

MINUTES OF WICKLOW CO. COUNCIL—1972

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 10th April, 1972, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor F. Hynes, Chairman.

Councillors W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, M. Deering, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, J. J. Bourke, R. Miley, B.S.C. Phelan, J. Whelan.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Planning Assistant and Staff Officers for Planning and Housing Sections attended.

A G E N D A

1. Notice of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:-
 - (a) In the names of Councillors W. Cleary, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney and T. J. Keenan:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1962, to Mrs. Elizabeth O'Mahony, Glenbrook, Arklow, for the erection of 27 houses on her land at Killiniskeyduff, Arklow, Co. Wicklow."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, J. Miley and M. Deering:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Thomas Ryan, Saint Kevin's, Baltinglass, for the provision of a house for his own use."
 - (c) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. Deering and M. J. O'Neill:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Noel Hamilton, for the provision of a house at Glenhest."
 - (d) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan and J. Miley:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Norman Kearon, Beulah, Ferrybank, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Johnstown South, Arklow."
 - (e) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley and J. Gregory:- "That we hereby direct in pursuance of Section 4 of the

City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, that Permission be granted to Mr. Herbert Bittel of Knockrobin, Wicklow, to develop his lands at Knockrobin, for the erection of 14 dwelling-houses thereon."

- (f) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley and J. Gregory:—"That we hereby direct in pursuance of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, that Permission be granted to Mr. G. Roberts, for three houses on his lands at Calow Hill, Newtownmountkennedy."
- (g) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Temple:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Simon Doyle, Coolnaskeagh, for the provision of a bungalow at Calow Hill, Templecarrig, Greystones."
- (h) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Laurence Walsh, for the provision of a bungalow at Knockatillane, Manor Kilbride, for his own use."
- (i) In the names of Councillors E. Byrne, J. Temple, Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John O'Sullivan, Kilmacanogue, County Wicklow, for the provision of a bungalow for his own use."
- (j) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, B. S. C. Phelan, T. J. Keenan and R. Miley:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Dunbur Limited, for the provision of 12 bungalows at Dunbur Lower, Wicklow."
- (k) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins and M. Deering:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James Commins, Knockatillane, for the provision of a bungalow at the above address."
- (l) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, T. J. Keenan, G. Timmins, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple:—"We the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full Planning Permission for the erection of 5 houses together with all ancillary development at the Nurseries, Delgany, Co. Wicklow, to Terence Hand, 131 Ballinelay Heights, Killiney, Co. Dublin, in accordance with plans, specifications and details already lodged."
- (m) In the names of Councillors J. Whelan, R. Miley, T. J. Keenan and Miss M. Walsh:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Per-

mission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Richard Iyer, for the provision of a house at Mogna-cool, Rathdrum."

- 2 To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 6th December, 1971, and 3rd January, 1972.
- 3 To authorise Overdraft on General Account for quarter to 30th June, 1972.
- 4 Application for Closing of Roads at Enniskerry on 15th April, 1972.
- 5 Housing Scheme at Kilmacanogue.
- 6 Housing—Leasing of sites at Lower Kindlestown, Greystones — Notice circulated to Members of the Council on 25th February, 1972
- 7 Leasing of Housing Sites at Blessington — Notice circulated to Members of the Council on 21st March, 1972.
- 8 Appointment of Nominee to represent Council at General Meetings of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Limited.
- 9 Applications for (a) sub-division of vested cottage plots, and (b) consent to sale of vested cottages.
- 10 Amenity Grants Scheme—To consider schemes and arrange order of priority.
- 11 Proposed acquisition of land at Rathnew for purpose of playing field.
- 12 Cemetery at Shillelagh—Application by Church Authorities for consent of the Council to the use of land at Shillelagh for Cemetery.
- 13 Letter from An Taisce, North Wicklow Branch, re premises at Kilmacrone.
- 14 Application from Rathdangan Development Association for reception of deputation.
- 15 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That the Council make Mr. James Ryan, Croneynhorn, Carnew, the vested owner of his cottage."
- 16 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That the Council provide a housing scheme for Shillelagh."
- 17 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:—"That the Council acquire sites at Knockananna so that houses may be built to meet the needs in the area."
- 18 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. Deering and M. J. O'Neill:—"That this Council build houses at Rathdangan for the people who have applications in the Housing Section of the Council."
- 19 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That this Council build a kitchen and bathroom and provide a water supply for Mr. Patrick O'Rourke, Ballinabarney, as both husband and wife are deaf mutes."
- 20 Cottages repaired during the month of March, 1972, and to be repaired during the month of April, 1972.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—(a) In the Names of Councillors W. Cleary, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney, and T. J. Keenan—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline

Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Elizabeth O'Mahony, Glenbrook, Arklow, for the erection of 27 houses on her land at Killiniskeyduff, Arklow, County Wicklow."

The Council deferred consideration of the proposal as the information sought had not yet been supplied.

- (B) In the Names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, J. Miley and M. Deering—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Thomas Ryan, Saint Kevin's, Baltinglass, for the provision of a house for his own use."

The Council deferred consideration of the proposal as the information received only on the previous Friday, 7th April, and there had not been time to have the necessary reports obtained. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the next Housing Meeting of the Council on 1st May, 1972.

- (C) In the Names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. Deering and M. J. O'Neill—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to Grant Full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Noel Hamilton, for the provision of a house at Glenhest."

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been considered by the Council at the previous Meeting, and that arrangements had now been made for the Chief Planning Assistant to meet the applicant on the site with a view to seeing if a suitable alternative location for a house could be obtained. The applicant had also been asked to provide trial holes. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the next Housing Meeting of the Council on 1st May, 1972.

- (D) In the Names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, and J. Miley—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Norman Kearon, Beulah, Ferrybank, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Johnstown South, Arklow."

The County Secretary stated that as suggested by the Council at the previous Meeting, the Chief Assistant County Engineer and Chief Planning Assistant had met with Councillor Sweeney and the applicant on the site to ascertain what improvements could be made to lessen the traffic hazard arising from the proposed development. The following improvements were agreed:-

- Remove the ditch to the south of the proposed entrance so that maximum visibility will be available towards the south and erect new fence not less than 12 feet from the edge of the existing carriage-way.
- Re-locate the entrance so as to have the centre of the entrance 45 feet from the north east corner of the site in order to allow improved vision of traffic approaching from the north.
- Form a layby where the ditch is removed.

- Splay the wing walk to the entrance from the fence at the edge of the layby to the entrance gates.
- The entrance gates to be set back 16 feet inside the new fence line to ensure that a car waiting to enter the gates will not obstruct traffic on the adjoining road and will not obstruct vision on the curve.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Norman Kearon, Beulah, Ferrybank, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Johnstown South, Arklow.

Passed.

- (E) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley, and J. Gregory—"That we hereby direct in pursuance of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, that permission be granted to Mr. Herbert Bittel of Knockrobin, Wicklow, to develop his lands at Knockrobin, for the erection of 14 Dwellinghouses thereon."

The County Secretary stated that consideration of this proposal had been deferred from the previous Meeting to allow an opportunity for the Members of the Council to inspect the site. The recommendation of the County Engineer that Permission be refused and the grounds therefor had been circulated to the Members at the previous Meeting

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby direct in pursuance of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, that permission be granted to Mr. Herbert Bittel, Knockrobin, Wicklow, to develop his lands at Knockrobin for the erection of 10 dwellinghouses thereon with individual septic tanks, subject to trial holes proving satisfactory.

As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That we adjourn consideration of the proposal for one month and that consultations be entered into with the developer to ascertain if housing could be provided on the site for persons who would qualify for loans from the Council.

The amendment having been put was declared passed, and the Council accordingly adjourned consideration of the proposal to the Meeting of the Council to be held on 1st. May, 1972.

- (F) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley and J. Gregory—"That we hereby direct in pursuance of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, that permission be granted to Mr. G. Roberts, for three houses on his lands at Callow Hill, Newtownmountkennedy."

The County Secretary stated that the Council had decided to grant permission in this case at the previous Meeting and as indicated by the County Manager, legal advice was being obtained as to whether it would be lawful to grant permission having regard to the traffic hazard which would arise in consequence of the proposed development, if proceeded with. The applicant had now indicated that he owned the land on the opposite side of the road to the proposed development, and the County Engineer was examining whether if land were made available, suitable road improvements could be carried out which would lessen the traffic hazard which otherwise might arise from the development. The Council noted the position in the matter.

- (G) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Temple—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Simon Doyle, Coolnaskeagh, for the provision of a bungalow at Coolagad, Templecarrig, Greystones."

Particulars in regard to this application had been circulated to the Members of the Council including the recommendation of the County Engineer that Outline Permission be refused. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the next Housing Meeting of the Council to be held on 1st May, 1972 to enable the proposal to be considered by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their next local Meeting.

- (H) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, and M. J. O'Neill—"By Virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Laurence Walsh, for the provision of bungalow at Knockatillane, Manor Kilbride, for his own use."

The County Secretary stated that particulars in regard to this proposal including the recommendation of the County Engineer that permission be refused, had been circulated to the Members. The County Medical Officer had now reported that a trial hole which had been opened on the site showed over two feet of water in it, and that consequently the soil was not regarded as suitable for absorption of effluent from a septic tank. The County Medical Officer recommended that permission be refused on those grounds. The water supply proposed was from an existing well and the County Medical Officer reported that the surrounding land showed evidence of animal pollution, and that it would be uneconomical to protect the source and consequently he recommended that a water supply be from a bored well. Councillor J. Miley stated that a trial hole had been opened at a time when there had been heavy rains, and that he was satisfied that the soil was suitable for the purposes of a septic tank. He stated that the applicant was quite satisfied with the well as a source of water supply, and was prepared to have this source protected.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering

Resolved — By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local

Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Laurence Walsh, for the provision of a bungalow at Knockatillane, Manor Kilbride, for his own use."

Passed.

- (I) In the names of Councillors E. Byrne, J. Temple, Miss N. O'Neill, and Mrs. M. Ledwidge—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John O'Sullivan, Kilmacanogue, County Wicklow, for the provision of a bungalow for his own use."

The County Secretary stated that particulars of this application and recommendation of the County Engineer that Outline Permission be refused, had been circulated to the Members.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge

Resolved — By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John O'Sullivan, Kilmacanogue, County Wicklow, for the provision of a bungalow for his own use.

Passed.

- (J) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, B. S. C. Phelan, T. J. Keenan, and R. Miley—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Dunbur Limited, for the provision of 12 bungalows at Dunbur Lower, Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that no application had been received and the Council deferred consideration of the proposal to the Meeting to be held on 1st May, 1972.

- (K) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, and M. Deering—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James Commins, Knockatillane, for the provision of a bungalow at the above address."

The County Secretary stated that this application had been received only on the 21st March, 1972 and reports were not yet available. The Notices of Intention to move the Resolution under Section 4 of 1955 Act, had been received only on the 27th March, 1972. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to Meeting to be held on 1st May, 1972.

- (L) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, T. J. Keenan, G. Timmins, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Temple—"We the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full Planning Permission for the erection of 5 houses together with all ancillary development at the Nurseries, Delgany, County Wicklow, to Terence Hand,

131, Ballinclair Heights, Killiney, County Dublin, in accordance with plans, specifications and details already lodged."

The following report of the County Engineer had been circulated to the Council:-

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Application for 5 Houses at the Nurseries, Delgany, for T.O. Hand.
Registered Reference 5296/72

This is an application for permission for 5 houses on the site at the above. Outline Planning Permission was originally granted for housing development on this site by the Minister for Local Government on appeal (Register Reference 2128/68) subject to the condition "The proposed development shall conform to a density of one house per two acres stipulated for the area in the draft County Development Plan." This condition had the effect of reducing the number of houses from the eight proposed to four.

Approval was subsequently sought for 4 houses (Register Reference 4417/71) and granted subject to conditions. Under conditions numbers 2 and 4 Information was required to be submitted to the County Council prior to the commencement of works. The development has been commenced and is being carried out in contravention of that requirement. These conditions were particularly important as number 2 involved arrangements by the applicant for the maintenance of the communal septic tank as in the event of a nuisance being caused the Council might be required to carry out these works without being in a position to recover the cost of the works. Condition number 4 sought details of the colours of external finishes and any revisions in layouts which it was stated on the drawings might be necessary due to changes in the topography. Due to the prominence of these sites it is essential that a suitable and co-ordinated overall colour scheme should be chosen and submitted for approval.

As these conditions have been ignored it is recommended that the appropriate legal action be taken under Section 24 and Section 35 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

The current Planning Application before the County Council is for five houses on the site extra to the two houses already constructed under the approval (Register Reference 4417/71), in all seven houses on a site of approximately 8 acres. This is a material contravention of the density zoning provisions of the County Development Plan. The site lies in an area indicated "Residential Zone B4" in the Town Plan for Greystones/Delgany. This zoning requires a minimum site curtilage of 2 acres per house. When allowance is made for roads, etc., the site curtilages proposed are under one acre.

Details have not been received of any proposals for the maintenance of the communal septic tank which it is now proposed to use for six houses instead of for four as heretofore. The communal septic tank as it is being constructed is not in conformity with the drawing submitted.

Two letters have been received from local residents in relation to this application which point out that a right of way exists along the eastern side of the site linking Upper Kindlestown with Killiney. Provision has not been made in the plans for this right of way.

It is recommended that permission be refused for following reasons:-

- (1) It is contrary to the proper planning and development of the area as expressed in the Greystones/Delgany Town Development Plan to

permit a development density of approximately one house per 1½ acre in an area zoned for a density requiring that each house have a curtilage of 2 acres. This proposed development, in which each house has a curtilage of approximately 1 acre, would seriously injure amenity of the area by creating a pocket of high density development in a low density development area which is situated between existing nuclei of development. Furthermore, in this regard the proposal does not comply with the condition imposed by the Minister for Local Government in the grant of Outline Permission relating to these lands.

(2) Details have not been submitted of applicants proposals for the maintenance of the communal septic tank.

(3) Provision has not been made for a right of way along the eastern boundary of the proposed site which, it is claimed by local residents, exists in this area.

The County Secretary pointed out that the proposal would be contrary to the terms of the Outline Permission granted by the Minister for housing development on this site, and that the proposal would be a material contravention of density zonings of the County Development Plan. The County Secretary also drew attention to the fact that work had commenced on the development contrary to the terms of the grant of approval for four houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins

Resolved — We the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full Planning Permission for the erection of 5 houses together with all ancillary development at the Nurseries, Delgany, County Wicklow, to Terence Hand, 131, Ballinclair Heights, Killiney, County Dublin, in accordance with plans, specifications and details already lodged. Passed.

The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary to have the required notice published and application made to the Minister for sanction to the proposal to grant permission in this instance.

(M) In the names of Councillors J. Whelan, R. Miley, T. J. Keenan, and Miss M. Walsh—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Richard Ivers, for the provision of a house at Mognacool Rathdrum."

The Council noted that no application had yet been received and agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the Meeting to be held on 1st May, 1972.

The following reports had been circulated to the Members of the Council prior to the Meeting:-

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

- (1) Proposed Bungalow at Coolagad, Templecarrig, Greystones for Simon Doyle.

Outline permissions and permissions were previously refused for the development of this site and the site immediately to the South. The Minister upheld the Council's decision in all the appeal cases relating to these sites.

It is recommended that Outline Permission be refused for the following reasons:-

- 1 The access point of the land serving the proposed development would be located at a bad bend on the public road (County Road 30)—where visibility is seriously limited. The traffic generated by this development would give rise to a potentially serious traffic hazard at this place.
 - 2 Because the site lacks adequate natural screening the proposed development would be excessively prominent in views of the locality and would seriously injure the amenity of the area which is one of scenic importance. Such development would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan which requires that development be controlled in order to maintain the scenic character of the area.
 - 3 Isolated residential development in the rural area would constitute a precedent for similar development there. Development of this type would lead to further erosion of amenity by altering the pleasant rural character of the area by diminishing public enjoyment of landscape area of scenic importance.
 - 4 The proposal would be in serious conflict with the proper planning and development of the area because the site is located outside the extensive Greystones/Delgany development area in an unserved rural area where services cannot be economically provided.
- (2) Proposed house at Knockatillane, Manor Klibride, County Wicklow for Laurence Walsh.
- The applicant was advised that if the house is required for the purpose of working the land consideration would be given to an application for permission to build the house on the site of one of the ruins which is sited slightly uphill of the site proposed and which is effectively screened by the land formation and existing tree planting. It is recommended that permission be refused for the following reason:-
- 1 The Proposed site is prominently situated on the southern slope of Butter Mountain which is classified in the Wicklow County Development Plan as a landscape area of high amenity. The erection of a dwelling thereon would seriously injure the amenity value of the area by:-
 - (a) Being very prominent in views from the adjoining main tourist road.
 - (b) Altering the scenic and rural character of the area.
 - (c) Setting a precedent for similar development on other prominent sites in the area.
- (3) Proposed Bungalow at Kilmurray South, Kilmacanogue, for John O'Sullivan.
- It is recommended that Outline Permission be refused for the following reasons:-
- 1 The proposed development would be in serious conflict with the proper planning and development of the area in the following respects:-
 - (a) By consolidating a tendency for development to ribbon southward from Kilmacanogue, in the vicinity of the National Primary Road (NII) forming urban sprawl.
 - (b) By being poorly related to other development.

- (c) By having access on a County Road of inadequate alignment and width to accommodate further development.
 - (d) By setting a precedent for the development of other such sites in that area.
- 2 The proposed development on the lowland slopes of the Sugarloaf would be injurious to the scenic and rural character of this area by being unduly prominent in the foreground of views to the Sugarloaf from the National Primary Road (N.II).

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor Deering, the Members of the Council passed a Resolution expressing their sympathy with the widow of the late Dr. Clerkin, of Blessington, who had been a District Medical Officer of the Council, and also had been Coroner for West Wicklow. The County Manager asked that he and the Members of the staff be associated with the Council's expression of sympathy.

Item No. 2—To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 6th. December, 1971, and 3rd. January, 1972.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley

Resolved — That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 6th. December, 1971, and the 3rd. January, 1972. Passed.

Item No. 3—To authorise Overdraft on General Account for quarter to 30th. June, 1972.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello

Resolved — That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Limited, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary Overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter ending 30th. June, 1972, shall not exceed £400,000. Passed.

Item No. 4:- Application for closing of roads at Enniskerry on 15th. April, 1972.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge

Resolved — That we hereby close to public traffic Main Road No. 6 from Enniskerry National School to the junction with County Road No. 7 at Monastery, Enniskerry, on Saturday, 15th. April, 1972, between the hours of 1.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. and hereby authorise the holding of a motor car hill climb on the road while so closed to public traffic. The closing of the road is subject to the following conditions:-

- 1 That the Council be indemnified against all claims and damages arising from the closing of the road.
- 2 That any damage to Council property be repaired to the satisfaction of the Council or the cost of repairs recouped to the Council.

- 3 That adequate notices be provided in regard to the closing of the road and necessary diversions in order to comply with the Road Traffic Act Regulations 1961.

Passed.

Item No. 5:- Housing scheme at Kilmacanogue.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that the quotation of the Contractor in the sum of £287.50 for the inclusion of additional screen walls on the Housing Scheme be accepted.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge

Resolved — That we approve of the acceptance of the Quotation of the Contractor in the sum of £287.50 as recommended by the County Engineer, for the inclusion of additional screen walls as shown on the layout for the Housing Scheme at Kilmacanogue.

Passed.

Housing Scheme at Oldcourt.

The County Manager submitted the following letter which had been received from the Department of Local Government:—

Custom House,
Dublin 1

7 April, 1972

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmartin Hill,
Wicklow.

Guaranteed Order Project, Oldcourt

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I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letters of 28th and 29th March, 1972, and to state that the terms of the Council's decision to accept the quotation of Messrs S.C.S. Ltd., for the erection of the scheme of 240 houses at Oldcourt have been noted. The position regarding loans for housing schemes at Rathdrum, Ashford, Newtownmountkennedy and Carnew is that they have been recommended to the Office of Public Works for issue from the Local Loans Fund and the Council can be assured that a decision will be given on these loan applications as quickly as possible. As already explained, there will be no reduction in any capital allocations which it may be found possible to make to the Council because of the special capital provision to be made in respect of the guaranteed order project at Oldcourt.

In view of the condition in the Council's resolution on the Oldcourt scheme, the National Building Agency feel that they can take no further action on the scheme pending clarification of the Council's intention. The Minister assumes, that having decided to accept the proposal put to them by the Agency, it is not the Council's wish that the normal preliminaries to the signing of a contract should be held up until formal sanction is received to each one of the loans for specified schemes. The Council should confirm if this is so as soon as possible, so that the Agency may be authorised to get ahead with the completion of these preliminaries.

The Council's loan Proposals for the Oldcourt scheme should be submitted in the normal way for sanction.

A piped television service should be provided on a commercial basis either by the Council directly or by the National Building Agency on their behalf with one of the companies specialising in providing this type of service. It is not the practice to allow the cost of such service to be charged against the loan which is raised to finance the housing scheme.

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The County Manager stated that he had been informed by telephone that since the issue of the letter, the loans for the Housing Schemes at Rathdrum, Ashford and Carnew had been approved, and that confirmation of this was being forwarded to the Council. It was expected also that approval for the Scheme at Newtownmountkennedy would be issued very soon. The Council agreed that the Department be informed that the National Building Agency could proceed with the preliminaries for the signing of the Contract.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £883,200 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 35 years to defray the cost of the erection of 240 houses with appropriate site and development works at Oldcourt, Bray.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £85,838 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 35 years to defray the cost of the erection of 18 houses with appropriate site and development works at Kilmacanogue.

Passed.

Item No. 6—Housing—Leasing of Sites at Kindlestown Lower, Greystones — Notice circulated to Members of the Council on 25th February, 1972.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the disposal of 9 plots of land at Lower Kindlestown, Greystones, for the purpose of sites for purchase type houses to the persons listed on Schedule attached to Notice dated 25th February, 1972, circulated to the Members of the Council, the disposal to be by way of ground rent of £1 per annum for a period of 150 years, and subject otherwise to the conditions set out in the Notice referred to.

Passed.

Item No. 7—Leasing of Housing Sites at Blessington—Notice circulated to Members of the Council on 21st March, 1972.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Resolved—That we hereby approve under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended by Section 88, Sub-Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1966, of the disposal of 12 plots of land at Blessington for the purpose of sites for purchase type houses to the persons listed on the Schedule attached to notice dated 21st March, 1972, circulated to the Members of the Council, the disposal in each instance to be by way of a ground rent of £6 per annum for a period of 150 years, the purchaser to be responsible for full legal costs of the Conveyance, and the site to be used for the erection of a dwellinghouse, plans of which shall be subject to the approval of the Council, and subject otherwise to the conditions indicated in the notice of 21st March, 1972, referred to.

Item No. 8—Appointment of Nominee to represent Council at General Meetings of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillor Mrs. Mary Ledwidge to attend and vote at General Meetings of the Irish Public Bodies, Mutual Insurances Limited, and exercise on behalf of the Council every other right or power incidental to such membership, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Form of Appointment of nominee.

Item No. 9—Applications for (a) Sub-division of Vested Cottage Plots, and (b) Consent to Sale of Vested Cottages.

(a) Sub-division of Vested Cottage Plots.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sub-division of cottage plot No. 03/2 at Merginstown, Dunlavin, by Mr. Denis Perkins in order to provide his nephew Mr. Joseph Perkins with a site for the erection of a barn on condition that the area to be sub-divided should not be greater than that made up by a road frontage of 190 feet, thus leaving a road frontage of 194 feet with the existing cottage. The tenant purchaser will be required by the Council to redeem the annuity on the portion of the plot being transferred.

Passed.

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Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sub-division of cottage plot No. 5/5 at Killegar, Enniskerry, by Mr. John Grimes in order to provide his son, Thomas, with a site for the erection

of a new house, subject to redemption by the tenant purchaser of the annuity on the portion of the plot being transferred.

Passed.

(b) Application for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Mr. Brendan Kenny of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 153/6 at Blackditch, Newcastle, to Mr. Allen Walsh, 6 Vevay Road, Bray, for the sum of £2,500 subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £500, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed.

On the proposal of Councillor G. Timmins, seconded by Councillor J. Miley, the Council approved of consent being given to sales of cottages: Foley to Keane in respect of Cottage No. 235/2 at Stratford-on-Slaney; Kinsella to Kearney in respect of cottage at Snugboro, Donard; subject to the County Manager being satisfied that all the necessary requirements were complied with. On the proposal of Councillor Whelan, seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh, the Council also approved of consent being given to sale by Mr. Cullen to Mr. Keogh of cottage at Aughavannagh subject to the County Manager being satisfied that all necessary requirements were complied with.

Proposed Sale of Vacant Allotment at Ballynultagh, Shillelagh.

The County Secretary stated that five tenders of which one had been in an envelope not marked Tender and consequently had been opened, and the other four in sealed envelopes had been received for the plot. The Council agreed that the other tenders be opened, and this was done in the presence of the Members of the Council. The Council directed that particulars of the Tenders be circulated to the Members of the Council together with particulars of the housing needs of the persons who submitted the tenders.

Item No. 10—Amenity Grants Scheme—To consider Schemes and arrange order of priority.

The Council decided to defer consideration of the schemes pending receipt of an indication from the Department of Local Government as to the amount which will be made available to the Council by way of grants under the scheme. It was agreed that the matter be included on the Agenda for the Meeting on the following Monday when it was hoped that the amount of grants to be allocated would be available.

Item No. 11—Proposed acquisition of Land at Rathnew for purpose of Playing Field.

The County Secretary stated that a field containing 3.48 acres which adjoined the present housing site at Rathnew, was considered

suitable for use as a playing field. The site formed part of a field of about 7.94 acres and was owned by Mrs. Kathleen Sheehy, Merrymeeting, Rathnew. As a playing field was required in Rathnew, inquiries had been made from Mrs. Sheehy as to whether she would be willing to dispose of the field to the Council. Mrs. Sheehy had replied in letter of 8th March, 1972, stating that while she would like to help the Council, the loss of the field in question would very seriously disrupt her farming plans, and as she would be an unwilling seller, she did not think there would be much point in putting a price on the land. Councillor F. Hynes, Chairman, stressed the need for the playing field in Rathnew, and

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That we approve of a Compulsory Purchase Order being prepared for the purpose of acquiring 3.48 acres of land at Rathnew in the ownership of Mrs. Kathleen Sheehy, Merrymeeting.

Passed.

Item No. 12—Cemetery at Shillelagh—Application by Church Authorities for consent of the Council to the use of Land at Shillelagh for Cemetery.

The County Secretary stated that lands containing 4 acres, 1 rood and 20 perches had been leased by the Minister for Health to the Bishop of Ferns, and the Parish Priest, Carnew, on the 2nd February, 1954, for the purpose of a new Church. There was a covenant in the lease to the effect that the Lessees should not place any building or erection on the lands, save the Church. The Church Authorities now propose to provide a Cemetery adjacent to the Church, and the Solicitors for the Parish Priest had applied to the Minister seeking confirmation that there would be no objection to the proposal. As the Council had appropriated lands attached to Shillelagh Workhouse ruins in 1971, it was a matter for the Council to deal with the application from the Catholic Church Authorities. The Health Inspector had reported on trial holes dug on the proposed site, and stated that those which were dug on the upper part of the field adjoining the Church showed the ground to be free draining and suitable for use as a cemetery. If it were proposed to use the whole field as a cemetery further trial holes would need to be opened in the lower section of the field. There appeared to be no objection to the Council's consenting to the proposed use of the land for the purposes of a burial ground.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan:

Resolved—That we hereby consent to the proposed use of portion of the land leased to the Catholic Church Authorities at Shillelagh as shown with plans submitted with letter of 30th September, 1971, from Rev. A. Kavanagh, C.C., Shillelagh, for the purposes of a Burial Ground to be maintained by the people of the Parish.

Passed.

Item No. 13—Letter from An Taisce, North Wicklow Branch, re premises at Kileroney.

The following letter received from An Taisce, North Wicklow Branch, was submitted to the Council:—

An Taisce—North Wicklow Branch
The National Trust for Ireland,
Ballyman Road,
Enniskerry,
Co. Wicklow,

22nd February, 1972

The County Manager,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmartin Hill,
Wicklow.

Development at Mr. Supple's Premises at Kileroney

Dear Sir,

It has come to our attention that substantial development works are being undertaken at the above premises.

To the best of our knowledge, these works are being carried out in contravention of an Order of Wicklow County Council made under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, expressly refusing permission for this development.

We are concerned that an Order of the Council could be so flaunted with apparent impunity and would be pleased to have your observations on the matter with particular reference to the steps taken (or being taken) by the Council to restrain such unauthorised development. We would greatly appreciate having such a report in time for consideration at our next Committee meeting (to be held on 9th March). We respectfully request that this letter be read at the next meeting of the Council and that Councillors are fully apprised of the significance of the issue and the widespread disquiet occasioned by it.

Yours faithfully,

(MISS) MARION FRIEL,

Secretary.

The Council decided to defer the matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their next meeting.

Item No. 14—Application from Rathdangan Development Association for reception of Deputation.

The County Secretary stated that the Rathdangan Development Association had indicated that they wished to discuss with the Council housing, sewerage, road repairs and an extension to Cranaree Cemetery. The Council agreed that a deputation be received at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 1st May, 1972. The Council asked that the Association be requested to submit suggestions in regard to lands suitable for housing which could be acquired by the Council by agreement in the area. The County Secretary stated that an application had also been received from Kilcoole Residents' Association requesting the reception of a deputation by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their next Meeting. The Council agreed that the deputation be received by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their next Meeting in Bray. In regard to a letter dated 8th March, 1972, from the Kilmacanogue

Housing Action Association, requesting the reception of a deputation by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area, Members of the Council stated that the Association had withdrawn their request for the reception of the Deputation.

Item No. 15—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—“That the Council make Mr. James Ryan, Croneyhorn, Carnew, the vested owner of his cottage.”

The County Secretary stated that Mr. James Ryan had been appointed tenant of the cottage in September, 1968, and his application could not therefore be considered under the existing cottage purchase scheme. The cottage was included in the new purchase scheme being prepared by the Council and details of this would be sent to him as soon as they were available. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 16—Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:—“That the Council provide a housing scheme for Shillelagh.”

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer was examining the matter of acquiring a suitable site for a housing scheme for Shillelagh. Councillor K. Ryan stated that he hoped to be in a position to suggest a suitable site at the next Meeting.

Item No. 17—Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Whelan:—“That the Council acquire sites at Knockananna so that houses may be built to meet the needs in the area.”

The County Secretary stated that the matter of obtaining a suitable site at Knockananna for housing was being examined by the Co. Engineer but the report was not yet available. The Council asked that the report be expedited.

Item No. 18—Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors F. Hynes, and J. Gregory:—“That the Council build a kitchen and bathroom and provide a water supply for Mr. Patrick O'Rourke, Ballinabarney, as both husband and wife are deaf mutes.”

Councillor Hynes asked that the County Engineer arrange for submission of an estimated cost for the provision of a kitchen and bathroom, and provision of a water supply for this cottage. He pointed out that both Mr. O'Rourke and his wife were deaf mutes, and that improvements were needed to the cottage.

Item No. 20—Cottages repaired during the month of March, 1972, and to be repaired during the month of April, 1972.

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired during the month of March, 1972, and of those to be repaired during the month of April, 1972.

E.S.B. Strike.

The County Manager stated that there was a possibility of electricity supplies being disrupted as from Wednesday, 12th instant in consequence of the strike among certain E.S.B. Employees. If electricity supplies were cut off some water supplies and sewerage services might be affected but the County Engineer was making arrangements to maintain these services. An interruption in electricity supplies would also effect the Accounts Section in that the Accounting Machine on which weekly payments were made, was operated by electricity. It might be necessary consequently to employ staff on overtime. The

Council authorised the County Manager to employ staff on overtime or to engage additional temporary staff as required to meet any emergency which might arise by reason of the electricity strike.

Planning Applications—Bray Area.

The County Secretary stated that Planning Applications had been received for Planning Permission for new housing developments at Boghall Road, Bray, one comprising 58 houses and the other 70 houses. On the suggestion of Councillor Temple, the Council agreed that these matters be referred to Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area for consideration. The County Secretary stated also that representations had been made that Permission should be granted for a house on site at the rear of Bridge Bungalow, Redford, because of special considerations and the Council agreed that this matter also be considered by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area.

Housing Scheme at Killarney Road, Bray.

Councillor Temple referred to the proposed private housing scheme for which Planning Permission had been granted by the Council at Killarney Road, Bray, and which was the subject of an Appeal to the Minister, and asked that the Council submit a Resolution to the Minister urging that Permission be granted for the scheme as soon as possible. The Council agreed that representations be made to the Minister for an early decision on the matter.

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

In the names of Councillors J. Temple, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, F. Hynes Miss N. O'Neill and G. Timmins:— “Notice of Intention to direct the County Manager to give full Planning Permission under the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, and the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for the erection of a bungalow for his own use at Ballybawn Lower as per plans submitted, to Mr. M. Suttle.”

In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. Whelan, J. J. Bourke and F. Hynes:— “By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to C. Galligan, Belvedere Place, Dublin, to erect two bungalows at Knockraheen, Roundwood.”

In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. Whelan, J. J. Bourke and F. Hynes:— “By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Patrick Cullen, to erect a bungalow for his own use at Laragh East, Annamoe.”

In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan, R. Miley, J. Whelan and M. Deering:— “By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. C. Byrne, Aughrim, at Tinnakilly, Aughrim, for the provision of a house.”

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, R. Miley, and B. S. C. Phelan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Dr. Meehan, Wentworth Rise, to build a bungalow at Ballyguile, Wicklow."

In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and R. Miley:— "That we hereby direct in pursuance of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, that Permission be granted to Mr. Bartholomew Flood to develop his lands at Rosanna Upper for the erection of three dwellinghouses (bungalow type) thereon."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That this Council will build additional rooms to Patrick Byrne's cottage, Rossbawn, Tinahely."

In the name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:— "That the reasons be given for the Council's failure to remove the bend at the dangerous part of the Glenealy Cemetery approach—the money having been made available for a period of years."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council reduce the width of the footpaths at each side of the bottom of the Main Street, Carnew."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council remove the footpaths at the Terrace, Carnew, which would enable vehicles to pass."

In the name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:— "That progress be reported on the siting and acquisition of a central dumping ground within five to ten miles of Wicklow and satellite towns."

In the names of Councillors G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill:— "That a swimming pool be provided at Baltinglass."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council put in a switch board in the Courthouse as it is impossible to get through by phone to the Council's Offices at times."

In the names of Councillors S. Costello, Miss M. Walsh, M. Deering, K. Ryan, F. Hynes, M. J. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, Miss N. O'Neill, R. Miley, and J. Whelan:— "That we request the Minister for Local Government to ensure that all future appointments of Rate Collectors be made on the basis of merit through competitive examination."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 17th April, 1972, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor F. Hynes, Chairman;

Councillors W. Cleary, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, M.

Deering, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., E. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, J. Gregory, R. Miley, J. Whelan.

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

AGENDA

- (1) To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on the 7th and 14th February, 1972.
- (2) Temporary Closing of Roads—(a) Enquiry from M.G. Car Club whether Council would agree to closing of the new Long Hill on Kilmacanogue/Roundwood road on Sunday, 14th May, 1972; (b) Application from Wicklow Festival Committee for closing of Main Dublin road from junction at Wentworth Place to junction with Church Hill road on Monday, 5th June, from 3.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. for cycling event; (c) Application from Fingal Motor Club for closing of roads at Roundwood, including Section of Roundwood/Kilmacanogue and section of Roundwood/Enniskerry roads for periods on 23rd and 24th September, 1972.
- (3) Authorisation of expenditure in excess of the amounts provided in Estimates for 1971/72 and 1972/73 in respect of Overdraft Interest.
- (4) Proposed disposal by lease of factory site at Baltinglass to Industrial Development Authority—Details circulated to Members on 21/3/72.
- (5) Appointment of Members to Local Health Committee—Copy of Circular and Regulations issued to Members.
- (6) Water Supply extensions—To authorise borrowing of £8,762 to defray cost of extensions at Ashford, Hillbrook, Aughrim, Ballybawn and Coolruss, and Newtownsaunders.
- (7) Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme—Letter from Wicklow U.D.C. re apportionment of cost of improvements.
- (8) New Road serving N.E.T. Factory at Arklow—Proposed closing of section of Monument Lane.
- (9) Creation of additional post of Clerk Typist for Accounts Section.
- (10) Public Lighting—(a) Change to mercury fluorescent lighting; (b) Provision of additional light at Tinahely.

- (11) Aughrim Sewerage Scheme—Replacing of 2 h.p. motor with 3 h.p. motor.
- (12) Proposed Dumping Ground for Shillelagh—Report of Co. Engineer
- (13) Provision of pump to serve 5 houses at Tinnakilly and Ballymorris, Aughrim.
- (14) Provision of public toilets at Lacken, Blessington.
- (15) Amenity Grants Scheme—To consider schemes and arrange order of priority.
- (16) Criminal Injury Claims re damage to property at Clogga Beach—Letter from Department of Local Government.
- (17) Provision of sites and accommodation for itinerants.
- (18) Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Temple and E. Byrne:— "That a sewerage connection be made to the new sewer for the cottages at Bughall Road and Oldcourt Park, and that an estimate be given to the Council of the cost."
- (19) Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. Deering:— "That the Council extend watermains to serve four cottages at Milltown, Dunlavin."
- (20) Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That the sewerage system be extended to serve the houses on the Chapel Hill, Lugduff."
- (21) Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:— "That the dangerous junction near Carty's corner leading from the Crone-more Road to the Meetings of the Waters be made safe and proper sign posts be erected."
- (22) Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. J. Bourke:— "That water and sewerage be provided for the houses on 'Leabeg Lane,' Newcastle."
- (23) Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. Deering:— "That water be extended to four cottages at Milltown, Dunlavin."
- (24) Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That additional lights for the Avoca area be provided at (a) the bus stop; (b) on the Woodenbridge Road near the Crafts Shop; (c) at Tower Avenue between Upper and Lower Kilmagig."
- (25) Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That the Council repair the road opposite the cottages at Croneyhorn, Carnew."
- (26) Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That the Council lay a footpath from the Golf Links, Wicklow, for 325 yards to a footpath leading to the sea on the Wicklow/Silver Strand Road."
- (27) Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That all work done by hired machines for the Council should be tendered for and the tenders to come before the Members of the Council."

- (28) Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That the Council surface dress the road leading to Council cottages at Merrymecting, Rathnew—the road in question is that leading to the houses occupied by Mr. Ronan, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Doris and Mr. Newsome."
- (29) Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:— "That proper safety signs be erected at the approach to the National School at Avoca and that a public light be erected there."
- (30) Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Gregory, F. Hynes, B. S. C. Phelan and J. J. Bourke:— (a) "That a sewerage system be installed for the village of Newcastle; (b) That a speed limit be provided in Newcastle; (c) That street lighting be improved; (b) That a public telephone be provided for Newcastle."
- (31) Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "(a) That the Council erect a pedestrian crossing in Wicklow Town near Messrs Hopkins premises, Main Street, or thereabouts; (b) That a Consultant Engineer be employed to advise on the road widening at the Mall, Wicklow; (c) That a proper gully and drain be laid at the Mall, Wicklow, to prevent future flooding there."
- (32) Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello, Miss M. Walsh, M. Deering, K. Ryan, F. Hynes, M. J. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, Miss N. O'Neill, R. Miley and J. Whelan:— "That we request the Minister for Local Government to ensure that all future appointments of Rate Collectors be made on the basis of merit through competitive examination."
- (33) Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:— "That the reasons be given for the Council's failure to remove the bend at the dangerous part of the Glenealy Cemetery approach — the money having been made available for a period of years."
- (34) Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council reduce the width of the footpaths at each side of the bottom of the Main Street, Carnew."
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It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on the 7th and 14th February, 1972.

