altered by making the road a less direct route and thereby discouraging its use for through traffic. Members of the Council agreed that it was undesirable that any traffic should be encouraged through the Housing Scheme and considered that while access roads would be necessary for the adjoining two public roads these roads should not meet and pedestrian access only should be available between the terminal points of the access roads. It was agreed that the Council's Architect would amend the Plan accordingly and that tenders for the erection of the houses be invited as soon as possible.

**Item No. 6—Rural Housing Scheme — Cost of Cottage at Eadestown and Calculation of Rent.**

The County Secretary stated that the all-in cost of the cottage at Eadestown amounted to £1,818 18s. 7d., being made up of building cost £1,778 18s. 7d., land £30 and legal costs £10. The economic rent of the cottage would amount to £2 9s. 0d. per week and, allowing for subsidy at 33½% of the loan charges, the amount to be met by rent and subsidy from rates would be £1 15s. 8d. per week. If subsidy were allowed at the rate of 66½% of loan charges the amount to be met from rent and subsidy from rates would be £1 2s. 3d. per week. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., stated that he would expect that State subsidy at 66½% of the loan charges would be made available in this instance where the applicant had a large family and consequently the provision of the cottage was to relieve overcrowding. He considered also that in view of the circumstances of the applicant and the number of his family that the Council should provide a generous subsidy towards the rent. Councillor J. Miley asked for details of the cost of erection of the cottage for submission to the Council. The Council agreed that the matter be adjourned and that inquiry be made from the Department of Local Government as to the subsidy which would be available in respect of the cottage.



**Item No. 7—Blessington Housing Scheme — Letter from Messrs. C. Byrne and Sons, Hacketstown, re Building of Additional six Houses and Report of County Medical Officer on Applicants for Houses.**

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had reported on the applications received for housing at Blessington and had recommended five applicants as being eligible as follows:—

MICHAEL CURRAN, Ballinastoken.

PATRICK KAVANAGH, Rathballylong, Baltyboys.

MICHAEL TYRRELL, 6, Rockypool Villas.

JOHN BROWNE, Glashina, Blessington.

JAMES MURPHY, 2, Troopersfields, Blessington.

The County Secretary stated that Messrs. C. Byrne and Sons, Hacketstown, whose tender had been accepted for the erection of four houses at Blessington, had written to Councillor Miley stating that they were prepared to erect a further six houses in Blessington for the same price per house as they had tendered for the original four houses. In reply to inquiries from Members the County Secretary stated that Messrs. Byrne and Sons had not yet commenced the erection of the four houses at Blessington and that although they had signed the Contract the Bond had not yet been received from the Insurance Company. A Draft Bond had been submitted and had been approved by the Council and it was expected that the final Bond would be available within the next week.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley.

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Medical Officer on applications received for housing at Blessington we approve of proceeding with the erection of a further six houses at Blessington and of accepting quotation of Messrs. C. Byrne and Sons for further six houses at the same price per house as for the original four houses. Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 8—Housing Site at Tinahely.**

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Architect had recommended the use of a site containing just over five acres at Tinahely for a Council Housing Scheme and had reported that the site would be suitable for the eventual provision of forty houses. The site in question was held by Dr. J. B. Beausang, District Medical Officer, with the Dispensary Residence, for which he paid the Council a sum of £15 per annum. It was understood that Dr. Beausang did not himself use the field, but let it for grazing each year. Dr. Beausang had indicated that he was not willing to surrender the field and it would seem that the Council, if they wished to make use of the field, would have to reach an agreement with Dr. Beausang and pay him appropriate compensation. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., pointed out that at present the Council only required portion of the site sufficient for the erection of four houses and the Council agreed that negotiations be entered into with Dr. Beausang with a view to obtaining his agreement to the Council's utilising portion of the site for housing.

**Item No. 9—Housing Site at Arklow—Report of Acting County Architect and Applications received for Housing Accommodation in Rural Area adjoining Arklow.**

The County Secretary stated that the Acting County Architect was of opinion that the site at Ballyruan, which it had been suggested the Council acquire for housing, was quite unsatisfactory from a Town Planning aspect. He pointed out that development of a group of houses on this site, within one mile of Arklow, would appear to be a retrograde step. Any extension of the development would require an improved water supply and a more elaborate sewage treatment plant. The site was not convenient to any of the communal services of Arklow, i.e., buses, schools, shops, refuse collection, etc. The Acting County Architect stated that at present Arklow appeared to suffer from an excess of ribbon development and would benefit greatly on every count from the development of existing sites within the urban fabric of the town and convenient to its existing shopping, educational and industrial facilities. He considered that the site at Ballyruan might be developed to the minimum extent to fulfil the needs of rural workers in the vicinity. Housing to fulfil the needs of workers in the town of Arklow should be considered in relation to the location of existing sites within the urban fabric and to the future industrial development of the town. This would be one of the primary considerations in the preparation of the Development Plan for Arklow. The County Secretary stated that only three applications had been received by the County Council for housing accommodation in the rural area adjoining Arklow. It was clear from the Report of the Acting County Architect that he felt that the provision of housing for workers in Arklow should be properly dealt with by the Urban District Council on sites within the town. The Council decided to adjourn consideration of the matter to obtain the views of Councillor McCarthy, who was not present at the Meeting.

**Item No. 10—Application of Tenant-Purchaser at Parkview, Blessington, for permission to have a House built on portion of Cottage Plot.**

The County Secretary stated that Mrs. P. Hughes of 3, Parkview, Blessington, sought permission from the Council for her sister, Mrs. O'Sullivan, who was a widow, to build a cottage on the plot attached to Mrs. Hughes' cottage. Mrs. Hughes was tenant-purchaser of the cottage at 3, Parkview, Blessington.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley.

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government we hereby suspend the operation of the Statutory Condition under Section 16 of the Labourers' Act, 1936, in relation to portion of the plot attached to the vested cottage occupied by Mrs. P. Hughes at 3, Parkview, Blessington, so as to allow portion of the plot to be used for the erecting thereon of an additional cottage.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 11—Group Water Supply Scheme at Sea Road, Kilcoole—Report of Committee of Members for Bray Electoral Area.**

Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area had considered this matter further and had inspected the houses at Sea Road, Kilcoole, and were agreed that



a water supply be made available to the Group Scheme on the understanding that the maximum Supplementary Grant required from the Council in respect of the entire Scheme would not exceed £100. The County Secretary stated that Mr. R. B. Wellwood, on behalf of the Group Water Supply Scheme, had confirmed that the maximum Grant being sought was £100. He had submitted a letter of the 5th October, 1964, which had been brought to the notice of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area and which he had asked be submitted to the next Meeting of the Council. The Council decided to accept the recommendation of the Members for the Bray Electoral Area and

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne,  
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That having considered letters of 1st September and 5th October, 1964, from Mr. R. B. Wellwood, Munster and Leinster Bank, Ltd., 2, Lower Baggot Street, Dublin, on behalf of the members of the Kilcoole Group Water Supply Scheme, and Report of County Medical Officer, we approve of a water supply being made available for the Group Scheme, subject to the following conditions:—

1. That the Council make available a Supplementary Grant not exceeding £100 in respect of the Scheme.
2. There is no admission by the Council that the site was a suitable one for housing.
3. That there is no agreement by the Council to make Grants available towards the cost of any further improvements to any of the dwellings on this site, such as installation of sewerage, extensions for bathrooms, etc.
4. That there be no assumption that the Council would at any time take over and improve the access road leading to these dwellings.
5. That it not be assumed that the site of the dwellings is suitable for further building or other development.
6. That it not be assumed that the Council be responsible for coast erosion at this place.
7. That the Council shall not be expected to agree to providing a Refuse Collection Service for these dwellings.
8. That the Council shall not be expected to provide public lighting to serve this area

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 12—Proposed Additional Public Light at Davidstown, Donard  
—Reply from E.S.B. re Quotation.**

The County Secretary stated that the E.S.B. had replied to the Council's further representations regarding the cost of providing an additional public light at Davidstown, Donard, and had stated that the figure of £78 quoted could not be reduced. Councillor O'Neill asked that particulars of the work to be carried out for the sum of £78 be obtained from the E.S.B. and stated that only one pole would be required and that the local people would be prepared to erect a pole half-way between the Church and the road. He suggested that the E.S.B. Engineer might be asked to contact Rev. Fr. Sayers of Donard to go into the matter further. The Council agreed that the E.S.B. Engineer be asked to meet Fr. Sayers with a view to seeing if the estimate of cost could be reduced.

**Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Edward Byrne as follows: "That this Council Views with Disappointment and Concern the failure of the Housing Officials to Grant Mr. Herbert Hill of Kilcoole the Grant available on this House and that time be allowed for discussion at the next Meeting."**

Councillor E. Byrne stated that Mr. Herbert Hill of Kilcoole, who had built a new house in Kilcoole and started in business in the area, had not received a Grant in respect of his house. He stated that when granting permission for the erection of the house it had been made a condition that an access road be provided by Mr. Hill and Councillor Byrne felt that this condition was not a reasonable one since only one house had been erected and that the landowner of the field adjoining was unwilling to allow sites for any other houses. Councillor Byrne stated that the house was well set back and a car could pull in off the road without causing any obstruction or interference with traffic. As regards a footpath for children going to school he stated that a new footpath had been provided by the Council on the other side of the road and that two footpaths would not be necessary. The County Manager stated that the condition requiring that an access road be provided was inserted in the interests of safety. The school was located on the adjoining site and it seemed likely that eventually other houses would be provided between Mr. Hill's house and the village of Kilcoole and that consequently an access road to serve such houses would be essential in the interests of children going to school and of pedestrians generally. Mr. Hill had been informed of this requirement when permission had been granted by the Council for the erection of the house and consequently was under no misapprehension in regard to the matter. He had erected the house on the proper building-line, but had not set back the fence to allow of an access road being provided, although this was clearly a condition of the grant of permission. In reply to inquiries from Members the County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had written in July, 1963, referring to the grant of approval in this instance and the condition that an accommodation road be provided and giving the Report of the Department's Inspector, who stated that only one house had been built and that a road for one house would not be possible, but agreeing that it would be desirable if other houses were built. The Council had replied pointing out that it was a condition of the grant of permission that an accommodation road be provided to serve this house and any other houses which might be erected on adjoining sites.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That this Council views with disappointment and concern the failure of the Housing Officials to grant Mr. Herbert Hill of Kilcoole the Grant available on his house, and we recommend that the condition requiring the provision of an access road be withdrawn.  
Passed unanimously.

The County Manager pointed out that the decision in this case had been made by him on the grounds of safety and that the Department of Local Government were quite entitled to make a Grant available whether or not the condition imposed by the Council in granting permission was carried out.