Passed.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members of the Council with the relatives of the late Mr. Joseph McCann, who had been killed by British Troops in Belfast.

Item No. 2—Temporary Closing of Roads—(a) Enquiry from M.G. Car Club whether Council would agree to closing of the new Long Hill at Kilmacanogue/Roundwood Road on Sunday, 14th May, 1972; (b) Application from Wicklow Festival Committee for closing of Main Dublin Road from Junction at Wentworth Place to Junction with Church Hill Road on Monday, 5th June, from 3.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. for cycling event; (c) Application from Fingal Motor Club for closing of roads at Roundwood, including section of Roundwood/Kilmacanogue and section of Roundwood/Enniskerry Roads for periods on 23rd and 24th September, 1972.

(a) Enquiry from M.G. Car Club whether Council would agree to closing of the new Long Hill at Kilmacanogue/Roundwood Road on Sunday, 14th May, 1972.

The County Secretary stated that an inquiry from the M.G. Car Club had been received as to whether the Council would be agreeable to the closing of the new Long Hill, on the Kilmacanogue/Roundwood Road on Sunday, May 14th. The Council in previous years had agreed to the closing of the road on a Saturday, but not on a Sunday. The Council decided to defer consideration of the enquiry and to ask the Club to supply details of the times during which it was proposed to have the road closed.

(b) Application from Wicklow Festival Committee for closing of Main Dublin Road from junction at Wentworth Place to Junction with Church Hill Road on Monday, 5th June, from 3.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. for cycling event.

The County Secretary stated that it was proposed to close this section of the Main Dublin Road on Monday, 5th June, which is a Bank Holiday, and it could be expected that the road would carry heavy traffic on that day. The Council indicated that they were not prepared to agree to the Closing of the Road because of the inconvenience it would cause to traffic through Wicklow on the Bank Holiday.

(c) Application from Fingal Motor Club for closing of Roads at Roundwood, including section of Roundwood/Kilmacanogue and section of Roundwood/Enniskerry Roads for periods on 23rd and 24th September, 1972.

The County Secretary stated that the application involved the closing of the section of the Main Roundwood/Kilmacanogue Road from its junction about 500 yards north of Roundwood to the junction with the road leading to Sallygap, the road from Roundwood towards Ennis-

kerry from the junction with the Main Road north of Roundwood, to the junction with the road leading to Sallygap and the connecting link between these two roads being portion of the road to Sallygap. The County Engineer in his report had pointed out that local people would be put to some considerable inconvenience and that he considered that the Council should not approve of the road closure. The Council agreed that the Club be informed that the Council was not prepared to agree to the proposed closing of the roads.

Item No. 3—Authorisation of Expenditure in excess of the amount provided in Estimates for 1971/72 and 1972/73 in respect of Overdraft Interest.

The County Secretary stated that the Banks Financial Year had been changed from the year ended 31st December to the year ended 31st March, and consequently during the financial year to 31st March, 1972, Overdraft Interest covering a period of 15 months was charged and this included two periods of three months when the level of Overdraft had been high. The Overdraft Interest chargeable on the Accounts for the year 1971/72 would be £21,253 and as the amount provided in the Estimates was £10,000, excess expenditure of £11,253 was required to be authorised. It appeared also that the provision in the Estimates for 1972/73 would also require to be increased by a further £5,000.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure of £11,253 in excess of the amount provided in the Estimates for 1971/72, and authorise expenditure of £5,000 in excess of the amount provided in the Estimates for 1972/73 under the heading "General Purposes-Overdraft Interest."

Passed.

Councillor F. Hynes referred to the new Bank Charges which had been announced and which involved a charge related to the number of transactions through the Council's Account together with a charge in the conditions for Overdraft Interest, and the ceasing of payment of interest on credit balances. He proposed that the Council object to the revised charges and refer the matter to the General Council of County Councils for joint action by Local Authorities. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded the proposal and the Council agreed that the matter be referred to the General Council of County Councils.

Item No. 4—Proposed disposal by Lease of Factory Site at Baltinglass to Industrial Development Authority—Details circulated to Members on 21/3/72.

The County Secretary stated that particulars of the proposed disposal of the site at the Council's Industrial Estate at Baltinglass had been circulated to the Members of the Council, but the notice contained an error in describing the site as one to be used for the erection of a dwellinghouse. The site would be used for the erection of an Advance Factory.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the disposal by way of lease for a period of 150 years at a rent of £320 per annum of 2 acres, 1 rood

and 5 perches of land on the Industrial Site at Lathaleere, Baltinglass, to the Industrial Development Authority, subject to the land being used as a site for an Advance Factory, and the premises erected being used only for carrying on manufacturing processes and for no other purpose whatsoever; and the purchaser shall be responsible for the full legal costs of the Conveyance.

Passed.

**Item No. 5—Appointment of Members to Local Health Committee—
Copy of Circular and Regulations issued to Members.**

The County Secretary stated that a copy of the Department's Circular of 9th February, 1972, in regard to the appointment of the Local Health Committee together with a copy of the Regulations relating thereto had been circulated to the Members of the Council. The Council were entitled to appoint three members from each Local Electoral Area making a total of 12 Members together with an additional three Members from the Council as a whole making the total of 15 Members.

The total number of Members of the Local Health Committee which included representatives of Medical and Nursing Staff, etc., would be 28. The Council agreed that the Members of the Council who had been appointed to represent the Council on the Eastern Health Board should be Members of the Local Health Committee, and

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillors G. Timmins, J. Sweeney and J. Temple to be Members of the Local Health Committee for Co. Wicklow.

Passed.

Following a discussion in regard to the appointment of Members from each local Electoral Area, the Council agreed to adjourn for a period of 10 minutes so that the Members of the Council for each of the four Electoral Areas could agree on three Members to be appointed from each of the four Electoral Areas. On the resumption after the adjournment

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillors Miss Walsh, J. Whelan, and K. Ryan, being Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area, to be members of the local Health Committee for County Wicklow.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor K. Ryan;

Seconded by Councillor Sweeney;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering, and M. J. O'Neill, being members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area to be members of the local Health Committee for County Wicklow.

Passed.

Councillor J. Temple stated that the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area had agreed that Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. Ledwidge be appointed to the local Health Committee, but that the remaining appointment be left vacant pending the filling of the

vacancy on the Council caused by the death of Councillor White. The Council approved of the appointment of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge to the Health Committee. All five Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area had been proposed for appointment to the Health Committee, and following a discussion on the matter Councillor Phelan and Councillor Gregory agreed to withdraw and the Council approved of the appointment of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Bourke, and R. Miley as members of the local Health Committee.

The following Members of the Council accordingly were appointed as members of the local Health Committee with one position still remaining to be filled:—

Councillors J. Bourke, M. Deering, F. Hynes, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh and J. Whelan:

**Item No. 6—Water Supply Extensions—To Authorise Borrowing of
£8,762 to Defray Cost of Extensions at Ashford, Hillbrook, Aughrim,
Ballybawn, Coolruss and Newtownsaunders.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of £8,762 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years to defray the cost of the following water supply extensions:—

(1)	Extension to Coyne's Cross, Ashford	£2,495
(2)	" from Coolboy to Hillbrook	£2,420
(3)	" from Tinahely to Ballybawn and Coolruss ..	£1,250
(4)	" to cottages on Annacurra Road, Aughrim ..	£1,162
(5)	" from Baltinglass to Newtownsaunders ..	£1,435
		£8,762

Passed.

**Item No. 7—Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme—Letter from
Wicklow U.D.C. re Apportionment of Cost of Improvements.**

The following letter from Wicklow Urban District Council was submitted:—

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
Town Hall, Wicklow.

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

10th February, 1972.

Re: Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme.

A Chara,

At meeting held on 7th instant, letter of 27th ultimo from Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing Section, was brought to the attention of the Council. It was noted by the Council that Contract Documents for the erection of a 500,000 gallon service Reservoir at an estimated cost of £25,000 have now been submitted to the Minister for Local Government for approval to the invitation of tenders. The Council considered the question of loan charges. It was considered that it would be inequitable to have the Urban District bear 75 per

cent. of the Loan charges, particularly having regard to amount of development likely to take place in the Rathnew and Ashford areas. It was suggested that 50 per cent. of the loan charges would be a fair contribution.

I should be glad to hear from you in this regard.

Mise, le meas,

P. DOWNES,

Acting Town Clerk.

Copy of Letter sent to:

Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer,
Housing Section, Wicklow County Council,
for his information.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had agreed that the Loan Charges for the improvements to the Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme be shared between the Urban District Council and the County Council on the basis of the Urban District Council contributing 75 per cent. of the cost of the Loan Charges, and the County Council 25 per cent. The Council had agreed also that as from the 1st April, 1971, the annual maintenance cost of the Scheme would be apportioned between the Wicklow County Council and Wicklow Urban District Council in proportion to the quantity of water from the Scheme used in the Urban District and in the County Health District.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Resolved—That having considered letter of 10th February, 1972, from Wicklow Urban District Council, we agree that the capital cost of the proposed improvements to the Conroe Water Supply be shared in the proportions of 40 per cent. by Wicklow County Council and 60 per cent. by Wicklow Urban District Council, and authorise the borrowing of a sum of £10,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years to defray the County Council's share of the cost of the Scheme for improvements.

Passed.

The Council confirmed their decision in regard to the revised method of apportionment of the maintenance cost of the Scheme.

Item No. 8—New Road Serving N.E.T. Factory at Arklow—Proposed Closing of Section of Monument Lane.

The County Secretary stated that when the new road to serve the N.E.T. Factory at Arklow was constructed it was intended that the old road coming out to join the main road at Templarney Church would be closed in the interests of safety. The County Engineer stated that if the road was left open as at present and used to any great extent which was likely on account of it being a shorter route to Arklow, a traffic hazard would arise at Templarney Cross and the additional expense incurred in providing the new junction with the Beech Road would to a great extent be lost. He recommended that the right-of-way over the portion of the old road leading to Temple-rainey junction be extinguished, but that an opening for a pedestrian right-of-way be left at the junction of the old road and the new road to facilitate those attending Templarney Church. Following a discussion on the matter, in the course of which Members suggested that if a "No Through Road" sign be erected at the junction of the road with the main road at Templarney and that the junction with the new road connecting to the Beech Road, that this would over-

come the difficulties regarding the traffic hazard at the junction with the main road, and it was agreed that the matter be deferred for discussion between the County Engineer and local Members on the site.

Item No. 9—Creation of Additional Post of Clerk/Typist for Accounts Section.

The County Secretary stated that as from the 1st April, 1972, the record of expenditure on the Road Works Scheme would be kept on the Accounting Machine in the Accounts Office, and the Road Ledger at present kept in the County Engineer's Office would not be required. Additional work, however, would arise in the Accounts Office, and it was considered that an additional post of Clerk/Typist would be required.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of the creation of an additional office of Clerk/Typist for the Accounts Section.

Passed.

Item No. 10—Public Lighting—(A) Change to Mercury Fluorescent Lighting; (B) Provision of Additional Light at Tinahely.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the replacement of all existing Tungsten Lights with Mercury Fluorescent Lights in the County Health District of Wicklow at an estimated cost of £8,387.50 and that we also approve of the installation of two additional lights at Lugduff, Tinahely, at an estimated cost of £69.

Passed.

Item No. 11—Aughrim Sewerage Scheme—Replacing of 2 H.P. Motor with 3 H.P. Motor.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that while alterations to the electrical equipment to the motors and pumps in the Divertor had been completed, it was not working satisfactorily and he recommended that both the existing 2 h.p. motors be replaced by 3 h.p. 3 phase motors at an estimated cost of £100.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the replacement of the two h.p. motors in the Pump House at Aughrim Sewerage Scheme by 2 h.p. 3 phase motors, as recommended by the County Engineer at estimated cost of £100.

Passed.

Item No. 12—Proposed Dumping Ground for Shillelagh—Report of County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the site on the old Union Lands at Shillelagh which was the property of the Council had been inspected and was considered very suitable for use as a dumping ground. The necessary fencing and provision of a gate and lock would cost £80. The County Engineer stated that the provision of a dumping ground at this point would not affect the letting of the field for grazing or the provision of

future Council houses, and the County Medical Officer and Health Inspector had examined the site, and had also indicated that it was suitable, and that no nuisance would arise therefrom if properly maintained.

It was

Proposed by Councillor K. Ryan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the use of the site on the old Union Lands, Shillelagh, the property of the Council, as a dumping ground in connection with the provision of a domestic scavenging service for Shillelagh.

Passed.

Item No. 13—Provision of Pump to Serve 5 Houses at Tinnakilly and Ballymorris, Aughrim.

The County Engineer had reported that there was no water provided locally to serve the five houses at Tinnakilly, and Ballymorris, Aughrim, and residents drew their water from a well owned by a local farmer which was about 300 yards from the houses. He recommended that a pump be sited in a convenient place to serve the needs of the householders at an estimated cost of £300. All the houses in question were vested but some of the families were not in good circumstances.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the installation of a pump to serve five Council houses at Tinnakilly and Ballymorris, Aughrim, at estimated cost of £300, as recommended by the County Engineer.

Item No. 14—Provision of Public Toilets at Lacken, Blessington.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Lacken Branch of the West Wicklow Development Association concerning the lack of toilet facilities on the lake drive from Lacken to Blessington, Valley Mount and Ballyknocken. It was stated that complaints were constantly being made by tourists in regard to the inadequacy of the facilities. The Committee of the Lacken Branch of the Association considered that a health hazard of some proportions arose because of the lack of these facilities, and asked that a toilet complex be provided somewhere in the Lacken area before the Summer season, 1972. The County Medical Officer had reported on the matter, and had indicated that he failed to see how a health hazard of some proportions could arise through lack of toilet facilities in the area. Public toilets had been provided at the Main Street, Blessington, which was on the route mentioned by the Association. The Council noted the views of the County Medical Officer but suggested that the Lacken Branch of the Association be asked if they were in a position to indicate a suitable site which would be available for a public toilet if it were decided to provide one, and that the matter be then considered by the Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral area.

Item No. 16—Criminal Injury Claims re Damage to Property at Clogga Beach—Letter from Department of Local Government.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had replied to the Council's letter regarding the Decrees granted against the Council in respect of malicious damage to property at Clogga Beach, and had stated that there were no funds at the disposal of the Minister from which the cost of the compensation could

be discharged. The Department stated that the Council's request had been brought to the notice of the Ministers for Finance and Justice. The County Secretary stated that subsequent to the Estimates Meeting of the Council two Decrees totalling £17,293.63 had been received from the Solicitors for the applicant and that a letter from the Solicitors had referred to the report of the Estimates Meeting in which it was stated that the Council had not provided monies to meet these Decrees. The Solicitors pointed out that their client took a serious view of the decision and requested clarification of the position. The County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had advised that the Council could be compelled to make provision for the Decrees and that the awards could be enforced by mandamus proceedings in the High Court which would involve costs.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure of £17,293.63 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates under the heading of "Separate Charges—Criminal Injuries" to defray the amounts of Compensation and Taxed Costs under Decrees granted by the Circuit Court in respect of damage caused by explosions at Clogga Beach.

Passed—Councillor Costello dissenting.

Item No. 17—Provision of Sites and Accommodation for Itinerants.

The County Secretary stated that it had not been possible to acquire by agreement any site for the provision of halting places for itinerants. It was suggested that the Council might consider acquiring sites and providing houses for those families of itinerants who were natives of the County, and it appeared that there would be only a limited number involved. The Council agreed that proposals in regard to the acquisition of sites be submitted to the next Meeting of the Council.

UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURE AT KILCRONEY

The County Secretary stated that a further letter had been received from Dr. L. M. Cullen in regard to an unauthorised structure at Kilcroney, and asking that he be received by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area. It was agreed that Dr. Cullen be received at the Meeting of the Members of the Council for the area which was being arranged for the following week.

USE OF PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM:

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. Patrick Morley, Main Street, Rathdrum, for permission for the use of a public address system attached to a Motor Vehicle on 19th April, 1972, at Laragh, Avoca, Glenealy, Wicklow, Rathdrum, Arklow and Rathnew, in relation to a dance to be held at Rathdrum on Saturday, 22nd April, 1972. The Council approved of issue of a Permit.

TELEPHONE SERVICES TO COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICES:

Councillor F. Hynes, Chairman, referred to the Notice of Motion in his name at Item 38 on the Agenda and asked that arrangements

be made to improve the telephone service to the Council's Offices. Councillor Hynes and other Members referred to the difficulty of contacting the Council's Offices by telephone. The County Secretary stated that the Council had four exchange lines and that these were in constant operation throughout the day and complaints had been received of difficulty in getting through to the Office. The volume of calls appeared to have increased considerably during the previous year and telephone calls to and from the Eastern Health Board Offices had contributed considerably to the increase in the number of calls. The County Secretary stated that the Eastern Health Board had been asked to provide a separate switchboard and number for their section of the Offices. The Council agreed that any necessary steps be taken by increasing the number of exchange lines and the employment of an additional telephonist if necessary, in order to improve the telephone service to the Council's Offices.

PLANNING PERMISSION FOR HOUSES AT WINDGATES:

The County Secretary submitted a report of the County Engineer in regard to Permission granted in consequence of a direction by the Members of the Council under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, for a bungalow at Windgates, to Mr. Dudley Ennis, and pointed out that the site of the proposed bungalow was on land which would be required to be acquired by the Council for the purpose of future road improvement. If the house were erected on the site as proposed it would eventually have to be acquired by the Council and compensation paid.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes:

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That the Council revoke the grant of Planning Permission for the bungalow at Windgates from Mr. Dudley Ennis.

As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple:

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved—That consideration of the proposal to rescind the grant of Planning Permission to Dudley Ennis, be deferred pending consideration of the matter by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area.

At this stage Councillor S. Costello pointed out that it was 5.00 p.m. and the Council Meeting consequently must terminate as the Council had not taken any decision prior to 5.00 p.m. to extend the time of the Meeting. The Council adjourned without taking any decision on the proposal or amendment.

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

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. J. O'Neill, and M. Deering:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Thomas Fitzpatrick, Saint Kevin's, Vallemount, for the provision of two bungalows at Logstown, Vallemount."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That the Council provide a public light on the Main Road at Dunbur Road, Wicklow."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council to deal with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 1st May, 1972, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor F. Hynes, Chairman.

Councillors T. J. Keenan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, M. Deering, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, J. J. Bourke, J. Gregory, R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Whelan.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Planning Assistant and Staff Officers for Planning and Housing Sections attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—
 - (a) In the names of Councillors W. Cleary, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney and T. J. Keenan:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Elizabeth O'Mahony, Glenbrook, Arklow, for the erection of 27 houses on her land at Killiniskeyduff, Arklow, County Wicklow."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, J. Miley and M. Deering:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Thomas Ryan, Saint Kevin's, Baltinglass, for the provision of a house for his own use."
 - (c) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. Deering, M. J. O'Neill:—"By virtue of powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Noel Hamilton, for the provision of a house at Glenhest."
 - (d) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley and J. Gregory:—"That we hereby direct in pursuance of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, that Permission be granted to Mr. H. Bittel of Knockrobin, Wicklow, to develop his lands at Knockrobin, for the erection of 14 dwellinghouses thereon."
 - (e) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Temple:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by

Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Simon Doyle, Coolnaskeagh, for the provision of a bungalow at Coolagad, Templecarrig, Grey-stones."

- (f) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, B. S. C. Phelan, T. J. Keenan and R. Miley:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Dunbur Limited, for the provision of 12 bungalows at Dunbur Lower, Wicklow."
- (g) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins and M. Deering:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James Commis, Knockatillane, for the provision of a bungalow at the above address."
- (h) In the names of Councillors J. Whelan, R. Miley, T. J. Keenan and Miss M. Walsh:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Richard Ivers, for the provision of a house at Mognacool, Rathdrum."
- (i) In the names of Councillors J. Temple, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, F. Hynes, Miss N. O'Neill and G. Timmins:—"Notice of Intention to direct the County Manager to give full Planning Permission under the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, and the Local Government Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for the erection of a bungalow for his own use at Ballybawn Lower, as per plans submitted, to Mr. M. Suttle."
- (j) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. Whelan, J. J. Bourke and F. Hynes:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to C. Galligan, Belvedere Place, Dublin, to erect two bungalows at Knockraheen, Roundwood."
- (k) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. Whelan, J. J. Bourke and F. Hynes:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Patrick Cullen, to erect a bungalow for his own use at Laragh East, Annamoe."
- (l) In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan, R. Miley, J. Whelan and M. Deering:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. C. Byrne, Aughrim, at Tinnakilly, Aughrim, for the provision of a house."
- (m) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, R. Miley and B. S. C. Phelan:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section

4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Dr. Meehan, Wentworth Rise, to build a bungalow at Ballygulle, Wicklow."

- (n) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and R. Miley:—"That we hereby direct in pursuance of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, that Permission be granted to Mr. Bartholomew Flood to develop his lands at Rosanna Upper, for the erection of three dwellinghouses (bungalow type) thereon."
 - (o) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. J. O'Neill and M. Deering:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Thomas Fitzpatrick, St. Kevin's, Vallemount, for the provision of two bungalows at Logstown, Vallemount."
 - (p) In the names of Councillors J. Temple, E. Byrne and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Kevin O'Connell, Ballybrew, Enniskerry, for the provision of a bungalow at Enniskerry."
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting of the Council held on 18th February, 1972.
 3. Local Health Committee—To nominate to Eastern Health Board persons associated with voluntary organisations concerned with Social Service for filling of two positions on Local Health Committee.
 4. Enquiry re proposed closing of New Long Hill (Road T. 61) at Kilmacanogue.
 5. Proposed closing of Road at Wicklow.
 6. Disposal of portion of cottage plot at Kilqueeny, Avoca, as site for septic tank (details circulated to Members).
 7. Housing Scheme at Avoca—Compulsory acquisition of land.
 8. Applications for (a) sub-division of vested cottage plots and (b) consent to sale of vested cottages.
 9. Provision of demountable dwelling at Stratford.
 10. To receive deputation from Rathdangan Development Association.
 11. Application from Kilmacanogue Housing Action Association for reception of deputation by Members of Council for Bray Electoral Area.
 12. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That this Council will build additional rooms to Patrick Byrne's cottage, Rosbawn, Tinahely."
 13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:—"That a Supplementary Grant be paid to Mr. James Murphy, Killalesh, Kiltegan, for a new house, and (b) that a Supple-

mentary Grant be paid to the legal personal representatives of Mrs. Sara Case, Brittas, Donard."

14. Cottages repaired during the month of April, 1972, and to be repaired during the month of May, 1972.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to Move Resolutions Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:—

The following reports in relation to the Planning Applications affected by the Notices had been circulated to the Members of the Council:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

- (1) Proposed Bungalow at Clough, Baltinglass, for Thomas Ryan. It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:—
1. The Public Road on which it is proposed to erect this bungalow is a National Secondary Route. The Department of Local Government have stated that road grants may be withheld if such development is allowed on the National Routes as a traffic hazard would arise with the increase in the number of entrances on the route.
 2. The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area (including the preservation and improvement of the amenity thereof) because—
 - (a) it would increase the tendency to ribbon development along this important roadway in an area which is rural in character.
 - (b) the topography of his field is such that any building on this site would be so obtrusive that it would seriously injure the amenities of the area.
 3. There is no evidence before the Council that the ground conditions are suitable for a septic tank installation.
- (2) Proposed Bungalow and septic tank at Mongnacool, Rathdrum, for Richard Ivers. It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:—
1. The site adjoins the main Rathdrum/Aughrim Road, which carries a high volume of heavy commercial traffic, at a point along a good overtaking straight section of road. Vehicles entering and leaving the site of the proposal would seriously interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along this heavily trafficked main road.
 2. There is no evidence before the Council that the ground conditions are suitable for a septic tank installation.
- (3) Proposed Bungalow at Ballyguilemore, Wicklow, for Dr. J. Meehan.
- In March, 1971, the applicant was refused permission for this development and on appeal to the Minister for Local Government permission was refused in October, 1971. It is recommended that Outline Permission be refused for the reasons stated by the Minister, viz:—
1. The proposed development would injure the visual amenity

of the area because by reason of the prominent location of of the site on the skyline overlooking the town of Wicklow, it would be unduly obtrusive on scenic views in the area.

2. The proposed development because of the deficiency in the provision of public services in the area would give rise to demands for the provision of such services which could not be economically provided.

- 14) Proposed bungalow at Ballybawn Lower, Co. Wicklow, for Michael A. Suttle.

It is recommended that permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- (1) The proposed development together with existing development in the area, would give rise to urban sprawl in this unserviced rural area and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area which requires that the distinction between urban and rural areas be preserved.
- (2) The site is overlooked from County Road No. 33 ("Rocky Valley Drive") and from the Long Hill Road as well as from occasional view points on the Deepark Road, and is within an area specified in the County Development Plan as a Class A Landscape Area. The proposed site is unduly prominent and the erection of a dwellinghouse thereon would be injurious to the amenities of the area.

- 15) Proposed bungalow at Laragh East, Co. Wicklow, for Patrick Cullen.

It is recommended that permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- (1) The proper planning and development of the area requires that new development be located at existing centres of development and where public services are available or can be economically provided.

The proposal is in conflict with the proper planning and development of the area since

- (a) the site is separated from the existing built-up area by a forest belt and development of the site would constitute an intrusion on the rural landscape of this area which is classified as a Class A landscape area in the County Development Plan.
- (b) The site is outside the area which can be served by gravity from the existing public water supply reservoir.
- (c) The proposal would set a precedent for other similar development dissociated from the existing built-up area of Laragh.

- 16) Proposed bungalow at Tinnakilly Upper, Aughrim, Co. Wicklow, for Charles Byrne.

It is recommended that Outline Permission be refused for the following reason:—

- (1) The proper planning and development of the area requires that development along main roads be restricted. The site of this proposed development is located east of Aughrim along the main Aughrim/Rathdrum road. The erection of a dwelling on this site would create a precedent for further development along this main road extending from Aughrim and would initiate an undesirable ribbon form of development

along the main road. Furthermore, the proposed access on the public road from this site is located at a place where visibility, particularly to the east, is limited. The traffic generated by this development would be a source of traffic hazard along the main road.

- (7) Proposed three houses at Rosanna Upper, Ashford, Co. Wicklow, for Mr. B. Flood.

It is recommended that Outline Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- (1) The site of the proposal is adjacent to National Primary Road (T. 7). Traffic generated by the proposed development would give rise to a potential serious traffic hazard at a point on the National Primary Route where visibility is seriously limited and where the existing alignment is substandard. Furthermore, the proposed access on the National Primary route (via a laneway) is in conflict with the provision of the County Development Plan relating to this road and is also in conflict with the policy of the Department of Local Government as expressed in the Minister's circular relating in particular to National Primary and Secondary roads.
- (2) The site of the proposal is located near lands in respect of which permission have already been granted by the Council (viz., Milltown Lane area). Further development of this area when taken in conjunction with existing development, would give rise to demands for services, e.g., sewerage, public lighting, road improvements, footpaths, etc., which could not be economically provided from the resultant rates revenue.
- (3) The proposed development would be injurious to the amenity of the area since it would further erode the rural fabric of this area.
- (4) It is proposed to take a 3" diameter connection off the existing 8" diameter main which passes through the south corner of the site. This 8" diameter main is a rising main to the three reservoirs in Ashford, Rathnew and Wicklow and connection is prohibited because it would reduce the supply of water to the reservoirs and thence to the areas supplied out of all proportion to the actual quantity of water drawn off by such a connection.

- (8) Proposed House at Ballybrew, Co. Wicklow, for Kevin J. O'Connell. It is recommended that permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- (1) The site is situated in an area of outstanding natural beauty, intensively used for recreation purposes, in respect of which it is the intention of the Council to consider making a Special Amenity Order, as stated in the County Development Plan. Because of the prominence of the site (over 800 feet contour), the proposed residential development would be injurious to the amenities of the area.
- (2) As is evidenced by decisions on previous planning applications for development in this locality, it has been the policy of the Council to keep this area of high amenity free from development. The erection of a dwelling on this site as

proposed would set a precedent for similar development thus causing serious erosion of the amenities in this area.

- (9) Proposed two bungalows at Logstown, Valkeymount, Co. Wicklow, for Mr. Thomas Fitzpatrick.

It is recommended that Outline Permission be refused for the following reason:—

- (1) The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of area and would be contrary to the policy of the County Council as expressed in the County Development Plan which states that development will not be permitted in rural areas in which the development would be prominent against a skyline and lacking in natural screening. The proposed development would be on a skyline and unduly prominent when viewed from the nearby public roadway.

- (A) In the names of Councillors W. Cleary, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney, and T. J. Keenan:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Elizabeth O'Mahony, Glenbrook, Arklow, for the Erection of 27 Houses on Her Land at Killiniskyduff, Arklow, County Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that the information which had been sought by the Council was not yet available. On the Proposal of Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, it was agreed that Mrs. O'Mahony be informed that if all necessary information sought by the Council was not supplied within one month, the Notice of Intention to move the Resolution would be withdrawn.

- (B) In the Names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., J. Miley, and M. Deering:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Thomas Ryan, Saint Kevin's, Baltinglass, for the Provision of a House for His Own Use."

Councillor M. J. O'Neill asked that consideration of this matter be deferred to the next Housing Meeting of the Council in order that trial holes could be opened on the land and a report in regard to it be made available. The Council agreed that the proposal be deferred to the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 12th June, 1972.

- (C) In the Names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. Deering, and M. J. O'Neill:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Full Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Noel Hamilton, for the Provision of a House at Glenhest."

The following report of the Chief Planning Assistant as approved by the County Engineer was submitted:—

Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E.,
County Engineer.

28th April, 1972.

Bungalow at Glen Heste, for Mr. Noel C. Hamilton.

A Chara,

Further to Council's discussion on this matter, the C.A.C.E.

(Roads) and C.P.A. met Mr. N. C. Hamilton on site. It was pointed out to Mr. Hamilton that the entrance he proposed would be extremely dangerous and that further realignment of the Main Road (L.161) at this point would affect the positioning of his proposed bungalow. To overcome the problem of a dangerous entrance he agreed to relocate the entrance point at the eastern end of the road frontage of the property and agreed also that in order to provide an adequate length of sight-distance to the west that he would remove the six large trees and the length of roadside bank necessary to provide as much visibility as it is possible to obtain at this point. Mr. Hamilton, however, stated that as his father owned the land and trees, that he would have to get his approval for the work. This matter was then left in abeyance pending his confirmation on this point.

It was also agreed that the County Engineering Department would prepare a road alignment map for this area and would forward same to Mr. Hamilton so that his house, if granted permission, could be located at least 30 feet away from the road line.

The trial hole had been deepened to six feet and the Health Inspector is to carry out another inspection of it to ascertain if the soakage properties are any better at the greater depth.

Mise, le meas,

T. GIBSON

Chief Planning Assistant

TG/PJ.

Councillor J. Miley stated that Mr. Hamilton's father had agreed to make an alternative site available for the bungalow, and to the relocation of the entrance point, and removal of trees and roadside bank to provide visibility and to allow of the house being located at least 30 feet away from the road line.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Noel Hamilton, for the provision of a house at Glenhest, subject to conditions in relation to the positioning of the proposed bungalow so as to be at least 30 feet away from the line of road improvement, to the removal of trees and length of roadside bank to provide visibility as recommended by the County Engineer, and subject to land being found suitable for disposal of effluent from septic tank.

Passed.

(D) In the Names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley, and J. Gregory:—"That We Hereby Direct in Pursuance of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, that Permission Be Granted to Mr. Herbert Bittel of Knockrobin,

Wicklow to Develop His Lands at Knockrobin, for the Erection of 14 Dwellinghouses thereon."

The following report of the Chief Planning Assistant as approved by the County Engineer was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Planning Section,
Courthouse,
Wicklow

T. J. Donovan, Esq., B.E.,
County Engineer.

1st May, 1972.

Re: Housing Development at Knockrobin for Mr. H. Bittel.

Reg. Ref. 5143/72

A Chara,

Further to the resolution of the County Council at its meeting on Monday, 10th of April, 1972, "that consultations be entered into with the developer to ascertain if housing could be provided on the site for persons who would qualify for loans from the Council," discussions took place on two occasions between the Chief Planning Assistant and Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., agent for the proposer.

Mr. O'Byrne considered that as his client was providing housing for the open market that it would not be possible to restrict the prospective purchasers to persons who would be eligible for Council loans. He pointed out that the houses proposed were 1,249 sq. ft. in area and therefore eligible for grants and loans. He considered that a reduction in the floor area of the houses would have only a minor effect on the overall cost of the houses because site development costs would be high. He was to confirm this by letter, but to date this has not been received.

Mise, le meas,

T. GIBSON

TG/AD.

Chief Planning Assistant.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we hereby direct in pursuance of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, that permission be granted to Mr. Herbert Bittel, of Knockrobin, Wicklow, to develop his lands at Knockrobin, for the erection of 10 dwellinghouses thereon, subject to the arrangements for water supply and sewerage being acceptable to the County Engineer and County Medical Officer.

Passed.

(E) In the Names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, and J. Temple:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act,

1963, to Simon Doyle, Coolnaskeagh, for the Provision of a Bungalow at Coolagad, Templecarrig, Greystones." The following report of the Chief Assistant County Engineer as approved by the County Engineer was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Planning Section,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

1st May, 1972.

T. J. Donovan, Esq., B.E.,
County Engineer.

Re: Proposed Bungalow at Coolagad, Templecarrig,
Greystones, for Simon Doyle.

A Chara.

I recommend that if permission is granted it be made a condition that the applicant cede the necessary land on both sides of the road for the carrying out of road alignment, the design for which is not yet available.

It is hoped that this design will be available in the near future and when it is available, the applicant should be required to set back the boundary fence beside the road to suit the new road alignment.

It should also be made a condition of granting permission that the entrance to the bungalow be on to the present laneway to the south of the site and not directly on to the County road. The gradient of the laneway should not exceed 2½% for the last 20 feet before the County road, in the interest of road safety.

Mise, le meas,

J. FORRISTAL,
Chief Assistant Co. Engineer.

AH/AD.

The County Secretary stated that the application had been considered by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their recent Meeting, and that the land on both sides of the road at this point was owned by Mr. Doyle, and that he was agreeable to cede such land as would be needed for road re-alignment, and to set back boundary fences to suit, and that he was also agreeable to having the entrance to the bungalow onto the laneway to the south of the site, and not directly onto the County Road. The Council agreed to adjourn consideration of the matter to allow an opportunity for the Chief Planning Assistant to meet Mr. Doyle, and agree on these points. The application was accordingly adjourned to Meeting of the Council to be held on 12th June, 1972.

(F) In the Names of Councillors J. Sweeney, B. S. C. Phelan, T. J. Keenan, and R. Miley:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Dunbur, Limited, for the Provision of 12 Bungalows at Dunbur Lower, Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that no application had yet been received and the Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the Meeting to be held on the 12th June, 1972.

(G) In the Names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, and M. Deer-

ing:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James Cummins, Knockatillane, for the Provision of a Bungalow at the above address.

The County Secretary stated that Planning Permission had been granted for this application and consequently there was no necessity for considering a direction in this matter. The Council noted that Planning Permission had been granted.

(H) In the Names of Councillors J. Whelan, R. Miley, T. J. Keenan, and Miss M. Walsh:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Richard Ivers, for the Provision of a House at Mogna-cool, Rathdrum."

The County Secretary stated that the report in this matter was No. 2 on the list circulated to the Members of the Council on the 28th April 1972.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1955, to Richard Ivers, for the provision of a house at Mogna-cool, Rathdrum.

Passed.

(I) In the Names of Councillors J. Temple, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, F. Hynes, Miss N. O'Neill, and G. Timmins:—"Notice of Intention to Direct the County Manager to Give Full Planning Permission Under the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, and the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for the Erection of a Bungalow for His Own Use at Ballybawn Lower, as per Plans Submitted, to Mr. M. Suttle."

The County Secretary stated that the report in this matter was No. 4 on the list circulated to the Members of the Council on the 28th April, 1972.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—We direct the County Manager to give full Planning Permission under the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, and the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for the erection of a bungalow for his own use at Ballybawn Lower, as per plans submitted, to Mr. M. Suttle.

Passed.

Members of the Council stated that a number of other applications for houses had been granted in this area, and that they did not con-

sider that the site was unduly prominent or that the dwellinghouse would be injurious to the amenities of the area.

- (J) In the Names of Councillors R. Miley, J. Whelan, J. J. Bourke and F. Hynes:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to C. Galligan, Belvedere Place, Dublin, to Erect Two Bungalows at Knockraheen, Roundwood."

The County Secretary stated that the application in this instance had been received only that morning, there had been no opportunity of examining and reporting on it. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 12th June, 1972.

- (K) In the Names of Councillors R. Miley, J. Whelan, J. J. Bourke, and F. Hynes:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Patrick Cullen, to Erect a Bungalow for His Own Use at Laragh East, Annamoe."

The County Secretary stated that the report in this matter was number five on the list circulated to the Members on the 28th April, 1972.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Patrick Cullen, to erect a bungalow for his own use at Laragh East, Annamoe.

- (L) In the Names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan, R. Miley, J. Whelan, and M. Deering:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred On Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. C. Byrne, Aughrim, at Tinnakilly, Aughrim, for the Provision of a House."

The County Secretary stated that the report on this matter was item number six on the list sent to the Members of the Council on the 28th April, 1972.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. C. Byrne, Aughrim, at Tinnakilly, Aughrim, for the provision of a house.

- (M) In the Names of Councillors F. Hynes, R. Miley, and B. S. C. Phelan:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred On Us by Section 4

of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Dr. Meehan, Wentworth Rise, To Build a Bungalow at Ballyguile, Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that the report of the proposal was number three on the list circulated to Members on the 28th April, 1972.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Dr. Meehan, Wentworth Rise, to build a bungalow at Ballyguile, Wicklow.

- (N) In the Names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes, and R. Miley:—"That We Hereby Direct in Pursuance of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, that Permission be Granted to Mr. Bartholomew Flood to Develop His Lands at Rosanna Upper, for the Erection of Three Dwellinghouses (Bungalow Type) Thereon."

The County Secretary stated that the report in this matter was number seven on the list circulated to the Members on the 28th April, 1972. Having considered the terms of recommendation of the County Engineer, Councillor B. S. C. Phelan, with the agreement of Councillors F. Hynes and R. Miley, indicated that the proposal was withdrawn.

- (O) In the Names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. J. O'Neill, and M. Deering:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred On Us by section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Thomas Fitzpatrick, Saint Kevin's, Valley-mount, for the Provision of Two Bungalows at Logstown, Valley-mount."

The County Secretary stated that the report on this proposal was number nine on the list circulated to Members on the 28th April, 1972.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

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

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Thomas Fitzpatrick, Saint Kevin's, Valley-mount, for the provision of two bungalows at Logstown, Valley-mount.

Passed.