**Item No. 14—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh as follows: "That this Council gives a satisfactory explanation for the unnecessary delay in giving or denying approval to extensions proposed to County Council Cottages at Churchlands, Tinahely. (Tenants: Patrick Smith and Christopher Cullen)."**

The County Secretary stated that the tenants, who both resided at Churchlands, Tinahely, had sought permission under the Town and Regional Planning Acts for extensions to their cottages at the gable ends of the cottages and by means of flat roofed extensions. The cottages in question were hip-roofed cottages and it was felt that if extensions were to be provided at the ends of the cottages this should be done by extending the existing roof and not by means of a flat roof. Alternatively there would be no objection to the extensions being provided at the rear of the cottages. Councillor Miss Walsh stated that the tenant-purchasers had insufficient room at the rear of the cottages to provide extensions in that way and that if the existing roof was to be extended in order to provide extension to the side of the cottages this would be very expensive and beyond the resources of the applicants. Permission had been granted by the Council in the cases of two other tenants in the same area for extensions at the sides of their houses and she felt that permission should also be given in these cases.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh,  
Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we recommend that permission be granted to Patrick Smith and Christopher Cullen of Churchlands, Tinahely, for the erection of extensions to their cottages, with flat roofs, at the sides of the cottages.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 15—Remuneration of Rate Collectors — Application from Irish Transport and General Workers' Union for Reception of Deputation.**

Having considered application from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley,  
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we approve of the reception at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 16th November, 1964, of representatives of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, in the matter of remuneration of Rate Collectors.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 16.—Accommodation for Tenant of Cottage at Drummin, Ballinglen.**

The County Secretary stated that the tenant of the cottage at Drummin, Ballinglen, was not prepared to transfer to another cottage while his own cottage was being reconstructed and, accordingly, the County Engineer had obtained quotations for the supply of suitable prefabricated houses. Only two types of prefabricated houses were quoted for and the County Engineer recommended that the quotation of Mr. William Carroll of Callan, County

Kilkenny, for the supply and erection of a prefabricated house as outlined on the Drawing submitted, including fibre-glass installation, be accepted for the sum of £1,042. The all-in cost, including wiring, would be probably £1,060. Members having expressed some doubt as to the advisability of purchasing a prefabricated house at the figure quoted.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we approve of the erection of a new house by Contract to replace house at Drummin, Ballinglen.

Passed unanimously.

In reply to inquiries from Members as to how soon a new house could be erected having regard to the dangerous condition of the present house the County Manager pointed out that it would take some while before tenders could be obtained and sanction received to the erection of a new house, apart from any difficulties or delays which might arise in consequence of the present Strike affecting Builders' Providers. If the prefabricated house were purchased and erected it would be possible to find an alternative use for the house later when the tenant was able to re-occupy the reconstructed house. Councillor Miss Walsh stated that in view of the statement of the County Manager she felt that the Council should purchase the prefabricated house immediately so that the tenant could vacate his present house and enable the reconstruction work to proceed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor A. H. Hadden;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer for the acceptance of the quotation of Mr. William Carroll of Callan, Co. Kilkenny, for the supply and erection of a prefabricated house for the sum of £1,042 and hereby authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates under the heading of "COTTAGE REPAIRS" to defray the cost of purchase and erection of this prefabricated house, in order to provide temporary accommodation for tenant of cottage at Drummin, Ballinglen, during the reconstruction of the cottage now occupied by him.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 17.—Repairs to Cottages Carried Out In October, 1964, and Cottages to be Repaired in November, 1964.**

Particulars of cottages repaired during the month of October, 1964, and of those to be repaired during the month of November, 1964, had been circulated to the Members. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that he had made representations regarding the need for repairs to the house of Mr. Andrew Gaffney at Kilmurray, Redcross, but that the Engineer had not been able to find the correct house. He stated that the roof and floors were in very bad condition and asked that a Report on the cost of the repairs be submitted to the next Meeting of the Council.

**Item No. 18.—To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meeting Held on 7th September, 1964.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:



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

Passed unanimously.

**Acknowledgment of Resolution of Sympathy.**

The County Secretary stated that Councillor Deering had written to ask that his thanks be conveyed to the Members for their Resolution expressing sympathy to him and his family on the death of his son and stating that the adjournment of the Meeting was a splendid tribute. Councillor Deering stated that he wished to avail of the opportunity to again express his thanks to the Members for their sympathy.

**Item No. 19—To Fill Vacancy on Vocational Education Committee.**

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been deferred from the previous Meeting and that the vacancy arose consequent on the resignation of Very Rev. J. Pigott, P.P., Arklow.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That the vacancy in the membership of the Vocational Education Committee arising from the resignation of Very Rev. Fr. Pigott, P.P., Arklow, be filled by the co-option of Very Rev. Fr. Vaughan, P.P.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 20—To Fill Vacancy on Bray O.A.P. Sub-Committee.**

The County Secretary stated that a vacancy arose on the Bray O.A.P. Sub-Committee consequent on the transfer of the Rev. G. A. G. Barrett. Councillor Hipwell stated that a successor to Rev. G. A. G. Barrett was not yet available, but proposed that whoever was appointed to succeed the Rev. Mr. Barrett be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by his transfer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint his successor as a member of the Bray O.A.P. Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy on the Sub-Committee caused by the transfer of Rev. G. A. G. Barrett.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 21—Road Safety Fortnight—Application from Leinster Provincial Council, Muintir na Tire, for Contribution Towards Cost of Promotion of Road Safety Campaign.**

The County Secretary stated that the Hon. Secretary to the Leinster Provincial Council, Muintir Na Tire, had written to say that the matter of assistance towards the Road Safety Fortnight being organised by the Leinster Provincial Council had now been settled with the Safety First Association of Ireland and the Department of Local Government and consequently their application for a contribution by the Council towards the cost of the Scheme could be withdrawn. The Council noted that this application was withdrawn.

**Item No. 22.—Report of County Engineer Re Invitation of Tenders for Supply of Sand/Gravel and Other Materials and Hire of Machinery.**

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

TJD/SB.

Courthouse,

WICKLOW,

20th October, 1964

**COUNTY SECRETARY.**

Re: TENDERS FOR SUPPLY OF SAND/GRAVEL, HIRE OF MACHINERY, AND OTHER MATERIALS.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 15th instant the existing arrangements seem to be that you advertise for the supply of materials and for the hire of machinery. A list is compiled from the tenders received in order of merit and the materials are purchased and the machinery hired from these lists as and when required for the various works being carried out by the Council.

I consider that this is a fair and impartial way of dealing with tenders.

I recommend that a similar advertisement for Plant and Materials be inserted in the Public Press towards the end of the current financial year, and that a list be compiled in order of priority in regard to the tenders received and the suitability of the materials and machines offered. The suppliers could be accepted off this list in the order of which they have been placed, if otherwise suitable, and if they are not able to supply, the next tenderer on the list should be asked to do so.

Also I consider that some Form of Contract should be signed by these suppliers; in the case of Plant they should produce an Insurance Certificate indemnifying the Council against all claims that may arise from the operating of their machines.

I hope to be in a position to let you have Forms of Tender and Specification of Materials and Plant approaching the time when we should be advertising for these Materials and Plant.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

COUNTY ENGINEER.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer in regard to the obtaining of tenders for the supply of sand/gravel, or other materials, for Road Works, and for the hire of machinery, the tenders to be opened in the presence of Members of the Council.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 23.—Road Works on Tinahely/Togher Road—Recommendation of County Engineer.**

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that a sum of £3,000 which had been allowed in the Road Works Scheme for realigning to Kilcavan Gap under Works No. SM2 be transferred to Scheme No. SM1 to complete the work on this section of the Tinahely/Togher Road. Scheme No. SM1 amounted to £4,950 in the current year's Scheme and it was proposed now to increase this sum to £7,950 which would enable that section of the road to be completed. The County Engineer pointed out that it was essential that approval be got for the work as soon as possible so that the Scheme could be completed before the 31st March next and apart from the land not being available for the Kilcavan Gap work he considered that better



value would be got for the money by doing one fairly substantial job rather than two small jobs, neither of which could be completed for the money allowed. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated he must object strongly to the proposal to transfer the moneys from the Scheme at Kilcavan Gap and he pointed out that this Scheme had been provided for in the Road Works and approved by the Council for carrying out in the present year and that moneys should not be transferred to another district. He disagreed with the statement that the land was not available and pointed out that the owner had indicated that she was quite agreeable to make the land available to the Council. The Co. Engineer explained that the design for this work now provided for acquisition of land on the opposite side of the road and that the owner in this instance had not agreed to the Council's acquiring the land. Councillor McCrea stated he was still not satisfied that it was reasonable to transfer the moneys to the work on the Tinahely/Togher Road, as proposed by the County Engineer, and the Council agreed to defer the matter to the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 16th November.

Councillor Miley inquired when work was likely to commence on the Scheme for Road Improvement at Carrigower Bridge and asked that a Report on this matter be available for the Meeting on Monday, the 16th November. Subsequently a Notice of Motion was handed in signed by Councillors M. J. O'Neill, James Miley, Mark Deering and G. Timmins requesting information as to when this work was likely to commence. Councillor J. Temple also inquired as to the position regarding the Road Improvement Scheme at St. Valerie, Kilcromney, near Bray.

**Item No. 24.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley.—“That Council Acquire Parochial Property in the Vicinity of Ballycoogue Church and Cemetery for Purpose of Car Park.”**

The Council agreed that the matter be deferred pending the submission of a Report by the Assistant County Engineer in regard to the proposal.

**Item No. 25.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley.—“That County Engineer Make Provision in Next Year's Estimates for the Laying of Pipeline Down Macreddin, as the Road in the Vicinity of the Cemeteries is Too Narrow and on Occasion of Funerals the Road is Completely Blocked.”**

The Council agreed that an estimate be prepared by the Assistant County Engineer of the provision of the pipeline and submitted for consideration in the Estimates for the coming year.

**Item No. 26.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley.—“That Council Take Over and Maintain as a County Road the Road From Curran's Forge, Rustyath, to Kilcarra Cross-Roads, Near Woodenbridge.”**

In accordance with the usual procedure the Council agreed that this matter be referred for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area when considering the Road Works Programme for the coming year.

**Item No. 27.—Proposed Continuation of Five-Day Week for Roadworkers for Winter Period—Report of County Engineer.**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been made by Employees' Union for an extension of the Five-Day Week for Roadworkers throughout the entire year. The County Engineer had recommended that this application be granted. In his Report he stated that

the working hours could be easily adjusted for the Summer period so as to result in the same number of working hours being worked by employees in a full year as at present. The County Engineer felt that this arrangement would benefit both the employees and the Council. He also pointed out that the putting of plant into operation for a few hours on a Saturday was uneconomical. If the recommendation met with the approval of the Council the County Engineer would submit a Time Schedule for the proposed Five-Day Week all the Year Round Scheme. The County Secretary stated that an application had been made also for the operation of a Five-Day Week for Tradesmen and Building Workers throughout the Winter period, but that this might cause more difficulty in its application.

It was ~~passed~~ <sup>proposed</sup> by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Resolved—That we approve of the County Engineer's recommendation for the continuation of a Five-Day Week for Roadworkers throughout the Winter period and of the proposals submitted in regard to working hours during the year. That we approve also of the operation of a Five-Day Week for Tradesmen and Building Workers employed by the Council throughout the Winter period.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 28.—Water Supply Extension—Kilcoole to Knockroe—Report of County Engineer on Tenders Received.**

The County Engineer had reported that thirteen tenders were received within the prescribed time and two tenders received late in connection with the extension of the main to Knockroe and Pretty Bush, the lowest being that from the Irish Excavation Co., Ltd., 38, Lowrey Park, Dalkey, in the sum of £5,177 10s. 0d. Some difficulty had been experienced in contacting the firm and although they had been written to and a reply received concerning their experience in the work it was considered advisable to have personal contact with the Director, Mr. Noonan. Arrangements had been made to see Mr. Noonan on that date, but so far he had not arrived. It was hoped to have the whole matter settled in the near future and a detailed Report submitted. The County Secretary stated that it was expected that a Report would be available for the Meeting of the Council on the 16th inst. The Council noted the position in the matter.

**Item No. 29.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge.—“That A Proper Water Supply Be Provided for Five Council Cottages at Killegar, Enniskerry.”**

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

RLF/AD  
Courthouse,  
WICKLOW.  
9th November, 1964.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Provision of Water Supply to Five Cottages at Killegar, Enniskerry.

A Chara,

The proposal for a water supply to the five cottages at Killegar has been investigated and it has been found that the extension of the present main from Monastery would not be satisfactory, as these cottages are at an elevation which is on or above the top water level of the tank at Kilgarron. If it is desirable to use the Enniskerry Supply it is suggested that a 2" diameter main be laid from Monastery to Killegar and a booster pump inserted which would maintain the nec-



essary pressure. The distance of this main would be approximately 1,300 lin. yds. It is estimated that the cost of providing the main and pump house would be £1,500. The bringing of the water into the houses and provision of sinks, soakpits, etc., of course, will be additional to this amount. If this method is approved a more detailed estimate can be supplied. There is, of course, the possibility that a group water supply could be organised for these houses and could also be investigated, if required.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

COUNTY ENGINEER.

The Council agreed that the County Engineer investigate both alternatives in regard to the provision of the water supply and submit a further Report.

**Item No. 30.—Revision of Remuneration of Assistance Officers—Recommendation of Labour Court.**

The County Secretary stated that Recommendation No. 1811 from the Labour Court in regard to salaries of Assistance Officers employed by Local Authorities had been received and the Labour Court had recommended the application of a salary scale for Assistance Officers commencing at £550 and rising by thirteen annual increments of £35 to £1,005 per annum, the scale to have effect from the 1st October, 1963, and to be increased at all points by 12 per cent., with effect from 1st February, 1964.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That having noted Recommendation No. 1811 of the Labour Court we approve of the application to Assistance Officers of salary scale of £550 increasing by thirteen annual increments of £35 to £1,005 per annum, with effect from 1st October, 1963, and of the application of this scale, increased at all points by 12 per cent., with effect from 1st February, 1964.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 31.—Revision of Allowances of Home Assistance—To Authorise Necessary Expenditure.**

The County Secretary stated that it was the practice to revise the rates of Home Assistance Allowance when rates of Social Welfare Allowance were altered. Recipients of Social Welfare Assistance had been granted increases varying from 2s. 6d. to 5s. and it was proposed to grant similar increases in respect of Home Assistance.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton;

Resolved—That we approve of an increase in the Allowances for Home Assistance following on the increases in Social Welfare Assistance, which operated from 1st August, 1964, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of the increase in Home Assistance Allowances, with effect from 1st November, 1964.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 32.—Clinic at Killarney Road, Bray—Repairs and Decoration.**

The County Secretary stated that a quotation had been received in the sum of £195 15s. 0d. for the carrying out of further repairs and decoration to the Clinic at Bray. The work included providing a new waste from the Dentist's chair, making and fitting a new wicket gate at the head of the stairs, decoration of the Dentist's Room, Eye Specialist's Room and Main Corridor, realignment of gutters, etc. The work had been recommended as necessary by the Acting County Architect.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the carrying out of repairs at an estimated cost of £195 15s. 0d. at the Clinic, Killarney Road, Bray, in accordance with the Report of the Acting County Architect and Estimate submitted, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of such work.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 33.—Newcastle Mental Hospital—Repairs and Decoration to House for Senior Assistant Medical Officer and Additional Repairs to House for Resident Medical Superintendent.**

The County Secretary stated that the cost of redecorating and carrying out repairs to the house for the Senior Assistant Medical Officer at Newcastle Mental Hospital was estimated as £657 10s. 0d. A further expenditure of approximately £30 was necessary on provision of wall and ceiling lights in the house for the Resident Medical Superintendent.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of the carrying out of repairs, alterations, decorations and treatment required to residence of Senior Assistant Medical Officer for Newcastle Hospital at estimated cost of £657 10s. 0d. and approve also of provision and fitting of two wall-lights and seven ceiling-lights in Resident Medical Superintendent's residence at Newcastle Hospital at an estimated cost of £30 and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of such work.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 34.—St. Colman's Hospital—Alterations to Stairs—Report of Acting County Architect.**

The County Secretary stated that two stone staircases in the Main Block at St. Colman's leading to the Female and Male Wards had become very much worn in the centre of the threads and were regarded as dangerous for patients. The Acting County Architect had examined the possibility of replacing the staircases with two concrete staircases, or as an alternative, making the treads non-slip by fixing non-slip nosings on suitable packing material on the treads. He had reported that replacement of the existing staircases would cost approximately £1,200 and as they were built into the existing walls special precautions would have to be taken to preserve the stability of the walls during the works. In addition the amount of noise and disturbance during the works would make the building almost uninhabitable. Accordingly he recommended that non-slip nosings and treads at a cost of approximately £250 be fitted and stated that this would eliminate most of the



risk of tripping which existed at the moment.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the Acting County Architect for the carrying out of alterations to staircases at St. Colman's Hospital at an estimated cost of £250 and hereby authorise expenditure of this sum in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the work.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 35.—District Hospital, Wicklow—Re-surfacing of Entrance Avenue.**

It had been found that the surface of the pathway and approach road inside the main gate of the District Hospital, Wicklow, was in a very bad condition and that the approach avenue and footpath required re-surfacing. The County Engineer estimated the cost of re-surfacing at £365. The work consisted of laying 1,220 sq. yds. of 2" thick bitumen macadam on the approach avenue and laying 50 sq. yds. of 1" thick fine cold asphalt on the path.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That having considered Report of Acting County Engineer we approve of the provision of macadam surfacing at the District Hospital, Wicklow, and authorise expenditure of £365 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the provision of this surface on the approach avenue and footpath.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., raised the matter of the need for an additional light at the entrance gate and pointed out that the Urban District Council had claimed that the lighting was inadequate. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had been asked for a further Report in regard to the matter of lighting.

**Item No. 36.—St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown—Settlement of Account.**

The County Secretary stated that the Council had in previous years authorised expenditure in excess of the Estimates to meet the cost of the maintenance of patients in St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown, under the Agreement which then operated between the Council and the Dublin Health Authority. The balance due on this Account had been discussed with the representatives of the Dublin Health Authority and the sum due had now been determined at £5,488 10s. 10d. As the payment was being made in the current financial year it would be necessary for the Council to authorise the expenditure in the present year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Accountant we hereby authorise the expenditure of a sum of £5,488 10s. 10d. in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the settlement of balance of account for maintenance of patients in St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown, for period to 31st

March, 1962.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 37.—Proposed Purchase of Property at Greystones Railway Station—Recommendation of Committee of Members for Bray Electoral Area.**

The County Secretary stated that Bord Failte Eireann had been in touch with C.I.E. in regard to the acquisition of property adjoining the Greystones Railway Station and C.I.E. was now prepared to offer the area required to the Council for a sum of £800, by way of a Lease for a term of 250 years, at a rent of £1 per year and Rates. Bord Failte would be prepared to provide a Grant to the Council to meet the cost of the acquisition and also towards the cost of the future development of the area. The matter had been considered by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area who agreed that the offer should be accepted.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That having considered letter from Bord Failte Eireann, enclosing letter of 26th August, 1964, from C.I.E., we approve of the purchase by the Council of portion of the property of C.I.E. at Greystones Railway Station, as shown on the Drawing submitted, for the sum of £800, by way of Lease for a term of 250 years, at a rent of £1 per year and Rates, the Lease to include a covenant giving the Council the option to purchase the site during the currency of the Lease should the owners decide to sell. We hereby authorise expenditure of £800 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of the acquisition of this property.

Passed unanimously.

**Letting of Cottage at Ballyteskin, Wicklow.**

The County Secretary stated that, subject to the agreement of the Council, it was proposed to let a vacant cottage at Ballyteskin, Wicklow, to John Carton, whose family, consisting of his wife and four children, were being maintained in St. Colman's Hospital since the 11th July. The family had previously been living in England, where Mr. Carton was working. Mr. Carton was a native of Wicklow and his parents resided at Ballynerrin, Wicklow. He had obtained employment in the Gas Works in Wicklow town. The County Manager pointed out that special priority would have to be given to this family in view of the fact that they had no housing accommodation. The Council approved of the letting of the cottage to the Carton family.

**Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962.**

The Council approved of the making of a Loan of £900 to John Murphy, Holyvalley, Blessington, in respect of the erection of a new house at Holyvalley.

**Proposed Dispensary Residence at Rathdrum.**

The County Secretary stated that Sergeant Walsh, owner of the site at Rathdrum, proposed to be used for the purposes of a Dispensary Residence, had accepted the Council's offer of £225 for the site. The Council agreed that the approval of the Department of Health be sought to the purchase of the site and to the erection of a Dispensary Residence thereon.



# 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 we, the undersigned, will move a motion requesting the Council to pipe the stream alongside the Main Road at Newtownsaunders, Baltinglass.

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That I or someone for me will move that the Council grant permission for sale of cottage occupied by Michael Cullen, Redcross, to Miss Avril De Massey, and thereby rescind County Manager's Order and appropriate Section of City and County Managerial Act.

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That I or someone for me will move that Council send to Department of Local Government together Mr. J. H. McCarroll's Report on the proposed sale of Mr. Thomas Byrne's cottage at Aughavannagh, to Mr. Dermot Bouchier-Hayes, Leeson Street, Dublin, under appropriate Section of Labourers' Act, as he finds it impossible to sell to a qualified person.

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—I want a Report from County Engineer when he will be able to present his Report about extension of Old Reservoir at Aughrim.

The Council adjourned the remaining items on the Agenda to the Special Meeting of the Council to be held on the 16th November, 1964, in connection with the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 16th November, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D.; John Quigley, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D.; 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 J. Power attended. The Acting County Architect (Mr. P. J. Birmingham) also attended.

## AGENDA:

1. Remuneration of Rate Collectors—To receive Deputation from Irish Transport and General Workers' Union.
2. Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.
3. Site for Automatic Telephone Exchange at Newtownmountkennedy—Proposed interchange of sites with Department of Posts and Telegraphs. (Notice circulated to Members).
4. The Murrough, Wicklow—Letters from Wicklow Urban District Council and Wicklow Chamber of Commerce re Recreation Ground and Right-of-Way.
5. Itinerants—Circular from Department of Local Government re taking steps to meet main recommendations in Report of Commission on Itinerancy. (Copy circulated to Members).
6. Road Works on Tinahely/Togher Road—Recommendation of County Engineer.
7. Road Works at Carrigower Bridge—Report of County Engineer.
8. Works to be carried out prior to Christmas, 1964.
9. Water Supply Extension to Knockroe, Delgany.
10. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

### Item No. 1—Remuneration of Rate Collectors—To Receive Deputation from Irish Transport and General Workers' Union.

Councillor P. McCarthy introduced Deputy Michael Mullen and Mr. Somers, representatives of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union. Deputy Mullen addressed the Council in regard to the matter of remuneration of Rate Collectors and expressed his thanks to the Council for receiving the representatives of the Union. He stated that the Union had submitted a claim for an increase of 20 per cent. in the remuneration of Rate Collectors in January, 1964, and explained that this claim was in respect of the "Eighth Round," which included a "status" claim similar to claims which had been made on behalf of other officers of the Council. He stated that there had been lengthy correspondence with the Council in regard to the claim and there had also been a conference with representatives of the Council. It had not been possible to reach agreement and he contended that the requests made by the County Secretary for particulars of changes in remuneration in respect of similar employments outside the Local Authority Service was not reasonable. Deputy Mullen stated that particulars of changes in remuneration of other Local Authority Officers had been submitted with the claim, and he pointed out that the remuneration of the Rate Collector for Bray Urban District Council had been revised without requiring comparisons with outside employments. Deputy Mullen stated that the Union could, if required, submit evidence to show that the remuneration of persons in similar employment outside the Local Authority Service had been increased. Deputy Mullen asked if the Council could expedite a decision on the application submitted. Councillor J. J. McCrea,



Chairman, thanked the representatives of the Union for attending and stated that the matter would be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Council.