- (P) In the Names of Councillors J. Temple, E. Byrne, and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred On Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Per-

mission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Kevin O'Connell, Ballybrew, Enniskerry, for the Provision of a Bungalow at Enniskerry."

The County Secretary stated that the report on this proposal was number eight on the list circulated to the Members on the 28th April, 1972.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, it was agreed that consideration of this proposal be adjourned to the Meeting of the Council to be held on 12th June, 1972.

PLANNING APPEALS:

The County Secretary stated that the Council had been informed by the Department of Local Government that it was proposed to hold an Oral Hearing of certain Planning Appeals in respect of Permissions granted following directions by the Members of the Council under Section 4 of the 1955 Act on the 10th May, 1972, and as this was the date of the Referendum, he wished to know if it would suit the Members of the Council or if they would prefer to have an alternative date selected. Members of the Council indicated that the date was not a suitable one and it was agreed that the Department be asked to fix an alternative date.

Councillor J. Temple expressed the view that Members of the Council should be informed in advance of the dates of all Oral Hearings of Planning Appeals so that Members might attend if they wished. It was agreed that in future all Members would be notified of dates fixed for Oral Hearings of Planning Appeals.

Item No. 2—To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meeting of the Council held on 18th February, 1972.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting of the Council held on the 18th February, 1972.

Passed.

Item No. 3—Local Health Committee—To Nominate to Eastern Health Board Persons Associated with Voluntary Organisations concerned with Social Service for Filling of Two Positions on Local Health Committee.

The County Secretary stated that there were two places on the Local Health Committee to be filled by persons, not being Members of a local authority which appointed Members to the Committee, associated with voluntary organisations concerned with Social Service. These appointments would be made by the Eastern Health Board, but the Board had asked that the Council nominate persons for these positions. The Council could nominate as many persons as they wished and the Board would select two persons for filling the vacancies. Nominations of persons for these positions had been received from the Arklow Geriatrics Association, the Bray Old Folks' Association and the County Wicklow Association for the Mentally Handicapped. The Arklow Geriatrics Association had recommended Mr. James Brendan Joyce, B.D.S., Dublin Road, Arklow; the Bray Old Folks' Association had recommended Mrs. Irene Hynes, 7, Lauderdale Estate,

Bray, and the County Wicklow Association for the Mentally Handicapped had recommended Mrs. J. Clancy, Finnisterre, Wicklow.

In reply to Councillor Whelan, who inquired why other organisations had not submitted recommendations, the County Secretary stated that it had been open to any organisation to submit names of persons for nomination. Both the Arklow Geriatrics Association and the Bray Old Folks' Association provided buildings and had received grants from the Council towards their work on behalf of old people. The County Wicklow Association for the Mentally Handicapped was well known to Members for the work they have been doing in this field. The nomination of Mrs. J. Clancy was proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan, seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh; the nomination of Mr. James Brendan Joyce was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh; and the nomination of Mrs. Irene Hynes was proposed by Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., pointed out that the other local authorities on the Eastern Health Board had submitted only two nominations in each case and he urged that the Council should submit only two names. The Council agreed that Mrs. J. Clancy be nominated for one of the two places on the Local Health Committee.

It was

Proposed by Councillor K. Ryan;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory;

Resolved—That the Council adjourn consideration of the making of a nomination for the second place on the Local Health Committee to the next Meeting.

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

IN FAVOUR—Councillors J. Gregory, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, K. Ryan, J. Temple and J. Whelan—5.

AGAINST—Councillors J. Bourke, M. Deering, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh—12.

The Motion to adjourn was defeated by 12 votes against to 5 votes in favour. The question was then put as to whether Mr. James Brendan Joyce or Mrs. Irene Hynes be nominated for the second place on the Local Health Committee, and a vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

FOR MR. JAMES BRENDAN JOYCE—Councillors J. Bourke, J. Sweeney, M. Deering, T. J. Keenan, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, B. Phelan, K. Ryan, Miss M. Walsh and J. Whelan—11.

FOR MRS. IRENE HYNES—J. Gregory, F. Hynes, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple and G. Timmins, T.D.—6.

Mr. James Brendan Joyce was accordingly nominated to fill the second place on the Local Health Committee. The County Secretary

stated that the nominations would be forwarded immediately to the Eastern Health Board for consideration.

Item No. 4—Enquiry Re Proposed Closing of New Long Hill (Road T. 61) at Kilmacanogue.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had deferred consideration of this Enquiry from the previous Meeting and had asked that the M.G. Car Club state the hours for which they wish to have the road closed. In a letter received the M.G. Car Club had now indicated that owing to the short time left they found that they would be unable to try to run the event and they apologised for any unnecessary trouble caused to the Council. The Council noted that the application was not being pursued.

Item No. 5—Proposed Closing of Road at Wicklow

The County Secretary stated that the Council had considered at the previous Meeting an application from the Wicklow Festival Committee for the closing of section of the Main Road at Wicklow on the afternoon of 5th June, 1972, and had indicated that they were not agreeable to the proposed closing of the road. The Wicklow Festival Committee had pointed out that the purpose of closing of the road was for a cycle race and that this event had been held in previous years on the same date, i.e., the first Monday in June, and had not caused any problems with traffic. They had been advised by the Gardai on this occasion to make application for a formal closing of the road, but arrangements would be made to allow traffic through at intervals. The Council agreed that the appropriate public notices be issued and that the matter be considered by the Council at the Meeting on 8th May, 1972.

Item No. 6—Disposal of Portion of Cottage Plot at Kilqueeny, Avoca, as a Site for Septic Tank (Details Circulated to Members)

The County Secretary stated that Mr. B. Culleton had built a new house on a site at Kilqueeny, and as there was not sufficient land to accommodate a septic tank, he had negotiated with a former tenant of cottage 200/8 to use part of the plot for the purposes of the septic tank. It appears that the former tenant had given the impression that the cottage plot was vested in him and that he was entitled to agree to the use of the plot as a site for the septic tank. The County Engineer had reported that he saw no objection to the proposal to dispose of part of the cottage plot to Mr. Culleton subject to the conditions as indicated in the notice circulated to the Members of the Council, and that he considered that a further septic tank could be erected on the remaining portion of the cottage plot should the need ever arise.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the disposal by way of outright sale for the sum of £50 of a plot of land at Kilqueeny, Avoca, containing 22.6 sq. perches, and being portion of cottage plot No. 200/8 to Mr. Brian Culleton, Tinahinch, Avoca, subject to the conditions set out in Notice of 18th April, 1972, circulated to the Members of

the Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended.
Passed.

Item No. 7—Housing Scheme at Avoca—Compulsory Acquisition of Land.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had acquired by Compulsory Purchase Order an area of land at Avoca from Mr. James Bolger, this being the site which was formerly in the ownership of C.I.E. The Official Arbitrator had deferred the making of an award to allow of provision being made for a right-of-way for Mr. Bolger to his property. The Official Arbitrator had indicated that if the Council could not let him have its final decision regarding the matter of access and boundaries, he would have to make an award on the basis that Mr. Bolger would have no access to his retained land and this would involve the Council in the payment of substantial compensation. In reply to inquiries from Members of the Council, Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, stated that plans were being prepared for the development of Mr. Macken's field at Avoca for housing, but that it was essential that arrangements be made to provide an adequate access to Mr. Bolger's residence to avoid the Council having to pay excessive compensation. The Council agreed that arrangements be made immediately for providing a suitable right-of-way to Mr. Bolger and that the completion of plans for a housing scheme on Mr. Macken's lands be expedited.

Item No. 8—Applications for (A) Sub-Division of Cottage Plots, and (B) Consent to Sale of Vested Cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sub-division of cottage plot No. 39/3, at Rathballylong, Blessington, by Mrs. Mary Kavanagh, in order to provide her son, Thomas, with a site for the erection of a new house subject to the redemption by the tenant purchaser of the annuity on the portion of the plot being transferred.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sub-division of cottage plot No. 46/5 at 10, Monastery, Enniskerry, by Mr. Peter Woodcock in order to provide his son, Sean Woodcock, with a site for the erection of a new house, subject to the redemption by the tenant purchaser of the annuity on the portion of the plot being transferred.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sub-division of cottage plot no. 18/2 at Castleruddery Lower by Mr. Michael O'Neill in order to provide Mr. Keith Conroy with a site for the

erection of a new house subject to redemption by the Tenant Purchaser of the annuity on the portion of the plot being transferred.
Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Mr. John Lawrence of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 66/10 at Slievemweel, Ballinglen, Arklow, to Mr. John Murphy, Coolballintaggart, Ballinglen, Arklow, for the sum of £900.00 subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £300, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Mrs. Sarah O'Dwyer of her interest in Vested Cottage No. 57/2 at Tober, Dunlavin, to Mr. John Mooney, Tober, Dunlavin, for the sum of £850 subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £283.33, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Miss M. Walsh, seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan, that consent be given to the sale by Mr. Edward Doyle of his interest in vested cottage plot at Mullins, subject to the County Manager being satisfied in regard to the terms.

Item No. 9—Provision of Demountable Dwelling at Stratford.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the provision of a demountable dwelling for Miss Mary Mangan, Stratford on Slaney, Baltinglass, and note that a site for the dwelling has been offered by Mr. Denis Brady, of Manger, Stratford, and that the estimated cost of the provision of the structure is £750.

Passed.

Item No. 10—To Receive Deputation from Rathdangan Development Association.

The Council received a deputation from Rathdangan Development Association consisting of Rev. Fr. Gahan, C.C., Mr. P. Whelan, Mr. J. Whelan, Mr. P. Cullen and Mr. J. Hannon. Mr. J. Whelan, Hon. Secretary, thanked the Members of the Council for receiving them, and also expressed thanks for the assistance given by the Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area. Rev. J. Gahan, C.C., stated that new houses were needed at Rathdangan, and that there were six applicants for houses at present. He stated that three persons in the area had offered to make sites available for houses. He referred also to the need for providing a proper water supply and

sewerage system and stated that there were fifteen houses in the village which had not these services. Water from the existing pump was described as unsatisfactory. He referred also to the need for the provision of an extension to Crannareen Graveyard, and stated that the owner of the adjoining land was agreeable to making available an area of land for an extension. Mr. J. Hannan asked that arrangements be made for the local Assistant County Engineer to meet representatives of the Association in connection with by-roads which were in need of repair. He mentioned also the need for direction signs and the provision of Yield-Right-of-Way signs at certain junctions. Reference was made also to a dangerous bridge at Crannareen which was only 8 feet wide and which formed a traffic hazard. It was stated that the bridge needed to be widened. There was also a dangerous junction on the Crannareen Road and it was stated that a protective wall was to have been built but the work had not yet been carried out. It was agreed that the County Engineer arrange for the Assistant County Engineer for the area to meet representatives of the Association. Councillor F. Hynes, Chairman, thanked the Members of the Association for attending, and stated that the matter of the provision of housing in Rathdangan had already been raised by the Members of the Council for the area, and that the sites suggested by the Association would be examined. The County Engineer was also investigating the matter of the provision of a water supply and sewerage service for the village.

Item No. 11—Application from Kilmacanogue Housing Action Association for Reception of Deputation by Members of Council for Bray Electoral Area.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Kilmacanogue Housing Action Association for reception of a deputation from the Association at the next Meeting of Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at the Town Hall, Bray. It was agreed that the deputation be received at the next Meeting of the Members for the Bray Electoral Area.

The County Secretary stated that an application had also been received by the Chairman for the reception of a deputation from the Newcastle Residents' Association at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 8th May, 1972, to discuss housing and public lighting and other matters relevant to the community. On the proposal of Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor R. Miley, the Council agreed to receive the deputation.

Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That this Council Will Build Additional Rooms to Patrick Byrne's Cottage, Rosbawn, Tinahely."

The County Secretary stated that Patrick Byrne's family consisted of a husband, wife and 13 children ranging in age from 19 years to 4 years. The cottage was vested in Mr. Byrne. The matter of building an extension to the cottage had been raised previously by Councillor Keenan and it had been indicated that Council could assist only by way of supplementary grants towards the cost and by a reconstruction loan. It was felt that Mr. Byrne was not in a position at that time to meet repayments. On the proposal of Councillor Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor Keenan, the Council agreed that a demountable extension be provided for the cottage on the basis of a rent being charged for it.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor G. Timmins,

T.D.—(A) "That a Supplementary Grant Be Paid to Mr. James Murphy, Killaleesh, Kiltegan, for a New House, and (B) That a Supplementary Grant Be Paid to the Legal Personal Representatives of Mrs. Sarah Case, Brittas, Donard."

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That a Supplementary Grant be paid to James Murphy, subject to an application for a supplementary grant being made by him.

Passed.

The County Manager pointed out that the original application in this case had been made by Mrs. Bridget Molloy, who is the mother of Mr. James Murphy by her first marriage, and that the valuations of land and buildings for which she and her husband were rated exceeded £100 and consequently a supplementary grant could not be paid. As regards the payment of a supplementary grant to Mr. James Murphy as being the person first in occupation of the house, as Mr. Murphy is a single person he could not be considered eligible under the Council's scheme. The Council's Solicitor had been asked to advise on this matter previously and had indicated that the Council were correct in refusing the application. The County Manager warned the Members of the Council that if payment were made it would be subject to review by the Auditor and might be the subject of a surcharge.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That a supplementary grant be paid to the Legal Personal Representative of Mrs. Sarah Case.

Passed.

The County Secretary stated that the total valuation in this case amounted to £61.25 which exceeded the limit of £60.00. Councillor G. Timmins argued that the valuation included a sum of £2.50 which was the valuation of the old house which had been demolished and the new house had been built on its site. He again urged that payment of the supplementary grant be made. The County Manager pointed out that the Council's Solicitor had advised that if the Council agreed to pay the grant the Auditor would probably surcharge the Council on the grounds that the valuation exceeded £60.00 and the County Manager accordingly drew the Council's attention to this advice. The County Manager agreed to have both applications further examined.

HOUSING SCHEME AT HERBERT ROAD, BRAY

Councillor J. Temple pointed out that no decision had yet been given by the Minister on the Appeal against the grant of Permission for housing development at Herbert Road, Bray, and at a recent Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area the Members had asked that representations be made to the Minister for the reception of a deputation. He asked that the Council's

support be given to the application of the Members for the Bray Electoral Area and the Council recorded its support in this matter.

STREET LIGHTING:

Councillor Miss Walsh drew attention to street lights in certain towns and villages being in operation during daylight hours and out at night time, and asked that the E.S.B. be contacted to reset the time switches.

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

In the names of Councillors M. Deering, J. Miley, J. Sweeney, and G. Timmins:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Brendan McDermott, Dunlavin, for the provision of a bungalow at Hollywood."

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering, G. Timmins:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James Clarke, for the provision of a bungalow at Three Castles, Blessington."

In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, J. Miley, K. Ryan, Miss M. Walsh, R. Miley, and J. Whelan:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Michael Van Dessel, to build a house at Tilgroney East, Avoca."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at The Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 8th May, 1972, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor F. Hynes, Chairman.

Councillors W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, K. Ryan, Miss Mary Walsh, M. Sweeney, M. Deering, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, E. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, J. J. Bourke, J. Gregory, R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Whelan.

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

AGENDA

- 1 Closing of Roads—(a) Application of Wicklow Festival Committee for Closing of Road at Wicklow on 5th June, 1972, for purpose of cycle race; (b) Request for Closing of Roads for Circuit of Wicklow "An Tostal" Event.
- 2 Proposed Disposal of Plot of Land at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, as site for dwellinghouse—Notice circulated to Members of Council on 26th April, 1972.
- 3 Higher Education Grants Scheme for 1972.
- 4 To fill vacancy on County Council caused by the death of Councillor C. White.
- 5 To fill vacancy for Member of County Council on Local Health Committee.
- 6 To fill two vacancies on Wicklow O.A.P. Sub-Committee.
- 7 Revision of remuneration of Storekeeper, Rate and Rent Collectors, Staff Officers and County Accountant.
- 8 Report on Burial Grounds and proposed revision of charges.
- 9 Killoole Sewerage Scheme—Recommendation on tenders received.
- 10 Piping of Stream at Housing Scheme at Grattan Park, Greystones.
- 11 Street Lighting—Letter from Electricity Supply Board.
- 12 Minutes of Meetings of County Councils General Council on 15th December, 1971, and 1st March, 1972.
- 13 To receive deputation from Newcastle Residents' Association.
- 14 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Temple and E. Byrne:—"That a sewerage connection be made to the new sewer for the cottages at Boghall Road and Oldcourt Park, and that an estimate be given to the Council of the cost.
- 15 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. Deering:—"That

- the Council extend watermains to serve four cottages at Milltown, Dunlavin."
- 16 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That the sewerage system be extended to serve the houses on the Chapel Hill, Lugduff."
 - 17 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:—"That the dangerous junction near Carty's corner leading from Crone-more Road to the Meetings of the Waters be made safe and proper sign posts be erected."
 - 18 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. J. Bourke:—"That water and sewerage be provided for the houses on 'Leabeg Lane,' Newcastle."
 - 19 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. Deering:—"That water be extended to four cottages at Milltown, Dunlavin."
 - 20 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That additional lights for the Avoca area be provided at (a) the bus stop; (b) on the Woodenbridge Road near the Crafts Shop; (c) at Tower Avenue between Upper and Lower Kilmagig."
 - 21 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That the Council repair the road opposite the cottages at Cronehorn, Carnew."
 - 22 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That the Council lay a footpath from the Golf Links Wicklow, for 325 yards to a footpath leading to the sea on the Wicklow/Silver Strand Road."
 - 23 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That all work done by hired machines for the Council should be tendered for and the tenders to come before the Members of the Council."
 - 24 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That the Council surface dress the road leading to Council cottages at Merrymeeting, Rathnew, the road in question is that leading to the houses occupied by Mr. Ronan, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Dorris and Mr. Newcome."
 - 25 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:—"That proper safety signs be erected at the approach to the National School at Avoca, and that a public light be erected there."
 - 26 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory, E. S. C. Phelan and J. J. Bourke:—"That a sewerage system be installed for the village of Newcastle; (b) that a speed limit be provided in Newcastle; (c) that street lighting be improved; (d) that a public telephone be provided for Newcastle."
 - 27 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That the Council erect a pedestrian crossing in Wicklow Town near Messrs Hopkins premises, Main St., or thereabouts; (b) that a consultant engineer be employed to advise on the road widening at the Mall, Wicklow; (c) that a proper gully and drain be laid at the Mall, Wicklow, to prevent future flooding there."
 - 28 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors S. Costello, Miss M. Walsh, M. Deering, K. Ryan, F. Hynes, M. J. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, Miss N. O'Neill, R. Miley and J. Whelan:—"That we request the Minister for Local Government

- to ensure that all future appointments of Rate Collectors are made on the basis of merit through competitive examinations."
- 29 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:—"That the reasons be given for the Council's failure to remove the bend at the dangerous part of the Glenealy Cemetery Approach—the money having been made available for a period of years."
 - 30 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council reduce the width of the footpaths at each side of the bottom of the Main Street, Carnew."
 - 31 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council remove the footpaths at the Terrace, Carnew, which would enable vehicles to pass."
 - 32 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:—"That progress be reported on the siting and acquisition of a central dumping ground within five to ten miles of Wicklow and satellite towns."
 - 33 Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill:—"That a swimming pool be provided at Baltinglass."
 - 34 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That the Council provide a public light on the Main Road at Dunbur Road, Wicklow."
 - 35 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council be informed at the next Council Meeting of the outcome of the Meetings between the officials of the Council and Mrs. Wilby about the Right-of-Way through the lands on the Murrough, Wicklow; (2) That the Right-of-Way should be made wide enough to take cars, say 25 feet to 30 feet wide for future development of the Murrough and the Lake."
 - 36 Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Closing of Roads — (a) Application of Wicklow Festival Committee for Closing of Road at Wicklow on 5th June, 1972, for purpose of Cycle Race.

The County Secretary stated that the necessary public notice had been given and no objections had been received.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor E. Phelan:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the closing to public traffic of the section of the Main Dublin Road at Wicklow, from a point 10 yards east of the junction with Wentworth Place, to a point 10 yards north west of the junction with the Church Hill Road on Monday, 5th June, 1972, between the hours of 3.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. and authorise the holding of a cycle race on the road while so closed to public traffic. Passed.

(b) Request for Closing of Roads for Circuit of Wicklow "An Tostal" Event.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Motor Enthusiasts Club Limited for the closing of roads on the 31st June, 1972, between 12 noon and 6 p.m. to hold tests in connection with the Circuit of Wicklow 15th Annual "An Tostal"

Event. Particulars of the roads proposed to be closed were given to the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of public notice being given of intention to close to public traffic, the roads as listed in the report of the County Engineer of 25th April, 1972, in connection with the Circuit of Wicklow 15th Annual "An Tostal" Event.

The County Secretary stated that the Festival of Wicklow Committee had applied for permission to use the Spinnet, Rathnew, for Autocross car racing on Sunday, 4th June. The event would be run in conjunction with the Leinster Motor Club whose insurance cover of the event extends to owners of the property on which the event was held. The Council agreed that permission be given subject to the agreement of the present occupier for grazing.

Item No. 2—Proposed Disposal of Plot of Land at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, as site for dwellinghouse—Notice circulated to Members of Council on 26th April, 1972.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended, we approve of the disposal of plot of land containing 1 rood, 8 square perches, at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, to Mr. Cornelius Hayes, Baltinglass, by way of lease for a period of 99 years at a ground rent of £10 per annum, the purchaser to be responsible for the full legal costs of the conveyance and the site to be used for the erection of a dwellinghouse, plans of which shall be subject to the approval of the Council in accordance with the terms of the Notice issued to the members of the Council on 26th April, 1972.

Passed.

Item No. 3—Higher Education Grants Scheme for 1972.

The County Secretary stated that the Scheme proposed for 1972 was similar to that operating in 1971 except for the following matters:—

1. The total income based on rateable valuation would be reckoned on the basis of £1 rateable valuation being equivalent to £26.70 cash income.
2. The income of a parent with one child for the 1972 Scheme was based on £1,600 to qualify for the maximum grant as compared with £1,200 in the Scheme for 1971.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Higher Education Grants Scheme, 1972, in accordance with the draft submitted to this Meeting.

Passed.

On the suggestion of Councillor M. Deering, it was agreed that a copy

of the Scheme for 1972 when approved be circulated to the members of the Council.

Item No. 4—To fill vacancy on County Council caused by the death of Councillor C. White.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we hereby choose Mr. Richard McKeon, Hotel Antler, Central Promenade, Bray, Co. Wicklow, to be a Member of Wicklow County Council to fill the vacancy in the membership of the Council caused by the death of Councillor C. White.

Passed.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. McKeon had indicated in letter of 3rd May, 1972, that he was prepared to accept the appointment if chosen by the Council.

Item No. 5—To fill vacancy for Member of Council on Local Health Committee.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillor R. McKeon to be a member of the Local Health Committee for County Wicklow.

Passed.

The County Secretary stated that the Eastern Health Board had informed the Council that Mr. J. B. Joyce, B.D.S., Dublin Rd., Arklow, who had been nominated by the Council to fill one of the two places on the Local Health Committee for persons associated with voluntary organisations concerned with social service had decided to accept the appointment to the Local Health Committee as a representative of the Dentists. The Eastern Health Board had asked the Council to nominate another representative from voluntary organisations in place of Dr. Joyce.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby nominate Mrs. Irene Hynes of Bray Old Folks Association as a person for appointment by the Eastern Health Board to fill one of the two places on the Local Health Committee for persons associated with Voluntary Organisations concerned with social service in place of Mr. J. B. Joyce, B.D.S., Dublin Road, Arklow, who has withdrawn his name.

Passed.

Item No. 6—To fill two vacancies on Wicklow O.A.P. Sub-Committee.

The County Secretary stated that the Clerk to the O.A.P. Sub-Committee conveyed a recommendation of the Sub-Committee for the appointment of Fr. O'Byrne, C.C., Ashford, and Fr. Kelly, C.C., Rathnew, to fill vacancies on the Sub-Committee caused by transfer of Rev. D. O'Kane, C.C., and Rev. W. F. Dunlea, C.C. In reply to Councillor

Costello, the County Secretary gave particulars of the constitution of the Sub-Committee.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Rev. P. O'Byrne, C.C., Ashford, and Rev. Fr. Kelly, C.C., Rathnew, as members of the Wicklow O.A.P. Sub-Committee to fill the vacancies on the Committee consequent on the transfer of Rev. D. O'Kane, C.C., Ashford, and Rev. W. F. Dunlea, C.C., Rathnew.

Passed.

Item No. 7—Revision of remuneration of Storekeeper, Rate and Rent Collectors, Staff Officers and County Accountant.

The County Secretary stated that revisions of remuneration of the Storekeeper, Rate Collectors, Rent Collectors, Staff Officers and the County Accountant and Superintendent Assistance Officer had been received under the Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme for Local Authority Officers.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the revised rates of remuneration for Storekeeper, Rate and Rent Collectors, Staff Officers, Superintendent Assistance Officer and County Accountant, as set out hereunder and agreed under the terms of the Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme for Local Authority Officers with effect from the dates indicated hereunder:—

Storekeeper:

£1,080 x £55—£1,575 x £50—£1,625, with effect from 1st April, 1970.

Rate Collectors and Rent Collectors:

An Increase of £145 per annum on existing remuneration for whole-time Collectors and pro rata for part-time Collectors, 50% of such increase to be paid from 1st October, 1970, and balance to be paid from 1st April, 1971, and payments not to effect bonus targets.

Staff Officers:

£1,660 x £88.75—£2,210 from 1st October, 1970.
£1,815 x £75.125—£2,416 from 1st January, 1971.
£1,815 x £88.75—£2,525 from 1st April, 1971.

County Accountant:

£2,210 x £101.33—£2,820 from 1st October, 1970.
£2,416 x £110.50—£3,085 from 1st January, 1971.
£2,522 x £117.50 to £3,230 from 1st April, 1971.

We hereby authorise excess expenditure under the heading as set out hereunder to defray the cost of these increases:—

	£
Stores	775
G.P. Rates	2,700
Housing Salaries	2,120
Sanitary Salaries	160
G.P. Salaries	1,560
Motor Tax	375
Roads Salaries	375
Planning	360
Assistance Salaries	375
	£8,800

Item No. 8—Report on Burial Grounds and proposed revision of Charges.

The County Secretary stated that charges for grave spaces in Council's burial grounds had not been revised since 1961 and that charges for class A graves at present ranged from as low as £1.75 to a maximum of £10.00. For class B grave spaces the price ranges from £0.75 to £6.00 and Class C spaces from £0.75 to £3.00. The total receipts from sale of grave spaces for the year to 31st March, 1972 amounted to £1,192.32 whereas the expenditure incurred on burial grounds during the year amounted to £4,417.35. The total number of graves sold in the year was 317. The Council at the previous Meeting agreed that a similar rate of charge for grave spaces in any particular cemetery should be made and existing distinctions of classes A, B and C, etc., should be abolished. It was suggested that a charge of £12.00 might be fixed for any grave space in Arklow and Greystones and a charge of £7.00 be determined for grave spaces in any other cemetery. Grave diggers were employed by the Council in Arklow Burial Ground only, and fees for interments were charged. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council agreed that the proposed revision of charges for grave spaces be considered by the Members of the Council for each Electoral Area, and that meetings of the Members of the Council for the four Electoral Areas be arranged. It was decided that the Members for the Arklow Electoral Area would meet at Arklow at 3.30 p.m. on Monday, 15th May, and the Members for the Bray Electoral Area would meet at the Town Hall, Bray, at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 16th May and that the Members for the Wicklow Electoral Area would also attend at the Meeting in Bray to consider charges for grave spaces in Kilquade burial ground which served both areas. It was agreed that the Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area would meet at the Courthouse, Baltinglass, at 3.00 p.m. on 12th May, 1972. The Council agreed that the local Electoral Area Committees would consider other matters including housing at the local meetings.

Item No. 9—Kilcoole Sewerage Scheme—Recommendation on Tenders received.

The County Secretary stated that 15 tenders had been received for the Sewerage Scheme at Kilcoole, ranging from £87,164 to £116,831. The Consulting Engineers, J. B. Barry and Partners recommended the acceptance of the tender of the Irish Excavation Company Limited in the sum of £78,412 which was the 6th lowest tender. The Consultant had given reasons why he considered that the five lowest tenders should not be accepted and particulars of his recommendations were given to the Council. The County Engineer had recommended that the

tender of M & B Construction Limited in the sum of £72,024 which was the second lowest tender be accepted subject to their being successful in producing a Bond and their being able to produce evidence that they had competent staff to carry out the work efficiently. The County Engineer agreed that the lowest tender in the sum of £67,164 was not realistic. In reply to inquiries from Members the County Engineer stated that he had recommended the acceptance of the tender of M and B Construction Limited being the second lowest tender in the sum of £72,024 and that he considered that this firm would be in a position to carry out the Contract. He had discussed the tenders with the Consultant and with the Department of Local Government, and he left that the Department of Local Government would be unlikely to approve of the acceptance of any higher tender.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That we note the recommendations of the County Engineer and of the Consulting Engineer on the tenders received for Kilcoole and Sewerage Scheme and approve of the acceptance of the tender of M & B Construction Company Limited, in the sum of £72,024 subject to the sanction of the Minister.

Passed.

Item No. 10—Piping of Stream at Housing Scheme at Grattan Park, Greystones.

The County Secretary stated that the stream in question passed through the Council's Housing development at Grattan Park and cattle which grazed on the open space got into the stream and caused blockage of the water course. The total length of the stream was approximately 200 lineal yards, and the County Engineer estimated the cost of piping this length and constructing the necessary manholes at £500. While the County Engineer had considered that it might be adequate to erect a fence along the stream where cattle were gaining access at a cost of £150, the members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area had recommended that the stream be piped and that the necessary expenditure be authorised.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of the piping of a stream at Grattan Park, Greystones, as recommended by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at an estimated cost of £500 and hereby authorise expenditure of £500 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of this work.

Passed.

Item No. 11—Street Lighting—Letter from Electricity Supply Board.

The Council noted the following letter received from the Electricity Supply Board:—

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD

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

Lower Fitzwilliam Street,
Dublin 2
28th April, 1972.

Re: Saving of Electricity during Strike

Dear Mr. Brangan,

Please convey my gratitude to the members of the County Coun-

cil for their laudable concern, and helpful suggestion with regard to street lighting.

About half the total lights in the country are now controlled by photocell, and were unaffected by the power cuts. A decision had to be taken about the remainder, operated by solar dial time switches.

These switches have a reserve to carry them over normal outages, but in the abnormal conditions prevailing in the first few days, they were bound to get out of step. However, in view of the contribution street lighting can make to road safety, and as a crime deterrent, it was decided not to divert hard pressed staff to rectify them, especially as this might have to be done several times over. I can assure you that we are conscious of the need to return to normality as soon as possible.

The Board appreciates that it was very annoying to have street lights on in the day time during a national power crisis, and regrets this. We are very grateful for the support and assistance we received, particularly from public bodies, without whose co-operation it would have been impossible to maintain our service.

Yours sincerely,

J. C. GARGAN,

Secretary.

Item No. 12—Minutes of Meeting of County Councils General Council on 15th December, 1971, and 1st March, 1972.

The County Secretary stated that the Minutes of the Meetings of the County Councils General Council held on the 15th December, 1971, and the 1st March, 1972, had been received. The Council had already considered reports from the County Councils General Council on Resolutions put forward by the Council.

In regard to a Resolution which had been put forward by the Council it was recorded in the Minutes of the 15th December, that the Committee had requested the Department of Health "that a state body be set up to produce medicines and drugs and to make these available to Health Authorities at cost of production." The Department stated that "the establishment of such a body would involve considerations of a far reaching nature and that no proposals for the setting up of such a body was under consideration." The Council noted the terms of the reply.

Provision of Medical Services in Cases of Emergency.

The following letter from the Eastern Health Board was submitted:—

EASTERN HEALTH BOARD

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

1 St. James's Street,
Dublin 8
5th May, 1972

Dear Mr. Brangan,

I wish to refer to your letter of 29th March setting out resolution passed by your Council on the issue of temporary directions for the provision of medical services in cases of emergency and to advise

that your letter was before the Board at its monthly meeting on the 4th inst. It was agreed that the Board had not the powers referred to and consequently were unable to do anything about your Council's resolution.

I wish to point out that there is provision in the Choice of Doctor Scheme whereby doctors can attend a patient in a case of emergency or urgency and can also issue prescriptions on a special pad which will be filled by the pharmacists and honoured by the Board.

Yours sincerely,

K. P. QUINN,

Senior Executive Officer.

Members of the Council referred to complaints received in regard to the withdrawal of Medical Cards and it was agreed that the Eastern Health Board be requested to arrange for a meeting of the Local Health Committee for County Wicklow at the earliest possible date so that problems relating to Medical Cards could be considered with the Chief Executive Officer.

Item No. 14—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Temple and E. Byrne:—“That a Sewerage connection be made to the new Sewer for the Cottages at Boghall Road and Oldcourt Park, and that an estimate be given to the Council of the cost.”

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had submitted a report in regard to the provision of a sewerage service for 27 cottages at Boghall Road. A separate report had previously been submitted and approved by the Council in respect of cottages at Oldcourt Park. The cost of the provision of the sewerage service to the 27 cottages was estimated at £2,290. The County Engineer had pointed out that there was no room or part of a room in the houses which allowed for conversion to a bathroom and W.C. or W.C. only, and that annexes to the houses would be needed to provide these amenities. He estimated the cost of the housing of a bath, W.C. and wash-hand basin at £480 and an annex to house a W.C. only at £300. On the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, it was agreed that particulars of the cost and of grants available to tenant purchasers towards the cost of providing annexes and making connections be supplied to the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area and that the matter be considered by the Members of the Council for the area at their meeting to be held on the 16th May, 1972.

Item No. 15—Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. Deering:—“That the Council extend watermains to serve four cottages at Milltown, Dunlavin.”

The County Secretary stated that a report and estimate of cost was not yet available. On the proposal of Councillor M. Deering, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., the Council approved of the preparation of a Scheme for extending the watermain.

Item No. 16—Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—“That the sewerage system be extended to serve the houses on the Chapel Hill, Lugduff.”

The County Secretary stated that a report and estimate of cost was not yet available. The Council approved of a scheme being prepared for extending the sewerage system to serve the houses on Chapel Hill, Lugduff.

Councillor Phelan stated that in some cases where extensions had

been made by the Council to watermains there had been very few houses connected to these extensions. He stated also that he understood that connections were sometimes made at night and that the Council consequently were not aware of these connections and water rates were not being paid. Councillor Miss Walsh agreed that persons should be required to connect to new sewerage schemes where these were provided by the Council. The Council agreed that in future assurances be obtained by way of deposits from persons residing on the route of any proposed new extension of water supply or sewerage scheme that they would connect to the scheme when provided.

Water Supply at School Height, Carnew.

Councillor Phelan stated that he understood that a pump had not been installed on this scheme because only one connection had been taken from it. Councillor Ryan stated that Councillor Phelan's information was not correct and that a pump had been provided but it was out of action and under repair. It was agreed that a report on the position be obtained and submitted to the next Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 17—Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:—“That the dangerous junction near Carty's Corner leading from the Cronemore Road to the Meetings of the Waters be made safe and proper sign posts be erected.”

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that this work was included in the current proposals for the improvement of the Clash to Aughrim Road and would be carried out during the next few months. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 18—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. J. Bourke:—“That water and sewerage be provided for the houses on ‘Leabeg Lane,’ NewCastle.”

The County Secretary stated that no report was yet available on this matter and the Council noted that a deputation from Newcastle Residents' Association was being received later at that Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 19—Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. Deering:—“That water be extended to four cottages at Milltown, Dunlavin.”

The Council noted that this matter had been dealt with under Item No. 15.

Item No. 20—Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—“That additional lights for the Avoca area be provided at (1) the Bus Stop; (2) on the Woodenbridge Road near the Crafts Shop; (3) at Tower Avenue between Upper and Lower Kilmagig.”

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended the acceptance of an estimate in the sum of £80 for providing additional public lighting at the Bus Stop, Avoca, and in the sum of £150 for providing an additional light which would include the provision of three spans of network at Tower Avenue between Upper and

Lr. Kilmagig. The County Engineer did not consider that there was a necessity for the provision of an additional light on the Woodenbridge Road near the Crafts Shop.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan:

Resolved—That having considered report of County Engineer, we approve of the acceptance of the Estimate in the sum of £80 for the provision of additional public lighting at the bus stop, Avoca, and of the estimate in the sum of £150 for the provision of an additional light at Tower Avenue, between Upper and Lower Kilmagig.
Passed.

Item No. 21—Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:—
"That the Council repair the road opposite the cottages at Croneyhorn, Carnew."

The County Engineer stated that arrangements would be made for the carrying out of repairs to this road.

Item No. 22—Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—
"That the Council lay a footpath from the Golf Links, Wicklow, for 325 yards to a footpath leading to the sea on the Wicklow Silver Strand Road."

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,
Wicklow
28th February, 1972.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Notice of Motion: "That this Council lay a footpath from the Golf Links, Wicklow, for 325 yards to a footpath leading to the Sea from the Wicklow-Silver Strand Road."

A Chara,

Reference to yours of the 15th instant.

I examined the line of the proposed footpath from the Golf Links to a proposed footpath leading to the sea on the Wicklow-Silver Strand Rd. Although the road is narrow, I think it would be possible to lay a tarmacadam path along this stretch of road bounded by a kerb, in the interest of safety. While this path would undoubtedly provide a beneficial public amenity, I do not think it should be undertaken until work on the footpath leading to the sea from the Wicklow-Silver Strand Road has been completed or at least well under way.

The estimate cost of carrying out this work is £850.00.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that no special provision had been made in the estimates for this work. On the proposal of Councillor

Hynes, the Council agreed that the work was desirable and should be carried out.

Item No. 23—Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:—
"That all work done by hired machines for the Council should be tendered for and the Tenders to come before the Members of the Council."

The County Secretary stated that tenders were invited at the commencement of each financial year for the hire of machinery, and these were examined and recommendations made by the County Engineer, and approved by the County Manager. He pointed out that a degree of discretion had to be allowed to the Assistant County Engineer in hiring machinery in that it could happen that machines for which tenders had been approved were not available and to ensure that works were not held up, other machinery might have to be hired. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 24—Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor F. Hynes:—
"That the Council surface Dress the Road Leading to Council Cottages at Merrymounting, Rathnew, the Road in Question is That Leading to the Houses Occupied by Mr. Ronan, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Doris and Mr. Newsome."

The County Engineer reported that the road referred to was in good condition and could be prepared for surface dressing with little expenditure. An estimate in Councillors' proposals in the sum of £100 had already been included regarding this road. The Council approved of the surface dressing of the road.

Item No. 25—Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:—"That Proper Safety Signs be Erected at the Approach to the National School at Avoca and that a Public Light be Erected There."

The County Engineer reported that he had examined the site and confirmed that the normal school signs were in existence on both approaches to the school, and that a public light was also in existence outside the school. Councillor Keenan stated that at the time he submitted a Notice of Motion the public light had not been provided. In regard to the signs, while he agreed that these were in existence, he considered that they were badly located and could not be easily seen. It was agreed that the location of the signs be reconsidered by the County Engineer.

Item No. 26—Notice of Motion in the Names of Councillor F. Hynes and J. Gregory, B. S. C. Phelan and J. J. Bourke:—(A) "That a Sewerage System Be Installed for the Village of Newcastle; (B) That a Speed Limit be Provided in Newcastle; (C) That Street Lighting Be Improved; (D) That a Public Telephone Be Provided for Newcastle."

The Council deferred consideration of the proposal pending hearing the deputation from Newcastle Residents' Association which was being received later at the Meeting.

Item No. 27—Notice of Motion in the Names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—(A) "That the Council Erect a Pedestrian Crossing in Wicklow Town, Near Messrs. Hopkins' Premises, Main Street, or Thereabouts; (B) That a Consultant Engineer Be Em-

played to Advise on the Road Widening at The Mall, Wicklow;
(C) That a Proper Gully and Drain Be Laid at The Mall, Wicklow, to Prevent Future Flooding There."

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

T. J. O'Donovan, B.E., M.I.C.E.I.,
County Surveyor/Engineer
Rel.: TJD/SB
COUNTY SECRETARY

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.
8th May, 1972.

Re: Notice of Motion: "That This Council Erect a Pedestrian Crossing in Wicklow Town, Near Messrs. Hopkins', Main Street, or Somewhere Thereabouts" (Item No. 27 (A) on Agenda.

A Chara.

Reference yours of the 22nd March, 1972.

The Garda Authorities have been consulted in the matter. In my opinion, the provision of a Pedestrian Crossing at Hopkins' Corner would not be justified, as the volume of pedestrian traffic at this point is not sufficient to warrant it. The present pattern seems to be that pedestrians cross at numerous points all along Main Street. If all pedestrians were to cross at the one point a pedestrian crossing would be justified, but it is most unlikely that if a pedestrian crossing was provided at Hopkins' that people crossing at distances greater than 50 feet from the crossing would use it.

I understand from the Garda Authorities that the making of Parking Bye-Laws for the town is again receiving consideration.

Mise, le meas.

T. J. DONOVAN,
County Engineer.

The Council noted that the Garda had not recommended the provision of a Pedestrian Crossing.

(B) The County Engineer stated that plans were in course of preparation for the widening of the Mall at Wicklow and a draft plan was submitted to the Meeting. Following a discussion on the matter, it was agreed that consideration be deferred until the County Engineer was in a position to submit completed plans and a recommendation.

(C) The Council noted the following report of the County Engineer:—

T. J. Donovan, B.E., M.I.C.E.I.,
County Surveyor/Engineer
Rel.: TJD/SB
COUNTY SECRETARY

County Engineer's Office
Courthouse,
Wicklow.
11th April, 1972.

Re: Notice of Motion—"That A Proper Gully and Drain Be Laid at The Mall, Wicklow, to Prevent Flooding There."

A Chara,

Reference yours of the 21st ultimo.

As far as can be seen the existing provisions for drainage of surplus rain water are adequate at the Mall, Wicklow. Flooding occurs after heavy rainfall when the existing gully becomes blocked with debris from the street, and once this has been cleared, the surplus rainwater flows away fairly quickly.

Mise, le meas.

T. J. DONOVAN,
County Engineer.

Item No. 28—Notice of Motion in the Names of Councillors S. Costello, Miss M. Walsh, M. Deering, K. Ryan, F. Hynes, M. J. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, Miss N. O'Neill, R. Miley and J. Whelan:—"That We Request the Minister for Local Government to Ensure that all Future Appointments of Rate Collectors Are Made on the Basis of Merit Through Competitive Examination."

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That we request the Minister of Local Government to ensure that all future appointments of Rate Collectors be made on the basis of merit through competitive examination.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Costello stated that he did not propose to speak at length on the matter as twelve Members of the Council had signed the Notice of Motion and it appeared that it was generally acceptable.

Councillor M. J. O'Neill stated that while he had signed the Notice of Motion, he had some reservations and he felt that some type of means test should be applied as he would not favour an appointment of a person who had other sources of income or held some other post. Councillor Whelan also expressed some reservations and pointed out that it was possible for a Rate Collector to have a second occupation, and he did not consider this desirable. Councillor J. Miley stated that he opposed the proposal and felt that the Council should not give up the powers they had in relation to the appointment of Rate Collectors. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., pointed out that the Council's object could be achieved by agreeing to a procedure similar to that applied in the case of appointment of Rate Collectors for Urban District Councils as, for example, by Interview Board. It was also suggested by Members that appointments might be made through the Local Appointments Commission. Councillor Costello stated that he was prepared to accept amendments to his proposal to provide that appointments be:—(a) subject to an upper income limit being applied in respect of candidates, and (b) that the Local Appointments Commission be responsible for recommending a person for appointment. Councillor Gregory stated that insufficient time was available to consider the matter fully, and

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan;

Resolved—That consideration of the proposal be adjourned.

Passed.

Following a discussion on the matter, Councillor Costello agreed that the matter be adjourned provided that it was included on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 13—To Receive Deputation from Newcastle Residents' Association.

The Council received a deputation from Newcastle Residents' Association. The deputation was composed of the following persons:—

Rev. Fr. Finn, C.C., Rev. Mr. Jennings,
Mrs. Vickers, Mrs. Laurence,
Mr. Noel Lang, Mr. Noel Lang.

Fr. Finn thanked the members for receiving the deputation and

stated that there was a need for new housing in the area. No Council house had been built since 1921 and there were now twenty-one applicants for new houses and a further ten applications would be submitted within the next week. He stated that many people in the area were living in unsatisfactory and overcrowded conditions. The Revd. Mr. Jennings expressed the view that Newcastle was not receiving their fair share of monies available for amenities. He stressed the need for a domestic refuse collection service and stated that he understood that the Council had purchased 2½ acres of land at Newtownmountkennedy to extend the dumping ground there and that this could accommodate refuse from Newcastle. At present persons living in the area had to bring their refuse either in cars or on bicycles to the Newtownmountkennedy dumping ground. He referred to unofficial dumps at Blackditch and at Leabeg Lane which, he stated, had resulted in an increase in the number of rats in the area and could have been the cause of an outbreak of impetigo among the children. He pointed out also that there was no public sanitation in the area.

Mrs. Vickers referred to the lack of sanitation or water supply and stated that there were five houses with twenty-two occupants at Leabeg without these services and also eight houses with thirty-eight occupants at Blackditch which had a water supply but no sewerage service. She claimed also that an outbreak of impetigo among the children had been due to rats and flies.

Mrs. Laurence spoke of the need for a public telephone service and stated that the nearest public kiosk was at Newtown or Kilcoole. There was no privacy for persons using the telephone at the Post Office and this was not available outside office hours. She stated that additional public lighting was needed and mentioned the need for two additional lights at Blackditch and six lights between the village and Newtownmountkennedy, together with an additional light at Leabeg and more lights in the village.

Mr. Noel Lang stated that a proper footpath should be provided through the village and on to Blackditch and also on the road to Newcastle. He stated that tarmacadam should be laid on Church Lane which led to the Church of Ireland and served a number of houses. There was also a dangerous bridge on this road. He emphasised the need for a Speed Limit through the village and referred also to the dangerous bend south of Newcastle. Road Signs in the area had been damaged or become rusty and some could not be easily seen and he urged that proper signs be provided.

On the proposal of Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Hynes, the Council agreed that a scavenging service be provided for Newcastle area using the Newtownmountkennedy dumping ground. Councillor Gregory claimed that the extension obtained for the Newtownmountkennedy dumping ground would last for 30 years and that if necessary additional land was available for acquisition. Councillor Costello stated that the County Medical Officer should be asked for a report on sanitation and particularly in regard to the matter of rat infestation, and that a report on the matters raised be submitted to the next meeting. He suggested that the unofficial dumps referred to by members of the deputation were problems which should be dealt with by the Association. The Council agreed that the Secretary write to the Residents' Association, giving particulars of the

present position in regard to housing, sanitary services and the other matters raised by the deputation.

The remaining Items on the Agenda were deferred to the next Meeting.

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

In the names of Councillors J. Whelan, T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, K. Ryan, Miss M. Walsh, and R. Miley:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Brennan, at Gorey Road, Upper Main Street, Carnew, for the provision of a bungalow.

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Gregory, and J. J. Bourke:—"By Virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Jeremiah Farrell, New Street, Wicklow, for the provision of a Reh-Fab bungalow at Dunbur Upper, Wicklow."

In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. Whelan, B. S. C. Phelan, and J. J. Bourke:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Maurice Marks, to build a bungalow for his own use at Moneystown, Castle-kevin, Annamoe, Bray."

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, and J. J. Bourke:—"That this Council (1) remove the bad bend at Blackditch; (2) erect two lights at Blackditch, three lights at Newcastle, five lights between Newcastle and Newtown, and two lights at Leabeg Lane."

In the names of Councillors R. Miley, F. Hynes, and J. J. Bourke:—"That the Council will install at least three hydrants from Saint Colman's gate to Ballygannon for fire-fighting in the housing area."

In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Sweeney:—"That the County Council make safe a very bad turn on the road at Thomas Clarkson's house in Woodenbridge, as soon as possible."

In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Sweeney:—"That this Council take over and put into proper condition the roadway at Rustigath, Kilcarra, Arklow."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That Joseph Dempsey be allowed to purchase from the Council the lay-by portion of land outside his vested cottage."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of the Council for the purpose of making the Rate for the year 1972/73 was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th June, 1972, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:

Councillor F. Hynes, Chairman;

Councillors W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, K. Ryan, Miss M. Walsh, J. Sweeney, M. Deering, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Gregory, R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Whelan, R. McKeon.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Mr. T. Gibson, Chief Planning Assistant, and Messrs. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing and Sanitary Services Section, and A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Planning Section, attended.

At the commencement of the Meeting, Councillor F. Hynes, Chairman, welcomed Councillor Richard McKeon, who had been chosen to fill the vacancy on the Council caused by the death of the late Councillor C. White.

APPEALS TO CIRCUIT COURT

Councillor B. S. C. Phelan, with the permission of the Chairman, raised the matter of appeals to the Circuit Court in County Wicklow. He stated that both the police and members of the public were concerned at the manner in which cases involving criminal charges on such matters as robbery and violence were being handled on appeals to the Circuit Court. He stated that there was serious dissatisfaction with the position and he proposed that the Council request the Minister to take serious cognizance of the position. Councillor Phelan stated that the police were no longer enthusiastic in arresting criminals because of the manner in which appeals were being dealt with.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we ask the Minister for Justice to take serious cognizance of the position in County Wicklow in relation to the manner in which appeals to the Circuit Court in connection with criminal charges such as robbery and violence were being dealt with by the Court.

Councillor Costello objected to the sending of the proposed Resolution and stated that if convictions in the District Court were reversed on appeal to the Circuit Court, this was because evidence to justify such convictions were not available. A vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR—Councillors M. Deering, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, R. McKeon—13.

AGAINST—Councillors W. Cleary, S. Costello, and J. Temple—3.
The Resolution was declared passed by 13 votes in favour to 3 against.

ALLOWING AND MAKING OF COUNTY RATE:

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby allow and make the County Rate for the service of the financial year ending on 31st March, 1973, as assessed in the Rate Books and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Allowance of Rates in the Rate Books and to the Rate Collectors' Warrants for the year ending 31st March, 1973.

Passed—Councillor Costello dissenting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Demands on the Urban Councils in respect of the year ending on 31st March, 1973, as follows:—

Arklow	..	..	..	..	£27,662
Bray	..	..	..	..	£165,857
Wicklow	..	..	..	..	£34,629

Passed—Councillor Costello dissenting.

RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION FROM SHILLELAGH:

On the proposal of Councillor Miss M. Walsh, the Council agreed to receive a deputation from persons residing at Quarry Street, Shillelagh, at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 19th June, 1972, at 4.30 p.m.

Following the termination of the Special Meeting for the purposes of the making of the Rate, a Meeting of the Council to deal with Housing matters was held.

AGENDA:

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

(a) In the names of Councillors W. Cleary, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney and T. J. Keenan:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Manage-

ment (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Elizabeth O'Mahony, Glenbrook, Arklow, for the erection of 27 houses on her land at Killiniskeyduff, Arklow, Co. Wicklow."

(b) In the names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, J. Miley and M. Deering:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Thomas Ryan, Saint Kevin's, Baltinglass, for the provision of a house for his own use."

(c) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Temple:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Simon Doyle, Coolnaskeagh, for the provision of a bungalow at Coolagad, Templecarrig, Greystones."

(d) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, B. S. C. Phelan, T. J. Keenan and R. Miley:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Dunbur Limited, for the provision of 12 bungalows at Dunbur Lower, Wicklow."

(e) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. Whelan, J. J. Bourke and F. Hynes:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to C. Galligan, Belvedere Place, Dublin, to erect two bungalows at Knockraheen, Roundwood."

(f) In the names of Councillors J. Temple, E. Byrne and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Kevin O'Connell, Ballybrew, Enniskerry, for the provision of a bungalow at Enniskerry."

(g) In the names of Councillors M. Deering, J. Miley, J. Sweeney and G. Timmins:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Brendan McDermott, Dunlavin, for the provision of a bungalow at Hollywood."

(h) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering, and G. Timmins:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amend-

ment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James Clarke, for the provision of a bungalow at Three Castles, Blessington."

- (i) In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, J. Miley, K. Ryan, Miss M. Walsh, R. Miley and J. Whelan:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Michael Van Dessel, to build a house at Tigroney, Avoca."
 - (j) In the names of Councillors J. Whelan, T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, K. Ryan, Miss M. Walsh and R. Miley:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Brennan at Gorey Road, Upper Main Street, Carnew, for the provision of a bungalow."
 - (k) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Gregory and J. J. Bourke:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Jeremiah Farrell, New Street, Wicklow, for the provision of a Roh-Fab bungalow at Dunbur Upper, Wicklow."
 - (l) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. Whelan, B. S. C. Phelan and J. J. Bourke:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Maurice Marks, to build a bungalow for his own use at Moneystown, Castlekevin, Annamoe, Bray."
 - (m) In the name of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory and B. S. C. Phelan:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Thomas Donohue, Three Mile Water, for the provision of a bungalow at Knockquirk, Three Mile Water, Brittas Bay."
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting of the Council held on 21st February, 1972.
 3. Application for consent to (a) sub-division of vested cottage plots, and (b) sales of vested cottages.
 4. Proposal to purchase land at Kilcoole for industrial development.
 5. To approve of draft scheme for making grants available for reconstruction or improvement works on houses occupied by disabled persons.

6. Proposed acquisition of lands for housing at (a) Kilpedder and (b) Newcastle.
7. To consider tenders for sale of plot at Ballynultagh, Shillelagh.
8. Application from residents of Broomhall and Ballinabarney for reception of deputation in relation to dumping ground.
9. Letter from Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee re provision of additional houses for letting and for purchase at Kilmacanogue.
10. Application for Closing of Roads for Circuit of Wicklow "An Tostal" event.
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:—"That a house built for Mr. Michael Clynch, Killalesh, Kiltegan."
12. Cottages repaired during the month of May, 1972, and to be repaired during the month of June, 1972.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to Move Resolution Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—(A) In the Names of Councillors W. Cleary, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney, and T. J. Keenan:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred On Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Elizabeth O'Mahoy, Glenbrook, Arklow, for the Erection of 27 Houses on Her Land at Killiniskeyduff."

The County Secretary stated that a reply had been received to the Council's request for further information in regard to this proposal during the previous week. As there had not been sufficient time for examination of information now received, the County Secretary suggested that the matter be adjourned to Meeting of the Council to be held on the 3rd July, 1972. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the Meeting to be held on the 3rd July, 1972.

The following Statement giving the recommendations of the County Engineer in regard to Planning Applications which were the subject of the Notices of Intention to Move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, had been circulated to the Members of the Council:—

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- (1) Proposed bungalow at Knockaquirk, Co. Wicklow, for Thomas Donoghue, Esq. It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following seasons:—
 - (1) The proper planning and development of the area requires that sporadic residential development in rural areas be prevented since such development would give rise to demands for services, e.g., road improvements, public lighting, etc., which could not be economically provided from resultant rates. The proposal to erect a dwelling in isolation in the

rural area and along a narrow county road is in conflict with this requirement. Furthermore, it would set a precedent for similar development in this area.

- (2) There is no evidence before the Council that the subsoil is suitable for a septic tank installation.

- (2) Proposed bungalow at Moneystown Bridge, Castlekevin, Co. Wicklow for Maurice Marks, Esq.,
It is recommended that permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- (1) The site located at the junction of four roads is locally prominent from the public road, particularly in the view from the north approaching Moneystown Bridge. In addition, the dwelling located on the raised part of the site, as proposed, would be prominent from a number of points along the public road to the north. The proposed development would be injurious to the visual amenity of this predominantly rural area by virtue of such prominence.

- (3) Proposed Roh-Fab Bungalow at Dunbur Upper, Co. Wicklow, for J. Farrell.

It is recommended that permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- (1) The proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard because the vehicular movements which it would generate at a point where the adjoining road is narrow and visibility is very restricted, would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the said heavily trafficked tourist road.
- (2) The proposed development would injure visual amenity because it would contribute to the built-up appearance of this attractive coastal area, and would be out of character with existing development.

(The applicant was previously refused permission for a holiday house on this site and again on appeal to the Minister for Local Government.)

- (4) Proposed bungalow at Tigroney East, Avoca, Co. Wicklow, for Michael Van Dessel.

It is recommended that outline planning permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- (1) The site of the proposed development is unduly prominent and lacks natural screening. The proposed dwelling would be injurious to the visual amenity of the area by reason of such prominence and by altering the rural character thereof.

- (2) There is no evidence before the Planning Authority that subsoil conditions are suitable for septic tank effluent dispersal.

- (5) Proposed bungalow at Rathattin, Hollywood, Co. Wicklow, for Brendan McDermott.

It is recommended that outline permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- (1) The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because it would consolidate the tendency towards ribbon development in this rural area resulting from existing developments and other proposals for which permission was granted in recent years and which have not yet been built.

- (2) The proposed development would be seriously detrimental to the amenities of the area because the proposed bungalow would obstruct a fine view to the south-west from Lemons-town Bridge. Also, as it would be necessary to remove the existing hedge along the complete length of the road frontage of the proposed site so that a safe entrance might be constructed, this would cause the proposed development to be very prominent in views from the roadway at this point and further damage would be caused to visual amenities.

- (6) Proposed two bungalows at Knockraheen, Roundwood, Co. Wicklow, for C. Galligan.

It is recommended that permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- (1) The proper planning and development of the area as stated in the County Development Plan requires that sporadic residential development in rural areas be discouraged, since such development would give rise to premature demands for services, e.g., water, sewerage, public lighting, scavenging, etc., which could not be economically provided from the resultant rates revenue. This proposed development is in conflict with the above requirement since it is located approximately three-quarter mile from the serviced area of Roundwood Village.

- (2) The erection of the proposed dwellings would set a precedent for other development along the important scenic route around Roundwood reservoir and would be injurious to the amenity of the area by altering the rural character thereof.

- (3) The effluent from the proposed septic tank on the more easterly site is likely to give rise to public health hazard by discharging to the watercourse which flows directly to the Roundwood Reservoir.

- (7) Proposed bungalow at Three Castles, Manor Kilbride, Co. Wicklow, for James Clarke, Esq.,

It is recommended that permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- (1) The existing water supply from which it is proposed to serve this development would not be satisfactory until such time as adequate treatment and storage is provided. Further, there is a likelihood that sufficient pressure would not be available for a gravity supply up to this house.

- (2) The proposed development lies within an area which is defined in the County Development Plan as a landscape area

of high amenity in which any development which is obtrusive because of its lack of natural screening or prominence against the skyline will not be permitted. The site proposed does not have natural screening and a house as proposed would be prominent over an arc of approximately 250° as it is situated on the ridge of the hill which forms a local skyline. The proposal would therefore be in serious conflict with the provisions of the County Development Plan.

- (3) Proof has not been submitted to the Council to show that the ground is satisfactory for the disposal of septic tank effluent. This is especially important as the proposed site lies within the Upper Liffey Catchment Basin Area which is used as a source of public water supply.
- (8) Proposed house at Coolagad, Delgany, for Mr. Simon Doyle. The recommendation of the County Engineer that outline permission for this development be refused had been circulated to the members of the Council and consideration of the application was adjourned at the Meeting of the Council held on the 1st May, 1972, to enable consultations with the applicant to take place. The Chief Assistant County Engineer (Roads) has since met the applicant and it is recommended that in the event of the Council passing a resolution requiring the grant of Outline Permission, the following conditions should be attached:—
- (1) The entrance from the County Road to be sited 40 feet North of the existing laneway leading Eastwards to ensure maximum visibility in both directions in the interest of road safety.
 - (2) The front boundary with the County Road to be set back to the line A-B as shown on the attached map. This is to allow for the future realignment of the County Road and to allow for parking clear of the carriageway in the interest of road safety. The land outside the new boundary to be ceded free of charge to the County Council for road realignment.
 - (3) That the fence consisting of a hedge on the Western side of the road be removed between points C and D and a new fence erected on a straight line between these points. This is to allow for improved visibility at the bend opposite the new entrance.
- (9) Proposed Bungalow at Clough, Baltinglass, for Thomas Ryan. The recommendation of the County Engineer that permission for this development be refused had been circulated to the Members of the Council and consideration of the application was adjourned at the Meeting of the Council held on the 1st May, 1972, to enable examination of a trial hole to be carried out. The Chief Medical Officer has now reported that examination of the trial hole shows that the ground is suitable for a septic tank installation.
- (B) In the Names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, J. Miley, and M. Deering:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred On Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act,

1963, to Thomas Ryan, Saint Kevin's, Baltinglass, for the Provision of a House For His Own Use."

At the request of Councillor M. J. O'Neill, the Council agreed to defer consideration of this proposal to the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 3rd July, 1972.

- (C) In the Names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, and J. Temple:—"By the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Simon Doyle, Coolnaskeagh, for the Provision of a Bungalow at Coolagad, Templecarrig, Greystones."

The County Secretary stated that on page three of the details circulated to the Members, it was indicated that although the County Engineer had recommended that Outline Permission for the development be refused, the Chief Assistant County Engineer (Roads) had since met the applicant, and recommended that in the event of the Council passing a Resolution requiring the grant of Outline Permission, conditions should be attached as indicated in the Report.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Simon Doyle, Coolnaskeagh, for the provision of a bungalow at Coolagad, Templecarrig, Greystones, subject to the following conditions as recommended by the County Engineer:—

- (1) The entrance from the County Road to be sited 40 feet North of the existing laneway leading Eastwards to ensure maximum visibility in both directions in the interest of road safety.
- (2) The front boundary with the County Road to be set back to the line A-B as shown on the attached map. This is to allow for the future realignment of the County Road and to allow for parking clear of the carriageway in the interest of road safety. The land outside the new boundary to be ceded free of charge to the County Council for road realignment.
- (3) That the fence consisting of a hedge on the Western side of the road be removed between points C and D and a new fence erected on a straight line between these points. This is to allow for improved visibility at the bend opposite the new entrance.

Passed.

- (D) In the Names of Councillors J. Sweeney, B. S. C. Phelan, T. J. Keenan, and R. Miley:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred On Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and

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A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 19th June, 1972; at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor F. Hynes, Chairman.

Councillors W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, K. Ryan, Miss M. Walsh, M. Deering, J. Miley, S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, M. J. O'Neill, J. Temple, J. Gregory, R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Whelan, R. McKern.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, and Mr. U. McCabe and Mr. G. Nichols, Staff Officers, attended.

AGENDA:

1. Overdraft on General Account for quarter to 30th September, 1972.
2. Application for Closing of Roads for Circuit of Wicklow "An Tostal" Event.
3. Applications for permits for use of public address system on motor vehicles from (a) Irish Evangelistic Band, Enniskillen, and (b) Woodenbridge Golf Club.
4. To fix date for Annual Meeting of Council.
5. Disposal of land at Industrial Site at Blessington—Notice circulated to Members.
6. Authorisation of expenditure re Superannuation Allowance.
7. Grants for works of Public Amenity—Letter from Department of Local Government notifying allocation of block amount.
8. Allocation of Grants by Bord Failte for provision of car parks, etc.
9. Local Improvements Schemes—Letter from Department of Local Government re allocation of £5,000.
10. Application for consent to (a) sub-division of vested cottage plots and (b) sales of vested cottages.
11. Proposal to purchase land at Kilcoole for industrial development.

12. To approve of draft scheme for making grants available for reconstruction or improvement works on houses occupied by disabled persons.
13. Greystones Housing—Guaranteed Order Scheme.
14. Proposed acquisition of lands for housing at (a) Kilpedder and (b) Newcastle.
15. To consider tenders for sale of plot at Ballynultagh, Shillelagh.
16. Application from residents of Broomhall and Ballinabarnay for reception of deputation in relation to dumping ground.
17. Extension of Rathdrum Water Supply for foresters' houses at Avondale.
18. Revision of charges for grave spaces in burial grounds.
19. To receive deputation from residents of Quarry Street, Shillelagh, in regard to Sewerage Scheme.
20. Letter from Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee re provision of additional houses for letting and for purchase at Kilmacanogue.
21. Letter from County Councils General Council regarding Resolutions from Council.
22. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello, Miss M. Walsh, M. Deering, K. Ryan, F. Hynes, M. J. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, Miss N. O'Neill, R. Miley, and J. Whelan:—"That we request the Minister for Local Government to ensure that all future appointments of Rate Collectors are made on the basis of merit through competitive examination."
23. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:—"That the reasons be given for the Council's failure to remove the bend at the dangerous part of the Glenealy Cemetery approach—the money having been made available for a period of years."
24. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council reduce the width of the footpaths at each side of the bottom of the Main Street, Carnew."
25. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council remove the footpaths at the Terrace, Carnew, which would enable vehicles to pass."
26. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:—"That progress be reported on the siting and acquisition of a central dumping ground within five to ten miles of Wicklow and satellite towns."
27. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill:—"That a swimming pool be provided at Ballynglass."
28. Notice of motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That the Council provide a public light on the Main Road at Dunbur Road, Wicklow."
29. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this

Council be informed at the next Council Meeting of the outcome of the Meeting between the officials of the Council and Mrs. Wilby about the right of way through the lands on the Murrrough, Wicklow; (2) that the right of way should be made wide enough to take cars, say, 25 feet to 30 feet wide, for future development of the Murrrough and the Lake."

30. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan and J. J. Bourke:—"That this Council (1) remove the bad bend at Blackditch; (2) erect two lights at Blackditch, three lights at Newcastle, five lights between Newcastle and Newtown, and two lights at Leabeg Lane."
31. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors R. Miley, F. Hynes and J. J. Bourke:—"That the Council will install at least three hydrants from Saint Colman's gate to Ballygannon for fire-fighting in the housing area."
32. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Sweeney:—"That the County Council make safe a very bad turn on the road at Thomas Clarkson's house in Woodenbridge, as soon as possible."
33. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Sweeney:—"That this Council take over and put into proper condition the roadway at Rustigh, Kilcara, Arklow."
34. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council advertise for tenders for domestic refuse collection for the following areas:—Newtownmountkennedy, Newcastle, Kilpedder and Kilquade; (2) Withdraw the advertisement that is now published for Newtownmountkennedy."
35. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council purchase land at Carnew for a development site."
36. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council extend water and sewerage to five houses on the Gorey Road, Carnew."
37. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council extend the sewerage to the 18 houses at Quarry Street, Shillelagh."
38. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY:

On the proposal of Councillor Hynes, Chairman, seconded by Councillor J. Miley, the Council passed a Resolution expressing their sympathy with the relatives of the twelve Irish Industrialists who died in the 'plane crash at London, while on route to Brussels. The Council decided to adjourn the Meeting for a period of 15 minutes as a mark of respect to the memory of those who died in the 'plane crash.

Item No. 1—Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 30th September, 1972.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make

application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurers, The Bank of Ireland, 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 ending 30th September, 1972, shall not exceed £500,000.
Passed.

Item No. 2—Application for Closing of Roads for Circuit of Wicklow "An Tostal" Event.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of the closing to public traffic of the roads described hereunder, between the hours of 12 noon and 6 p.m. on Saturday, 24th June, 1972, and authorise the holding of road tests for the Circuit of Wicklow—15th Annual "An Tostal" Event on the roads while so closed to public traffic:—

- (1) Road from Trooperstown Forest to junction with road from Bookey's Bridge to Clara, Rathdrum.
- (2) Road from south of junction with main Laragh/Rathdrum Road to north east of Crossroads at Drumgoff Bridge, Glenmalur.
- (3) Road from south east of Crossroads at Drumgoff Bridge to north east of 'T' Junction near Aughavannagh Youth Hostel.
- (4) Road from south east of Junction near Aughavannagh School to Moneymeen Crossroads.
- (5) Road to south east of Junction south of Moneymeen Crossroads to Junction at Macreddin, Aughrim.
- (6) Road from Junction west of Greenane Village to Junction at Ballinderry, Rathdrum.

Passed

Item No. 3—Application for Permits to Use Public Address System on Motor Vehicles from (A) Irish Evangelistic Band, Enniskillen, and (B) Woodenbridge Golf Club.

On the proposal of Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor Keenan, the Council approved of permits being issued for the use of public address systems on motor vehicles (a) to the Irish Evangelistic Band for a Volkswagen Van, Registration No. XZ 612, during the period 1st July to 21st August, 1972; and (b) to Woodenbridge Golf Club for motor car for which the registration number was to be submitted during the period 16th June, 1972, to 2nd July, 1972, inclusive.

Item No. 4—To Fix Date for Annual Meeting of Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby fix Monday, 3rd July, 1972, as the date for the Annual Meeting of the Council for the year 1972.

Passed

Item No. 5—Disposal of Land at Industrial Sites at Blessington and Baltinglass—Notice Circulated to Members.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended, we approve of the disposal of a plot of land containing 1 half acre being part of the Council's Industrial Site at Burgagemore, Blessington, to Niall Joyce, Limited, 3 Lr. Leeson Street, Dublin 2, by way of lease for a period of 150 years subject to a ground rent of £200 per annum, the purchaser to be responsible for the full legal costs of the Conveyance, and the site to be used for industrial purposes (erection of factory), plans of which shall be subject to the approval of the Council, and in accordance with the terms of the Notice issued to the Members of the Council on 7th June, 1972.

Passed

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor T. Keenan;

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended, we approve of the disposal of a plot of land containing one half-acre being part of the Council's Industrial Site at Burgagemore, Blessington, to Wilson Brothers, Ltd., 45 Fortfield Park, Terenure, Dublin, by way of lease over a period of 150 years with a ground rent of £100 per annum, the purchaser to be responsible for the full legal costs of the Conveyance and the site to be used for industrial purposes (erection of factory), plans of which shall be subject to the approval of the Council, and in accordance with the terms of the notice issued to Members of the Council on 7th June, 1972.

Passed

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended, we approve of the disposal of plot of land containing 2 acres, 1 rood and 5 perches at the Council's Industrial Site at Lathaleere, Baltinglass, to the Industrial Development Authority, by way of lease for a period of 150 years with a ground rent of £320 per annum, the purchaser to be responsible for the full legal costs of the Conveyance and the site to be used for industrial purposes, plans of which shall be subject to the approval of the Council.

cil, and in accordance with the terms of the Notice issued to the Members of the Council on 7th June, 1972.
Passed.

Item No. 6—Authorisation of Expenditure Re Superannuation Allowance.

The County Secretary stated that it was necessary to authorise additional expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the payment of a lump sum to Mr. R. L. Farrell, Chief Assistant County Engineer, who had retired on reaching the age limit.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates of £3,683 under the heading: Sanitary Services—Superannuation.

Passed

Item No. 7—Grants for Works of Public Amenity—Letter from Department of Local Government Notifying Allocation of Block Amount.

The County Secretary stated that as the Council had already been informed, the amount of the grant allocated by the Department of Local Government, for schemes of public amenity in the current financial year amounted to £4,500. The County Engineer had arranged the schemes proposed in order of priority and had now recommended that the first seven schemes on the list as circulated to the Members of the Council on the 9th March, 1972, be carried out with the aid of the grants. The County Secretary stated that 50 per cent. of the cost of works was the maximum which might be met from grant and consequently it would be necessary for the Council to provide the balance of cost in the case of schemes numbers 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 making a total contribution of £3,500 and a contribution from the Local Development Association of £1,000 would be required towards the cost of scheme number 2 at Tinahely.

Following a lengthy discussion on the matter, in the course of which Members referred to other schemes which they felt should have received priority, the Council approved of the recommendations of the County Engineer except for Scheme No. 5, which related to the surfacing of car park at Greystones (£800), and agreed that the matter of the work to be carried out in the Bray Electoral Area be decided upon by the Members of the Council for that Area at their next local meeting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of the carrying out of the following Schemes of Works of public amenity with the aid of grants allocated

by the Department of Local Government under the Amenity Grants Scheme:—

Scheme	Estimated Cost	Amount of Grant Allocated	Contribution by Council	Contribution by Local Development Association
Wall at Glenmacanass	£600	£300	£300	
Pitch and Putt, Tinahely	2,000	1,000		£1,000
Children's Playground at Ballygannon, Rathdunm	500	250	250	
Children's Playground at Parkmore, Baltinglass	800	400	400	
(Surfacing of Car Park, Greystones)	800	Deferred for review by Members of Council for Bray Electoral Area		
Provision of Car Park and Picnic Site at Annacorney, Valley-mount	2,900	1,450	1,450	
Widen and Improve Local Road to Motter Stone, Avoca, and provide Car Park and turning bay.	1,400	700	700	
	£9,000	£4,500	£3,500	£1,000

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

IN FAVOUR—Councillors M. Deering, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ladwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh, J. Whelan, R. McKeon—13.

AGAINST—Councillors S. Costello, J. Gregory, K. Ryan, J. Temple—4.

Councillor W. Cleary did not vote. The Resolution was declared passed by 13 votes in favour to 4 against.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Whelan, the Council agreed that the Committees of Members for each Electoral Area should when considering schemes proposed for carrying out with the aid of amenity grants in the next local financial year decide upon the order of priority for schemes in their respective areas.

Item No. 8—Allocation of Grants by Board Fiddle for Provision of Car Parks, Etc.

The County Secretary stated that it had been indicated by Bord Fiddle that grants were being made available to the Council for the

provision of car parks at Luggala, Glen of the Downs and Logstown subject to the Council's providing the balance of the cost of these works. The total cost of providing the car parks was £6,200 of which Bord Failte was prepared to contribute grants of £3,350. In addition, it had been indicated that Bord Failte would make available a grant of £1,000 towards improvements on the Cliff Walk, Greystones, which would involve the Council's also providing a contribution of £1,000. Bord Failte had asked that the Council confirm as soon as possible if they were prepared to avail of the grants.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That having considered report of County Engineer in regard to Grants to be made available by Bord Failte for car parks, we note that grants amounting to £3,350 will be available from Bord Failte towards the cost of car parks at Luggala, Glen of the Downs and Logstown, estimated to cost, in all, £6,200. We hereby authorise the expenditure of £3,200 in excess of the amount provided in the Estimates for the current financial year for roads to defray the cost of the provision of these car parks.

That we note the making available of a grant of £1,000 by An Bord Failte for the purpose of improvements of the Cliff Walk, Greystones, and approve of proceeding with the scheme for such improvements estimated to cost £2,000.

Passed.

Item No. 9:- Local Improvements Schemes — Letter from Department of Local Government Re Allocation of £5,000.

The County Secretary informed the Council that the Department of Local Government in letter of 13th. June, 1972 had stated that the allocation of Grants in any year must be related to the total provision for the scheme which in the current year was £500,000. The requirements in all Counties were fully considered and the allocation of £5,000 was the maximum which could be made available for County Wicklow. The County Secretary stated that schemes at Ballinglen, Ballinklow, Cronelea, Tinnakilly, Ardnaboy, Rosbane, Farnese and Ballytemple, estimated to cost in all £6,361 were proposed to be carried out in the current financial year, the cost being defrayed by grant of £5,000 on local contributions of £1,103. Schemes estimated to cost £14,627 in respect of which contributions amounting to £2,947 had been received by the Council, had been approved, but having regard to the amounts of the grants being made available each year it would take almost three years to have these schemes carried out. The County Engineer has suggested that no further contributions towards schemes to be financed with the aid of grants from the Local Improvements Scheme should be accepted by the Council until more schemes for which contributions had already been received had been carried out. The Council agreed that representations be again made to the Department of Local Government in regard to the need for a substantial increase in the amount of the grants being made available to the Council for works under the Local Improvements scheme, and that the Department be informed of the number of schemes ready to be put in hands. Members of the Council expressed the view that where schemes would not be carried out within the current financial year the contributions paid to the Council should be returned to the

contributors or that interests be paid on the amounts received. The Council asked also that details of the schemes approved be circulated to the Members of the Council.

Item No. 10:- Applications for consent to (a) Sub-division of Vested Cottage plots and (b) Sales of Vested Cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes.

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sub-division of cottage plot no. 187/11 at 56, Ballybeg, Rathnew by Mr. James Smullen, in order to provide his son, John, with a site for a new house, subject to redemption by the Tenant Purchaser of the annuity on the portion of the plot being transferred.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes.

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Mr. Edward Merrigan, of his interest in Vested Cottage 286/11 at 9, Merrymount, Rathnew, to Mr. Louis Witter, 9, Merrymount for the sum of £900 subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £500, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed.

It was.

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh.

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan.

Resolved—That we hereby agree to the purchase of Mr. Thomas Ward's vested Council cottage at Johnstown, Sea Road, Arklow, for the sum of £1,666.67.

Passed.

It was.

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh.

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan.

Resolved—That we hereby agree to the purchase of Mr. Edward Doyle's vested Council cottage at Mullins, Tinahely for the sum of £800 nett.

Passed.

Item No. 11:- Proposal to purchase land at Kilcoole for Industrial Development

The County Secretary stated that the Irish Land Commission had offered to sell to the Council 28 acres, 2 roods and 14 perches of land in the townland of Creowen, being part of the Woodstock demesne. The Woodstock demesne was in the vicinity of Kilcoole. The Council were informed in committee of the price to be paid for the land. The County Engineer had agreed that the land was suitable for either industry or housing, and it could be connected with the proposed new

sewerage system. The agreement of the Council was sought to the provision of the necessary finance by way of loan from the Local Loans Fund which had already been authorised but not approved in full by the Department of Local Government.

It was.

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill.

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes.

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the offer by the Irish Land Commission to sell to the Council, 28 acres, 2 roods and 14 perches of land situated in the townland of Creowen, being part of the Woodstock Demesne at Kilcoole, for the sum of £22,400 and hereby authorise the borrowing of £22,400 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 25 years to defray the cost of the purchase of the land.

Passed.

It was.

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill.

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes.

Resolved—That the seal of the Council be affixed to the Agreement with the Irish Land Commission for the purchase by the Council of 28 acres, 2 roods, 14 perches of land, at Creowen, being part of the Woodstock Demesne at Kilcoole.

Passed.

Item No. 12:- To approve of Draft Scheme for making Grants available for reconstruction or improvement works on houses occupied by disabled persons.

It was.

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan.

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the draft Scheme as submitted to this meeting, for the making of Grants for the Reconstruction or Improvement of houses to provide special facilities and accommodation for disabled persons.

Passed.

SCHEME

Wicklow County Council.

Scheme for Housing Assistance for Disabled Persons.

Wicklow County Council (hereafter referred to as the Council) will be prepared to consider applications for grants for the reconstruction of houses within the County at large to provide special facilities and accommodation for disabled persons.