**Item No. 2—Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963**

The County Manager stated that a copy of the Act had been circulated to each Member and also a Memorandum prepared by the County Secretary in regard to provisions of the Act. It was a requirement under the Act that each Planning Authority prepare a Development Plan within a period of three years from the 1st October, 1964 (the date on which the Act came into operation). Consequently, the Co. Council and each of the Urban District Councils were required to prepare such a Plan. Two areas in the County were defined as "Scheduled Towns" under the Act, i.e., the Greystones/Delgany area and the Rathdrum area, and Plans would have to be prepared in respect of each of these towns. The boundary of these areas would have to be defined by the Council and proposals for determining the boundary would be submitted to the Council at the next Meeting. Under the former Town and Regional Planning Acts, Local Authorities were required to prepare a Plan for their area, but no time limit had been prescribed and, in fact, only in the case of Dublin City had a complete Plan been prepared. In other areas only Sketch Plans had been made available. Under the new Act the Development Plan had to be completed in three years, but could be amended by the Council, when required, and must be re-examined at least once in five years. It would be necessary to define areas in the County where development was likely to occur in regard to housing and industry, and where services could be made available. It would be necessary also to define areas of special amenity, where it might be necessary to restrict certain types of development. On account of the County's proximity to Dublin, County Wicklow was in a special position and Professor Wright, who had been appointed by the Minister to report on a Regional Plan for Dublin and an area within thirty miles of it, had visited Wicklow and had been supplied with data regarding the County Wicklow area.

The County Manager stated that the preparation of the Development Plan would depend on two points: (1) the approach of Members in regard to the general policy of the Plan; and (2) the type of staff which would be available for the work. It was difficult at present to give an estimate as to the cost of the preparation of the Plan, but it was considered that it would not be unreasonable to expect that portion of the cost would be met by way of a subsidy from the Road Fund since the Plan would relate to some extent with the improvement of communications and also from Water Supplies Grant as the Development Plan would be taking into account the future development of Sanitary Services. It was considered that the staff that was likely to be required would be a Planning Officer of the rank of Chief Assistant County Engineer, an Assistant Planning Officer, possibly an Assistant County Engineer, a Draughtsman, a Staff Officer, Clerical Officer and Clerk/Typist. The County Manager stated, however, that there might be difficulty in recruiting suitable staff as there were only a limited number of persons having the necessary qualifications in Planning techniques available at present. Councillor Temple inquired as to the functions which were "reserved functions" under the Act and those which were "executive functions," and stated that it appeared to him that the Council would not be in a position in future to avail of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, to require the County Manager to grant permission for a particular development which had been refused by the County Manager. It was pointed out by Councillor H. J. Byrne that the preparation of the Development Plan and the adoption of the Plan was a matter for the

Members of the Council, who also had the power to amend the Development Plan as and when considered necessary. He felt that consequently there was unlikely to be any need to operate the provisions of Section 4. The County Manager would be obliged to deal with individual applications for planning permission within the framework of the Development Plan, as adopted by the Council. As regards the matter of the staff required for the preparation of the Plan, the County Manager stated that the County Engineer was examining the matter and that his Report would be available for submission to the next Meeting of the Council. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., suggested that a small Committee might be appointed to examine the matter of the recruitment of staff. The County Manager stated that the County Engineer and County Architect would have functions in regard to the preparation of the Development Plan, but, as already indicated, a Planning Officer would be required, or a Consultant might be engaged. A Draughtsman would certainly be needed as, apart from work on the Development Plan, it was considered that a Draughtsman was necessary for dealing with the preparation of Plans for Road Improvements at present. Councillor Temple inquired whether one Planning Staff might be recruited to deal with both the County Health District and the Plans for the three Urban Areas. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, pointed out that each of the Urban Areas was responsible for the preparation of its own Development Plan and might not wish to be associated with the County for this purpose. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., urged that the Department of Local Government be approached with a view to ascertaining what subsidy would be made available towards the cost of the preparation of the Development Plan. The County Manager stated that he would take up this matter with the Department of Local Government.

**Item No. 3—Site For Automatic Telephone Exchange at Newtownmountkennedy—Proposed Interchange of Sites With Department of Posts and Telegraphs. (Notice Circulated to Members).**

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

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,  
Kilmantin Hill,  
Wicklow.  
27th October, 1964.

Chairman and Members of County Council.

**Re: Site For Automatic Telephone Exchange  
at Newtownmountkennedy—Proposed Exchange of Sites.**

Dear Councillor,

The Department of Posts and Telegraphs have been seeking a suitable site for an Automatic Telephone Exchange at Newtownmountkennedy and acquired a site at the Northern end of the village which was considered by the Council as unsuitable since it was likely to be affected by Road Improvements in the future. Following discussions with Officers of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs, it was agreed that a site on the Car Park, adjoining Mr. Daniel Dunne's premises, would be suitable for the purposes of an Exchange and Mr. Dunne agreed to surrender the small portion of the Car Park required for the purposes of a site. It is proposed, subject to the agreement of the Council, to dispose of the site on the Car Park to the Dept. of Posts and Telegraphs for the purposes of an Automatic Telephone Exchange and to accept in exchange the site which had been acquired by the Department at the Northern end of the village and which will be needed at a later date for Road Improvement.

The area required by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs measures approximately 58 ft. x 38 ft., 6 ins. and forms part of the



existing Car Park adjoining Mr. Daniel Dunne's premises and which was leased by the Council to Mr. Dunne in 1953, subject to a ground rent of £1 per annum. This site had originally been acquired by the Council from the Leonard Estate for housing purposes. It is proposed to dispose of the land to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs and to accept in exchange the site at the Northern end of the village.

In accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, notice is hereby given of intention to dispose of the plot at the Car Park to the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs on the terms indicated. The matter will be included on the Agenda for the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 9th November, 1964.

Yours sincerely,

K. J. BRANGAN,  
County Secretary.

It was

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

Resolved—That in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, we hereby approve of the arrangement for the making available of a site for an Automatic Telephone Exchange for the Department of Posts and Telegraphs at Newtownmountkennedy on the Car Park at Newtownmountkennedy and for the disposal of such plot to the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs in consideration of the transfer to the Council of site at the Northern end of the village in the ownership of the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs and required by the Council for Road Improvement.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 4—The Murrough, Wicklow—Letters from Wicklow Urban District Council and Wicklow Chamber of Commerce re Recreation Ground and Right-of-Way.**

The following letters from Wicklow Urban District Council and Wicklow Chamber of Commerce were submitted:—

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL,

Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
County Council Offices,  
Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow.

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.  
20th October, 1964

Re: Recreation Ground—Outer Murrough, Wicklow.

A Chara,

You may be aware that in 1962 the Council came to an arrangement with C.I.E. whereby an accommodation level crossing was provided so as to give access over the railway line to the outer Murrough to members of the public. This crossing is in operation during the period 1st May to 30th September each year and cars are permitted to cross to the Sea-front.

The Corporation Murrough is, of course, the property of the Urban Council, and as one proceeds northwards and just across the Urban Boundary one meets Bollarney Murrough. This is the property of Goulding Fertilizers, Ltd., but the Council came to an arrangement with that firm whereby the firm agreed to the access of the public to that part of the Sea Murrough for recreational purposes.

Further northwards one meets Knockrobin Murrough and so on towards Newcastle. These latter Murroughs are in private ownership, but from time immemorial it is contended that the public had a

right-of-way. Regrettably in recent years efforts by these private owners have been made to restrict this right along the Sea Murrough.

You may be aware that the Promenade, due to storm damage over the past few years and the type of protection works recently carried out, is now not altogether suitable or attractive for bathers and tourists. The inner Murrough is being devoted to industrial use and will shortly be no longer available for recreational purposes. In view of these things my Council consider it desirable that the Sea Murrough be kept open and available for public use and if possible facilities developed there for recreational purposes. With the exception of the Corporation Murrough, the remainder of the Sea Murrough up as far as Newcastle is under the jurisdiction of the Wicklow County Council, and my Council would appreciate if you would examine what steps could be taken by you under the provisions of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to meet their wishes in this regard.

Mise, le meas,

M. J. CUSACK,  
Town Clerk.

WICKLOW AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

Secretary,  
Wicklow County Council,  
Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow.

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.  
21st October, 1964.

Re: Right-of-Way along Sea Murrough.

A Chara,

For some time past the Chamber of Commerce has been perturbed about interference with the long established right-of-way along the Sea Murrough towards Newcastle.

It is understood that the title deeds to Tinnakilly Murrough show that a public right-of-way does exist, but it is understood that the title deeds to Clonmannon do not concede that a right-of-way exists through that property. However, it is contended that the public for a very long time past has exercised a right-of-way along the entire length of the Murrough, at least to Newcastle.

The Chamber is very perturbed about this encroachment on the rights of the public, but has found that legally there is nothing they can do to safeguard the position.

It is noted, however, that under the provisions of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, the County Council, as Planning Authority for the rural area, would be empowered to preserve existing public rights-of-way of this kind. It is considered essential that the Planning Authority should act in this matter at a very early date.

The Chamber has also learned of the application by the Urban Council to you to have the entire Sea Murrough from Wicklow town to Newcastle designated a public residential space and wish to support the Urban Council's application. It is realised that it might be a very large undertaking to have the entire Sea Murrough devoted to public recreational purposes. It might be more feasible to have certain sections designated as such and the right-of-way to the remainder of the Murrough maintained.

Mise, le meas,

M. J. CUSACK,  
Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that the Council could provide in the Development Plan to be prepared under the provisions of the



Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for the preservation of existing rights-of-way. The Council was also granted power under the Act to acquire rights-of-way. Before a right-of-way could be included in a Development Plan, however, it would be necessary to have confirmation that such right-of-way existed. The Town Clerk, Wicklow U.D.C., had indicated that Members of the Council were prepared to give evidence of having used the right-of-way along the Sea Murrough to Killoughter and also knew of a number of old residents in the town who would be able to give evidence of the existence of this public right-of-way. If it were desired to use part of the Sea Murrough for recreation purposes it would be necessary for the Council to actually acquire portion of the land, as the right-of-way merely gave permission to the public to pass across land. The Council noted the position and agreed that, subject to the necessary confirmation being available of the existence of the right-of-way, that provision would be made in the County Development Plan for the preservation of this right-of-way along the Murrough from Wicklow Urban boundary to Killoughter.

**Item No. 5—Itinerants—Circular from Department of Local Government re Taking Steps to Meet Main Recommendations in Report of Commission on Itinerancy (Copy Circulated to Members).**

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

Dept. of Local Government,  
Custom House,  
Dublin 1.  
Circular No. L.14/64.

Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil,  
Teach An Chustaim,  
Baile Atha Cliath 1.  
4th November, 1964.

**REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON ITINERANCY.**

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that the Government have had under consideration the Report of the Commission on Itinerancy and have decided to take the following steps immediately to meet the main recommendations in the Report:—

- (a) An unpaid Advisory Committee to advise Government Departments on measures to promote the rehabilitation and absorption of itinerants will be established by the Minister for Local Government.
- (b) Encouragement will be given to the setting up of local voluntary committees which will help in the resettlement of itinerant families and to the employment of professional social workers by local authorities. The Minister for Local Government will give financial assistance to such committees and to local authorities for these purposes.
- (c) Pending the solution of the difficulties associated with the housing of itinerants, local authorities will be advised to provide fully serviced camping sites for the accommodation of itinerants. State subsidy will be given to local authorities at a rate not exceeding two-thirds of the loan charges on capital costs of such sites and subsidy at the normal rate for the provision of sanitary services will be payable in respect of halting places with minimum facilities for the accommodation of small numbers of caravans.
- (d) Local authorities will be exhorted to acquaint itinerants of the health services available to them, to encourage them to avail of these services as much as possible and to arrange for regular visiting of encampments by health personnel.

- (e) Provision will be made for giving special educational facilities both primary and vocational, to the children of itinerants, and for the erection of special camp schools where necessary.
- (f) Any difficulties which may arise in the way of payment of social welfare allowances to itinerants will as far as possible be eliminated.