Grants will be paid only in respect of:

- Reconstruction work started on or after 1st February, 1972.
- Reconstruction work which in the opinion of the Council is necessary for the provision of special facilities and accommodation of a disabled person.

The grants which may be made by the council shall not exceed:

- in the case of a non-vested local authority dwelling the approved cost of the work;
- in all other cases two-thirds of the cost of the work as approved by the Council, subject to a maximum of £800 per dwelling.

The Council may at their discretion carry out the reconstruction or improvement work themselves.

The Council, notwithstanding anything contained in this scheme, may allow or refuse any application for a grant or may at their discretion allow a reduced grant.

The Council will only make grants in respect of dwellings which in their opinion are suitable for reconstruction. Payment of the grant will not be made until the work has been completed to the satisfaction of the Council.

The above Scheme was submitted to and approved by Wicklow Co. Council at Meeting held on 12th June, 1972.

F. Hynes
CHAIRMAN

K. J. Brangan,
COUNTY SECRETARY

Item No. 13:- Greystones Housing—Guaranteed Order Scheme.

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

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Housing and Sanitary Services,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
1st JUNE, 1972.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

Re: Housing Scheme at Kildelstown, Greystones.
Messrs. Riversdale Concrete Products Ltd.

A Chairde,

There have been discussions recently with Representatives of the Department of Local Government, from the National Building Agency and Messrs Riversdale Concrete Products Ltd. regarding proposals for the building of houses on land acquired by the Council at Kindelstown, Greystones. As a result of these discussions, it is now recommended that as a First Stage in a building programme on this land, 60 houses for letting and 20 houses for sale be erected by Messrs Riversdale Concrete Products Ltd.

The tender price for the building and development is expected to be £3,200 per house for the 60 houses for letting to suitable tenants but to this must be added the cost of land and fees etc. which would bring the estimated all-in-cost to £3,500 per house approximately. The final all-in-cost will be in excess of this however because of the continual rise in the cost of labour and materials.

The price of the houses to be sold to approved purchasers has not yet been settled as there may yet be some modification in the design and lay-out which at present are under consideration.

The Contractors are anxious to proceed with the Scheme at Kindelstown, Greystones and the capital monies required for it will be

made available by the Department of Local Government. It is recommended that approval be given to this proposal as soon as possible.

Mise, le meas,

M. FLANNERY,

County Manager

It was.

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill.

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill.

Resolved — That we hereby approve of proceeding with the Scheme under the Guaranteed Order Project through the National Building Agency for the building by Riverdale Concrete Products Ltd., of houses on land acquired by the Council at Kindlestown, Greystones, and approve of proceeding as a first stage with the provision of 60 houses for letting and 20 houses for sale.

Passed.

Item No. 14:- Proposed acquisition of lands for housing at (A) Kilpedder and (B) Newcastle.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported to the Council at a previous Meeting and had indicated that three portions of land at Kilpedder owned by Mr. Treacy, Mrs. Evans and Mr. Chapman were the most suitable for building Council houses on from a planning point of view. The County Engineer had indicated that it would not be possible to reach agreement for the purchase of these plots and he recommended that they be acquired under a Compulsory Purchase Order. As it will be necessary for the Council to justify the compulsory purchase of land at a public Inquiry, and for this purpose to be able to show that there were applicants in need of housing accommodation who could not be accommodated in other Schemes nearby, the County Medical Officer was asked to report on 11 applications which had been received by the Council. The County Medical Officer had reported that of the 11 applicants, 2 had already been satisfactorily housed, 2 had no connection with Kilpedder, and would accept a house anywhere near Bray, and 7 were in need of housing, but had all indicated that they would accept a house in either Newtown, Oldcourt or Greystones. It seemed doubtful consequently if the Council would be successful in obtaining a Compulsory Purchase Order to acquire land at Kilpedder for housing. Councillor Gregory contended that there were many other applicants for housing in the area who had not been reported on by the County Medical Officer, and he also contended that persons who had applied wished to be housed in Kilpedder, but in view of their need for housing might have agreed to accept houses in other areas. He considered that if persons wished to be re-housed in the area, houses should be provided for them there. Councillor Gregory stated that he would arrange for submitting the names of other persons who were seeking houses in the area, and asked that these be examined as a matter of urgency.

It was.

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory.

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes.

Resolved — That we approve of the acquisition of lands owned by Mr. Evans by compulsory purchase order at Kilpedder for housing as recommended by the County Engineer.

Passed.

In regard of housing at Newcastle, the County Secretary stated that two sites had been proposed by the County Engineer, one containing four acres being in the ownership of Mr. Smyth of Blackditch, Newcastle, and the other in the ownership of Mr. Doyle of Oaklawn, Newcastle. The County Engineer had reported that Mr. Smith was not anxious to dispose of the property, and Mr. Doyle had also refused to sell. As it would seem likely that the Council would have to resort to compulsory purchase to obtain a site in the area. The County Medical Officer had been asked to report on the nineteen applications received for housing in the area. The County Medical Officer had reported that of the nineteen applications, 9 applicants were in need of housing but 5 of these had applied for housing in other areas which they preferred to Newcastle because of proximity to their employment. The remaining four stated that they too would accept housing anywhere in north east of the County. There was no sewerage scheme at present in Newcastle and as there was no National School it would seem that local children would have to travel considerable distances by bus. It would seem that further investigations would have to be made to justify the purchase of land in the area by compulsory purchase. The County Engineer had been asked to approach Mr. Doyle of Oaklawn again to ascertain if he would be prepared to sell land to the Council by agreement. On the proposal of Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Hynes, the Council agreed that lands be acquired for a housing site at Newcastle from Mr. Doyle if necessary by compulsory purchase order. As one of the joint owners of the land at Blackditch resided outside the country, it was felt that there might be considerable delay in proceeding with any Compulsory Purchase Order for the acquisition of these lands and accordingly it was proposed to pursue the matter of acquiring a site from Mr. Doyle.

Item No. 16:- Application from residents of Broomhall and Ballinabarney for reception of deputation in relation to dumping ground.

On the proposal of Councillor F. Hynes, Chairman, the Council approved of the reception of a deputation from residents from Broomhall and Ballinabarney at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 3rd. July, 1972.

Item No. 19:- To receive deputation from residents of Quarry Street, Shillelagh in regard to sewerage scheme.

The following deputation representing residents of Quarry Street, Shillelagh attended and addressed the Members of the Council:-

Messrs. James Walker, Michael Kearns, Liam Fallon, and Michael Kearney. The Members of the deputation expressed their concern at the omission of Quarry Street from the area to be served by the new sewerage scheme which was shortly to commence at Shillelagh. They stated that they had presumed that the sewerage scheme for Shillelagh would have included Quarry Street, but only recently became aware that the 18 houses at Quarry Street were not being included in the Scheme. They inquired why this area had been omitted and urged the need for providing sewerage facilities to serve these houses. The County Secretary stated that the Consulting Engineer when reporting on the proposed sewerage scheme for the Shillelagh area had referred specially to a group of 18 houses at Quarry Street, and had stated that consideration had been given to providing for the connection of these houses to the sewerage system. Because of the adverse road levels and the length of sewer involved, it was not considered economic to do so and he had recommended that if water borne sanitation was to be provided for them, it would be more advisable to provide a separate septic tank nearby with discharge of effluent to the river.

The County Manager pointed out that the estimated cost of the sewerage scheme at Shillelagh worked out at about £430 per house, and it was felt that if the 18 houses at Quarry Street were to be included in the general scheme it would make the cost per house uneconomic. The County Engineer stated that the houses could be provided with a separate scheme by means of a septic tank and confirmed that because of the adverse levels and the length of sewer involved it had not been considered economic to link these houses up with the sewerage for the rest of the area.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan:

Resolved—That plans be submitted immediately for approval by the Department of Local Government to the provision of sewerage facilities at Quarry Street, Shillelagh.

Passed.

The Members of the Council asked that if at all possible the scheme be carried out at the same time as the sewerage scheme for Shillelagh.

Item No. 20—Letter from Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee re Provision of Additional Houses for Letting and for Purchase at Kilmacanogue.

The County Secretary submitted a letter dated 27th May, 1972, received from the Kilmacanogue Housing Committee with which they enclosed a list of names of those who the Committee felt should be considered for the 18 houses being built in Kilmacanogue. The Committee asked that while the Contractor was on the site the Council might consider asking him to build four purchase houses and an extra four rented houses as they had other people interested in rented houses and at least three or four who were interested in the purchase-type house. They referred also to their Meeting with the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area on the 16th May, and asked that a plan of the houses be forwarded as promised at the Meeting. In reply to inquiry from Councillor Costello, the County Manager stated that it would be possible to provide four extra houses and Councillor Costello asked that the Committee be informed as to the position about the provision of four houses for rental and four purchase-type houses.

The County Secretary submitted a further letter of the 2nd June, 1972, from the Kilmacanogue Housing Association in which they referred to a person with an address at Chapelriver, Newcastle, who had applied for a house at Kilmacanogue, and stated that this person had now moved to live with a brother-in-law at Ballybawn Cottages, Kilmacanogue, and they strongly objected to this action. They stated that their Association had fought for the houses to be built for the immediate needs of the 18 families who are on their list which they had sent to the Council and that they would not "tolerate any outsiders coming into Kilmacanogue for one of these houses." As the applicant in question was the first person from outside the area to make so quick a movement, the Association were determined "That this sort of thing does not happen again." In reply to inquiries from Councillor Costello the County Manager stated that while there was no longer a residential qualification in respect of applicants for houses, the Council did endeavour to give special consideration to

persons residing in the area where the houses were being built in the selection of tenants for the houses. Councillor Temple agreed that the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at a meeting with the representatives of the Kilmacanogue Housing Association had agreed that preference be given when considering applications for the houses to persons resident in Kilmacanogue. Councillor Costello asked that a letter be addressed to the Kilmacanogue Housing Association explaining the position in regard to consideration given to persons resident in the area.

The County Secretary stated that in a letter received from the Kilmacanogue Housing Association on the 16th instant, it had been requested that the Members of the Council receive a deputation from the Association at the next Meeting of the Members for the Bray Electoral Area at the Town Hall, Bray. On the proposal of Councillor Costello, the Council agreed that the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area receive the deputation from the Association at the next local Meeting.

WATER SUPPLY IN BRAY ELECTORAL AREA:

Councillor Temple referred to the matter of the water supply in the Bray Electoral Area, and asked that the City Commissioner be requested to receive a deputation from the Members of the Council in regard to the proposed provision of a water supply from Lough Dan. The County Manager explained that the matter of providing a water supply from the Lough Dan area was under examination by the Technical Staff of Dublin Corporation and the County Council who had had meetings on the matter, and the matter had also been under discussion with the Department of Local Government. The matter of the water supply was under active consideration and as technical matters were involved he did not think that at this stage a deputation from the Members of the Council would be necessary.

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

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, T. J. Keenan, W. Cleary, Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs M. Ledwidge, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, M. Deering, and R. F. McKeon:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to provide the monies for the erection of a sheep dipping bath at Kylebeg, Lacken, Blessington, on the site already approved of by the sheep owners and members of the County Council who inspected the site."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council provide the appropriate road signs in the village of Coolboy."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That a light be provided at the public toilets at the Meetings, Avoca, and that the footpath from the White Bridge to the Mines be put in proper repair."

In the name of Councillor J. Miley:—"That at the next Meeting of the Council a report on the latest position regarding the progress of tenders for the Blessington Swimming Pool be submitted."

In the name of Councillor R. F. McKeon:—"That this Council recommend to the Minister for Justice that more Gardai be drafted to Bray during the Summer season."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 3rd July, 1972, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor F. Hynes, Chairman.

Councillors W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, M. Deering, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, E. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, J. J. Bourke, J. Gregory, B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley, J. Whelan, R. McKeown.

The County Manager, Acting County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Planning Assistant, Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Dr. C. Ware, C.M.O., were present.

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL MEETING

- (1) Election of Chairman.
- (2) Election of Vice-Chairman.
- (3) Appointment of Members on Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.
- (4) Appointment of Representatives on General Council of County Councils.
- (5) Appointment of Members on National Monuments Advisory Committee.

AGENDA FOR HOUSING MEETING

- 1 Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—
 - (a) In the names of Councillors W. Cleary, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney and T. J. Keenan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Elizabeth O'Mahony, Glenbrook, Arklow, for the erection of 27 houses on her land at Killiniskeyduff, Arklow, Co. Wicklow."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, J. Miley and M. Deering:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Thomas Ryan, Saint Kevin's, Baltin-glass, for the provision of a house for his own use."

- (c) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, B. S. C. Phelan, T. J. Keenan and R. Miley:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Dunbur Limited, for the provision of 12 bungalows at Dunbur Lower, Wicklow."
- (d) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. Whelan, J. J. Bourke and F. Hynes:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to C. Galligan, Belvedere Place, Dublin, to erect two bungalows at Knockraheen, Roundwood."
- (e) In the names of Councillors J. Temple, E. Byrne and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Kevin O'Connell, Ballybrew, Enniskerry, for the provision of a bungalow at Enniskerry."
- (f) In the names of Councillors M. Deering, J. Miley, J. Sweeney and G. Timmins:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Brendan McDermott, Dunlavin, for the provision of a bungalow at Hollywood."
- (g) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering, G. Timmins:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James Clarke, for the provision of a bungalow at Three Castles, Blessington."
- (h) In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, J. Miley, K. Ryan, Miss M. Walsh, R. Miley and J. Whelan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Michael Van Dessel, to build a house at Tigroney, Avoca."
- (i) In the names of Councillors J. Whelan, T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, K. Ryan, Miss M. Walsh and R. Miley:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Brennan, at Gorey Road, Upper Main Street, Carnew, for the provision of a bungalow."
- (j) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Gregory and J. J. Bourke:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Plan-

- ning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Jeremiah Farrell, New St., Wicklow, for the provision of a Roh-Fab bungalow at Dunbur Upper, Wicklow."
- (k) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. Whelan, B. S. C. Phelan and J. J. Bourke:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Maurice Marks, to build a bungalow for his own use at Moneystown, Castlekevin, Annamoe, Bray."
- (l) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, B. S. C. Phelan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Thomas Donohoe, Three Mile Water, for the provision of a bungalow at Knockquirk, Three Mile Water, Brittas Bay."
- (m) In the names of Councillors J. Gregory, F. Hynes, B. S. C. Phelan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James Carroll, 17 Greenville Road, Blackrock, Dublin, for the provision of four houses on his land at Newcastle, Co. Wicklow."
- (n) In the names of Councillors J. Gregory, F. Hynes, K. Ryan and B. S. C. Phelan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Dermot C. Reid, 1 Palmerstown Villas, Rathmines, Dublin 6, for the provision of a bungalow at Kilpedder, Co. Wicklow."
- (o) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, T. J. Keenan, W. Cleary, Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, M. Deering and R. F. McKeon:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to provide the monies for the erection of a sheep dipping bath at Kylebeg, Lacken, Blessington, on the site already approved by the sheep owners and members of the County Council who inspected the site."
- 2 Application for Closing of Roads at Blessington.
 - 3 Provision of Facilities for Industrial Development at Dunlavin.
 - 4 Leasing of Land at Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue—Notice Circulated to Members on 20th June, 1972.
 - 5 To receive Tenders for Ashford Sewerage Scheme.
 - 6 Applications for (a) Sale of Vested Cottages, and (b) Sub-division of vested cottage plots.
 - 7 To receive deputation from Residents of Ballinabarney and Broomhall in relation to site of Wicklow U.D.C. Dump.

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- 8 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins:—"That a house be built for Mr. Michael Clynch, Killalesh, Kiltegan."
- 9 Cottages repaired during the month of June, 1972, and to be repaired during the month of July, 1972.

Item No. 1—Election of Chairman.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor R. McKeon:

Resolved — That Councillor M. Deering be elected Chairman of Wicklow County Council to hold Office until such time as his successor shall be lawfully appointed and takes up Office.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan:

Resolved — That Councillor James Whelan be elected Chairman of Wicklow County Council to hold Office until such time as his successor shall be lawfully appointed and takes up Office.

A discussion followed on the possibility of the Office of Chairmanship rotating and it was finally agreed that an adjournment of ten minutes be allowed to enable the Members to consider the position. When the Meeting resumed Councillor Whelan withdrew and Councillor M. Deering was elected unanimously. Before leaving the Chair, Councillor F. Hynes thanked the Members and Staff of Wicklow County Council for their help to him during the year. Other Members of the Council paid tribute to Councillor Hynes for the manner in which he carried out his duties during the past year. Councillor M. Deering then took the Chair.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan:

Resolved—That Councillor James Whelan be elected Vice-Chairman of Wicklow County Council to hold Office until such time as his successor shall be lawfully appointed to take up Office.

There was no other proposal and the Chairman declared Councillor Whelan elected.

Appointment of Members on Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following Councillors to represent

ent with the Chairman, Wicklow County Council on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board:

Councillors J. J. Bourke

J. Gregory

T. J. Keenan

R. Miley

Miss N. O'Neill

B. S. C. Phelan

J. Temple

Passed unanimously.

Appointment of Representatives to General Council of County Councils

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. McKeon;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following Members to represent Wicklow County Council on the General Council for Co. Councils:—

Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge

F. Hynes

Miss M. Walsh

Passed unanimously.

Appointment of Members on National Monuments Advisory Committee.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to form a Local Advisory Committee under Section 22 of the National Monuments Act, 1930, to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council:—

Councillor R. Miley

Councillor M. J. O'Neill

M. Yann Renard-Goulet

Commandant Matthew Kavanagh

Mr. B. Riordan

Passed unanimously.

Having completed the Agenda for the Annual Meeting the Council then proceeded to deal with the Agenda of the Monthly Housing Meeting.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to move Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—

- (a) In the names of Councillors W. Cleary, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan:—"By virtue of the powers conferred

on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Elizabeth O'Mahony, Glenbrook, Arklow, for the erection of 27 houses on her land at Killiniskeyduff, Arklow, Co. Wicklow."

The County Manager indicated that the Outline Permission should be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The proposed development would be in conflict with the proper Planning and Development of the area because it would represent an intrusion of high density urban development into a rural area, and would be premature until the intervening lands between it and the town have been developed to a comparable extent.
2. The formation of a new access point serving 27 houses would create a possible traffic hazard on the National Primary Road at this point. The application is premature as the proposed Arklow Relief Road is unlikely to be opened to traffic for at least 5 years.
3. The steeply sloping edge of the site would be unsuitable for development of the density proposed as the driveway of the individual houses would be on excessive gradients.
4. It is the policy of the Department of Local Government that no access should be made onto the National Primary Routes.
5. The existing urban water supply is inadequate to serve the proposed development and the Urban Council's Water Supply Improvement Scheme will not be adequate to serve the needs of the Urban Development area. Water sample taken by applicant shows that the proposed water supply from the bored well would be unsatisfactory as it has a high iron content and a bacterial contamination at a dangerous level.
6. It is anticipated that the water supply to serve the industrial area of the harbour will be provided from the river into which it is proposed to dispose the sewage effluent. The proposed development would give rise to pollution of this essential source of water supply.
7. The proposal to discharge sewage effluent into the adjacent river would give rise to pollution at the North Beach which is used for recreational purposes.

The County Medical Officer gave his views on the application and indicated that the proposed water supply was unsatisfactory due to the corrosion properties of the iron content, and he indicated that he would not be responsible for granting permission to allow the effluent from the Sewage Disposal Works to flow into Webb's river which passes through the Caravan Park and then onto the North Beach and enters the sea at a point frequented by many children in the summer time. After further discussion by the Members, the County Manager noted that the owners of the Caravan Park had objected to the granting of the application. It was then decided to put the Resolution to a vote.

The Members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR: Councillors W. Cleary, M. Deering, J. Gregory, J. Miley, R. Miley, K. Ryan (6).

AGAINST: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, S. Costello, F. Hynes, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, M. J. O'Neill, Miss M. Walsh, R. McKeon (8).

Councillors T. J. Keenan, Miss N. O'Neill, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple and J. Whelan did not vote. The Chairman declared the proposal defeated.

Item No. 1 (b)—In the names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, J. Miley, and M. Deering:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Thomas Ryan, St. Kevin's, Baltinglass, for the provision of a house for his own use."

This application was before the Council at a meeting held on the 1st May, 1972, and was adjourned to enable a trial hole to be examined in connection with the erection of a septic tank. The Chief Medical Officer has now reported that an examination of the trial hole indicates that the soil is suitable for a septic tank installation.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Thomas Ryan, St. Kevin's, Baltinglass, for the provision of a house for his own use.

Passed unanimously.

(c) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, B. S. C. Phelan, T. J. Keenan and R. Miley:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Dunbur Limited, for the provision of 12 bungalows at Dunbur Lower, Wicklow."

The County Manager indicated that this application differs from that previously submitted and that the applicant Company, Dunbur Limited, are now accepting responsibility for the maintenance of the sewerage treatment works. In reply to inquiries from Members he indicated that the Council's Law Agent had advised that provided the land owner entered into a Covenant with the Council and that a caution to this effect is entered on the Land Registry Folio that such an arrangement would be acceptable.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the

County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1962, to Dunbur Limited, for the provision of 12 bungalows at Dunbur, Wicklow, subject to the following conditions:—

1. Before any development is carried out the owners of the lands shall enter into a covenant binding himself, his heirs, executors and assigns with the Wicklow County Council and their successors to maintain in perpetuity to the satisfaction of the said Council the sewage disposal works serving all of the proposed houses and in this respect the sewage treatment works shall be examined daily to ensure satisfactory working of the plant. A caution to this effect shall be inserted in the relevant land registry folio or folios.

Reason:

To ensure the satisfactory maintenance of the sewage disposal works in the interest of public health.

2. The boundary fence along the north-east of the site shall be set back to the line indicated on the attached map and the area indicated in red shall be kept free from development except in so far as the proposed access road crosses the area in connecting to the existing roadway.

Reason:

To provide for future road improvement works.

3. The roads and footpaths within the estate shall be completed to the satisfaction of the County Council and shall include inter alia:—
 - (a) Kerbs at road junctions and corners and on the inside of all curves to a minimum radius of 35 feet.
 - (b) Road drainage gullies shall be provided at a maximum spacing of 150 feet apart.
 - (c) Boundary walls to sites beside road junction shall not be higher than 3' 3" above the level of the adjoining carriageway for a distance of 50 feet in each direction from the apex of the curve of the boundary wall.
 - (d) Driveways of individual houses shall have a minimum gradient of 2½% for a minimum distance of 25 feet behind the boundary line with the public roadway.
 - (e) Footpaths opposite vehicle openings to individual site shall be dished and shall have a step of not more than 2" having a bull-nosed edge above the adjoining drainage channels.

Reason:

To ensure a proper standard of development.

4. Adequate public lighting shall be provided to roads, footpaths and open spaces, to the specification of the E.S.B. and to the requirements of the County Council. All electricity and telephone service lines shall be laid underground and in so far as possible shall be located under the footpaths.

Reason:

To ensure adequate lighting of public areas and to protect the amenity of the area.

5. All open spaces indicated on the plans shall be levelled, drained, cultivated, and sown with grass seed to give a uniform pasture and condition. Tree planting shall be carried out in the areas indicated and shall be maintained for a period of at least three years after planting, any trees which fail to live are to be replaced within that period.

Reason:

To ensure that the amenity open spaces shall be kept in a satisfactory and useful condition.

6. Prior to the commencement of any other works on the site proof shall be submitted to and accepted by the Council as satisfactory that an adequate and potable water supply is available from the bored well proposed. The storage tank required for firefighting purposes shall be increased to 10,000 gallons and adequate access shall be provided to enable fire tenders to draw off water from this source.

Reason:

To ensure adequate and satisfactory water supply.

7. No development shall be commenced until security for the provision of and the satisfactory completion of services including the maintenance until taken in charge by the Council of roads, sewers, public lighting and open spaces has been given by:—

(a) Lodgement with the Council of an approved Insurance Company Bond of £5,000

or

(b) Lodgement with the County Council of a sum of £3,500. This security is required by the Council for application at its absolute discretion if these services are not fully provided to its satisfaction on completion of the development proposed. —

Reason:

To ensure satisfactory completion of the site development works.

- (d) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. Whelan, J. J. Bourke and F. Hynes:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to C. Galligan, Belvedere Place, Dublin, to erect two bungalows at Knockraheen, Roundwood."

The County Manager indicated that he was recommending that Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The proper planning and development of the area as stated in the County Development Plan requires that sporadic residential development in rural areas be discouraged, since such development would

give rise to premature demands for services, e.g., water, sewerage, public lighting, which would not be economically provided from the resultant rates revenue. This proposed development is in conflict with the above requirements since it is located approximately three-quarters of a mile from the serviced area of Roundwood Village.

2. The erection of the proposed dwelling would set a precedent. Further development along the important scenic route around Roundwood reservoir would be injurious to the amenity of the area by altering the rural character thereof.

3. The effluent from the proposed septic tank on the more easterly side is likely to give rise to public health hazard by discharging to the water course which flows directly to Roundwood reservoir.

Councillor R. Miley in supporting the application indicated that the applicant had been in touch with the County Medical Officer and agreement had been reached to submit revised plans for the disposal of sewerage effluent. It was finally decided that Mr. Galligan would submit revised plans which would be dealt with later, and it was agreed that the present application be refused.

(e) In the names of Councillors J. Temple, E. Byrne and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Kevin O'Connell, Ballybrew, Enniskerry, for the provision of a bungalow at Enniskerry."

The County Manager indicated the reasons why this application should be refused as follows:—

(1) The site is situated in an area of outstanding natural beauty, intensively used for recreational purposes, in respect of which it is intention of the Council to consider making a Special Amenity Order, as stated in the County Development Plan. Because of the prominence of the site (over 800 feet contour) the proposed residential development would be injurious to the amenities of the area.

(2) As is evidenced by decisions on previous planning applications for development in this locality it has been the policy of the Council to keep this area of high amenity free from development. The erection of a dwelling on this site as proposed would set a precedent for similar development thus causing serious erosion of the amenities of this area.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Kevin O'Connell, Ballybrew, Enniskerry, for the provision of a bungalow at Enniskerry.

Passed—Councillor Costello dissenting.

(f) In the names of Councillors M. Deering, J. Miley, J. Sweeney and G. Timmins:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Brendan McDermott, Dunlavin, for the provision of a bungalow at Hollywood."

The County Manager indicated that permission should be refused on the following grounds:—

1. The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because it would consolidate a tendency towards ribbon development in this rural area resulting from existing developments and other proposals for which permissions granted in recent years and which have not yet been built.

2. The proposed development would be seriously detrimental to the amenities of the area because the proposed bungalow would obstruct a fine view to the south west from Lemonstown Bridge. Also as it would be necessary to remove the existing hedge along the complete length of the road frontage of the proposed site, so that a safe entrance might be constructed, this would cause the proposed development to be very prominent in views from the road-way at this point and further damage would be caused to visual amenities.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Brendan McDermott, Dunlavin, for the provision of a bungalow at Hollywood.
Passed—Councillor Costello abstaining.

(j) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Gregory and J. J. Bourke:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Jeremiah Farrell, New Street, Wicklow, for the provision of a Roh-Fab Bungalow at Dunbur Upper, Wicklow"

The County Manager indicated that permission should be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard because the vehicular movement which it would generate at a point where the adjoining road is narrow and visibility is very restricted would interfere with safety and free-flow of traffic on the said heavily trafficked tourist road.

2. The proposed development would injure visual amenity because

it would contribute to the built up appearance of this attractive coastal area and would be out of character with existing development.

It was also noted that the applicant had been refused permission on this site for a house and the decision was upheld on Appeal by the Minister for Local Government. After discussion

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Jeremiah Farrell, New Street, Wicklow, for the provision of a Roha Fab bungalow at Dunbur Upper, Wicklow, subject to Mr. Farrell giving free of charge to the Council whatever land the Planning Officer requires for road widening at this point.

Passed—Councillor Costello dissenting.

(k) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. Whelan, B. S. C. Phelan, and J. J. Bourke:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Maurice Marks, to build a bungalow for his own use at Moneystown, Castlekevin, Annamoe, Bray."

The County Manager indicated that Planning Permission should be refused for the following reason:—

The site, located at the junction of four roads, is locally prominent from the public road particularly in the view from the north approaching Moneystown Bridge. In addition the dwelling located on raised part of the site as proposed would be prominent from a number of points along the public road to the north. The proposed development would be injurious to the visual amenities of this predominantly rural area by virtue of such prominence. After discussion

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Maurice Marks, to build a bungalow for his own use at Moneystown, Castlekevin, Annamoe, Bray.

Passed.

(l) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory and B. S. C. Phelan:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Thomas Donohue, Three Mile Water, for the provision of a bungalow at Knockquirk, Three Mile Water, Brittas Bay."

The County Manager indicated that permission should be refused on the following grounds:—

The proper planning and development of the area requires that sporadic residential development in rural areas be prevented since such development would give rise to demands for services, eg., road improvements, public lighting, etc., which could not be economically provided from resultant rates. The proposal to erect a dwelling in isolation in the rural area and along a narrow County Road is in conflict with these requirements. Furthermore it would set a precedent for similar development in this area. After discussion

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Thomas Donohue, Three Mile Water, for the provision of a bungalow at Knockquirk, Three Mile Water, Brittas Bay, subject to the following conditions:—

1. The new front boundary wall to be not higher than 3 feet to allow for visibility at the entrance.
2. The entrance bellmouth to be made sufficiently large to allow a vehicle to park clear of the carriageway and for vehicles entering and leaving the site to stand clear of the carriageway whilst the gate is being opened or shut.
3. The new front boundary wall to be set back 10 feet behind the line shown on the drawing and the land ceded free of charge to the Council to allow for future road widening.

Passed.

(n) In the names of Councillors J. Gregory, F. Hynes, K. Ryan and B. S. C. Phelan:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Dermot C. Reid, 1 Palmerstown Villas, Rathmines, Dublin 6, for the provision of a bungalow at Kilpedder, Co. Wicklow.

The County Manager indicated that planning permission should be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The Council proposes to construct a major arterial road to dual carriageway standards within the next two years and to by-pass the existing nucleus of development at Kilpedder. The proper planning and development requires that new development at Kilpedder should take place only to the west of the new major road and so avoid development straggling the dual carriageway. The proposed development to the east of the dual carriageway is in serious conflict with the above requirement and would create a precedent for similar development which would seriously diminish the beneficial value of the dual carriageway.
2. The creation of a vehicular entrance and lay-bye at the eastern end of the road frontage at a bend on the County Road No. 42 where sight distance is extremely limited is likely to give rise to a traffic hazard at this point especially as the County Road is intensively used by heavy lorries.
3. The proposed dwelling would be very prominent and would almost totally infringe the sky line. Such development would be injurious to the visual amenity of the area.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Dermot C. Reid, 1, Palmerstown Villas, Rathmines, Dublin 6, for the provision of a bungalow at Kilpedder, County Wicklow.

Passed.

- (o) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, T. J. Keenan, W. Cleary, Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, M. Deering, and R. F. McKeon:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to provide the monies for the erection of a Sheep Dipping Bath at Kylebeg, Lacken, Blessington, on the site already approved by the Sheep Owners and Members of the County Council who inspected the site."
- The Council decided to adjourn the above item.

Item No. 2—Application for Closing of Road at Blessington.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic County Road No. 371 from the junction east of Woodend Bridge to a point 50 feet east of Blessington Bridge between the hours of 11.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 14th, 15th and 16th July, 1972, for the purpose of the holding of the Annual Regatta at Blessington Lake. The application was approved on conditions:—

- 1 Indemnifying the Council against all claims and damages arising from the closing of the roads.
- 2 Repairing any damage to Council property to the satisfaction of the Council or recouping the Council the cost of so doing.
- 3 Adequate Notices to be provided in regard to the closing and necessary traffic diversions in order to comply with the Road Traffic Act Regulations, 1961.

Votes of Sympathy.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Resolved—That the sympathy of the Council Members be conveyed to the family of the late Nurse Neville who was attached to the County Hospital for many years.

Passed.

The County Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the Staff asked to be associated with the vote of sympathy.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That a vote of sympathy be passed with Councillor J. Whelan on the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. O'Byrne.

Free Travel.

Councillor John Sweeney asked if the Council would make representations through the General Council of County Councils to allow a wife to travel free on public transport if her husband though not travelling with her was entitled to free transport. It was also suggested that as widows were not yet covered that the proposed free travel facilities be extended to cover them also.

Itinerant Antique Dealers on Arklow Road.

Councillor J. Sweeney asked if anything could be done in connection with the family of antique dealers who had camped on the Arklow Road, and where they are for the past fourteen months. Members generally expressed the view that these people were causing a traffic hazard by the slowing down and stopping of passing traffic. The County Manager agreed to report the matter to the Gardai.

Item No. 7—To receive Deputation from Residents of Ballinabarney and Broomhall in relation to Site of Wicklow U.D.C. Dump.

A deputation consisting of Mrs. V. Sheane and Messrs Murphy, Dickenson and N. Woods attended to put the case of the residents of Ballinabarney and Broomhall before the Council in connection with

the Wicklow Urban Council dump at Ashtown. Mr. Murphy and Mrs. Sheane spoke on behalf of the deputation and asked if the Co. Council could do anything in connection with the dump. The residents feel they had been badly treated by private dumpers who come at week-ends and scatter refuse on the sides of the road and into the dump. It was mentioned that the County Engineer was at present seeking a suitable location for a dump for the Wicklow area, but that as yet no suitable location had been found. It was decided that the Wicklow Urban District Council meet with the Members of the Wicklow area to consider the position.

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

Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council finalise the sale of land to Mr. John Gray, Bachelor's Walk, Shillelagh, for the purpose of building a house."

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney and W. Cleary:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Frank Byrne, 15, Orchard Road, Dublin, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballyfofan, Manor Kilbride."

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney and W. Cleary:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Kearney, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballinastocken."

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney and W. Cleary:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to D. Prym, at Rathnabo, for the provision of a house."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 10th July, 1972.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor M. Deering, Chairman.

Councillors F. Hynes, W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, K. Ryan, Miss M. Walsh, M. Deering, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, J. Gregory, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Whelan, R. McKeon.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer and Mr. T. Gibson, Chief Planning Assistant, attended.

AGENDA:

1. To consider Tenders for sale of plot at Ballynultagh, Shillelagh.
2. Extension of Rathdrum Water Supply for Foresters' Houses at Avondale.
3. Revision of Charges for Grave Spaces in Burial Grounds.
4. Local Elections Bill, 1972—Postponement of Local Elections.
5. Increase in House Purchase Loans and Supplementary Grants—Letter from Department of Local Government.
6. Letter from General Council of County Councils regarding Resolutions from Council.
7. Extension of Sewerage to 18 Cottages at Redford, Greystones.
8. Letter from Minister for Local Government re Report entitled "Strengthening the Local Government Service."
9. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello, Miss M. Walsh, M. Deering, K. Ryan, F. Hynes, M. J. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, Miss N. O'Neill, R. Miley, and J. Whelan:—"That we request the Minister for Local Government to ensure that all future appointments of Rate Collectors are made on the basis of merit through competitive examination."

10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:—"That the reasons be given for the Council's failure to remove the bend at the dangerous part of the Glenealy Cemetery approach—the money having been made available for a period of years."
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council reduce the width of the footpaths at each side at the bottom of the Main Street, Carnew."
12. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council remove the footpaths at the Terrace, Carnew, which would enable vehicles to pass."
13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:—"That progress be reported on the siting and acquisition of a central dumping ground within five to ten miles of Wicklow and satellite towns."
14. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill:—"That a swimming pool be provided at Baltinglass."
15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That the Council provide a public light on the Main Road at Dunbur Road, Wicklow."
16. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council be informed at the next Council Meeting of the outcome of the Meeting between the officials of the Council and Mrs. Wilby about the right of way through the lands on the Murrough, Wicklow; (2) that the right of way should be made wide enough to take cars, say, 25 feet to 30 feet wide for future development of the Murrough and the Lake."
17. Notice of Motion in names of Councillor F. Hynes, J. Gregory, R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan and J. J. Bourke:—"That this Council (1) remove the bad bend at Blackditch; (2) erect two lights at Blackditch, three lights at Newcastle, five lights between Newcastle and Newtown and two lights at Leabeg Lane."
18. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors R. Miley, F. Hynes and J. J. Bourke:—"That the Council will install at least three hydrants from Saint Colman's gate to Ballygannon for fire-fighting in the housing area."
19. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Sweeney:—"That the County Council make safe a very bad turn on the road at Thomas Clarkson's house in Woodenbridge, as soon as possible."
20. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Sweeney:—"That this Council take over and put into proper condition the roadway at Rustigath, Kilcarra, Arklow."
21. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council advertise for tenders for domestic refuse collection for the following areas:—Newtownmountkennedy, Newcastle, Kilpedder and Kilquade; (2) withdraw the advertisement that is now published for Newtownmountkennedy."
22. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council purchase land at Carnew for a development site."

23. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council extend water and sewerage to five houses on the Gorey Road, Carnew."
24. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council extend the Sewerage to the 18 houses at Quarry Street, Shillelagh."
25. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That a light be provided at the public toilets at the Meetings Avoca, and that the footpath from the White Bridge to the Mines be put in proper repair."
26. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:—"That at the next meeting of the Council a report on the latest position in regard to the progress of tenders for the Blessington Swimming Pool be submitted."
27. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That the Council provide the appropriate road signs in the village of Coolboy."
28. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. F. McKeon:—"That this Council should recommend to the Minister for Justice that more Gardai be drafted to Bray during the summer season."
29. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—To Consider Tenders for Sale of Plot at Ballynultagh, Shillelagh.

The County Secretary stated that five tenders had been received for the vacant allotment at Ballynultagh, Shillelagh, containing 2 roods, 15 perches, of which one tender had been withdrawn. The tenders received and not withdrawn were as follows:—

1. Rose H. Clarke, 11 Eden Park, Sandycove, Co. Dublin	£250
2. Mr. and Mrs. D. Gentleman, c/o Cronelea, Shillelagh	£155
3. K. Ryan, Hilltop Gardens, Carnew	£60
4. Hugh Doyle, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh	£35

As requested by the Council at a previous Meeting details of the tenders received together with particulars of the need for housing in the case of each person tendering had been circulated to the Members of the Council on the 25th April, 1972. In reply to inquiries from Members of the Council, the County Secretary stated that as the person who submitted the highest tender resided in County Dublin and did not appear to have any connection with the area, and that there was no evidence of her being in need of housing accommodation, that this tender could be passed over.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we accept the tender of Mr. and Mrs. Gentleman, c/o Cronelea, Shillelagh, in the sum of £155 for the vacant allotment at Ballynultagh, Shillelagh, containing 2 roods and 15 perches.

Passed.

Item No. 2—Extension of Rathdrum Water Supply for Foresters' Houses at Avondale.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had received a request from the Forestry Division, Department of Lands, for the laying by the Council of a pipe to provide a water supply to Avondale Forest and to Foresters' houses, and the County Engineer in his report of the 26th May, 1972, recommended that the Forestry Department purchase all the materials for the proposed 2" diameter extension, and that the extension be laid by the Council as compensation for the handing over to the Council of the existing 3" diameter main which runs from Rathdrum to the gate of Avondale. The proposed 2" main to serve the houses would also be the Council's property. The Forestry Division of the Department of Lands was agreeable to this arrangement. The estimated cost of laying 500 lineal yards of 2" diameter main and making a connection to the four houses was £200.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer of 26th May, 1972, we approve of his recommendation for the laying of an extension to the Water Main serving Avondale to serve four foresters' houses at an estimated cost of £200 and subject to the materials for the extension being supplied by the Forestry Division of the Department of Lands and the transfer of ownership and control of the 3" Water Main from the Rathdrum supply to Avondale Forest to the Council.