The first and most essential step in the settlement of itinerants will be the provision of serviced camping sites and halting places. The Minister would therefore bespeak the early attention of all local authorities in whose areas of jurisdiction large numbers of itinerants tend to congregate in the provision of these sites. Section 77 (2) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, gives local authorities the necessary powers in this behalf and Section 16 of the Act provides a basis for combined action by local authorities. The detailed organisation and management of the sites will be a matter for the responsible local authority in each case, but it is suggested that the lines indicated by the Commission at Chapter VIII of their Report should be adopted as far as practicable. As regards layout, etc., the Department's model standards for caravan sites should be borne in mind.

As indicated at (c) above, State subsidy will be paid to local authorities towards the provision of camping sites. Subject to the Minister's approval of the works proposed, the full cost of the establishment of camping sites, including land acquisition and the provision of the amenities suggested by the Commission at Chapter VIII of their Report, will be taken into account for the purpose of subsidy, and the subsidy will also be payable towards the cost of providing immobile accommodation for allocation to tent-dwelling families.

The Minister would be glad to have a reply by 1st December on the action taken or proposed to be taken by the local authority.

Mise, le meas,

G. DOHERTY.

To each Sanitary Authority.

Following a discussion on the difficulties of finding suitable locations for serviced camping sites, the Council desired to refer this matter of selecting sites, where required, to the Committees of the Members of each of the four Electoral Areas.

**Item No. 6—Road Works on Tinahely/Togher Road—Recommendation of County Engineer.**

Councillor J. J. McCrea asked that this matter be deferred to the next Meeting in order that he might have an opportunity of meeting the landowner from whom land was required for the Road Improvement Scheme at Kilcavan Gap and reaching an agreement with him in regard to the acquisition of the land required for the Scheme. The Council agreed to defer the matter to the next Meeting.

**Item No. 7—Road Works at Carrigower Bridge—Report of Co. Engineer.**

With reference to the Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors O'Neill, James Miley, M. Deering and G. Timmins, as to when the work on the improvement of the Main Road at Carrigower Bridge would be commenced, the County Engineer stated that preliminary Plans had been made for the work, but the Temporary Engineer who had been engaged on them had since left the service of the Council and it had not been possible to complete the Plans. As soon as the Plans were completed the sanction of the Department to proceeding with the Scheme could be sought, but he was not in a position to



say at present when the actual work would commence. On the recommendation of the Members of the Council for the area, it was agreed that if it were not possible to complete the work by the 31st March application would be made to the Department of Local Government for an extension of time to enable the work to be completed.

**Item No. 3—Works to be Carried Out Prior to Christmas, 1964.**

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that he had asked that this item be included on the Agenda and stated that it was the usual practice of the Council to arrange for extra work to be commenced shortly before Christmas so as to provide additional employment. The County Secretary stated that works under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote to a total cost of £1,135 would be commenced prior to Christmas and these involved Schemes at Baltinglass, Rathdrum, Rathnew and Shillelagh. The Council decided to defer the matter to the next Meeting and asked that the recommendations of the County Engineer in regard to works which might be commenced at this time be submitted.

**Item No. 9—Water Supply Extension to Knockroe, Delgany.**

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended the acceptance of the tender of the Irish Excavation Co., Ltd., 38, Lowrey Park, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, in the sum of £5,177 10s. 0d. for the extension of the main from Kilcoole to Knockroe and Pretty Bush. This tender was the lowest of the thirteen tenders received in time.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer, we approve of the acceptance of the tender of Irish Excavation Co., Ltd., in the sum of £5,177 10s. 0d. for the Water Supply Extension from Kilcoole to Knockroe, subject to the sanction of the Minister, and hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £5,430 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of twenty-five years, to defray the cost of such work.

Passed unanimously.

**NOTICES OF MOTION.**

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

In the name of Councillor J. D. Haughton—Re: Council Cottages, Bahana, Rathdrum. Occupiers: Kenny, Lyons, Hudson, Armstrong and Flynn. I hereby give notice that I or someone on my behalf will move that water be provided for the above tenants. Meantime, I would ask that the County Medical Officer submit a Report on the condition of the present or existing water supply.

In the names of Councillors J. Miley and M. J. O'Neill—That I or someone for me will move that a water supply be provided by this Council in Hollywood.

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That I or someone for me will move that the Council request the County Engineer to make arrangements for transfer of two roads passing through Annacurra village, from Kilballyowen to Annacurra Cross Roads, to Aughrim Overseer's Area, and have some urgent repairs arranged for in 1965/66 Estimates.

**WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 7th December, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors P. Brennan, T.D., John Quigley, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, 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, due to illness, was received from Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, and an apology was also received from Councillor P. McCarthy, who was unable to attend.

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

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

**AGENDA:**

1. Applications for consent to sale of Vested Cottages at (1) Ballymorris, Aughrim; (2) Merrymount, Rathnew; (3) Baronstown Upper; and (4) Tomacork, Carnew.
2. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley as follows:—  
"That I or someone for me will move that Council grant permission for sale of cottage occupied by Michael Cullen, Redcross, to Miss Avril De Massey, and hereby rescind County Manager's Order, appropriate Section of City and County Managerial Act."
3. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley as follows:—  
That I or someone for me will move that Council sent to Department of Local Government together Mr. J. H. McCarroll's Report on the proposed sale of Mr. Thomas Byrne's cottage at Aughavannagh to Mr. Dermot Bouchier-Hayes, Leeson St., Dublin, under appropriate Section of Labourers' Act. As he finds it impossible to sell to a qualified person."
4. Leasing of sites to persons for erection of private dwellinghouses at Blessington.
5. Application for Loan for Erection of House.
6. Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963—Decisions to refuse permission.
7. Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963—Application for State Subsidy and Staffing.
8. Repairs to Cottages carried out during month of November, 1964, and Cottages to be repaired during the month of December, 1964.
9. Replacement of Boiler at Wicklow District Hospital—Recommendation of County Engineer.

**Remarks by District Justice.**

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that he understood a letter had been addressed to the Council by the Secretary of the Rathnew Branch of Muinir na Tire on an important matter and asked that it be read to the Meeting. The following letter was submitted.



**MUINTIR NA TIRE**

Parish Guild, Rathnew,  
Co. Wicklow.

4, Upper Main Street,  
Rathnew,  
Co. Wicklow.  
29/11/64

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

Sir,

A Parish Council Meeting was held on Friday, 27th November, and a Public Meeting on Sunday, 29th November, to discuss the words used by Justice A. Lanigan-O'Keeffe at Wicklow District Court on Tuesday, 17th November, about the people of Rathnew. (We enclose copies of his words which appeared in both the "Wicklow People" and "Evening Herald"). It was unanimously agreed at both Meetings to ask you to put our objection before the County Council Members at their next Meeting. The Council Members are elected by the people of County Wicklow and we believe it is their duty to refute the words used by the District Justice for the people of Rathnew.

The population of Rathnew is over 800 and we consider this community as decent as any other in the country. The Justice was seriously wrong in condemning the whole village when he was only dealing with a domestic case.

We would appreciate it if you would place this letter on the Minutes for the next Council Meeting.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours respectfully,  
EAMONN McGETTIGAN.  
(Runai).

P.S.—We are also informing some of the Members of the County Council of this letter.

The following extract from the issue of the "Wicklow People" of the 21st November, 1964, was read:—

Giving his decision in the case the Justice said: "I will bind the entire village of Rathnew to the peace and send them all to Mountjoy if they keep going on like this. Every single one should be thoroughly ashamed. You call yourselves Christians, but you are not, and I don't know what you are."

If savages in the middle of Africa behaved like this there would be some excuse for them. You are going around pretending to be Christians, but you are not, because one of the principles of Christianity is to be charitable and kind."

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that he had represented the people of Rathnew since 1918 and he was surprised that a responsible person such as a District Justice would make such a charge against the whole community. He stated that these remarks had been given considerable publicity and he asked that the Council disassociate itself from this unjustifiable attack on a hard-working and industrious people. He stated that the Justice had no justification for charging the whole village as he had done. Members of the Council having supported strongly the remarks of Deputy Everett, Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, suggested that the District Justice should be given an opportunity of retracting his statement, and if not, the Council could take the matter further.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,  
Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That we dissociate ourselves from the remarks of District Justice Lanigan-O'Keeffe in regard to the people of Rathnew and that he be asked to withdraw his remarks and apologise to the people of Rathnew.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 1—Applications for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottages.****Cottage at Ballymorris, Aughrim:**

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Joseph Kelly, tenant-purchaser of Cottage No. 368/10 at Ballymorris, Aughrim, had applied for consent to the disposal of his interest in the Cottage to Mr. Liam Blake, The Gap, Ballycoursey, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford, for the sum of £1,000. Mr. Blake was a labourer, married with two children and appeared eligible. The reason for the seemingly high price being paid in respect of the cottage was due to the number of improvements which had been carried out by the tenant-purchaser and details of these were given to the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley,  
Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by Mr. Joseph Kelly of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 368/10 at Ballymorris, Aughrim, to Mr. Liam Blake, The Gap, Ballycoursey, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.

Passed unanimously.

**Cottage at Merrymeeting, Rathnew:**

The County Secretary submitted the application of Mr. Peter O'Connor, Merrymeeting, Rathnew, for consent to the sale of his cottage No. 280/11 to Mr. Aloysius Caffrey for the sum of £300. The cottage was vested in Mr. O'Connor as from the 1st November, 1964, and he applied for consent to the sale of the cottage on the 2nd November, 1964. Mr. O'Connor stated he had alternative accommodation in England, where his family was.

It was

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

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by Mr. Peter O'Connor, Merrymeeting, Rathnew, of his interest in Vested Cottage at Merrymeeting (No. 280/11) to Mr. Aloysius Caffrey, Bally-Killavane, Rathnew.

Passed unanimously.

**Cottage at Baronstown Upper:**

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill,  
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by Mr. Richard Murphy of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 69/1 at Baronstown, Grangecon, to Mr. Daniel Kearney, Tinode, Baltinglass.

Passed unanimously.

**Cottage at Tomacork, Carnew:**

The County Secretary stated that the application of Mr. Joseph



Kilbride, tenant-purchaser of cottage at Tomacork, Carnew, for consent to the sale of his cottage to a Mr. N. J. Murphy, 79, Beaumont Ave., Dublin, who was a retired British Railway worker, had been considered by the Council previously and had been deferred pending obtaining the views of the Council's Solicitor as to whether Mr. Murphy was a qualified person. The opinion of the Council's Solicitor had been obtained and in his letter he pointed out that Mr. Murphy was the owner of a house in Dublin and was not a qualified person to purchase the cottage. Councillor P. Brennan, T.D., pointed out that a house in the Shillelagh area had been sold to a C.I.E. pensioner some time previously and the purchaser in that case had been accepted as being a qualified person. He did not understand why a retired British Railway worker would not also be qualified. Councillor Temple pointed out that the proposed purchaser in this case was the owner of a house in Dublin and he felt that in such cases where a cottage became vacant it should be bought by the Council at a reasonable price and made available for some other person in the area who was in need of housing. The County Manager stated that the question of manual employment arose in determining whether or not a person was qualified to purchase a cottage and it might have been that the C.I.E. pensioner referred to had been manually employed and the present applicant had been employed as an official and this would make a distinction. On the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, the Council agreed to defer the matter for further examination and submission of the particulars in the case of the cottage referred to by Councillor P. Brennan, T.D.

**Item No. 2—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley as Follows:—**"That I or Someone For Me will Move that Council Grant Permission for Sale of Cottage Occupied by Michael Cullen, Red-Cross, to Miss Avril De Massey, and Hereby Rescind County Manager's Order, Appropriate Section of City and County Managerial Act."

Councillor Quigley stated that the name of Michael Cullen in the Notice of Motion had been given in error and that the Notice referred to the cottage of Mrs. Kearns. He stated that consent to the sale had been refused because Miss Avril De Massey was not regarded as a qualified person. He submitted three letters which he stated would show that this person was a manual labourer. The matter was deferred by the Council for examination of the letters submitted by Councillor Quigley.

**Item No. 3—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley as Follows:—**"That I or Someone for me Will Move that Council send to Department of Local Government Together Mr. J. H. McCarroll's Report on the Proposed Sale of Mr. Thomas Byrne's Cottage at Aughavannagh to Mr. Dermot Bouchier-Hayes, Leeson Street, Dublin, under Appropriate Section of Labourers' Act. As he finds it Impossible to Sell to a Qualified Person."

Councillor Quigley stated that the applicant, Mr. Thomas Byrne, had been trying for the past three years to sell his cottage to a qualified person, but had been unable to find a qualified person to purchase it. In the circumstances he felt that Mr. Byrne should be permitted to sell the cottage to Mr. Dermot Bouchier-Hayes. On the proposal of Councillor Quigley, seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh, the Council agreed that particulars of the matter be submitted to the Department indicating that in the circumstances the Council felt that consent should be given to the sale of the cottage.

**Item No. 4.—Leasing of Sites to Persons for Erection of Private Dwellings at Blessington.**

The County Secretary stated that there were four sites available for leasing to persons wishing to erect private dwellings at Blessington. Five persons had originally applied for sites and all had been furnished with a Map showing the sites available and it had been indicated to them that the houses to be erected would have to be semi-detached having regard to the lay-out of the site. Of the five applicants Mr. John F. Davin, St. Mary's National School, Blessington, and Sergt. F. H. Reynolds, Garda Station, Blessington, had indicated that they were prepared to lease sites 'A' and 'B' and Mr. Davin had specifically mentioned site 'B'. Of the other three applicants Mr. Patrick J. Brown had obtained an alternative site, Mr. D. J. Bohan had withdrawn his application, and Mr. James V. Bohan did not reply. It was proposed to lease the sites for terms of 150 years, with ground rents of £10 per annum.

It was

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

**Resolved—**That we approve of the leasing of site 'A' at Blessington to Sergt. F. H. Reynolds, Garda Station, Blessington, and of site 'B' at Blessington to Mr. John F. Davin, St. Mary's N.S., Blessington, for the purpose of erecting semi-detached houses on these sites, the lease in each case to be for a term of 150 years, and subject to a ground rent of £10 p.a.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 5.—Application for Loan for Erection of House.**

The County Secretary submitted an application of Mr. Michael Cullen, The Lambe, Manor Kilbride, for a Loan of £1,500 in respect of the erection of a house at Manor Kilbride. Particulars of the income of the applicant were given to the Council in committee and the County Secretary stated that having regard to the annual outgoings in respect of the house there seemed to be doubt as to whether the applicant would be in a position to meet the charges in respect of the Loan he was seeking. The Council decided to defer the application for further information.

**Item No. 6.—Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 Decisions to Refuse Permission.**

The County Secretary stated that during the month of November there had been decisions to refuse permission for erection of houses in three instances as follows:—

1. Application of Mrs. G. M. Slazenger for erection of house at Ardinary, Brittas Bay.
2. Application of Mr. J. P. Murphy, Dunbur Lower, Wicklow, for use of site near Glen Strand, Wicklow, for erection of house.
3. Application of Mr. C. G. Cooney, Kilpoole, for erection of a house at Kilpoole.

In the case of Mrs. Slazenger and Mr. J. P. Murphy the sites for the proposed houses were between the public road and the sea and it was considered that in both cases the erection of houses on these sites would be undesirable as they would occupy very prominent positions and would thereby injure the amenities of the area. In the case of Mr. C. G. Cooney the house was proposed to be sited adjoining the new Coast Road from Wicklow to Magheramore, which had been constructed pri-



marily for the purpose of providing access to the coast. The County Manager referred to Circular PD.1 of the 31st August, 1964, from the Department of Local Government, in which advice was given to Local Authorities in regard to the preparation of the Development Plan under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, and pointed out that under the heading of "AMENITIES" it was stated that Ireland was one of the few countries in Western Europe which still possessed large areas of relatively unspoiled natural landscape and water frontages (coastline, lakeshore and river banks). It was pointed out that Planning Authorities were the guardians of these important national assets and their first duty was to safeguard scenic areas and that particular care should be exercised where building developments were proposed between public roads and seashores or lakeshores. The County Manager stated that he had regard to this advice in deciding to refuse permission in these cases.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received for outline permission for the use of sites on the Earl of Meath's lands at Boghall for factories and if the Council agreed it was proposed to discuss this application with the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their next Local Meeting. The Council agreed and a Meeting of the Members of the Committee was arranged for Friday, the 18th December, 1964.

Councillor Temple inquired whether, in the event of a difference of opinion between the Members of the Council and the County Manager in relation to an application under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, prior to the completion of the Development Plan for the County, the Council could avail of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to require the County Manager to give effect to their views. The County Manager stated that it did not seem to him that Section 4 could be operated in regard to applications under the Planning and Development Act. On the proposal of Councillor J. Temple it was agreed that the Opinion of Senior Counsel be obtained as to the Council's powers in this regard.

**Item No. 7.—Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963—Application for State Subsidy and Staffing.**

The County Manager stated that at the Special Meeting in regard to the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act the Council had decided that information be obtained as to the extent of subsidy which might be available from State funds towards the cost of preparing the Development Plan required under the Act. So far he had not received any information on the matter, but understood that a number of other Local Authorities had also made similar inquiries. He felt that it was the general opinion of Local Authorities that State Assistance should be available towards the cost of preparing the plan. As regards the staff which would be required to prepare the Plan he stated that it would seem that the following staff would be necessary:—

A Planning Officer; Assistant Planning Officer; a Draughtsman; Staff Officer; Clerical Officer; and Clerk/Typist.

The cost of this staff would be in the region of £6,000 per year. Councillor Temple inquired if the staff indicated could take on the job of Planning for the three Urban Councils as well as for the County. The County Manager stated that this matter had been considered at a Meeting of Arklow Urban Council on the previous Friday night, but that no definite decision had been taken by the Council as to whether they would be associated with the County Council Planning. This matter of the association of the Urban Councils with the County Council would require further examination and at present he was not in a

position to advise as the Urban District Councils had not all considered the matter fully.

In regard to the actual preparation of the Plan the County Manager stated that it was likely that Aerial Surveys would be used for Planning purposes as this would expedite the ascertaining of the existing position. The Council had had approved of the use of Aerial Surveys for the Arterial Road from Bray to Wicklow and also for the Arterial Road from Dublin bounds to Baltinglass. The Council noted that it would probably be necessary to avail of Aerial Surveys in connection with the preparation of the Plan.

**Item No. 8.—Repairs to Cottages Carried Out During Month of November, 1964, and Cottages to be Repaired During the Month of December, 1964.**

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

**Employment at Christmas.**

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., inquired as to whether preparations had been made to provide work for unemployed for some weeks prior to Christmas. The County Engineer stated that the Council would be employing as many as possible with the money available, but there was little money left and it would not be possible, with the existing funds, to employ additional men. He pointed out that there had been a substantial increase in wages at the beginning of that year, but no increased funds had been provided and inevitably there would be some reduction in the total employment. He had received particulars from Assistant County Engineers of work which could be done and he estimated that a sum of £2,230 would be required.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple,

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved—That we authorise expenditure of £2,500 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to enable employment to be provided prior to Christmas.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 9.—Replacement of Boiler at Wicklow District Hospital—Recommendation of County Engineer.**

The County Secretary stated that the Boiler in the District Hospital, Wicklow, had become defective and required replacement and the County Engineer, having consulted with Bord na Mona, recommended the purchase of a "Beeston" Boiler and a special Hopper to be supplied by Bord na Mona, at a total cost, including installation, of £700.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer for the purchase of a turf-burning Boiler at a cost of £400 and a Gravity-Feed Hopper Unit at a cost of £200, to replace the Boiler at the District Hospital, Wicklow, and authorise expenditure of £700 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the purchase and installation of the new equipment.

Passed unanimously.

**Cottage at Eadestown.**

In reply to Councillor J. Miley the County Secretary stated that the



Department of Local Government had replied indicating that the Minister was prepared to approve of the graded rent scale submitted by the Council and that on receipt of the relevant Letting Certificate subsidy in respect of the cottage at Eadestown would be determined, in accordance with the Housing (Management and Letting) Regulations, 1950 and 1953. The details of the circumstances of the tenant had been submitted to the Department and it was expected that full subsidy would be obtained in this case. The Council noted the position in the matter.

#### Water in House at Carrigoona.

Councillor H. J. Byrne produced a sample of water which had been taken from a house at Carrigoona which had a private supply from a well. The water was very much discoloured and it had not been possible for the owner of the house to remedy the matter. He asked if it would be possible to expedite the completion of arrangements with Dublin Corporation so that a supply could be given to these houses. The County Manager pointed out that Dublin Corporation would not continue to supply water indefinitely to County Wicklow and before an agreement could be reached with the Corporation it was necessary for the Council to determine the likely future demands for water in County Wicklow during the next twenty years. This matter had been under active consideration and estimates of the demands had been prepared and were under examination by the County Engineer. The County Manager pointed out that Dublin Corporation themselves were having heavy demands for water and it was their view that Wicklow should act independently and arrange for supplies from sources in County Wicklow. Two sources were under consideration—one at Garryduff and the other at Lough Dan—and it was hoped that it would be possible to submit Reports regarding these proposals fairly soon. Councillor Temple asked if, as a temporary arrangement, an extension could be made to the Enniskerry Scheme which would supply Kilmacanogue as well as Carrigoona. The County Manager pointed out that this could be considered when the future demands on the Enniskerry Scheme and on other Schemes had been agreed. The County Manager pointed out that the Council had done quite a lot in regard to water supplies in recent years and he mentioned the Regional Scheme, which served Wicklow, the Enniskerry Scheme and Glenealy Scheme, all of which had been designed by Professor Purcell, and which had proved very effective. The Arklow Scheme had also been augmented.

#### Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor Edward Byrne—That in view of the refusal of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to provide a public telephone kiosk at Kilmurray, that we, the Wicklow County Council, ask the Department to reconsider their decision in view of the urgency and demand for such service.

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill—Requesting the Council to expedite the work in excavating the brook crossing under the roadway at Randalstown and Ballinatone, Stratford-On-Slaney.

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—That the Council complete the acquisition of the site from Michael Sherlock, Kilbride, Wicklow, immediately, in order to expedite the erection of a cottage for Richard Greene, Kilbride, Wicklow.

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—That the Council direct the County Engineer to make provision in the forthcoming Estimate for a public Car Park in vicinity of Catholic Church, Aughrim.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th December, 1964, 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 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 J. Power were present.

The County Secretary submitted the following letter received from Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman:—

CARNEW.

14/12/64.

Dear Mr. Brangan,

I regretfully find I am unable to be present at to-day's meeting of the County Council, due to recent illness.

Will you kindly convey to the Members my appreciation of their kindness and co-operation during the past year and my sincere good wishes for a very enjoyable Xmas and every happiness during 1965.

I will also ask you to convey to all the Officials, Press and your good self, my grateful appreciation and good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

J. J. MCCREA.

The Members of the Council asked that their best wishes be conveyed to the Chairman for his speedy recovery and for Christmas and the New Year.