Passed.

Item No. 3—Revision of Charges for Grave Spaces in Burial Grounds:

The County Secretary stated that particulars of existing charges and of proposed revised charges for grave spaces in Council burial grounds had been circulated to the Members of the Council and had been considered by the Members of the Council for each Electoral Area. It had been agreed by the Local Electoral Area Committees that a charge of £10 for a grave space be applied in Arklow and Greystones Cemeteries and a charge of £7 for a grave space in all other burial grounds. There will now be only one charge for any grave space in any burial ground and the former system under which there were five different categories of graves was being terminated.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—Having considered report submitted showing charges at present made for grave spaces in the Council's Burial Grounds, receipts from purchase of grave spaces for the year 31st December, 1971, number of grave spaces sold in the various categories and expenditure on wages and materials, etc., we approve of the fixing of £10 for any grave space in Arklow and Greystones, and a charge of £7 for any grave space in any other Cemetery under the charge of the Council, and approve of the termination of the division of grave spaces into different classes at different rates of charge.

Passed.

Item No. 4—Local Elections Bill, 1972—Postponement of Local Elections:

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had forwarded a copy of the Local Elections Bill, 1972, as passed by both Houses of the Oireachtas together with a copy of the Explanatory Memorandum. The effect of the passing of the Bill was that the Local Elections were postponed to June, 1973, and the terms of office of existing members of local authorities were extended accordingly. The Act also terminated the disqualifications for membership of local authorities on the grounds of bankruptcy and receipt of general assistance. The Act provided also that in future a person shall be entitled to be registered as a Local Government Elector in a local electoral area if he has reached the voting age and is ordinarily resident in the area. The right of registration as a local government elector by virtue of occupation of land or premises had been removed and in future nobody may be registered more than once as a local government elector and a person may be registered only in respect of his residence. The Council noted the provisions of the Local Elections Act.

Item No. 5—Increase in House Purchase Loans and Supplementary Grants—Letter from Department of Local Government:

The County Secretary gave details of the circular letter H 10/72 of 4th July, 1972, received from the Department of Local Government in regard to House Purchase Loans and Supplementary Grants. For house purchase loans the income limit was increased from £1,500 to £1,800 per annum, but the rateable valuation limit remains at £60.00. The maximum loan limit was increased from £3,000 to £3,400. In regard to Supplementary Grants the yearly income limit was increased from £1,250 to £1,500 and the usual allowances of up to £400 for dependants remain unchanged, giving a maximum effective limit of £1,900 per annum. The rateable valuation limit remains at £80. The increases in limits applied to new houses commenced on or after 1st July, 1972, or in the case of house purchase loans for previously occupied houses to applications received on or after that date. The Council noted the changes in the regulations in relation to house purchase loans and supplementary grants. Councillor J. Temple pointed out that the maximum loan limit in the Borough of Dun Laoghaire had been increased from £3,300 to £3,800. He felt that it was inequitable that the maximum loan limit in Bray should only be £3,400 and he asked that representations be made to the Minister for increasing the loan limit in Bray to the same level as that applied in Dun Laoghaire.

SALE OF DWELLINGS UNDER SECTION 90 OF HOUSING ACT 1966:

In reply to inquiries from Members of the Council as to when the new Purchase Scheme for Council houses would be available, the County Manager stated that it was expected that the Scheme would be ready in a few weeks' time. The Scheme had been prepared, but it was found that the basis on which sale prices of houses had been determined which were related to changes in money values was somewhat complex, and would not be easily understood by tenants, and a new Scheme was being prepared with sale prices based on replacement values less depreciation similar to the Scheme which had been adopted by Bray Urban District Council.

The County Secretary stated that in a circular letter received from the Department of Local Government that day it had been indicated that the statutory conditions in relation to discounts to tenants when purchasing houses had been revised and that discount would now be allowed for every year of continuous tenancy and the rate of discount for houses in built-up areas had been increased from 2 per cent. to 3 per cent. The maximum deductions allowable remained at 30 per cent. for houses in built-up areas and 45 per cent. for houses elsewhere. The revised discount provisions would apply only to purchase schemes approved by the Minister on or after 1st July, 1972. The Council noted the revised conditions in relation to the sale of dwellings.

Item No. 6—Letter from General Council of County Councils Regarding Resolutions from Council

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

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1 and 2 Cavendish Road,
Dublin 1.
23rd May, 1972.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmanin Hill,
Wicklow.

A Chara.

At the Spring Meeting of the County Council's General Council held on Thursday, 4th May, 1972, the resolutions from your Council were dealt with as follows:—

1. Revision of Bank Charges

"That the General Council of County Councils consider the new Lending System and revised charges structure for Current Accounts issued by the Banks with a view to joint action being taken by local authorities in regard thereto."
The Council were unanimous in condemning the action taken by the Banks and more especially that the Local Authorities were not informed that these changes were about to be made. I was instructed to contact the "Standing Committee"—which I have done—with a view to a meeting between this Council's Executive and the General Council of Committees of Agriculture, with the Banks.

2. Authority to Issue Medical Cards

"That we instruct our Members on the Eastern Health Board to request the Board to restore the right enjoyed by Local Public Representatives and Assistance Officers, but withdrawn by virtue of the Health Act, 1970, to issue temporary directions for the provision of Medical Services in cases of emergency."
After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the Executive Committee examine the proposal and report back.

3. Removal Expenses of Officers

Your letter noting the Department of Local Government's Cir-

cular E.L.11/17 of April, 1971, where in some cases the application of the Scheme could involve substantial payments to officers taking up appointments with the Council, etc. When the matter was discussed, it was passed unanimously that the Committee take the whole question up with the Department.

4. Criminal Injury Claims

"That the Council consider a report in regard to the amount of Awards made by Circuit Court Judge in regard to Criminal Injury Claims during the present year, the amount of claims received and awaiting hearing by the Courts, the liability in respect of awards made to date will represent a very substantial charge on the rates, that the number and amounts of claims awaiting hearing indicated that such costs very likely will increase to an alarming extent, and having regard to the burden that the responsibility for meeting Criminal Injury Awards impose on local rates, the Council proposes that such claims should be a national charge."

The above was duly proposed, seconded and passed unanimously.

5 Housing:

"That in future the Department of Local Government when conveying sanction to the acceptance of a tender for the erection of Council houses, should at the same time convey sanction to the necessary borrowing to defray the cost of the erection of such houses."

When the three Delegates from Wicklow Co. Council had spoken to the motion and discussed with other resolutions under Housing, the Executive Committee are again to take "Housing" up with the Department, bringing your Council's resolution to the fore.

These five Items conclude the resolutions from Wicklow County Council.

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L. F. DORAN,

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Members of the Council referred to the number of Decrees granted in respect of Malicious Injury Claims at the recent Sitting of the Circuit Court and in particular to the amount of the awards made in respect of a claim for malicious damage at Turlough Hill, and also at Clogga Beach. The Members noted that the Council would receive no rates from the Generating Station at Turlough Hill, as being an E.S.B. property, and on the proposal of Councillor G. Timmins, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, the Council agreed that representations be made to the General Council of County Councils and to the Minister for Justice that, having regard to the special circumstances in the case of this claim, the amount of the Decree and Costs should be met from State Funds.

Item No. 7—Extension of Sewerage to 18 Cottages at Redford, Grey-stones

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had prepared plans together with an estimate of cost for providing a sewerage

Scheme to serve eighteen houses at Redford, near Greystones. The total amount of the estimate was £2,493. Subject to the Council's approval the documents would be submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the extension of sewerage to serve 18 houses at Redford, Greystones, and approve also of the submission of the scheme to the Minister for Local Government for approval.

Passed.

Item No. 8—Letter from Minister for Local Government re Report Entitled "Strengthening the Local Government Service."

The County Secretary stated that a copy of the report of the Consultants entitled "Strengthening the Local Government Service" had been sent to each Member of the Council together with covering letter from the Minister for Local Government. In his letter the Minister asked for co-operation in having the matter considered as expeditiously as possible and asked that local authorities submit their views in regard to the report. Members of the Council noted the receipt of the report and as time would be required to study the recommendations therein, the Council adjourned consideration of the matter to the next Meeting.

USE OF PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM:

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Rev. J. K. Gahan, C.C., Parochial House, Hacketstown, for permission to use a public address system on car No. FIC 743 in the County on the Saturdays of August and the first Saturday in September, in connection with the Hacketstown Autumn Festival. The Council approved of a Permit being issued.

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL FOR ERECTION OF MOTEL AT KILMURRAY, KILMACANOGUE:

The County Secretary stated that following the passing of a Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in December, 1965, Outline Planning Permission had been granted to Mr. D. W. T. Fitzmaurice for a Motel at Kilmurray, Kilmacogue. Plans for the building were received on the 12th May, 1972, and it was necessary to issue a decision on the matter within two months from that date. The following report of the County Engineer was submitted to the Council:—

T. J. Donovan, B.E., M.I.C.E.I.

County Surveyor/Engineer.

Ref.: TJD/SB.

County Secretary.

County Engineer's Office,

Courthouse,

Wicklow.

3rd July, 1972.

Re: Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963:
D. W. T. Fitzmaurice, Esq., "North Lodge," Newtownpark Avenue,
Blackrock, Co. Dublin: Reg. No. 5165/72.

A Chara,

Reference above.

This development constitutes a serious road traffic hazard on the National Primary Route and may, in view of the Department's Circular, in regard to development and accesses on to the National Primary Route, seriously adversely affect the allocation of the National Primary Road Grants to the Council.

The development is in the proximity of the Kilmacogue Junction to Roundwood, about which much representation has already been made. This development will make this junction much more dangerous in that traffic from Roundwood will have to cross the National Primary Route to gain access to the Motel, as will the traffic going out from the Motel towards Roundwood. I consider that in the interests of safety, and the reduction in the carrying capacity of the road, and the minimising of the expenditure that has already been incurred in improving this road, that this development should not be allowed.

File returned herewith.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

Having regard to the terms of the County Engineer's report and having regard to the substantial increase in traffic on the National Primary Route adjoining the site of the Motel during the past six years, Members expressed the view that consideration should be given to revoking the grant of Outline Planning Permission. Following a discussion on the matter the County Engineer informed the Council that it was proposed to provide a water supply for the Motel from a bored well, but that satisfactory evidence of the quantity and quality of water which could be obtained from the bore had not been submitted, and the plans as now submitted showed a somewhat different development to that in respect of which the Outline Permission had been granted. The Council agreed that a notice be served on the applicant and on his engineer regarding the submission of the information as recommended by the County Engineer, and that the matter be further considered following the receipt of the required information.

ASHFORD SEWERAGE SCHEME:

The County Secretary stated that 15 tenders had been received in response to public advertisement for the Ashford Sewerage Scheme, and were available for opening at the meeting. The tenders were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council, and resulted as follows:—

TENDERS FOR ASHFORD SEWERAGE SCHEME

Name and Address of Tenderer	Amount of Tender
1. Glennon Construction Company, Limited, Shamrock Chambers, Dame St., Dublin	£74,696.00
2. Byrne Plant Hire, Ltd., Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow	£75,653.12
3. Irish Excavation Co., Lucan, Co. Dublin	£78,013.82
4. Civil Engineers (Ireland) Limited, Haddington Road, Dublin 4	£78,750.805
5. National Excavation and Construction Co., Ltd. Bekaert Gentex, Blg., Limerick Road, Naas ...	£82,072.38
6. James O'Brien, Ltd., 8 Haddington Terrace, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin	£85,210.91
7. J. V. Duffy, Ltd., Shankill, Co. Dublin	£88,969.72
8. Ascon Ltd., Naas Road, Clondalkin, Co. Dublin ..	£89,203.12
9. M. and B. Construction, Ltd., 11a Lower Fitzwilliam St., Dublin	£91,880.33
10. McIlvenna Bros., Ltd., Taney Road, Dundrum ..	£92,857 12 9
11. Gomas Contractors, Ltd., 11 South Anne St., Dublin ...	£96,560.33
12. A. F. Hastings and Co., Dundrum Rd., Dundrum, Dublin	£106,571.17
13. Mahon and McPhillips, Patrick St., Kilkenny ..	£107,936.93
14. South of Ireland Asphalt Company, Limited, 7 and 8 Lower Abbey Street, Dublin 1	£115,388.83
15. Jeremiah Fitzpatrick, Percival Street, Kanturk, Co. Cork	£153,974.18

The Council noted that the tenders would be referred to the Consulting Engineer for his report and recommendation.

Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors S. Costello, Miss M. Walsh, M. Deering, K. Ryan, F. Hynes, M. J. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, Miss N. O'Neill, R. Miley, and J. Whelan:—"That We Request the Minister for Local Government to Ensure that all Future Appointments of Rate Collectors are Made on the Basis of Merit Through Competitive Examination."

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been discussed at the previous meeting of the Council, but had been deferred for further consideration. Among the matters suggested at the previous meeting was that the proposal as submitted be amended by adding

conditions that (a) a maximum income limit be applied in respect of candidates, and (b) that the Local Appointments Commission be responsible for recommending a person for appointment. Councillor J. Miley opposed the proposal and pointed out that the appointment of Rate Collector was one of the few functions left to Members of the Council, and that they should not surrender this power. Councillor Miss Walsh and Councillor F. Hynes indicated that they approved in principle of the proposal, but that it was desirable that it be amended in certain respects. Councillor Gregory suggested that consideration of the proposal be adjourned to another Meeting and Councillor Temple supported this proposal. Councillor McKeon expressed the view that there should be no further appointments of Rate Collectors and that, when vacancies arose, the rates should be collected from the Office.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we request the Minister for Local Government to ensure that all future appointments of Rate Collectors are made on the basis of merit through competitive examination.

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

IN FAVOUR—Councillors M. Deering and Miss M. Walsh—2.

AGAINST—Councillors W. Cleary, J. Gregory, J. Miley, R. Miley, B. Phelan, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., J. Whelan and R. McKeon—9.

Councillors J. Bourke, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. Ledwidge, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, K. Ryan and J. Sweeney did not vote. The Motion was declared defeated by nine votes against to two in favour, with eight Members not voting.

Item No. 10—Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:—"That the Reasons be Given for the Council's Failure to Remove the Bend at the Dangerous Part of the Glenealy Cemetery Approach—the Money Having Been Made Available for a Period of Years."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that in order to carry out the work in a satisfactory manner it had been decided to purchase land from four holdings along this stretch of road. Two of these holdings were owned by the Irish Sailors' and Soldiers' Land Trust and agreement had been reached with the Trust for the acquisition of the land required. Miss K. O'Carroll, who owned the third holding, had been approached and had sought compensation of £200 which the County Engineer considered excessive. She had been informed that it was not intended to proceed with the purchase of land from her which had been sought in order to enable the Council to remove a portion of her hedge. The hedge could be cut back from the outside and the removal of the bend start below her property. The remaining holding was owned by Mr. Michael O'Halloran, who required compensation in the amount of £50 to include for loss of amenities, disturbance, lands, etc. He had

previously sought £80 compensation. Mr O'Halloran, however, still sought the provision of a tarmac entrance and that the wall and avenue be completed before the work began. The County Engineer stated that he was not fully satisfied as regards Mr. O'Halloran's demands as they could be judged to be excessive, but if the Council wished that he be approached again in regard to the compensation he would arrange for this to be done.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we acquire land at Glenealy required for road improvement from Mr. Michael O'Halloran, by compulsory purchase. Passed.

The Council agreed that a further approach be made to Mr. O'Halloran.

Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council Reduce the Width of the Footpaths at Each Side at the Bottom of Main Street, Carnew."

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

T. J. Donovan, B.E., M.I.C.E.I.

County Engineer's Office,

County Surveyor/Engineer.

Courthouse,

Ref. TJD/SB.

Wicklow.

County Secretary.

19th April, 1972.

Re: Notice of Motion: "That this Council Reduce the Width of the Footpaths at Each Side at the Bottom of the Main Street, Carnew."

A Chara,

Reference yours of the 11th instant.

The roadway in question is 24' wide and is situated along the Main Street in Carnew. To reduce the width of the footpaths would leave it in a very dangerous condition for pedestrians. In my opinion, the main problem is parking on both sides of the roadway, which often causes an obstruction.

I would not recommend this proposal, but I would recommend the erection of a 'NO PARKING' Sign along one side of the roadway.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

The Council agreed that the matter be deferred for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area at their next Meeting when the footpaths could be inspected.

Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council Remove the Footpaths at The Terrace, Carnew, Which Would Enable Vehicles to Pass."

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

T. J. O'Donovan, B.E., M.I.C.E.I.,

County Engineer's Office,

County Surveyor/Engineer.

Courthouse

Wicklow.

Ref.: TJD/SB.

19th April, 1972.

County Secretary.

Re: Notice of Motion: "That this Council Remove the Footpaths at the Terrace, Carnew, Which Would Enable Vehicles to Pass."

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Reference yours of the 11th instant.

The roadway in question is an access road off the main Carnew-Gorey Road and serves eight Council houses. This road is approximately 100 yards in length and 13' wide. Although it is narrow, it is possible for two motor cars to pass without any real difficulty. To remove the footpaths which are 5' wide would widen the roadway, but would leave it in a very dangerous condition for pedestrian traffic and especially young children.

Accordingly, I would not recommend this proposal.

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T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

The Council agreed that the matter be deferred for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area at their next Meeting when the footpaths could be inspected.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:—"That Progress be Reported on the Siting and Acquisition of a Central Dumping Ground Within Five to Ten Miles of Wicklow and Satellite Towns."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had requested to give suggestions regarding a suitable central dump to serve East Wicklow. When a suitable central dump had been located it would be possible to make a further report on the matter, including the provision of an incinerator, etc. Councillor B. Phelan pointed out that it had been arranged at the last meeting of the Council that the Members of Wicklow County Council meet members of the Wicklow Urban District Council to look into the matter of a suitable site for a dumping ground to serve both the Urban District and areas in the County. The County Manager stated that Wicklow Urban District Council had agreed to the proposed meeting, and it was merely a matter of arranging a suitable date. Councillor Phelan suggested that

the "Wicklow People" representative be kind enough to report the matter in the next issue of the "Wicklow People," and asked that any persons in the area who could suggest a suitable site for a dumping ground, forward their suggestions to the Council.

Item No. 14—Notice of Motion in name of Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., and M. J. O'Neill:— "That a Swimming Pool be provided at Baltinglass."

On the proposal of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill, the County Engineer was requested to prepare an estimate of cost of providing a swimming pool at Baltinglass. Councillor G. Timmins stated that a local group in Baltinglass were arranging for the provision of a local contribution which he noted would be of 20% of the cost.

Item No. 15—Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That the Council provide a Public Light on the Main Road at Dunbur Road, Wicklow."

The Council agreed that the E.S.B. be asked to submit an estimate for providing a public light on the Main Road at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, and approved of the provision of the light.

Item No. 16—Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—
That this Council be informed at the next Council Meeting of the outcome of the meeting between the officials of the Council and Mrs. Wilby about the Right of Way through the lands on The Murrough, Wicklow; (2) that the Right of Way should be made wide enough to take cars, say 25 to 30 feet wide for future development of the Murrough and the Lake."

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Planning Assistant had met Mrs. Wilby and it was understood that it was agreeable to the provision of a right-of-way through her lands on the Murrough. It will be necessary however to have further discussion with her in regard to the proposal that the right-of-way be made wide enough to take cars. It was agreed that Mrs. Wilby be approached again on the matter and that the County Engineer submit an estimate of cost of providing a road.

Item No. 26—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:—
"That at the next Meeting of the Council a Report on the latest position in regard to the progress of Tenders for the Blessington Swimming Pool be submitted."

Councillor J. Miley stated that he was aware of the provisional tender which the County Engineer had received for the Swimming Pool but agreed that the tender was not one which could be relied on in its present form. He proposed that tenders be invited for the provision of the Swimming Pool by public advertisement in order that definite figures could be obtained. The Council agreed that tenders for the Swimming Pool be invited by public advertisement.

Public Lighting at Tinahely.

Councillor Miss Walsh stated that the E.S.B. was at present carrying out repairs to public lighting at Tinahely, and asked that the Council approve of the replacement of the existing lights by

fluorescent lighting. She stated that the E.S.B. had indicated that they would be prepared to do so if requested by the Council. The Council approved of the replacement of the existing lights with fluorescent lights.

The Council adjourned the remaining items on the Agenda to the next Meeting.

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

In the name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:— "that approximately 20 acres of land at Tinnakilly, Aughrim, which is for sale be purchased by this Council for building."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That in future when a Council house is allocated to a family where the recommended tenant has to pay a high rent, he or she should be offered the option of buying the house before taking up possession of the house."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council set up an Advisory Committee consisting of three Councillors, the Chairman, County Manager, and Technical Officers dealing with Planning; this Committee would assist in the review of the Development Plan and also give their views on specially difficult cases."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council to deal with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th August, 1972, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor M. Deering, Chairman;

Councillors F. Hynes, W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, M. Deering, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., E. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, J. Gregory, R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Whelan, R. McKeon.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer and Mr. U. McCabe and A. Hughes, Staff Officers, were present.

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:
 - (a) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering and G. Timmins:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James Clarke for the provision of a bungalow at Three Castles, Blessington."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, J. Miley, K. Ryan, Miss M. Walsh, R. Miley and J. Whelan:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Michael Van Dessel to build a house at Tigroney, Avoca."
 - (c) In the names of Councillors J. Whelan, T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, K. Ryan, Miss M. Walsh and R. Miley:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Brennan at Gorey Road, Upper Main Street Carnew, for the provision of a bungalow."
 - (d) In the names of Councillors J. Gregory, F. Hynes and B. S. C. Phelan:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James Carroll, 17 Greenville Road, Blackrock, Dublin, for the provision of four houses on his land at Newcastle, Co. Wicklow."
 - (e) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney and W. Cleary:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Frank Byrne, 15 Orchard Road, Dublin, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballyfolan, Manor Kildrife."
 - (f) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney and W.

- Cleary:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Kearney, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballinastocken."
- (g) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney and W. Cleary:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to D. Prym at Rathnabo, for the provision of a house."
- (h) In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, R. Miley, J. Whelan and J. Sweeney:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Kevin Diffley, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballymorris, Aughrim."
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 6th and 27th March, 1972.
 3. Application for approval of Erection of Motel at Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue—Advice of Council's Solicitor.
 4. Unauthorised Development at Kilcorney—Report to Members of Council for Bray Electoral Area.
 5. Provision of facilities for Industrial Development at Dunlavin.
 6. Leasing of Land at Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue—Notice circulated to Members on 20th June, 1972.
 - 6 (a) Letting of Land at Ballynultagh, Shillelagh—Notice Circulated to Members on 14th July, 1972.
 7. Killeck's Housing Scheme—Proposal to build further ten houses by Direct Labour.
 8. Schemes for Home Ownership for tenants and prospective tenants—Circular letter from Department of Local Government (Copy Circulated to Members).
 9. Limit of House Purchase Loans in Bray Electoral Area—Reply from Department of Local Government.
 10. Increase in Grants for Reconstruction of Houses—Amendment of Scheme for Supplementary Grants for Reconstruction.
 11. Housing Scheme for Dunlavin—To Receive Tenders.
 12. Applications for consent to (a) sale of vested cottages, and (b) sub-division of vested cottage plots.
 13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins:—"That a house be built for Mr. Michael Clynych, Killalesh, Kiltegan."
 14. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That the Minister for Local Government arrange without delay for a suitable amendment to the Housing Acts which would enable a housing authority to recover possession of a dwelling, the ownership of which was vested under the Labourers or Housing Acts in a deceased person who died intestate and where at the same time there was no relative of the deceased residing in the dwelling. Seeing that such a dwelling was originally erected by the Housing Authority and has been heavily subsidised over many

years by the Housing Authority, it is only proper and in the public interest that in the special circumstances the Housing Authority should be entitled to recover possession so that the dwelling may then become available to them to let to a family in need of housing accommodation. A copy of this Resolution to be sent to the General Council of County Councils."

15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council finalise the sale of land to Mr. John Gray, Bachelor's Walk, Shillelagh, for the purpose of building a house."
16. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:—"That approximately 20 acres of land at Tinnakilly, Aughrim, which is for sale, be purchased by this Council for building."
17. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That in future when a Council house is allocated to a family where the recommended tenant has to pay a high rent, he or she should be offered the option of buying the house before taking up possession of the house."
18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council set up an Advisory Committee consisting of three Councillors, the Chairman, County Manager and Technical Officers dealing with Planning; this Committee would assist in the review of the Development Plan and also give their views on specially difficult cases."
19. Cottages repaired during the month of July, 1972, and to be repaired during the month of August, 1972.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to Move Resolutions Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—

The following reports and recommendations on Planning Applications which were the subject of the Notices listed on the Agenda had been circulated to the Members of the Council:—

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- (1) Proposed Bungalow at Three Castles, Manor Kilbride, Co. Wicklow, for Mr. James Clarke.
It is recommended that permission be refused for the following reasons:—
(1) The existing water supply from which it is proposed to serve this development would not be satisfactory until such time as adequate treatment and storage is provided. Further, there is a likelihood that sufficient pressure would not be available for a gravity supply up to this house.
- (2) The proposed development lies within an area which is defined in the County Development Plan as a landscape area of high amenity in which any development which is obtrusive because of its lack of natural screening or prominence against the skyline will not be permitted. The site proposed does not have natural screening and a house as proposed would be prominent over an arc of approximately 250° as it is situated on the ridge of the hill which forms a local skyline. The proposal would therefore be in serious conflict with the provisions of the County Development Plan.
- (3) Proof has not been submitted to the Council to show that the ground is satisfactory for the disposal of septic tank effluent. This is especially important as the proposed site

lies within the Upper Liffey Catchment Basin Area which is used as a source of public water supply.

- (2) Proposed Bungalow at Tigroney East, Avoca, Co. Wicklow, for Michael Van Dessel.

It is recommended that outline permission be refused for the following reason:—

- (1) The site of the proposed development is unduly prominent and lacks natural screening. The proposed dwelling would be injurious to the visual amenity of the area by reason of such prominence and by altering the rural character thereof.
- (3) Proposed Housing Development (4 Houses) at Newcastle, Co. Wicklow, for Mr. J. Carroll.

It is recommended that outline permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- (1) The proposed development would constitute sporadic residential development in rural area, remote from existing nucleus of development at Newcastle Village. Such development is contrary to the proper planning and development of the area as expressed in the County Development Plan.
- (2) The proposed development with access on a heavily trafficked tourist route at a point where visibility is very limited would be a source of potential serious traffic hazard.
- (3) The sites of the proposed dwellings on sites numbered 1, 2 and 3, are located in prominent positions on a hilltop where the dwellings would infringe the rural skyline and would overlook other existing and proposed residential development. The erection of the proposed dwellings would therefore be injurious to both rural and residential amenity of the area.
- (4) There is a likelihood of rock at sites numbers 1 and 2 and there is no evidence before the Sanitary Authority that the subsoil conditions are suitable for disposal of septic tank effluent.
- (4) Proposed house at Rathnabo, Blackrock, Blessington, Co. Wicklow, for Mr. David A. Pym.
It is recommended that outline permission be refused for the following reasons:—
 - (1) The proposed development is in an unserviced rural area in which it would not be economical to provide public services which in time would be demanded.
 - (2) The creation of new access points to houses on this narrow, twisting road would give rise to a possible source of traffic hazard.
 - (3) The proposed development would be prominent in views of this mountain area and would detract from the scenic amenity value in this important tourist area.
 - (4) There is no evidence before the Council that the subsoil is suitable for a septic tank installation. The location of the proposed bored well has not been indicated.
5. Proposed Bungalow at Ballynastocken for William Kearney, 55 Monastery Walk, Clondalkin, Co. Dublin.
In May, 1972, the applicant was refused outline permission for a bungalow on a site approximately a half-mile further south than the site of the present proposal, and the same objections apply, viz.:
 - (1) The proposed development would be contrary to the proper

planning and development of the area because it would consolidate the tendency towards ribbon development in this rural area resulting from existing development and other proposals for which permission has been granted along this stretch of road.

- (2) The proposed site is prominently situated on the western slope of a hill overlooking the Blessington Lake. This area is classified in the Wicklow County Development Plan as a landscape area of high amenity. The erection of a dwelling thereon would seriously injure the amenity values of the area by:—
 - (a) Being very prominent in views from the east and west sides of the lake along the lake drive road which is an important route in the area.
 - (b) Altering the scenic and rural character of the area.
 - (c) Setting a precedent for similar development in other prominent sites in the area.
- (3) The proposed site is within the Upper Liffey Catchment Basin Area which is a major source of public water supply. There is no evidence before the Planning Authority that the ground conditions are suitable for a septic tank sewage disposal system without giving rise to possible pollution of the reservoir and consequent hazard to public health.
In addition, the septic tank position indicated on the map submitted is directly uphill of the proposed bored well and a septic tank at this location would be likely to cause pollution of the water supply.

(A) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering and G. Timmins:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James Clarke, for the Provision of a Bungalow at Three Castles, Blessington."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James Clarke, for the provision of a bungalow at Three Castles, Blessington, subject to the provision of screening by planting of trees; and subject to the ground being found suitable for disposal of septic tank effluent.

Passed.

(B) In the Names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, J. Miley, K. Ryan, Miss M. Walsh, R. Miley, and J. Whelan:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Full Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Michael Van Dessel to Build a House at Tigroney, Avoca."

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local

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Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Michael Van Dessel, to build a House at Tigroney, Avoca.
Passed.

- (C) In the names of Councillors J. Whelan, T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, K. Ryan, Miss M. Walsh, and R. Miley:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Brennan, at Gorey Road, Upper Main Street, Carnew, for the Provision of a Bungalow."

The County Secretary stated that no new application had been submitted by Mr. Brennan. He explained that Mr. Brennan had obtained Outline Planning Permission for a bungalow at Carnew and subsequently had obtained approval to the plans of the house and in the present year had obtained permission for a second bungalow on an adjoining site. The Council noted that Mr. Brennan could, if he wished, submit a new application.

- (D) In the Names of Councillors J. Gregory, F. Hynes, and B. S. C. Phelan:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Full Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James Carroll, 17 Greenville Road, Blackrock, Dublin, for the Provision of Four Houses on His Land at Newcastle, Co. Wicklow."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James Carroll, 17 Greenville Road, Blackrock, Dublin, for the provision of four houses on his land at Newcastle, County Wicklow, subject to (1) applicant complying with the requirements of the County Engineer in regard to sight lines and safe access to public road; (2) re-siting of houses to approval of County Engineer; and (3) to the ground being found suitable for the disposal of effluent from septic tank.

Passed.

- (E) In the Names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney, and W. Cleary:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Frank Byrne, 15 Orchard Road, Dublin, for the Provision of a Bungalow at Ballyfolan, Manor Kilbride."

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. Frank Byrne on the 8th June, 1972, for Planning Permission for the erection of a bungalow at Ballyfolan, Manor Kilbride, and a Notice of Intention to propose a Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission had been handed in at the Council Meeting held on the 3rd July, 1972. No previous application had been received from Mr. Byrne in respect of this site. As a decision on the application had to be made within two months from the date of receipt of the application, Permission was refused on the 28th July, 1972. As there was no Planning Application at

present before the Council it would be necessary to defer consideration of the proposal pending the submission of a new application. The County Secretary stated that a previous application in respect of this site had been received from a Mr. Eustace and had been refused and an application for Permission for a house on an adjoining plot had also been refused, and appealed to the Minister, and subsequently refused by the Minister. The Council noted that in the absence of an application the proposal could not be proceeded with and agreed to its being deferred.

- (F) In the Names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney and W. Cleary:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Kearney, for the Provision of a Bungalow at Ballinastoken."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Kearney, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballinastoken, subject to conditions as recommended by the County Medical Officer.

Passed—Councillors S. Costello and M. J. O'Neill dissenting.

- (G) In the Names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney and W. Cleary:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to D. Prym at Rathnabo, for the Provision of a House."

The County Secretary stated that the correct name of the applicant was Pym, and not Prym as appeared on the Agenda and on the Notice.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to D. Pym, at Rathnabo, for the provision of a house, subject to ground being found suitable for disposal of effluent from septic tank.

Passed—Councillor S. Costello dissenting and Councillors M. J. O'Neill and B. S. C. Phelan abstaining.

- (H) In the Names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, R. Miley, J. Whelan and J. Sweeney:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Kevin Duffley, for the Provision of a Bungalow at Ballymorris, Aughrim."

The County Secretary stated that no Planning Application had been received from Mr. Duffley, and the Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 4th September, 1972.

Item No. 2—To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 6th and 27th March, 1972.

It was
Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;
Seconded by Councillor R. Milley;
Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 6th and 27th March, 1972.
Passed.

Item No. 3—Application for Approval for Erection of Motel at Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue—Advice of Council's Solicitor.

The County Secretary submitted the Advice of the Council's Solicitor in which he indicated that as development had taken place on this site the Council were not empowered to revoke the grant of Planning Permission. The Council's Solicitor also pointed out that even if the Council had the power to revoke the grant of Planning Permission, compensation would have to be paid to the applicant. Councillor J. Temple stated that it was possible that some satisfactory arrangement could be reached with the applicant, and on his suggestion the Council agreed to defer consideration of the matter to the September Meeting so that the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area could consider the matter further with the applicant.

Item No. 4—Unauthorised Development at Kilcroney—Report to Members of Council for Bray Electoral Area.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, the Council agreed to defer this matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area and the submission of their recommendation to the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 4th September, 1972.

Item No. 5—Provision of Facilities for Industrial Development at Dunlavin.

The County Secretary stated that the West Wicklow Development Association had requested that the Council extend the present road serving the Industrial Site at Dunlavin in order to serve a further factory for which Planning Permission was being sought. The Association also asked that the Council provide a septic tank. The County Engineer had reported that the cost of providing these items came to £500, being £300 for the road and £200 for the septic tank. The Department of Local Government had indicated that the Council had authority to carry out such work under Section 77 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

It was
Proposed by Councillor J. Milley;
Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—Having considered report from West Wicklow Development Association, report of County Engineer and letter of 21st June, 1972, Ref: UM/C/AD from the Department of Local Government, we hereby authorise expenditure of £500 in excess of the amount provided in the current Year's Estimates to defray the cost of providing a road-way and septic tank to facilitate new factory at Dunlavin.
Passed.

Item No. 6—Leasing of Land at Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue—Notice Circulated to Members on 20th June, 1972.

It was
Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;
Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 83 of

the Local Government Act, 1948, as amended, we approve of the disposal of a plot of land containing 27 square perches at Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue, to John Walsh, Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue, by way of lease for a period of 150 years, subject to a ground rent of 5p per annum, the purchaser to be responsible for the full legal costs of the Conveyance, and the site to be used for the erection of a dwelling-house, plans of which shall be subject to the approval of the Council, and in accordance with the terms of the notice issued to the Members of the Council on 20th June, 1972.
Passed.

6 (a) Letting of Land at Ballynultagh, Shillelagh—Notice Circulated to Members on 14th July, 1972.

It was
Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;
Seconded by Councillor J. Phelan;
Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1948, as amended, we approve of the disposal of a plot of land containing 2 roods, 15 square perches, at Ballynultagh, Shillelagh, to Mr. and Mrs. David Gentleman, c/o Cronelea, Shillelagh, for the sum of £155, and subject to a lease for a period of 150 years at a ground rent of £1 per annum, the purchaser to be responsible for the full legal costs of the Conveyance, and the site to be used for the erection of a dwellinghouse for occupation by Mr. and Mrs. David Gentleman, plans of which shall be subject to the approval of the Council, and in accordance with the terms of the notice issued to the Members of the Council on 14th July, 1972.
Passed.

Item No. 7—Kilcoole Housing Scheme—Proposal to Build Further Ten Houses by Direct Labour.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that a further ten houses be built by Direct Labour at Kilcoole, the present scheme of eighteen houses being nearly completed. The additional ten houses were required to meet the housing needs of the area.

It was
Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;
Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan;
Resolved—That we approve of the erection of a further ten Council houses at Kilcoole by Direct Labour and authorise the borrowing of a sum of £34,600 from the Local Loans Fund, repayable over a period of 35 years, to defray the cost of the erection of the houses.
Passed.

Item No. 8—Schemes for Home Ownership for Tenants and Prospective Tenants—Circular Letter from Department of Local Government (Copy Circulated to Members).

A copy of Circular H 14/72, reference H 308/8/4, from the Department of Local Government in regard to Schemes for Home Ownership for Tenants and Prospective Tenants together with enclosures thereto had been circulated to the Members of the Council.

It was
Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;
Resolved—That, having considered Circular H 14/72, ref.: H308/8/4, from the Department of Local Government in regard to Schemes for Home Ownership for tenants and prospective tenants, we approve of the adoption of schemes to provide an option to purchase or rent in respect of all new dwellings being provided by the Council, the schemes to be in accordance with the arrangements indicated in the

letter from the Department of Local Government, and to be subject to the approval of the Minister.

Passed.

Members of the Council asked that inquiries be made as to whether options to purchase could be given to tenants to whom houses had been allocated in recent months. Councillor G. Timmins also inquired as to whether tenants who would qualify for a higher rate of State Grant and Supplementary Grant could have the benefit of such grants in determining the amount of the weekly purchase annuity.

Item No. 9—Limit of House Purchase Loans in Bray Electoral Area—Reply from Department of Local Government.

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

Department of Local Government,
Custom House,
Dublin, 1.
Telephone: 42961; Ext. 463.

Roinn Rialtais Aitiúil.
Teach An Chustaim,
Baile Atha Cliath.

The County Secretary, Wicklow Co. Council,
Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow.

25th July, 1972.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 13th July regarding Circular Letter H.10/72 of the 4th July and conveying your Council's request that the Minister agree to amend the conditions subject to which house-purchase loans of up to £3,800 may be made in the Bray Electoral Area of County Wicklow.

In this connection I am to say that all the relevant factors relating to the operation of house-purchase loan and supplementary grant schemes throughout the country were fully and carefully considered before the recent decision to revise the income and loan limits was made. In the circumstances it is regretted that it would not be possible to alter the decision so as to apply the higher maximum loan limit in the functional area of Bray Urban District.

Mise, le meas.

R. MEEHAN.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., pointed out that in the case of Higher Education Grants the amount of the grant payable was reduced in the Bray area because of its proximity to the University, and candidates obtaining Higher Education Grants in that area were treated in the same way as if they resided in Dublin. Councillor J. Temple pointed out that the rate of wages for Building Workers was the same in Bray as in Dublin area, and the same applied to prices of milk. The cost of building sites in the Bray Area was also at least as high as sites in County Dublin. On the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor S. Costello, the Council agreed that the Minister be requested to receive a deputation from the Council together with three Dail Deputies from the County who urged that the same limit for housing loans apply in the Bray Electoral Area as in Dublin City and County. The Council appointed the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area together with Councillor M. Deering, Chairman, and Councillors F. Hynes, J. Miley, J. Whelan and Miss M. Walsh, to constitute the Deputation. The Council agreed that the Minister be requested to receive the Deputation as a matter of urgency.