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

#### AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 14th September, 5th and 12th October, 1964.
2. Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 31st March, 1965.
3. To consider Financial Scheme of Vocational Education Committee for year 1965/66.
4. To consider making a Declaration that Road at Lough Dan be declared to be a Public Road.
5. Memorial from residents at Glencap Commons (North) for taking over of Road as a Public Road.
6. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:—"That County Engineer in preparing Road Estimate for 1965/66 make provision for improvement of footpaths in Aughrim and the extension of footpath from Ardee Road to Rednagh Road junction, with the removal of grass margin from Morrissey's Corner to same point at opposite side of road."
7. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:—"That County Engineer in preparing Road Estimate for 1965/66 be requested to submit a list of public roadways not maintained by the Council



- which have come before that Body with a request for taking over, either by Notice of Motion of a Member or a request from Rate-payers in Arklow Electoral Area, during lifetime of present Council, with a view of submitting to Department of Local Government for sanction for raising of Loan to cover cost of taking over such roads, as we regard such people as contributing to Road Fund while getting no benefit therefrom."
8. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:—"That the Council request the County Engineer to make arrangement for transfer of two roads passing through Annacurra village from Killyowen to Annacurra Crossroads to Aughrim Overseer's Area and have some urgent repairs arranged for in 1965/'66 Estimates."
  9. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins:—"That the Council pipe the stream alongside the Main Road at Newtownsaunders, Baltinglass."
  10. Main Road Improvement Grant, 1964/'65 — Proposed transfer of moneys from Scheme at Kilcavan Gap to Scheme on Tinaheely/Togher Road.
  11. Application on behalf of Macra Na Tuaithe, Baltinglass, for use of plot beside Baltinglass/Carlow Road for growing flowers, etc.
  12. Coast Erosion at Arklow—Letter from Arklow Pottery, Ltd., regarding coast erosion and removal of sand from Foreshore above high-water mark.
  13. St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum—Expenditure on Repairs and Painting.
  14. Proposed appointment of two additional Public Health Nurses for districts of Kiltegan/Baltinglass and Blessington/Dunlavin.
  15. Revision of salary scale for County Dentist.
  16. Blessington Water Supply Improvement—Report of Consulting Engineer on present position re Scheme.
  17. Laragh/Annamoe Water Supply Scheme—Report of Consulting Engineer on present position re Scheme.
  18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. D. Haughton:—"That a water supply be provided for Council cottages at Bahana, Rathdrum, occupied by Messrs. Kenny, Lyons, Hudson, Armstrong and Flynn."
  19. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley requesting Report from County Engineer re proposed taking of water supply from Old Reservoir at Aughrim.
  20. Notice of Motion in name of Councillors J. Miley and M. J. O'Neill:—"That a water supply be provided by the Council in Hollywood."
  21. Memorial from residents of Ennis Lane, Redford, Greystones, requesting the provision of piped water supply to their cottages.
  22. Abstract of Accounts of Council for year to 31st March, 1964.
  23. Application for consent to sale of Vested Cottage at Tomacork, Carnew.
  24. Scenic View at Blessington—Road 374—Letter from Bord Fáilte Éireann regarding Grant and Report of Deputy County Engineer on works carried out.
  25. Remuneration of Rate Collectors.
  26. Letter from Department of Local Government regarding "BUY IRISH" Campaign.
  27. Minutes of Annual Meeting of County Council's General Council held on 6th August, 1964.

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

### Item No. 1.—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 14th September, 5th and 12th October, 1964.

Passed unanimously.

### Remuneration of Rate Collectors.

Councillor McCarthy referred to the reception at the previous Meeting of the Council of a Deputation from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union in regard to the remuneration of Rate Collectors.

It was

Proposed by Councillor P. McCarthy;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we approve of Rate Collectors in the County being paid increases in salary in same proportion as that allowed to Rate Collector in Bray Urban District.

The County Manager stated that the Union concerned had been asked to submit evidence on which the claim had been based, but had not forwarded the necessary information as yet. In regard to the Rate Collector employed by Bray Urban Council, which had been referred to, the County Manager pointed out that the amount of Rates to be collected each year by this Collector very much exceeded the amount which would be collected by any County Council Rate Collector. The County Secretary stated that the claim in question was what was known as a "status" claim and consequently it was necessary that evidence be submitted by the Union on behalf of the Collectors to show that persons performing similar duties outside of a Local Authority had received greater increases in remuneration than had been obtained by Rate Collectors. The representative of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union who attended the previous Meeting had informed the Council that he would submit such information, if required, but so far it had not been submitted, the only further information supplied since the previous Meeting was a statement of the earnings of Gas Meter Collectors.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That we defer consideration of Motion in name of Councillor P. McCarthy regarding remuneration of Rate Collectors for one month and that the Union be asked to submit particulars of increases in remuneration obtained by persons similarly engaged in employment outside the service of the Local Authority.

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

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

AGAINST—Councillors E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, P. McCarthy and J. Quigley, P.C.—FIVE



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

**Item No. 2.—Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 31st March, 1965.**

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank Ltd., for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the Quarter to 31st March, 1965, shall not exceed £200,000.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 3.—To Consider Financial Scheme of Vocational Education Committee for Year 1965/66.**

The County Secretary submitted the Financial Scheme for 1965/66 received from the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee and stated that the Scheme had been approved by the Vocational Education Committee at the Meeting on the 17th November, 1964, and was based on an annual local contribution of 1s. 9d. in the £, which represented an increase of 3d. over that demanded in the current financial year. Under the provisions of the Vocational Education (Amendment) Act, 1950, it was necessary for the Council to consider the Scheme and approve of it before the 31st December. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., opposed the adoption of the Scheme and stated that he did so on the grounds that Scholarships were being paid to forty students from Co. Kildare to make up the number attending Baltinglass School. Councillor Timmins stated that in the Estimate submitted to the Council there was no provision for transport facilities for Kildare students in the 1965/66 financial year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 (1) (d) of the Vocational Education (Amendment) Act, 1950, as amended by Section 3 of the Vocational Education (Amendment) Act, 1962, we approve of the Financial Scheme for 1965/66 received from the Vocational Education Committee and note that the Scheme is based on an annual local contribution of 1s. 9d. in the £.

Passed—Councillor J. Everett, T.D., dissenting.

**Item No. 4.—To Consider Making a Declaration that Road at Lough Dan be Declared to be a Public Road.**

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been before the Council at a previous Meeting and it had been indicated that most of the land around Lough Dan was in private ownership and that consequently there was no public access to the Lakeshore. Mr. Hickey, Assistant County Engineer, with an Officer of Bord Fáilte, had inspected the area and had reported that there was a public right-of-way around portion of the Lake and it was desirable that this be preserved and it was suggested that the Council might take over the right-of-way and declare it to be a public road so as to ensure that the right-of-way was not encroached upon. This track, over which the right-of-way existed,

was at present in poor condition, some of it being almost impassable, and there appeared to be some doubt as to whether it would be desirable for the Council to take it over as a public road having regard to the provisions of the Civil Liability Act. Bord Fáilte was prepared to contribute to the cost of any works carried out by the Council. The following letter had been received from the Irish Mountaineering Club:—

**IRISH MOUNTAINEERING CLUB (DUBLIN SECTION).**

The County Manager.

The Wicklow County Council,  
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

Dermot Bouchier-Hayes, B.C.L.,

Solicitor,

43, Lr. Leeson Street  
Dublin, 2

This Club notes with interest the proposal of The County Council to declare under Section 2 of The Local Government Act, 1953, the present track around Loch Dan to be a public road. While our organisation is very appreciative of the efforts of your Council in securing and preservation of the rights of way for the public, we are, however, perturbed that the present proposal may be followed up with the construction of a paved road which would run round the perimeter of Loch Dan.

While we recognise the necessity for the construction of adequate paved roads to enable the increasing motorised traffic to move freely about the County we would suggest that a comprehensive review of the priorities involved be undertaken. We would suggest that claims for attention would come under the following headings:

1. Local requirements.
2. Motorised tourist traffic.
3. Recreational interests.

Under the first heading would be included the provision of adequate main, trunk and subsidiary paved roads which would enable both the economic and social life of the country to be carried on without undue difficulty. The standard of road required will, of course, be determined by the prospective traffic density and situation. Thus while it might well be desirable to improve many roads or lanes to an extent which would enable them to be used conveniently by the local residents it is neither necessary nor desirable, in our opinion, that these roads should be constructed in a manner which would be suitable for heavy tourist traffic.

In many cases these roads and lanes could be made suitable for the small local traffic they attract by hard filling and rolling without the necessity of actual widening and paving.

The second heading raises questions of great complexity and difficulty. Let it be stated immediately that we fully recognise the demands which have been placed on the Council in recent years for the provision of "tourist roads" and the importance of the tourist industry in the economic life of the County. The reconstruction of the Military Road has provided the motoring tourist with a high level scenic road unrivalled in these islands; while the transverse roads across the Wicklow Sally and Ballynabarney Gaps, together with the extensive networks of roads in both East and West Wicklow, provide facilities to motorists unequalled in any other part of Ireland. This Club is perturbed by the growing feeling among motorists that facilities should be provided for them to drive to places which heretofore could only be reached on foot or on bicycle. The continued concession to demands for more and more scenic roads must inevitably lead to the destruction of that one feature which more than anything else attracts tourists to this country—the unspoiled landscape.



The problem of the motor car in areas of outstanding natural beauty is one which has and is receiving great attention by the Authorities in other countries who are responsible for National Parks, Conservation Areas, etc., and in fact the situation has been reached in England that the National Park Authorities there are seriously considering the banning of motor cars from their areas.

Under the third heading of recreational interests, might be listed all those people who go to Wicklow to enjoy the amenities that exist there for outdoor recreation and these include the family picnic party as well as the mountaineer.

The importance of Wicklow as an outdoor recreational centre cannot be minimised. Its existing amenities together with its situation adjoining Dublin makes it a natural recreating objective for not only the people of the County but for the large population of Dublin and visiting tourists as well. With the growth of the five-day week and the corresponding increase in leisure time more and more people will turn to Wicklow. When they go there are they to find the motor car there before them on the tops of the mountains and in the deepest glens; would not the enjoyment of these people be all the more if these places were attained by their own physical effort?

In conclusion, we would recommend to the Council:

1. Continued use of the Legal Powers of the Council for the securing and preserving of public rights-of-way.
2. Limitation on the construction of new roads or the improvement of existing roads to the extent of local requirements.
3. The immediate resignation by the Council of special amenity areas under Section 42 of The Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

The foregoing does not purport to be a comprehensive review of the present situation of Wicklow but merely a few recommended guide lines for action by the Council. This organisation shall be pleased to co-operate in every way with the Council in the development of any plan for the promotion and preservation of the existing amenities of Co. Wicklow, in particular with regard to the designative of special amenity areas, Conservation and wild life areas, etc.

Yours faithfully,

DERMOT BOUCHER-HAYES.

Councillor R. Miley stated that there were several families in the area and that the road would be a great advantage to them. He felt that the Council should make a road capable of carrying motor traffic. Following further discussion on the matter Councillor Miley stated that the Department of Lands owned a considerable amount of property in the area and that it might be possible that the Department would acquire the lands over which the right-of-way ran and thereby ensure its preservation. The Council agreed that the Department of Lands be approached on the matter and also that Legal Opinion be sought as to what liability might be imposed on the Council should the Council declare this right-of-way to be a public road.

**Item No. 5.—Memorial from Residents at Glencap Commons (North) for Taking Over of Road as a Public Road.**

The Council decided to refer this matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area in conjunction with the Road Works Programme for the year 1965/66.

**Item No. 6.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:—“That County Engineer in Preparing Road Estimate for 1965/66 Make Provision for Improvement of Footpaths in Aughrim and the Extension of Footpath from Ardee Road to Rednagh Road Junction, with the Removal of Grass Margin from Morrissey's Corner to Same Point at Opposite Side of Road.”**

The Council decided to refer this matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area in conjunction with the Road Works Programme for 1965/66.