Item No. 10—Increase in Grants for Reconstruction of Houses—Amendment of Scheme for Supplementary Grants for Reconstruction.

The County Secretary stated that under circular H.B.F. 19/72 of 22nd June, 1972, from the Department of Local Government, the Council had been informed that the maximum State Grant for reconstruction of houses had been increased to £200 regardless of the number of rooms. The increase applied to work commenced on or after the 1st June, 1972. A supplementary grant could be paid not exceeding the amount of the State Grant, subject to the usual proviso that the combined total of the State and Supplementary Grants did not exceed two-thirds of the approved cost of the work. A further Circular letter, H. 12/72, of the 10th August, 1972, from the Department of Local Government concerning financial assistance for the repair, construction and improvement of houses had been circulated to the Members of the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory;

Resolved—That we hereby amend the Scheme for the making of Supplementary grants to persons reconstructing their dwellinghouses under Section 29 of the Housing Act, 1966, by the substitution of the following for Section 3 in the present Scheme:—

3. The maximum State Grants payable are as follows:—

(a) For reconstruction or improvement works commenced on or before the 31st May, 1972—	
Containing not more than 3 rooms	£100
Containing 4 rooms	£120
Containing 5 rooms	£140

(b) For reconstruction or improvement works commenced on or after the 1st June, 1972 £200 regardless of the number of rooms in the house.

(c) Applicant must provide from his own resources a sum equivalent to at least one-third of the approved cost of the work.

That the Scheme for the making of Supplementary Grants to persons reconstructing their dwellinghouses under Section 29 of the Housing Act, 1966, be amended by the substitution of the following for Section 4 in the present Scheme:—

4. Payment of supplementary grants or instalment of such grants will be made only on the production of evidence of payment of the State Grant or of an instalment of such grant.

Passed.

Item No. 11—Housing Scheme for Dunlavin—To Receive Tenders.

In response to public advertisement four tenders were received for the erection of 16 houses at Dunlavin, and were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council and resulted as follows:—

Name and Address of Tenderer	Amount of Tender
Patrick Murphy, 55, Old Kilmainham, Dublin ..	£54,009.76
John Short, Tuckmill, Baltinglass	£55,204.00
John Lynch, 63, Sarto Road, Naas	£56,800.00
Laurence O'Reilly, Dunlavin, Co. Wicklow ..	£60,408.00

The Council noted that the tenders were referred to the County Engineer for his examination and recommendation.

Item No. 12—Applications for Consent to (A) Sale of Vested Cottages, and (B) Sub-Division of Vested Cottage Plots.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the subdivision of cottage plot No. 28/5 at 28, Monastery, Enniskerry, by Mr. James Ryan, in order to provide his son-in-law, Mr. Noel Roe, with a site for the erection of a new house, subject to redemption by tenant purchaser of the annuity on the portion of the plot being transferred. Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor K. Ryan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the subdivision of cottage plot No. 262/9 at Carnew by Mr. John Byrne, Senior, in order to provide the Bishop of Ferns with a site for the erection of a Parochial House, subject to redemption by the tenant purchaser of the annuity on the portion of the plot being transferred. Passed.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor G. Timmins:—
"That a House Be Built for Mr. Michael Clynch, Killalesh, Kiltegan."

Councillor Timmins asked that an application form be sent to Mr. Michael Clynch, Killalesh, Kiltegan, for completion by him in respect of the provision of a house by the Council and that the application be examined by the County Medical Officer, and if found in order, that the Council proceed with the provision of a house for him. The Council agreed that subject to the County Medical Officer being satisfied as to his need for housing and that the site was considered suitable, that the appropriate steps be taken for the provision of the house.

Item No. 14—Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor F. Hynes:—
"That the Minister for Local Government Arrange Without Delay for a Suitable Amendment to the Housing Acts Which Would Enable a Housing Authority to Recover Possession of a Dwelling, the Ownership of which was Vested Under the Labourers or Housing Acts in a Deceased Person Who Died Intestate and Where at the Same Time there was no Relative of the Deceased Residing in the Dwelling. Seeing that Such a Dwelling Was Originally Erected by the Housing Authority and Has Been Heavily Subsidised Over Many Years by the Housing Authority, it is Only Proper and in the Public Interest that in the Special Circumstances the Housing Authority Should Be Entitled to Recover Possession so that the Dwelling May Then Become Available to Them to Let to a Family in Need of Housing Accommodation. A Copy of this Resolution to be Sent to the General Council of County Councils."

The County Secretary submitted the following letter received from the Council's Solicitor, in regard to the unsatisfactory state of the Law in relation to vested cottages in cases where the tenant purchaser had died intestate and no member of the family was resident in the cottage at the time of the death. In addition to the cottage at Cornagower, there were other cottages in the County where the Council was unable to take any effective steps to recover possession or to determine the person entitled to the cottage. Councillor F. Hynes stated that he had discussed this matter with the Council's Solicitor and was aware of the number of instances in the County where difficulty in determining the ownership of a vested cottage had arisen. He urged that the matter be taken up with the General Council of County Councils and that the General Council be asked to seek the agreement of other County Councils to join with Wicklow County Council in the necessary legal proceedings to have the Law clarified on this point.

J. H. McCarroll and Co.,
Solicitors.

J. H. McCarroll,
County Solicitor,
Our Ref.: McC/NS.

4 Church Street,
Wicklow.

11th August, 1972.

Re: Vested Cottage No. 40/7 at Cornagower.

Dear Sir,

I understand that this matter will be discussed at the Council Meeting on Monday next and that the Council are considering passing a resolution calling upon the Department to have the Labourers' Act, 1936, amended, and recently I asked the Chairman of the Council to bring this matter before the General Meeting of County Councils as I consider that the law is most unsatisfactory and should be altered in the case of the Death Intestate of a Tenant Purchaser. As I see the law there is considerable doubt as to what happens and there are three arguments to be considered:

1. That the Tenant Purchaser's family are entitled to the Cottage.
2. That the State are entitled to the Cottage.
3. That the Cottage reverts to the Local Authority as it was not used by the Tenant Purchaser's family at the date of his death.

This, I think you will agree, is the most satisfactory position. In the present case I recently applied to the Land Judge and he held that his Court had no power to decide this issue and suggested that proceedings be issued in a Court of Equity and if necessary an Appeal be taken to the High Court, as you know I issued proceedings for the next Circuit Court with a view of an Appeal to the High Court. I told the Chairman to bring up at the General Meeting of County Councils that as a public issue was involved herein the General Councils should contribute to the cost of determining the legal position. Of course, if the law were changed and this situation was dealt with by an Amending Act this expense would not be necessary. The difficulty, however, is that I have to have an early decision in the present case as the repayment of the Annuity period will shortly end by effluxion of time. I might add that Counsel expresses the same view as I have and I have already sent you the Opinion of Mr. Mackey, B.L.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. MCCARROLL.

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

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan;

Resolved—That the Minister for Local Government arrange without delay for a suitable amendment to the Housing Acts which would enable a housing authority to recover possession of a dwelling, the ownership of which was vested under the Labourers or Housing Acts, in a deceased person who died intestate and where at the same time there was no relative of the deceased residing in the dwelling. Seeing that such a dwelling was originally erected by the housing authority and has been heavily subsidised over the years by the housing authority, it is only proper that in the public interest that in the special circumstances the housing authority should be entitled to recover possession so that the dwelling may then become available to let to a family in need of housing accommodation.

A copy of this Resolution to be sent to the General Council of County Councils.

Passed.

Item No. 15—Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor K. Ryan:—
"That this Council Finalise the Sale of Land to Mr. John Gray, Bachelor's Walk, Shillelagh, for the Purpose of Building a House."

The County Secretary stated that Title in respect of this land had now been received from the Coollattin Estate and the County Engineer was preparing a map to enable the transfer of the land to be completed. It is expected that the matter could be settled within the next month or two.

Item No. 16—Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:—
"That Approximately 20 Acres of Land at Tinnakilly, Aughrim, Which is For Sale, be Purchased by this Council for Building."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the land in question which bounds the road leading from Tinnakilly Bridge towards Rathdrum on the south side was, in his opinion, not a satisfactory location for a further Housing Scheme in Aughrim, that it could be classed as ribbon development. He felt that if further land had to be acquired in the Aughrim area, it should be located around existing developments and that there was apparently ample land for this purpose to the north of the road leading from Tinnakilly Bridge westwards through the centre of the town to the G.A.A. Park. Following a discussion on the matter, in the course of which Members for the Area expressed the view that suitable land was very difficult to acquire in the Aughrim area, it was agreed that the County Engineer examine and report on alternative sites for housing in the area, including in particular land referred to in the Notice of Motion and to submit report and recommendation for the next Housing Meeting of the Council. The County Manager pointed out that so far the Council has spent over £200,000 on acquiring land for housing, and of this amount a loan of only £100,000 had been received. It was not known when further funds would be made available to the Council, and in these circumstances it was necessary that a priority be determined as to the acquisition of lands.

Item No. 17—Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor F. Hynes:—
"That in Future When a Council House is Allocated to a Family where the Recommended Tenant Has to Pay a High Rent, He or She Should Be Offered the Option of Buying the House Before Taking up Possession of the House."

Councillor Hynes noted that this matter had now been covered by a circular letter issued by the Department of Local Government in regard to home ownership for tenants and prospective tenants.

Item No. 18—Notice of Motion in the Name of Councillor F. Hynes:—
"That this Council Set Up an Advisory Committee Consisting of Three Councillors, the Chairman, County Manager, and Technical Officers Dealing with Planning: This Committee Would Assist in the Review of the Development Plan and also Give Their Views on Specially Difficult Cases."

Councillor F. Hynes in proposing the Resolution as set out in his Notice of Motion referred to the Circular issued by the Department of Local Government in January, 1971, in which it had been suggested that an Advisory Committee of the type proposed should be set up by each local authority. Following a discussion on the matter, in the course of which Councillors Temple and Timmins expressed the opinion that the review of the Development Plan would require to be carried out in the first case by the Local Electoral Area Committee, and then by the Members of the Council as a body, the Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal.

SPEED LIMIT AT DUNLAVIN:

Councillor M. Deering urged the necessity for the provision of a speed limit in Dunlavin, and pointed out that while the streets were wide, there was danger to children attending the National School and that a speed limit would be desirable. The Council agreed that this matter be referred to the Technical Committee for examination and recommendation. Councillor G. Timmins pointed out that the recommendations made by the Technical Committee and approved by the Council had been submitted to the Minister during the past three years, but no order for fixing speed limits had been made. He asked that a further letter be addressed to the Department of Local Government requesting that the Minister's decision in regard to the proposed speed limits be issued as soon as possible.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY:

The Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with Councillor K. Ryan on the death of his mother.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS:

The Members of the Council extended their congratulations to Councillor Miss M. Walsh on her election as Vice-Chairman of the General Council of County Councils.

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

In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple and E. Byrne:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Seamus Fallon, Greystones, to build a bungalow at Priestnewtown, Delgany."

In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley and J. Gregory:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. W. Armstrong, Bahana, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow, for the provision of a bungalow for a daughter wishing to come home."

In the names of Councillors R. Miley and J. Whelan, J. Gregory, F. Hynes and M. Deering:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Richard Cummins and Tom Murphy, to build two houses for their own use at Togher Mor, Roundwood."

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In the names of Councillors J. Whelan, J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, Miss M. Walsh, and R. Miley:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment)

Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Arthur Whelan, Knockananna, for the provision of a house at Ballinaheese, Arklow."

In the names of Councillors G. Timmins, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, and M. Deering:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Liam Kelly, Ballyknocken, for the provision of a house at Ballyknocken."

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- 14 Strengthening the Local Government Service—Letter from Department of Local Government requesting views of local authorities.
- 15 Letter from General Council of County Councils re matters submitted by Council and Minutes of Meetings held on 4th May and 13th July, 1972.
- 16 Report on applications for compensation for Malicious Injuries.
- 17 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan and J. J. Bourke:— "That this Council (1) remove the bad bend at Blackditch; (2) erect two lights at Blackditch, three lights at Newcastle, five lights between Newcastle and Newtown, and two lights at Leabeg Lane."
- 18 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors R. Miley, F. Hynes and J. J. Bourke:— "That the Council will install at least three hydrants from Saint Colman's gate to Ballygannon for fire fighting in the housing area."
- 19 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Sweeney:— "That the County Council make safe a very bad turn on the road at Thomas Clarkson's house in Woodenbridge as soon as possible."
- 20 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Sweeney:— "That this Council take over and put into proper condition the roadway at Rustigath, Kilcarra, Arklow."
- 21 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— (1) "That this Council advertise for tenders for domestic refuse collection for the following areas:— Newtownmounthkennedy, Newcastle, Kilpedder and Kilquade; (2) withdraw the advertisement that is now published for Newtownmounthkennedy."
- 22 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council purchase land at Carnew for a development site."
- 23 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council extend water and sewerage to five houses on the Gorey Road, Carnew."
- 24 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council extend the sewerage to the 18 houses at Quarry Street, Shillelagh."
- 25 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That a light be provided at the public toilets at the Meetings, Avoca, and that the footpath from the White Bridge to the Mines be put in proper repair."
- 26 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That the Council provide the appropriate signs in the village of Coolboy."
- 27 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. F. McKeon:— "That this Council should recommend to the Minister for Justice that more Gardai be drafted to Bray during the summer season."

28 Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.
Item No. 1—To fill vacancy on Bray O.A.P. Sub-Committee.

The County Secretary stated that the Bray Old Age Pension Sub-Committee had nominated Rev. Fr. Farrelly, C.C., Florence Road, Bray, to fill the vacancy on the Sub-Committee caused by the resignation of Rev. Fr. Rhattigan, C.C., who had been transferred to Rialto as Parish Priest.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Rev. Fr. Farrelly, C.C., Florence Road, Bray to fill the vacancy on the Bray O.A.P. Sub-Committee caused by the resignation of Rev. Fr. Rhattigan, C.C.

Passed.

Item No 2—Scheme for Waiver of Rates for year 1972/'73.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That we hereby adopt the following Scheme for Waiver of Rates for the year commencing on 1st April, 1972:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL, 1972/'73

Waiver of Rates Scheme

Applications for Rate Relief which applies only to dwellings occupied for domestic purposes for the financial year which commenced on 1st April, 1972, are invited from persons in any of the under mentioned classes and must in each case be made by the occupier.

1 Applicants must on 1st August, 1972, be recipients of:—

(a) Old Age Pension, Non-Contributory or Contributory,

(b) Widows Pension, Non-Contributory or Contributory,

(c) Home Assistance, or

(d) Disablement Allowances or similar forms of Social Assistance.

2 Applicants must be living alone or with another person who has no income except from the above mentioned sources.

3 Persons who do not qualify under the prescribed conditions may also apply and all such applications will be considered on their merits.

Passed.

The County Secretary stated that the estimated cost of this Scheme was £5,000. The Council asked that a copy of the Scheme as adopted be circulated to each member.

Item No. 3—Proposed Regional Dumping Ground—Letter from Wicklow Urban District Council re Meeting with Members of County Council.

The County Secretary stated that Wicklow Urban District Council in letter of the 2nd August, 1972, had conveyed their agreement to meet Members of Wicklow County Council for the Wicklow Area at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 5th September, 1972, in the Town Hall, Bray, to consider the proposed dumping ground for the Wicklow Area. The Council agreed that the date and time were suitable and that the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral area would attend.

Item No. 4—Proposed use of land for dumping ground to serve Rathnew, Glenealy and Ashford.

The County Secretary stated that two sites owned by Mr. Thomas Goodison, at Ballykillavane, Glenealy, had been inspected and Mr. Goodison had indicated that he was prepared to give the sites free provided the Council would gradually reinstate the land with topsoil as the dump became full. The Health Inspector had reported that the larger site on the north western side of the Glenealy/Rathnew Road was in his opinion the most suitable of the sites as the smaller one was only about 100 yards from a residence and he felt that there might be objections.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of a site at the north western side of the Glenealy/Rathnew Road from Mr. Thomas Goodison, Ballykillavane, Glenealy, for use as a dumping ground and note that the site is being offered free of charge provided that the Council reinstate the land with topsoil as the dump becomes full, and approve of the construction of an access road, erection of gates and fencing of the proposed dumping ground.

Passed.

Item No. 5—Application from Thomas Duffy for leasing of plot of land on dumping ground at Rathnew.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Thomas Duffy had applied to the Council to lease a small plot of ground which formed part of the dumping ground at Rathnew and which is situated to the rear of his vested cottage plot. The plot of ground sought was approximately 102 feet by 78 feet. Mr. Duffy required the plot to keep timber on it and also a horse owned by him, and was agreeable to pay a yearly rent of £10.00 for it.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That we approve of Notice being issued to the Members of the Council of the proposed leasing of a plot of land on the dumping ground at Rathnew to Mr. Thomas Duffy, for a period of 21 years at a ground rent of £10.00 per annum, subject to conditions recommended by the County Engineer.
Passed.

Item No. 6—Local Improvements Scheme—Letter from Department of Local Government.

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

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

O'Connell Bridge House,
Dublin 2

12 Juil, 1972.
Ref.:SW. 23/4/27

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

Local Improvements Scheme

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of 27th June, 1972, and previous correspondence regarding an additional allocation for the above scheme and to state that the total provision for the Local Improvements Scheme has been fully allocated and there are no other funds at the Minister's disposal from which an increased grant could be given to any county.

With regard to the Council's list of outstanding works it is considered that the issue of offers of grant should be controlled, so that, allowing for offers not accepted total grant commitments for the year should approximate to the grant allocation. Further offers should be deferred for consideration in connection with the following year's programme. If offers of grants are issued substantially in excess of what the annual programme requires the Council will be put in the position of holding local contributions for a considerable time before works can be authorised or, where the delay is likely to be prolonged, of having to return the contribution.

Your attention is drawn to Paragraph 20 of the General Instructions which states that the offer should be expressed as being subject to withdrawal or alteration without notice.

Mise, le meas,

In reply to Members' inquiries, the County Secretary stated that apart from the Schemes to be carried out during the present financial year, contributions towards Schemes estimated to cost £15,047, had been received by the Council. The amount of the contributions received in respect of these Schemes was £3,367. If the grants from the Department of Local Government continued to be at the rate of £5,000 per annum as in the present year it would take two further years to complete the Schemes for which contributions had already been paid. It was proposed to inform applicants for grants who had paid contributions in respect of schemes which could not be carried out in the

present year that if desired their contributions could be refunded and paid again to the Council when the Council was in a position to carry out the scheme. In reply to Members of the Council, the County Secretary stated that Schemes in respect of which contributions were refunded would not lose their place in order of priority. The County Secretary pointed out that the amount of the local contribution would have to be reviewed in respect of schemes to be carried out in 1973/74 or 1974/75 and might have to be adjusted in relation to any increase in cost which might occur over the period. The Council noted the position and agreed with the proposal to make refunds of contributions where desired. It was agreed also as recommended by the County Engineer that no further applications be considered for the next three years unless there was a substantial increase in the amount of grants allocated.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello:

Resolved—That the Minister for Local Government be requested to transfer funds from monies allocated to Arterial Road and Main Road Grants in order to provide extra funds for housing, Local Improvement Schemes, and Amenity Schemes, and in particular that he be asked to allow a further £12,000 for grants for Local Improvements Schemes to enable the Council to carry out in the present year all Schemes for which Local Contributions had been paid.

Passed.

Item No. 7—Letter from Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation re allocation of Grants for Amenity Works.

The County Secretary stated that the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation had indicated that they had selected from the list of projects as submitted by the Council to the Department of Local Government for consideration under the Amenity Grants Scheme, two projects for grants, these being (a) No. 5 Surfacing of Car Park, Greystones, total cost £800.00—Tourist Board Grant £350.00; (b) No. 7 Local Road from 154 to Motteestone (0.36 miles) widen and improve and provide car park and turning bay, total cost £1,400 — Tourist Board Grant £650.00.

The Board requested confirmation that the Council was prepared to undertake the projects and complete them within the current year, and asked that as early a start as possible be made so that the grants could be made available on completion of primary stages of the projects. Following a discussion on the matter in regard to the offer of the grant for the surfacing of the car park at Greystones, the Council agreed to defer this matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their Meeting to be held on the 22nd August, 1972. On the proposal of Councillor T. J. Keenan, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the Grant offered by the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, Limited, for work of widening and improving local road No. 154 to Motte Stone, and hereby authorise expenditure of £1,400 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates being the total cost of the work

towards which a Grant amounting to £650 will be made by the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, Limited.

Passed.

Item No. 8—Letter from Greystones Parish Church re Site for New School.

The following letter from Rev. Canon L. A. Elliott, M.A., The Rectory, Greystones, was submitted:—

GREYSTONES PARISH CHURCH

Rector: **The Rev. Canon L. A. Elliott, M.A.**

The Rectory, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.
Dear Sir,

4th August, 1972.

I am writing as Manager of Greystones National School. Owing to rapidly increasing numbers the present accommodation is inadequate and we are faced with the problem of building a larger school.

We have been fortunate to purchase one of the few remaining sites near the church—the field opposite the cinema, previously owned by Mr. Fawsitt.

This field will more than meet our present requirements, but in view of the building programme for the area it will be invaluable. It is our intention to incorporate playing fields on the school site.

This site and our development plan has the approval of the Board of Works who are well aware of the requirements of the whole area.

We realise that this field has been zoned as an open area and we hope that this will not affect our application for planning permission in the near future.

Yours truly,

L. A. ELLIOTT.

The Council decided to refer the matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their Meeting to be held on the 22nd August, 1972.

Item No. 9—Halting Place for Itinerants—North East Wicklow: Recommendation of County Engineer.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

T. J. O'Donovan, B.E., M.I.C.E.I.,

County Surveyor/Engineer.

Ref.: TJD/SB.

County Secretary.

County Engineer's Office,

Courthouse,

Wicklow.

11th August, 1972.

Re: **HALTING PLACES FOR ITINERANTS—**

NORTH EAST WICKLOW.

A Chara.

Reference your letter of the 4th instant.

Sister Colette, Holy Faith Convent, Killiney, who is Chairman of the Bray Itinerant Settlement, has been contacted regarding above

matter. She referred the Assistant County Engineer to a Miss P. McCarthy, who is a Social Worker from the Central Itinerant Committee stationed in Bray. The proposed site was shown to Miss McCarthy, and her observations, which will be expressed in the form of a Report to both the Bray Itinerant Settlement Committee and also to the Central Committee, are set out hereunder.

1. Generally, she expressed satisfaction with the site, although she expressed the opinion that it would be more suitable as a site than a Halting Place.
2. The certain amount of natural shelter and privacy were duly noted.
3. The steepness of the road, particularly the portion of untarred roadway off Road 29 (approximate length 200 yards) up to the quarry were noted, but Miss McCarthy expressed the opinion that horse-drawn caravans could negotiate these rises, if the itinerants had a sufficient incentive to use the quarry as a halting place.
4. Although there are two eventual exits from this quarry — one on to Road 34 (Roundwood/Kilmacanogue), and one on to the National Primary Road No. 5 (Newtown/Bray), approximately 1½ miles to the South, it was pointed out that the itinerants would prefer to be as near as possible to a main road for the siting of a halting place.
5. The requirements necessary for a proper halting place would be the road leading from Road 29 to the quarry to be levelled and tarred; the halting place at the quarry be cleared of debris, rocks, etc., and a tarmacadam carpet be laid for a permanent halting place and a water supply and sewerage services be supplied, otherwise the proposal would not qualify for a grant from the Department of Local Government.
6. The site would be suitable for eight to ten families of itinerants.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. O'DONOVAN,
County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That we approve of the provision at Kilmurray Quarry of a Halting Place for Itinerants and ask that the County Engineer prepare an estimate of the cost of the provision of the Halting Place including the provision of water supply and sewerage services and laying of tarmacadam carpet, etc.

Passed.

Item No. 10—Creation of Additional Post of Clerical Officer for Accounts Section.

The County Secretary stated that due to a substantial increase in the work in the Accounts Section in relation to Capital Expenditure and the coming introduction of Value Added Tax together with the

current operation of the construction industry tax and work involved in costings of road expenditure, an additional Clerical Officer was required for the County Accountant's Office.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the creation of an additional post of Clerical Officer in the Accounts Section of the Council and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of remuneration of this post.

Passed.

Item No. 11—Revision of Remuneration of County Librarian:

The County Secretary stated that the revised scale for the post of County Librarian had been agreed under the Local Government Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the application of the revised salary scale for the post of County Librarian, as set out hereunder, and approve also of the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the application of the revised scale:—

1st October, 1970:

£1,870 x £66—£2,266 x £69—£2,335.

1st January, 1971:

£2,030 x £75—£2,480 x £80—£2,560.

1st April 1971:

£2,045 x £90—£2,675.

Passed.

Item No. 12—Letter from Manor Kilbride Local Committee Seeking Recognition as an Approved Local Council:

The following letter was submitted:—

Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow.	Manor Kilbride Local Committee, "Glen Avon," Manor Kilbride, West Wicklow. 28th June, 1972.
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Dear Sir,

At the Annual General Meeting held on 27th June, 1972, Mr. James Hanlon, being in the Chair, this organisation has been entrusted by its community with the necessary authority to be rightly termed a

Community Council or Local Council under the Local Government Acts (1941 and 1955).

It was further approved that the organisation apply to the local authority for recognition as an approved local council. I hereby make this application and trust that the Council will consider the matter favourably.

The territorial organisation of this local council shall be as for the Local Branch of the W.W.D.A. which covers the following townlands—

Athdown, Ballyfolan, Butter Mountain, Ballydonnell North, Ballylow, Ballynabrockey, Ballinascullogue Upper, Ballinascullogue Lower, Ballynaton, Ballysmuttan, Ballyward, Carrignagower, Cloughlea, Kilbride, Knockatillane, Kippure, Lisheen, Monaspick, Oldcourt, Scurlocks Leap, Shankhill, Three Castles, Tinode, Golden Hill, Red Hill.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. M. FENNELL.

Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that authority was given under the Local Government Act, 1941, to a County Council to approve by Resolution of a Local Council subject to their being satisfied as to its representation and objectives, and that the Council was empowered to assist such Local Councils in the matter of premises, etc. and to delegate duties to them. Only one Local Council had been approved in County Wicklow, this being the Valleymount Local Council which was approved in 1958. At the suggestion of Councillor Costello, it was agreed that consideration of the application be deferred and that the Manor Kilbride Local Committee be requested to supply a copy of the Constitution of the Local Committee together with details as to the manner in which it had been formed. The Council asked that particulars of the Law relating to approved Local Councils be circulated to the Members of the Council.

Item No. 13—Proposal to Dispose of Land Adjoining Tinahely/Shillelagh Road at Ballyshonogue—Report of County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that this matter arose from a Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh, who had asked that Mr. Joseph Dempsey be allowed to purchase from the Council the lay-by portion of land opposite his vested cottage. The County Engineer had reported that portion of land in question adjoined the main Tinahely/Shillelagh Road at Ballyshonogue, and that the site was at present used as a Dump and was in general an eyesore. He recommended that the site be handed over to Mr. Dempsey provided he lodged a site fine of £150. A strip of land 12 feet wide adjoining the main road, however, should be preserved in the interest of future road widening. Councillor Miss Walsh expressed surprise at the figure of £150 indicated by the County Engineer as a price to be paid for the site, and pointed out that the site was of no value to the Council and that Mr. Dempsey would have to carry out work of cleaning on it before it was of any value to him. She stated that Mr. Dempsey wanted the site as a site for a septic tank to serve his house.

Following a discussion on the matter,

it was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan;

Resolved—That the plot be sold for £50 to Mr. Joseph Dempsey.

As an amendment,

it was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That the site be leased to Mr. Joseph Dempsey for £10 per annum for a period of 21 years.

A vote having been called for on the amendment in the name of Councillor Hynes, it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR—Councillors S. Costello, F. Hynes, and M. J. O'Neill—3.

AGAINST—Councillors W. Cleary, M. Deering, J. Gregory, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, J. Whelan and R. McKeon—12.

Councillors B. Phelan and J. Temple did not vote.

The amendment was declared defeated and a vote was then called for on the proposal in the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh, and resulted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR—Councillors W. Cleary, M. Deering, J. Gregory, T. J. Keenan, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Miley, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, Miss M. Walsh, J. Whelan and R. McKeon—13.

AGAINST—Councillors S. Costello, F. Hynes, and M. J. O'Neill—3.

The Motion was declared passed by 13 votes in favour to 3 against. The County Secretary pointed out that it would be necessary to issue the appropriate Notice to each Member of the Council indicating the terms for the proposed disposal of the land and the matter would come before the Council again at another Meeting.

Item No. 14—Strengthening the Local Government Service—Letter from Department of Local Government Requesting Views of Local Authorities.

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been deferred from the previous Meeting to allow time for Members of the Council to examine the details of the report. Members of the Council suggested that it would be necessary to have a special meeting to consider the details of the report and to make recommendations thereon. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed that it be included

on the Agenda for the Meeting of the Council to be held on 4th September, 1972, and that the Council would then consider whether a special meeting should be held. Councillor Miss Walsh pointed out it would be desirable that the views of the Members on the report be available to their representatives on the General Council of County Councils prior to the meeting at which the report would be considered by the General Council.

Item No. 15—Letter from General Council of County Councils Re Matters Submitted by Council and Minutes of Meetings Held on 4th May and 13th July, 1972.

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

COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL

The Secretary,
Wicklow Co. Council,
Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow.

1 and 2 Cavendish Row,
Dublin 1.
11th August, 1972.

Sanction for Council Houses

A Chara,

At the Annual Meeting of the County Councils' General Council, held on 10th August, 1972, a previous resolution from your Council asking the Department of Local Government that when conveying sanction for acceptance of a tender for erection of local authority houses to convey sanction for the necessary borrowing at the same time. The Council noted the Department's reply which is enclosed herewith.

Malicious Injuries:

At the meeting a letter from the Minister for Justice to the Council's negotiations on behalf of the resolution from your Council asking that the burden of responsibility for meeting Criminal Injury Awards be taken from Local Authorities and made a "National Charge" was noted. Copy enclosed herewith.

Authority to Issue Medical Cards:

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the above which also came from your Council and the Executive Committee are to pursue the matter further.

The two further resolutions on the Agenda for the meeting were not reached and will come before a Special Meeting, probably in October, they are:—

Malicious Injuries in respect of buildings at Turlough Hill, Wicklow.

Free Travel—for a wife whose husband is not travelling with her and scheme to be extended to cover widows who, as yet, are not included in the proposed new arrangements.

I shall write you again regarding the negotiations of Increased Bank Charges.

Mise, le meas,

EILIS NI DEORAIN,
Runai.

The following letter addressed by the Department of Local Government to the General Council of County Councils on the matter of sanction for Council houses was submitted:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Secretary,
General Council of County Councils,
1/2 Cavendish Row,
Dublin 1.

Custom House,
Dublin 1.
19 Meitheamh, 1972.

Re: Sanction for Council Houses

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of 23rd ult. incorporating a resolution adopted by the General Council requesting the Department of Local Government when conveying sanction to the acceptance of a tender for the erection of local authority houses to convey sanction at the same time to the necessary borrowing to defray the cost of erecting such houses.

Because of his overall responsibility for the availability of capital monies generally, the raising of loans for the erection of local authority houses must be recommended to and have the approval of the Minister for Finance.

As it is not possible to ascertain with any accuracy the amount of loan required for a particular housing project until the tender for that project has been approved, it is not considered practicable to adopt the procedure suggested in the General Council's resolution except by delaying the issue of tender approval until approval for the raising of the necessary monies has been cleared by the Department of Finance. As this course of action would lead to delays in commencing housing schemes, it is the policy of this Department to issue approval to the acceptance of a tender by a housing authority prior to the issue of sanction to the appropriate loan in order to give the housing authority and the contractor ample time to complete preliminaries to the signing of a contract while the housing authority's loan application is still being processed.

Mise, le meas,

B. SWEENEY.

Members of the Co. Council expressed disappointment at the terms of the letter. In reply to an inquiry from Councillor J. Temple, the County Secretary stated that a reply had not yet been received to the Council's request addressed to the Minister for Local Government that he receive a deputation from the Council in regard to the matter of the limit on loans to persons wishing to erect new houses in the Bray Electoral Area. On the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, the Council agreed that a further letter be addressed to the Department of Local Government urging that a deputation be received at the earliest possible date, and indicating that in addition to the matter of the limit for loans in the Bray Electoral Area, the Council also wish to discuss with the Minister a proposal that funds be transferred from monies allocated to Arterial and Main Road grants in order to provide extra funds for Housing, Local Improvements Schemes and Amenity Schemes, and in particular to allow a further £12,000 in the present year to enable the Council to carry out all Local Improvement Schemes for which contributions had been received.

PAYMENT FOR LANDS ACQUIRED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS:

Councillor J. Miley again asked if an explanation was available in regard to the delay in payment by the Council for lands acquired in West Wicklow from Mr. Clarke, Messrs. Commins, and Mrs. Gilhealy. The County Secretary stated that a letter had been addressed to the Council's Solicitor on the matter, but a reply was not yet available. Councillor Miley asked that a reply be made available for the next Meeting. Councillor K. Ryan asked that a similar inquiry be made in regard to a payment due to a Mr. Furlong for land.

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

In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, T. J. Keenan, J. Whelan, K. Ryan and M. Deering:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Arklow Rugby Club for the provision of a playing field and dressingrooms at Ballyrichard, Arklow."

In the names of Councillors J. J. Bourke, M. Deering, and F. Hynes:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for the erection of a bungalow at Oghill, Redcross, for Joseph P. O'Toole, 50 Glengariff Road, Navan Road, Dublin 7."

In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, W. Cleary, and Miss N. O'Neill:—"In accordance and by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Gerrard Sheridan, at Aghowle, Ashford, Co Wicklow."

In names of Councillors J. Miley, T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, W. Cleary, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Temple, F. Hynes, K. Ryan, Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, M. J. O'Neill, and J. Whelan:—"Owing to the dissatisfaction regarding the investigation of Medical Card applications and administration of public assistance generally in Co Wicklow, we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, request that the administration of Public Assistance be handed over to the Eastern Health Board."

In the names of Councillors J. Gregory, J. Bourke, and M. Deering:—"We will move at the next Meeting of the Council that a report be submitted on the condition of the Bridge on Leabeg Lane, Newcastle."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council have the public lighting attended to at Kilquiggan."

In the names of Councillors J. Gregory, J. Bourke, and M. Deering:—"We will move at the next Meeting of the Council that a telephone kiosk be installed in Newcastle village."

In the names of Councillors J. Temple and F. Hynes:—"That questions at Meetings of the Council be not accepted by the Chairman unless Notice of Intention to ask such questions have been given to the Secretary of the Council not less than four days prior to the Meeting."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters, etc., was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 4th September, 1972, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor M. Deering, Chairman.

Councillors F. Hynes, W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D.; E. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple; J. Gregory, R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Whelan.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Mr. L. Byrne, Planning Assistant, and Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Planning Section, were present.

AGENDA

- 1 Notices of Intention to Propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955, as follows:—
 - (a) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney and W. Cleary:—"By virtue of powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Frank Byrne, 15 Orchard Road, Dublin, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballyfolan, Manor Kilbride."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, R. Miley, J. Whelan J. Sweeney:—"By virtue of powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Kevin Diffley, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballymorris, Aughrim."
 - (c) In the names of Councillors E. Byrne, J. Temple, and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—"We, the undersigned, hereby direct Wicklow Co. Manager under Section 4 of City and County Management Act, to grant full Planning Permission for the erection of a house together with septic tank and drilled borehole, at Kilmacanogue South, County Wicklow, to Mr. Pat Whyte, Glen of the Downs, County Wicklow, in accordance with the plans already lodged."

- (d) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple and E. Byrne:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Seamus Fallon, Greystones, to build a bungalow at Prestnewtown, Delgany."
- (e) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley and J. Gregory:—"By virtue of powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. W. Armstrong, Bahana, Rathdrum, County Wicklow, for the provision of a bungalow for a daughter wishing to come home."
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- (h) In the names of Councillors J. Whelan, J. Sweeney, T. Keenan, Miss M. Walsh, and R. Miley:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Arthur Whelan, Knockananna, for the provision of a house at Ballinahese, Arklow."
- (i) In the names of Councillors G. Timmins, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill and M. Deering:—"By virtue of powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Liam Kelly, Ballyknocken, for the provision of a house at Ballyknocken."
- (j) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, W. Cleary, G. Timmins and M. Deering:—"By virtue of powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to J. Ward for the provision of a bungalow at Ballyfolan."

- (k) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, W. Cleary, G. Timmins and M. Deering:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Thomas Maher, for the provision of a bungalow at Crosscoolharbour, Hempstown, Blessington."
- (l) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, W. Cleary, and G. Timmins:—"By virtue of powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Anton Trant, for the provision of a house at Manor Kilbride."
- (m) In the names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, M. Deering and R. Miley:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission for a house at Lacken to G. Martin, c/o P. J. Foley, Blessington, according to the application lodged."
- (n) In the names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill, R. Miley, M. Deering and G. Timmins:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Desmond Martin, Glenavon, 42 Howth Rd., Clontarf, Dublin 3, for the erection of a bungalow for his own use at Baltyboys Lower or Boystown, Blessington, Co. Wicklow."
- (o) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, T. J. Keenan, J. Whelan, K. Ryan and M. Deering:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Arklow Rugby Club for the provision of a playing field and dressingrooms at Ballyrichard, Arklow."
- (p) In the names of Councillors J. J. Bourke, M. Deering and F. Hynes:—"By virtue of powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for the erection of a bungalow at Oghill, Redcross, for Joseph P. O'Toole, 50 Glengariff Road, Navan Road, Dublin 7."
- (q) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, W. Cleary and Miss N. O'Neill:—"In accordance and by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Gerard Sheridan, at Aghowle, Ashford, County Wicklow."

- (r) In the names of Councillors G. Timmins, M. J. O'Neill and M. Deering:—"By virtue of powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Anthony McMahon for the provision of a bungalow at Upper Lugglass, Hollywood."
- 2 To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 13th March and 10th April, 1972.
 - 3 Application for Closing of Roads at Rathdrum for purposes of Motor Races.
 - 4 To receive tenders for erection of 12 houses at Baltinglass.
 - 5 Dunlavin Housing Scheme: to authorise borrowing.
 - 6 Public lighting for new housing schemes at Aughrim (9), Grattan Park (29) and Blessington (21)—to authorise expenditure.
 - 7 Acquisition of lands at Newcastle for housing.
 - 8 Application for consent to (a) sale of vested cottages, and (b) sub-division of vested cottage plots.
 - 9 Report entitled "Strengthening the Local Government Service."
 - 10 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Gregory:—"That this Council build a septic tank to take sewerage from Mr. Bolton's, Mr. Duffy's and Mr. Doyle's houses at Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy."
 - 11 Council houses repaired during August, 1972, and to be repaired in September, 1972.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

The following recommendations in respect of Planning Applications which were the subjects of Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions had been circulated to the Members:—

(b) Proposed Bungalow at Ballymorris, Co. Wicklow, for Mr. Kevin Diffley.