**Item No. 7.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:—“That County Engineer in Preparing Road Estimate for 1965/66 be Requested to Submit a List of Public Roadways Not Maintained by the Council Which Have Come Before That Body With a Request For Taking Over, Either by Notice of Motion of a Member or a Request from Ratepayers in Arklow Electoral Area, During Lifetime of Present Council, with a View of Submitting to Department of Local Government for Sanction for Raising of Loan to Cover Cost or Taking Over Such Roads, As We Regard Such People as Contributing to Road Fund While Getting No Benefit Therefrom.”**

The Council decided to refer this matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area in conjunction with the Road Works Programme for 1965/66. The County Secretary pointed out that it would scarcely be possible to give effect to the proposal in the Notice of Motion since any Loan which would be raised would be chargeable over the County Health District.

**Item No. 8.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:—“That The Council Request the County Engineer to Make Arrangement for Transfer of Two Road passing through Annacurra Village from Kilballyowen to Annacurra Crossroads to Aughrim Overseer's Area and Have Some Urgent Repairs Arranged for in 1965/66 Estimates.”**

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the road in question had been examined and found to be maintained in a reasonable condition consistent with the funds allowed to do so. He saw no reason, therefore, for transferring the road to another Area, or making any alteration in the present arrangements for having the road maintained. The Council noted the County Engineer's Report on the matter.

**Item No. 9.—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins:—“That the Council Pipe the Stream Alongside the Main Road at Newtownsaunders, Baltinglass.”**

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that he inspected the stream along the side road at Newtownsaunders, Baltinglass, but would not consider that the flow would be improved by laying pipes for the total length involved which amounted to 500 lineal yards. He recommended, however, the laying of about 40 lineal yards of pipe at a bend in the road where the channel was a hazard to traffic. The slight flooding that occurred in the area occasionally was, he felt, not due to the inadequacy of the stream channel, but to the badly maintained outlet channels on Mr. Jones' land. Councillor M. J. O'Neill stated that representations had been made to him and to Councillor Timmins on this matter and that the river flowed beside the road and became clogged up with weeds and other refuse and water flowed out on to the road. He stated that it also flowed into the adjoining land. The water was damaging the Council's property in that it was flowing towards Baltinglass Hospital and there was a danger that it would affect the walls of the Hospital Grounds.



Councillor O'Neill stated that landowners in the area had arranged to have a Drainage Scheme carried out, but could not proceed with it until this river was attended to. The County Secretary stated that if culverting of the stream was required for the purposes of a Scheme under the Land Project the Local Land Project Officer could certify accordingly and inform the Council and a Grant could then be applied for to enable the Council to carry out such work. Councillor Timmins suggested that he and Councillor O'Neill would meet the Engineer and the Local Land Project Officer on the site to discuss the matter as he felt that the stream would require to be piped for the full distance. The Council agreed that the meeting suggested be arranged.

**Item No. 10.—Main Road Improvement Grant, 1964/65 — Proposed Transfer of Moneys from Scheme at Kilcavan Gap to Scheme on Tinahely/Togher Road.**

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been deferred from the previous Meeting and that the Chairman, Councillor J. J. McCrea, had arranged to contact the owner of the land which would be required for the Scheme at Kilcavan Gap. In reply to inquiries from Members the County Engineer stated that the Department would agree to an extension of time for completion in the case of a Scheme if there were extenuating circumstances, but he did not know what the Department's view would be in this case. As he had indicated in his Report, he considered that the Tinahely/Togher Road was more that road.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor A. H. Hadden.

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer we approve of the transfer of the sum of £3,000 from Works No. SM2 at Kilcavan Gap to Works No. SM1 on the Tinahely/Togher Road, to enable this Scheme to be completed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

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

Resolved—That we defer consideration of proposed transfer from Works at Kilcavan Gap.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Miss Walsh and Councillor Hadden agreed to the deferring of a decision on the matter to the January Meeting.

**Item No. 11.—Application on Behalf of Macra na Tuaithe, Baltinglass, For Use of Plot Beside Baltinglass/Carlow Road for Growing Flowers, etc.**

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. David Halahan, Vocational School, Baltinglass, on behalf of Macra na Tuaithe, Baltinglass, for permission for the Club to use a plot of land adjoining the Baltinglass/Carlow Road for the purpose of planting flowers as a Club project. The Assistant County Engineer stated that this plot of ground had been left over after Road Improvements and the Council had no immediate use for it and he considered that it would be suitable for the purposes intended by Mr. Halahan.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved — That we approve of permission being granted to the

Baltinglass Branch of Macra Na Tuaithe to use small plot of ground adjoining the Baltinglass/Carlow Road for the purpose of growing flowers on it, the area of the plot to be defined by the County Engineer.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 12.—Coast Erosion at Arklow—Letter from Arklow Pottery, Ltd., Regarding Coast Erosion and Removal of Sand from Foreshore Above High-Water Mark.**

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from Arklow Pottery Ltd., inquiring if there had been any developments in connection with the Scheme for the prevention of erosion at the East of their property. It was stated also by the Secretary to the Arklow Pottery Ltd. that he had been in touch with the Department of Transport and Power in connection with the prevention of the removal of sand from the Foreshore above the high-water mark and had been informed that the Department could not prevent the removal of the material unless a Prohibitory Order was made. Such Prohibitory Orders were usually made on foot of requests from Local Authorities and the Department had advised him that if the Council applied for such an Order for the area the matter would be considered. The County Secretary stated that the matter of the coast erosion at Arklow had been referred by the Council to the County Engineer for a Report in accordance with the provisions of the Coast Protection Act and this Report had not been submitted by the former County Engineer. As regards the making of a Prohibitory Order he suggested that the County Engineer might submit his recommendation as to whether such an Order would be desirable. The Council agreed that the County Engineer be asked for a Report and recommendation on the matter.

**Item No. 13. — St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum — Expenditure on Repairs and Painting.**

The County Secretary submitted details of works required at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, which included the lowering of the surrounding wall to St. Colman's, with the exception of the main Orchard, and which latter item amounted alone to £1,000. The Council agreed that the matter of the lowering of the surrounding wall be included as part of the Scheme for Improvements at St. Colman's Hospital to be financed from Loan, having regard to the cost of this work.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we approve of the necessary expenditure from Revenue to meet the cost of the following works at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum:—

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| 1. Replacement of Old Windows in Rere Wall of Men's Ward with New Vertically Sliding Windows and Plastering of Internal Walls: ... ..   | £140 |
| 2. Providing New Lead Valley Required at Junction of Roofs Between Men's Ward and the Tunnel: ... ..  | £40  |
| 3. Replacing Old Tiles in Entrance Hallway to Male Section with New Plastic Tiles: ... ..   | £50  |
| 4. In External Hallway Approach to Female Section laying 2" Cement Screed and Damp-Proof Course over Entire Section and Finishing with Plastic Tiles, Repairing Windows and Ceiling formed of Skimmed 'Gypsum' Plaster-board ... .. | £150 |



5. Removing Old Weather Vanes and Fitting Wire Grilles to Prevent Ingress of Pigeons: ...	£30
6. Providing Hand-Rail to Staircase Ascending from Female Dining-Room: ...	£10
7. Removing Block Wall on North-West Side of "St. Anne's Annex" and replacing with wooden trellis	
8. Lowering small Wall on south-east side of "St. Anne's Annex" ...	£20
9. Removing Moss and Weeds from Roof of "St. Anne's":	£10
10. Re-Painting Walls, Doors and Windows Internally as Follows:—	
St. Kevin's Hospital: 6 Wards; 2 Sluice Rooms; 2 Kitchens; 2 Toilets; 2 Bathrooms; 2 Linen-Rooms; 2 Pantries; 2 Day Rooms; 1 Nurses' Sitting-Room; Toilet; Wash-Room; Surgery; Dark-Room; and Corridor: ...	£450
St. Colman's Hospital: Matron's Office; Female Sitting-Room and Dining-Room; Staircase; Waiting-Room and Corridors; Back Passages and Dormitories; and off painting and puttying of windows externally: ...	£400
Convent: Burning off painting and puttying of windows externally: ...	£100
Covered-Way between St. Colman's and St. Kevin's: Internal painting of walls, windows and ceilings; external painting of windows ...	£150
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£1,600</b>

Passed unanimously.

#### House at Newcastle Mental Hospital.

The County Secretary stated that some further works were required to the house of the Senior Assistant Medical Officer at Newcastle Mental Hospital.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of tarmacadam to the entrance to the house of the Senior Assistant Medical Officer at Newcastle Mental Hospital and of providing a new hall-door with glass panes, at a total estimated cost of £95, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of this work.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 14—Proposed Appointment of Two Additional Public Health Nurses for District of Kiltegan/Baltinglass and Blessington/Dunlavin.

Having considered the recommendation of the County Medical Officer on the matter

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the creation of two additional posts of Public Health Nurse for the districts (1) Kiltegan/Baltinglass; and (2) Blessington/Dunlavin.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 15.—Revision of Salary Scale for County Dentist.

The County Secretary stated that the Report of the Arbitrator had been received under the Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration in respect of a revised salary scale for the post of County Dentist. The revised salary scale, if approved would apply from the 1st October, 1963, and would be subject to 12 per cent. increase from 1st February, 1964.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the application of revised salary scale of £1,300 x £50—£1,850 to the post of County Dentist, with effect from 1st October, 1963, and of the application of the revised scale, plus 12 per cent. as from 1st February, 1964, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of the increase in salary.

Passed unanimously.

#### Item No. 16.—Blessington Water Supply Improvement — Report of Consulting Engineer on Present Position Re Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that the Consulting Engineer had reported that the manuscript Bills of Quantities were with the Printers and while the delivery of such documents from them in the past two years had been very slow due to the pressure of work, he would not expect them to be delayed more than another two or three weeks. He stated he would forward them, complete with draft advertisement, immediately he received them. The Council noted the position in regard to the Scheme.

#### Item No. 17.—Laragh/Annamoe Water Supply Scheme—Report of Consulting Engineer on Present Position Re Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that the Consultant had forwarded the necessary Maps for the purpose of the acquisition of the sites for Tanks, Works, etc., and stated that the Quantities were part abstracted and would be completed about the middle of December and he hoped to have them back from the Printers before mid-January. He considered that the Scheme could, therefore, be advertised before the end of January, which would enable a start to be made before the Summer. The Council noted the position in the matter.

#### Item No. 22.—Abstract of Accounts of Council for Year to 31st March, 1964.

The Council noted the submission of the Abstract of Accounts of the Council for the year to 31st March, 1964, details of which had been circulated to the Members, and approved of the Accounts being submitted for Audit.

#### Item No. 23.—Application for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottage at Tomacork, Carnew.

The County Secretary stated that from the Advice received from the Council's Solicitor it seemed that Mr. Nicholas J. Murphy of 79, Braumont Avenue, Dublin, could not be regarded as a qualified person for the purchase of the cottage at Tomacork, Carnew. He pointed out, however, that the Council, if they so wished, could seek the sanction of the Minister to the suspension of the Statutory Condition of Vesting which required that the cottage be occupied by a qualified person in order to permit of the cottage being sold to Mr. Murphy.



It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

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

Resolved—That we hereby declare Mr. Nicholas J. Murphy, of 79, Beaumont Avenue, Dublin, to be a qualified person for the purposes of the Labourers' Act, 1936, and that we approach the Minister for Local Government for any necessary Order to give effect to the Council's wishes.

Passed unanimously.

#### Cottages at Boghall.

Councillor Temple asked that the County Engineer get in touch with the Contractor responsible for providing the water supply for the cottages at Boghall with a view to getting him to expedite work on the Contract which he thought was being delayed unduly and also to require him to clear up the road which was in bad condition. The County Engineer stated that he would get in touch immediately with the Contractor on the matter.

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

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