It is recommended that permission be refused for the following reason:—

- 1 The site of the proposed dwelling adjoins a very important Main Tourist Road L.19 (Woodenbridge-Aughrim) which is in an area specified in the County Development Plan as an "area of special control" and alongside which it is required that development be restricted so as to maintain traffic capacity and to minimise traffic hazard. The proposed access would create a potential serious traffic hazard on this main road which is deficient in alignment and width and would reduce the traffic carrying capacity of the road. The proposed development would create a precedent for similar development in this area of special control.

(c) Proposed Bungalow at Kilmacanogue South, Co. Wicklow, for Pat Whyte.

The area of the site now proposed has been increased to an acre and the applicant has indicated that he owns the adjoining land. It is understood that the dwelling is required for the use of the

applicant's son. The Council's Planning Assistant has met the applicant and subsequently discussed the proposal on site with applicant's Architect. Matters discussed were:—

- 1 Need for road widening to an overall width of 30 feet.
- 2 Retention of screening inside the 30 ft. road widening line along all boundaries.
- 3 Provision of additional tree screening to the east to screen the dwelling from the prominent view from the National Primary Road.
- 4 The exact location of the dwelling on the site with reference to the privacy of the adjacent dwelling and the distance from County Road.
- 5 Road widening requiring part of the adjacent lands to the north owned by the applicant in order to provide visibility through the blind bend.
- 6 The requirement that further dwellings should not be erected on the adjacent lands owned by the applicant. In this regard the applicant's Architect has undertaken to submit a map showing the adjacent lands owned by the applicant in order that a suitable condition may be applied to a grant of permission.

Having regard to the applicant's residential qualifications and ownership of adjoining lands it is now anticipated that a recommendation to grant permission will issue on receipt of the land ownership map, appropriate conditions relating to the matters discussed to be applied to the grant of permission. Accordingly, it is recommended that a decision on this application be deferred pending receipt of the land ownership map.

(d) Proposed Bungalow at Priestnewtown, Delgany, Co. Wicklow, for Mr. Seamus Fallon.

It is recommended that permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- 1 The proper planning and development of the area, as expressed in the County Development Plan, requires that sporadic residential development in rural areas be discouraged since such development would give rise to premature demands for services, e.g. sewerage, road improvements, public lighting, scavenging, etc., which could not be economically provided from the resultant rates revenue. The proposed development is in serious conflict with that requirement since it is approximately a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the Greystones/Delgany development area and approximately 1½ miles from Kilcoole Village which are the areas of immediate economic expansion and together with existing development in the area would give rise to such premature demands for services.
- 2 The proper planning and development of the area as expressed in the County Development Plan requires that the distinction between urban and rural areas be preserved. The proposed development situated in the rural area between the extensive Greystones/Delgany development area and the built up area of Kilcoole Village is in serious conflict with this requirement. Furthermore, the development taken in conjunction with existing development in the area would constitute urban type infill ribbon development in this rural area and would create a precedent for similar development which would further depreciate

the visual amenity of the area by altering the rural character thereof.

(e) **Proposed Bungalow at Bahana, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow, for Mr. William Armstrong.**

Outline permission for this development was previously refused and the refusal was upheld when appealed to the Minister for Local Government. It is recommended that Outline Permission be refused for the reasons given by the Minister, viz.:

- 1 The proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard because the site being located on a heavily trafficked road where the maximum speed limit applies and visibility is restricted, the traffic movements generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the road.
- 2 The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because it would contribute to undesirable ribbon development along this main tourist road.

(g) **Proposed two dormer bungalows at Knockraheen, Roundwood, for C. Galligan.**

It is recommended that permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- 1 The proper planning and development of the area as stated in the County Development Plan requires that sporadic residential development in rural areas be discouraged, since such development would give rise to premature demands for services, e.g. water, sewerage, public lighting, scavenging, etc., which could not be economically provided from the resultant rates revenue. This proposed development is in conflict with the above requirements since it is located approximately 1 mile from the serviced area of Roundwood Village.
- 2 The erection of the proposed dwellings would set a precedent for other development along the important scenic route around Roundwood reservoir and would be injurious to the amenity of the area by altering the rural character thereof.

(j) **Proposed Bungalow at Ballyfolan, Manor Kilbride, Co. Wicklow, for John Joseph Ward.**

It is recommended that permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- 1 The proposed development would be injurious to visual amenity by reason of its prominent location in a mountain area of outstanding natural beauty. This area is classified in the Wicklow County Development Plan as a landscape area of high amenity. The erection of a dwelling thereon would seriously injure the amenity values of the area. The proper planning and development of the area require that it be retained as far as possible in its natural state.
- 2 The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because it would consolidate

the tendency towards ribbon development in this rural area resulting from existing developments and other proposals for which permission has been granted along this stretch of road.

- 3 There is no evidence before the Council that the ground conditions are suitable for a septic tank installation and the site is within the Upper Liffey Catchment Area which is a major source of public water supply.

(k) **Proposed House at Crosscoolharbour, Co. Wicklow, for Mr. Thomas Maher.**

It is recommended that permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- 1 The proposed entrance would be likely to cause a traffic hazard on this heavily trafficked national secondary road.
- 2 This proposal taken in conjunction with existing development and other proposals for the area would result in ribbon development along a main road in a rural area. Such development would be undesirable because it would be injurious to the visual amenity and character of the area and the multiplicity of entrances would give rise to increased traffic hazard and would further reduce the carrying capacity of this main road.
- 3 The proposed site lies within the Upper Liffey Catchment Basin Area which is a major source of public water supply. There is no evidence before the Planning Authority that the ground conditions are suitable for septic tank sewage disposal system.
- 4 The proposed system of water supply is not satisfactory as the group water scheme supplying this area has inadequate storage to accommodate further development.

(l) **Proposed Bungalow at Lisheen Road, Manor Kilbride, Co. Wicklow, for Anton Trant.**

It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- 1 The proposed site rises at a steep gradient from the level of the adjoining public road and the clearance and development works necessary to provide a safe access and to provide a level site for the house would seriously injure amenity in the area by being unduly prominent in views of the area.
- 2 The proposed development would be isolated from existing settlements and community facilities and services and, accordingly, would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

(n) **Proposed Bungalow at Baltyboys, Blessington, Co. Wicklow, for Mr. Desmond Martin.**

It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- 1 The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because when taken in

conjunction with other development proposals in the area it would give rise to a concentration of housing development in an unserviced rural area which would ultimately lead to a demand for these public services. The public revenue ensuing from such development would not suffice for the provision of these services.

- 2 The proposed site is elevated and prominent in the landscape and the proposed development would adversely affect the character and appearance of the area which is one of outstanding natural beauty and recreational amenity. The proper planning and development of the area require that it be retained as far as possible in its natural state so as to preserve those amenities.

It is noted that the previous refusal of permission to the applicant for this development is at present the subject of an appeal to the Minister of Local Government.

- (o) **Proposed Bungalow at Aghowle, Ashford, Co. Wicklow, for G. Sheridan.**

It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- 1 The site of the proposal is remote from existing nuclei of development and the proposal would seriously injure amenities of the area and be in serious conflict with the proper planning and development thereof by

- (a) Being unduly prominent.
- (b) Being out of character with the rural area by causing further erosion thereof having regard to other adjoining development for which permission has been given.
- (c) Giving rise to a ribbon pattern of development together with the associated multiplicity of access points along a narrow road in a rural area.

- 2 Details of proposals for the provision of a water supply have not been submitted.

- (a) **In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney and W. Cleary:—** By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Frank Byrne, 15, Orchard Road, Dublin, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballyfolan, Manor Kilbride."

The Council noted that no application had yet been received from Mr. Frank Byrne and deferred consideration of the Notice to the Meeting on 2nd October, 1972.

- (b) **In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, R. Miley, J. Whelan and J. Sweeney:—** "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Kevin Diffley, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballymorris, Aughrim."

The County Manager drew attention to the recommendation of the County Engineer as circulated to the Members and pointed out that the Woodenbridge/Aughrim Road had been recommended by the Council as part of a route for development for traffic from Arklow port to the Midlands and traffic capacity on the road needed to be maintained and improved. Additional accesses on the road would give rise to a traffic hazard. At present the road at this point was quite narrow. Councillor Keenan stated that the applicant was prepared to make available any lands that the Council might require for road improvements and to site the access as recommended by the Council. He did not agree that any traffic hazard would be caused.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Kevin Diffley, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballymorris, Aughrim, subject to any land required for road improvement being ceded to the Council by the applicant.

Passed—Councillor S. Costello abstaining.

- (c) **In the names of Councillors E. Byrne, J. Temple and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—** "We, the undersigned, hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full Planning Permission for the erection of a house together with septic tank and drilled borehole, at Kilmacanogue South, County Wicklow, to Mr. Pat Whyte, Glen of the Downs, Co. Wicklow, in accordance with the plans already lodged."

The County Secretary referred to the report which was circulated to the Members and stated that it would be noted that the site now proposed had been increased to an acre and the applicant had indicated that he owned the adjoining land and that the dwelling was required for the use of his son. The applicant's Architect was submitting a map to show the adjacent lands in order that a suitable condition might be applied to grant permission. The Council noted that the matter was under consideration and that it was expected that it would be possible to grant permission subject to conditions.

- (d) **In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple and E. Byrne:—** "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Seamus Fallon, Greystones, to build a bungalow at Priestnewtown, Delgany."

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the

City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Seamus Fallon, Greystones, to build a bungalow at Priestnewtown, Delgany.

Passed—Councillor S. Costello abstaining.

In the course of the discussion on the matter it was indicated by the Planning Assistant in reply to an enquiry from Councillor Costello that permission had been granted by the Council by order of the Co. Manager for one house in the vicinity of this site and the Council had also directed a grant for permission under Section 4 of the 1955 Act for another house. The landowner had indicated that he had other sites on his land for sale and it was expected that there would be further applications for Planning Permission. The road in question was narrow. Councillor S. Costello referred to the use of Section 4 of the 1955 Act by Members of the Council to direct the grant of Planning Permissions and referred to the division which this showed between the Officials of the Council and the Members. He stated that the Council's Officials in reporting on Planning Applications had given impartial advice but that such advice had been rejected by Members who did not hold any qualifications in relation to planning matters. Councillor J. Miley and other Members complained of the high percentage of applications which were refused, and asked that particulars be circulated to the Members of the Council of the number of applications for permission for erection of houses during the past year and the number of such applications granted and refused and indicating the percentage of such applications which had been refused. The County Manager agreed that these details would be supplied and the County Secretary pointed out that Outline Permission for would be shown in respect of each of the four Electoral Areas.

- (e) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley and J. Gregory:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. W. Armstrong, Bahana, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow; for the provision of a bungalow for a daughter wishing to come home."

this development had been refused previously and the refusal had been appealed to the Minister, who had also refused Outline Permission. Councillor Phelan pointed out that the application in this instance was for the provision of a bungalow for a daughter at present living in England, who wished to return home.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. W. Armstrong, Bahana, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow, for the provision of a bungalow for a daughter wishing to come home, subject to the condition that no new access be created.

Passed.

- (f) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. Whelan, J. Gregory, F. Hynes and M. Deering:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Richard Cummins and Tom Murphy, to build two houses for their own use at Togher Mor, Roundwood."

The County Secretary stated that Planning Permission had been granted during the previous week for the erection of these houses.

- (g) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. Whelan, J. Gregory, F. Hynes and M. Deering:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Colm Galligan, 5 Belvedere Place, Dublin, to erect two bungalows at Knockraheen, Roundwood."

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Colm Galligan, 5, Belvedere Place, Dublin, to erect two bungalows at Knockraheen, Roundwood.

Passed—Councillor S. Costello objecting.

In objecting to the proposal, Councillor Costello pointed out that the applicant resided in Dublin and was seeking permission for two bungalows which presumably would be for sale.

- (h) In the names of Councillors J. Whelan, J. Sweeney, T. Keenan, Miss M. Walsh and R. Miley:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Arthur Whelan, Knockananna, for the provision of a house at Ballinaheese, Arklow."

The County Secretary stated that the plans in this case had been received on the 31st August, 1972 and the copy of the public notice only on the date of the Meeting. The Council agreed that consideration of the notice be deferred to the Meeting to be held on the 2nd October.

- (i) In the names of Councillors G. Timmins, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill and M. Deering:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Liam Kelly, Ballyknocken, for the provision of a house at Ballyknocken."

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., stated that correct name in this instance was Seamus Kelly and not Liam Kelly as appeared on the Agenda. The Council noted that no application had yet been received

and agreed that consideration be deferred to the Meeting of the Council to be held on 2nd October. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., suggested that a special consultation be arranged between the Planning Assistant and the applicant in regard to this application.

- (j) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, W. Cleary, G. Timmins and M. Deering:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to J. Ward for the provision of a bungalow at Ballyfolan."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to J. Ward, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballyfolan, subject to the ground being suitable for disposal of effluent from a septic tank.

Passed.

- (k) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, W. Cleary, G. Timmins and M. Deering:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Thomas Maher, for the provision of a bungalow at Crosscoolharbour, Hempstown, Blessington."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Thomas Maher, for the provision of a bungalow at Crosscoolharbour, Hempstown, Blessington.

Passed—Councillor S. Costello objecting.

- (l) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, W. Cleary and G. Timmins:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Anton Trant, for the provision of a house at Manor Kilbride."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Anton Trant, for the provision of a house at Manor Kilbride.

Passed.

- (m) In the names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, M. Deering and R. Miley:— "By virtue of the powers vested in us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission for a house at Lacken to G. Martin, c/o P. J. Foley, Blessington, according to the application lodged."

The County Secretary stated that no application had yet been received and the Council agreed to defer consideration of the notice to the Meeting to be held on the 2nd October, 1972.

- (n) In the names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill, R. Miley, M. Deering and G. Timmins:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Desmond Martin, Glenavon, 42 Howth Road; Clontarf; Dublin 3, for the erection of a bungalow for his own use at Baltyboys Lower or Boystown, Blessington, Co. Wicklow."

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

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

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Desmond Martin, Glenavon, 42 Howth Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3; for the erection of a bungalow for his own use at Baltyboys Lower or Boystown, Blessington, County Wicklow.

Members of the Council pointed out that the previous refusal of permission to the applicant for the provision of a bungalow on this site was still the subject of an appeal to the Minister for Local Government and no decision had yet been given. Councillor M. J. O'Neill and Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., agreed to consideration of the notice being deferred pending either receipt of the decision of the Minister on appeal or to withdrawal of the appeal.

- (o) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, T. J. Keenan, J. Whelan, K. Ryan and M. Deering:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Arklow Rugby Club for the provision of a playing field and dressingrooms at Ballyrichard, Arklow."

The Council noted that no application had been received and agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the Meeting to be held on 2nd October, 1972.

- (p) In the names of Councillors J. J. Bourke, M. Deering and F. Hynes:— "By virtue of the power conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act,

1963, for the erection of a bungalow at Oghill, Redcross, for Joseph P. O'Toole, 50 Glengariff Road, Navan Road, Dublin 7.

The Council noted that no application had been received and agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the Meeting of the Council to be held on 2nd October, 1972.

- (q) In the names of Councillors B. S.C. Phelan, W. Cleary and Miss N. O'Neill:—"In accordance and by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Gerard Sheridan, at Aghowle, Ashford, County Wicklow."

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—In accordance and by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Gerard Sheridan, at Aghowle, Ashford, County Wicklow, subject to an adequate and potable water supply being available and land being ceded for road improvement.

Passed.

- (r) In the names of Councillors G. Timmins, M. J. O'Neill and M. Deering:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Anthony McMahon for the provision of a bungalow at Upper Lugglass, Hollywood."

The Council noted that no application had been received and deferred consideration of the notice to the Meeting to be held on 2nd October, 1972.

Item No. 2—To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on the 13th March and 10th April, 1972.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan;

Resolved—That we confirm and adopt Minutes of Meetings of Council held on 13th March and 10th April, 1972.

Limits for Housing Loans in Bray Electoral Area.

In reply to an enquiry from Councillor J. Temple the County Secretary stated that the following reply had been received from the Department of Local Government to the Council's request for reception by the Minister of a deputation:—

Department of Local Government,
Custom House, Dublin 1,
29 Lunasa, 1972.

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

Circular Letter H.10/72 of 4th July, 1972.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 16th August regarding the application of the higher maximum loan limit in the Bray Electoral Area of County Wicklow and requesting the Minister to receive a deputation to enable the members of the Council to convey their views in regard to this matter. In this connection I am to state that as pointed out in the Department's letter of the 25th July, all the relevant factors relating to the operation of house-purchase loan and supplementary grant schemes throughout the country were fully and carefully considered before the decision to revise the income and loan limits was made. As it would not be possible to alter the decision so as to apply the higher maximum loan limit in the Bray Electoral area, no useful purpose would be served by a deputation to the Minister to discuss the matter. I am to add, however, that your representations in this regard will be borne in mind when any future revision of the loan and income limits is being considered.

Mise, le meas

N. MEEHAN

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary;

Resolved—The Council agreed that the Minister be informed of the Council's disappointment at the terms of the letter and that he be asked again to receive a deputation from the Council.

Passed.

On the suggestion of Councillor J. Temple it was agreed that Senator Gallanagh be included on the deputation to the Minister.

Item No. 3—Application for Closing of Roads at Rathdrum for purposes of Motor Races.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the roads described hereunder on Saturday, 16th September, 1972, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. and hereby authorise the use of

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the roads for Motor Races and for Practices therefor while these roads are so closed to public traffic:—

Road Circuit at Corballis, Rathdrum being portion of T7 (Rathdrum/Avoca/Arklow) 0.2 miles;

Portion of L32 (Rathdrum/Clash/Aughrim) 0.3 miles;

Link Road joining these two roads from Corballis Crossroads to its intersection with the Main Rathdrum/Ballinacash/Aughrim Road—0.2 miles.

Passed.

Item No. 4—To receive tenders for erection of 12 houses at Baltinglass.
The County Secretary stated that only one tender had been re-

ceived in response to public advertisement in respect of the erection of 12 houses at Baltinglass. The tender was opened in the presence of the Members of the Council and was from Mr. John Shortt, Tuckmill, Baltinglass, in the sum of £40,080. The Council noted that this tender would be referred to the County Engineer for his examination and recommendation.

Item No. 5—Dunlavin Housing Scheme—to authorise borrowing.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Resolved—that we hereby authorise the borrowing of £62,900 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 35 years to defray the cost of the Scheme for the erection of 16 houses at Dunlavin.

Passed.

Item No. 5 (a)—Application from E.S.B. Operatives for use of site at Blessington for 2½ years for erection of four dismantlable bungalows.

The County Secretary stated that the Electricity Supply Board had applied for Planning Permission for the placing of four bungalows purchased by four of their staff, who are electricians, on land at Burgagemore, Blessington, in the ownership of the Council. They desired to apply also for a lease of the land for a period of 2½ years commencing on September 11th, 1972. The County Secretary stated that subject to agreement of the Council, it was proposed to grant a licence to the Electricity Supply Board for the period of 2½ years for the placing of four bungalows on this site, subject to a charge at the rate of £40 per annum.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the granting of a Licence to the Electricity Supply Board for a period of two and a half years from

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11th September, 1972, to 10th March, 1975, for the placing of four bungalows from Building Systems, Johnstown, Co. Kilkenny, on sites in the ownership of the Council at Burgagemore, Blessington, subject to a charge at the rate of £40 per annum, the bungalows to be removed from the site on 10th March, 1975; and the bungalows to be used for the accommodation of Patrick Bannon, Sean Nugent, Laurence Byrne and Michael Farrell being electricians in the employment of the Electricity Supply Board.

Passed.

Item No. 5(b)—Application of Mr. R. N. Gillespie, Baltinglass, for demolition of three houses and replacement by store.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been made by Mr. R. N. Gillespie, Baltinglass, for permission to demolish three houses and replace them with a shop and store. The houses were all in bad repair and two of them had been vacant for a considerable time. The family in the other house had suitable alternative accommodation in Baltinglass.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of Permission being granted to Mr. R. N. Gillespie, 1 Tullow Street, Carlow, to demolish three premises in Baltinglass formerly in the ownership of Mr. J. O'Donoghue.

Passed.

Item No. 6—Public lighting for new Housing Schemes at Aughrim (9), Grattan Park (29) and Blessington (21)—to Authorise expenditure.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure of £564 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates under the Heading "Public Lighting" to defray the cost of providing public lights on the Council's new Housing Schemes at Blessington (21 Houses); Greystones (29 Houses), and Aughrim (9 Houses).

Passed.

Members of the Council inquired whether provision had been made in the loans for the Housing Schemes at Tinahely and Baltinglass for the cost of providing public lighting and indicated that if such provision had not been made the Council would be agreeable to authorise the necessary expenditure from revenue.

Item No. 7—Acquisition of Lands at Newcastle for Housing.

The County Secretary stated that the Council at their Meeting in June had passed a Resolution authorising the acquisition of lands for housing at Newcastle from Mr. Doyle, if necessary by Compulsory Purchase Order. The County Engineer, however, had indicated in his report that the lands owned by Mr. Smyth were more suitable as it was a level site adjacent to the village and could be serviced more economically than Mr. Doyle's lands.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That we agree that the matter of acquiring lands in the

ownership of Mr. Doyle of Oaklawn, Newcastle, be not proceeded with and approve of arrangements being made for the acquisition by the Council of an area of land containing approximately 4 acres from Mr. Smyth of Blackditch, Newcastle, by agreement, or should it not be possible to reach agreement by way of Compulsory Purchase Order. Passed.

Councillor Gregory pointed out that the Members of the Council would have approved previously of the acquisition of lands from Mr. Smyth, but for the fact that there appeared to be doubt as to whether there would be undue delay in acquiring such lands because of Mr. Smyth's absence from the Country. He urged that the acquisition of the necessary lands for housing at Newcastle be expedited.

Item No. 8—Application for consent to (a) Sale of Vested Cottages, and (b) Sub-division of Vested Cottage Plots.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved — That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Mrs. Kathleen Byrne of her interest in Vested Cottage No. 125/11 at Croneroe, Ashford, to Mr. George Corscadden, Dunran, Ashford, for the sum of £1,500 subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £500, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable. Passed.

In regard to the application of Mr. Patrick Ronan for consent to sell his vested cottage at No. 26 Merrymeeting, Rathnew, to Mr. Michael Jameson, Councillor F. Hynes expressed the view that the figure of £700 allowed by the County Engineer for improvement works carried out by the tenant was insufficient and suggested that this figure should be increased to £1,000 which would leave the amount payable to the County Council by the Vendor at a figure of £500. The Council agreed that the matter be referred back to the County Engineer for re-examination in respect of the value placed on improvements carried out to the cottage.

In the case of the application of Mr. Patrick Davis for consent to the sale of his interest in Vested Cottage at 24, Merrymeeting, Rathnew, to Mr. Fergus Quinn, Councillor F. Hynes pointed out that the County Engineer had estimated the market value of the cottage at £900 when the sale of the cottage was first proposed two years previously. The County Engineer now estimated the market value at £1,500. On the proposal of Councillor F. Hynes, it was agreed that the matter be referred back to the County Engineer for reconsideration of the increase in value of the cottage over the past two years.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved — That we hereby approve of consent being given to the re-sub-division of cottage plot 332/6 at 1, O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy, by Mr. John Brady, the Legal Personal Representative of the late Bridget Brady in order to provide his brother, William Brady, with a site for the erection of a new house subject to redemption by the Tenant Purchaser of the annuity on the portion of the plot being transferred.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved — That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sub-division of cottage plot No. 419/6 at Ballinahinch, Newtownmountkennedy, by Mr. Kevin Hughes, in order to provide his future son-in-law, Mr. Aidan Ryan, Upper Green, Kilcoole, with a site for the erection of a new house, subject to redemption by the Tenant Purchaser of the annuity on the portion of the plot being transferred. Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved — That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sub-division of cottage plot No. 1/5 at 1, Monastery, Enniskerry, by Mrs. Kathleen O'Toole, in order to provide Mr. Norman Roe, Killarney Road, Bray, with a site for the erection of a new house subject to redemption by the Tenant Purchaser of the annuity on the portion of the plot being transferred.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sub-division of cottage plot No. 189/10 at Moneylittle, Arklow, by Mrs. Mary A. Barnes, in order to provide her son, Michael Barnes, with a site for the erection of a new house, subject to redemption by the Tenant Purchaser of the annuity on the portion of the plot being transferred.

Passed.

Item No. 9—Report entitled "Strengthening the Local Government Service."

The Council agreed that a special Meeting of the Council be held on the 18th September, 1972, to consider this report.

Item No. 10—Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Gregory:—"That this Council build a septic tank to take sewerage from Mr. Bolton's, Mr. Duffy's and Mr. Doyle's houses at Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported in 1968 that the provision of a sewerage connection to these houses was uneconomical owing to the levels and the distances from the main sewer from Newtownmountkennedy. He indicated that consideration could be given to the construction of a septic tank. All three houses referred to were vested cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That this Council build a septic tank to take sewerage from Mr. Bolton's, Mr. Duffy's and Mr. Doyle's houses at Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy.

In reply to the suggestion of the County Secretary that the persons concerned might avail of grants from the State and from the Council towards the cost of providing individual septic tanks, Councillor Gregory stated that the Tenant Purchasers would not be in a position to meet the cost which would have to be borne by them directly if separate septic tanks had to be provided. He stated that they preferred that the Council undertake the work and they would pay an appropriate charge in addition to the purchase annuity to repay the cost involved.

Item No. 11—Council houses repaired during August, 1972, and to be repaired in September, 1972.

The Council noted the list of houses repaired during August 1972, and to be repaired during the month of September, 1972.

Allocation of Houses at Tinahealy.

Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area asked that arrangements be made for the holding of a meeting of the Members for that area to consider the proposed allocation of houses at Tinahealy, and other housing matters in the area. It was agreed that a date be arranged within the next week or two when Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, who was ill, had resumed duty.

Meeting of Local Electoral Area Committee elected at Baltinglass.

Councillor J. Miley urged that the tenants selected for the houses at Baltinglass should be allowed into possession of the houses as he contended that they were completed. He asked that a meeting of the Members of the Council for the area be arranged to be held at Blessington so that the Members could inspect the houses with the County Engineer or the Chief Assistant County Engineer (Housing) and the Contractor. It was agreed that the Meeting be arranged for Friday, 8th September, 1972, at 3.00 p.m. at the Library at Blessington.

Housing Scheme at Carnew.

Councillor K. Ryan inquired as to the position regarding the Housing Scheme at Carnew and asked that if the Contractor was not prepared to proceed with this tender that the Scheme be re-advertised as soon as possible.

Site for Housing at Kilpedder.

Councillor J. Gregory urged that the Council proceed as soon as possible with a Compulsory Purchase Order for the acquisition of the necessary lands at Kilpedder required for housing purposes.

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

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That the 'Sphinx' Road from Tigroney Green to the end of Castlehoward Hill, Avoca, be surfaced."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That an Engineer's report be submitted forthwith to this Council re flooding of the lands in the area surrounding the Kish Bridge, Arklow."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— (1) "That this Council widen the road that joins the Merrymeeting Road with the Old Village Road opposite the new School, Rathnew; (2) widen the road near the turn at the graveyard that joins the New School field; land will be given to widen this road at Rathnew."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council dispose of a plot of ground at 'The Lackey,' Shillelagh."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th September, 1972, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor M. Deering, Chairman.

Councillors F. Hynes, W. Cleary, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, J. Bourke, J. Gregory, R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Whelan, R. F. McKeon.

The County Manager, County Secretary, Mr. J. B. Forristal, Deputy County Engineer, and Mr. J. O. Gavin, County Accountant, attended.

AGENDA:

- Minutes of Meetings held on the 18th and 21st February, 1972, the 6th, 13th and 20th March, 1972, the 27th March, 1972.
- To authorise Overdraft on General Account for quarter to 31/12/1972.
- To fill vacancy on Rathdown No. 2 Old Age Pension Subcommittee.
- Banking Arrangements—additional costs arising from proposed transaction charges.
- West Wicklow Water Supply—Report of Consulting Engineer.
- Water Supplies in East Wicklow.
- Civil Defence—Report on provision of accommodation for Refugees.
- Provision of accommodation for itinerants.
- Proposed disposal of plot of land at Ballyshonogue.
- Local Improvements Scheme: Letter from Department of Local Government notifying increase of £2,000 in grant allocation for current year.
- Report on application for compensation for Malicious Injuries.
- Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan and J. J. Bourke:— "That this Council (1) remove the bad bend at Blackditch; (2) erect two lights at Blackditch, three lights at Newcastle, five lights between Newcastle and Newtown and two lights at Leabeg Lane."
- Notice of Motion in names of Councillors R. Miley, F. Hynes and J. J. Bourke:— "That the Council will install at least three hydrants from Saint Colman's gate to Ballygannon for fire fighting in the housing area."
- Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Sweeney:— "That the County Council make safe a very bad turn on the road at Thomas Clarkson's house in Woodenbridge as soon as possible."
- Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Sweeney:— "That this Council take over and put into proper condition the roadway at Rustigath, Kilcarra, Arklow."
- Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— (1) "That this Council advertise for tenders for domestic refuse collection for the following areas:— Newtownmountkennedy, Newcastle,

- Kilpedder and Kilquade; (2) withdraw the advertisement that is now published for Newtownmountkennedy."
17. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council purchase land at Carnew for a development site."
 18. Notice in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council extend water and sewerage to five houses on the Gorey Road, Carnew."
 19. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council extend the sewerage to the 18 houses at Quarry Street, Shillelagh."
 20. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That a light be provided at the public toilets at the Meetings, Avoca, and that the footpath from the White Bridge to the Mines be put in proper repair."
 21. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That the Council provide the appropriate signs in the village of Coolboy."
 22. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. F. McKeon:—"That this Council should recommend to the Minister for Justice that more Gardaí be drafted to Bray during the summer season"
 23. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council widen and remove bends on the road leading from the Brickworks, Rathnew, to Tighe's Avenue on the Rathnew-Dublin Road."
 24. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, W. Cleary and Miss M. Walsh:—"That in order to relieve congestion, this Council erect traffic lights at the junction of Upper and Lower Main Street and Bridge Street, Arklow."
 25. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Miley, T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, W. Cleary, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Temple, F. Hynes, K. Ryan, Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, M. J. O'Neill and J. Whelan:—"Owing to the dissatisfaction regarding the investigation of Medical Card applications and administration of public assistance generally in County Wicklow we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, request that the administration of Public Assistance be handed over to the Eastern Health Board."
 26. In the Names of Councillors J. Gregory, J. Bourke and M. Deering:—"We will move at the next Meeting of the Council that a report be submitted on the condition of the Bridge on Leabeg Lane, Newcastle."
 27. In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council have the public lighting attended to at Kilquiggan."
 28. In the names of Councillors J. Gregory, J. Bourke and M. Deering:—"We will move at the next Meeting of the Council that a telephone kiosk be installed in Newcastle village."
 29. Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Temple and F. Hynes:—"That questions at Meetings of the Council be not accepted by the Chairman unless Notices of Intention to ask such questions have been given to the County Secretary not less than five days prior to the Meeting."
 30. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Resolutions of Sympathy:

On the proposal of Councillor M. Deering, Chairman, and seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., the Council passed a Resolution

expressing the sympathy of the Members of the Council with the relatives of the late Mr. Patrick McDermott who had been in the employment of the Council as a Roller Driver and had been killed in a traffic accident.

On the Proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members of the Council with the relatives of the late M. H. B. Hipwell, who had been a Member of the Council for a number of years.

On the proposal of Councillor F. Hynes, Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the relatives of the late Thomas Lambert, Ballybeg, Rathnew, who had been an employee of the Council for many years.

On the proposal of Councillor R. Miley, seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh, the Council passed a resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members of the Council with the relatives of the late Mr. Sean O'Farrell, Earndarrig, who had been Managing Director of the National Ploughing Association and had been prominent in the Gaelic Athletic Association and other Organisations in the County.

Planning Application:

Councillor M. Deering, Chairman, referred to a notice of Intention to propose a Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to direct the grant of Planning Permission for a house at Lacken to Mr. G. Martin, c/o P. J. Foley, B.E., Blessington, which had been on the Agenda for the previous Meeting of the Council, but deferred as the application had not been received and stated that the application had been submitted and he asked that the Council consider the proposal at that Meeting. The Council agreed to consider the Motion.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that Permission be refused and the following report of the Planning Assistant as approved by the County Engineer was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Planning Section, Courthouse, Wicklow.

Ref.: 5743/72

T. J. Donovan, Esq., B.E.,
COUNTY ENGINEER.

11th September, 1972

A Chara,

I recommend that permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- (1) The proposed site, overlooking Blessington Lakes, is prominently located in an area designated in the County Development Plan as an area of very high amenity and the proper planning and development of the area requires, in the interest of the preservation of the scenic amenities, that those parts of this mountain area visible from the public road should be preserved

- free from development. The erection of the dwelling as proposed would seriously injure the visual amenities of this area.
- (2) Access to the site is by means of a narrow county road along which there is neither suitable vehicle passing space nor parking facilities. This road is, therefore, inadequate to serve additional development.
 - (3) The public mains water supply cannot serve the proposed development and adequate details of the proposed spring water supply outside the area of the site have not been submitted.
 - (4) The proposed site lies within the Upper Liffey Catchment area and there is no evidence before the Planning Authority that the subsoil conditions would be suitable for septic tank effluent disposal.

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PLANNING ASSISTANT.

Councillor M. J. O'Neill stated that he had examined the site and could not agree that the erection of a house on the site as proposed would seriously injure the visual amenity of the area. He pointed out that there had previously been a house on this site and that there were other houses in the immediate vicinity. He stated that the applicant would be agreeable to provide screening if such was required.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers vested in us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission for a house at Lacken to G. Martin, c/o P. J. Foley, Blessington, according to the application lodged; subject to adequate and potable water supply being provided, and to ground being found suitable for disposal of effluent from septic tank.

Passed.

Item No. 1:—Minutes of Meetings held on the 18th and 21st February, 1972, and 6th, 13th and 20th March, 1972, and 27th March, 1972.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on the 18th and 21st February, 1972, the 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th March, 1972.

Passed.

Item No. 2:—To Authorise Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 31/12/1972.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, the Bank of Ireland Limited, Wicklow, for such

financial accommodation by way of overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter ending 31st December, 1972, shall not exceed £600,000.

Passed.

Item No. 3:—To fill Vacancy on Rathdown No. 2 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.

The County Secretary stated that the Clerk to the Rathdown No. 2 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee had reported that Mr. Frank Clarke, P.C., had resigned from the Sub-Committee and the Sub-Committee had recommended the appointment of Mr. Thomas Kilbride, Windy-ridge, Delgany, to fill the vacancy.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr. Thomas Kilbride, Windy-ridge, Delgany, County Wicklow, to be a Member of the Rathdown No. 2 O.A.P. Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Frank Clarke, P.C.

Passed.

Item No. 4:—Banking Arrangements — Additional Costs Arising from Proposed Transaction Charges.

The Council considered the following Statement which had been circulated to the Members by the County Manager.

To the Chairman and Members of,

Wicklow County Council.

7th September, 1972

Re: Banking Arrangements—Proposal to Levy Special Transaction Charges.

A Dhuine Gasail,

At the end of the last financial year (March, 1972) and with only two or three days' notice, the Banks wrote to local authorities indicating that as from 1st April, 1972, new Bank Charges would be brought into operation. It is to be noted that whilst the Banks proposed that the new charges were to come into effect from 1st April, 1972, no opportunity was given to local authorities or health boards who would also be affected to consider the impact of the new charges on local finances.

It must likewise be stressed that there was no prior consultation with either the local authorities or the Department of Local Government regarding the proposed radical alterations in the long standing arrangements which had obtained between them and the Banks. It was a unilateral departure on the part of the Banks from such arrangements.

Without delay the Department of Local Government and Managers informed the Banks Standing Committee that the proposed new arrangements were unacceptable. The County Council's General Council also looked into the matter. In July last after correspondence with the Banks Standing Committee, a group representing the General Council of County Councils, the Department

of Local Government and County and City Managers met officials who represented the Banks Standing Committee. There was a lengthy discussion in which it was apparent that the Banks were intent on pursuing the new policy of levying what they describe as special "Transaction Charges" and making alterations in the long standing arrangements relating to interest rates. It was agreed, as a result of this discussion, by the Banks Standing Committee, that they would write again to the Department and local authorities on the matter.

In the past few days letters have been received from the Banks by the Department of Local Government and local authorities (and Health Boards). These letters indicate that the Banks would agree to restore as from 1st April, 1972, the arrangement under which interest is allowed on current account credit balances at the ordinary deposit rate.

But, and this must be emphasised, the Banks are still intent on levying special "Transaction Charges" on local authorities (and Health Boards). In fact, their last letter received a few days ago shows some alteration in the proposed charges which would, it seems, add to the import. It is found that it is even now proposed to make a special charge described as "10p per cent. Cash Lodged." To put it another way, a charge would be made for a cash lodgement, which in the event of a customer having a credit balance, would be an addition to such balance and which could be used by the Bank to their own advantage.

An estimate has been taken out of the cost to local authorities and health boards of the proposed "Transaction Charges," and it is found that in total they would cost them up to £250,000 in the year. This, it should be noted, would be in addition to an amount reaching in all £835,000 which the local authorities and health boards paid to the Banks in respect of interest charges on overdrafts in the financial year 1971-72. Whilst local authorities may have received at times in that year interest allowances on credit balances, it must be remembered that the margin between the interest allowed and the actual interest rates levied by the banks on overdrafts and loans is a wide one. In particular, where the banks in recent years have used their credits in the making of so-called "term loans" (usually arranged through their subsidiaries) the rates of interest are at a high level.

Again it must also not be overlooked that the local authorities at times during the year may have quite substantial credit balances on their current accounts such as, for example, in March, April, September and October, when rates and other revenues such as State Grants, have come to hand, and before the heavy loan charges entailed by housing and other capital commitments have to be met. These balances likewise can be used by the banks to their advantage.

The Banks Standing Committee in discussions and correspondence have made much of the rising cost of the services provided by them and say that in consequence they must levy a charge for keeping the accounts of local authorities.

But the banks nowadays are charging much higher interest rates than in the past, and these rates are being levied on amounts which yearly show continuous rises. For example, ten or fifteen years ago Wicklow Co. Council and the Urban Authorities of the county only paid a comparatively small sum in interest charges on overdraft accommodation, but the amount so paid in 1971-72

came to £23,274. As the scale of expenditure continues to rise the outlay on overdraft interest will also increase.

In recent years the banks have provided very little capital for the undertakings of local authorities. At the 31st March last, out of total capital indebtedness of the local authorities in County Wicklow of £3,987,048 only £83,654 had been provided by the Banks.

It is noteworthy that whereas very many Local Authorities, who, after all, provide a wide range of essential public services, continue to operate from cramped and decaying buildings inherited from the Grand Juries and Poor Law Guardians of the last century, the cities and towns in the country provide much evidence of the investment on a relatively massive scale in new bank premises. A newspaper article a short time ago mentioned that a new bank premises in Dublin was costing over £40 per square foot. By the way of contrast it might be mentioned that local authorities in the situation resulting from rising building costs and difficulties in finding capital are being daily importuned to keep the cost of housing which they have to arrange to a sum of about £4.50 per square foot.

It should not be overlooked that for the banks the accounts of local authorities need cause no special concern or worry. They are backed by the resources of the local community and in the final analysis by the State. They stand in a different position to most other customers.

As mentioned earlier, it was found some time ago that the total cost involved to local authorities of the proposed "Transaction Charges" would come to £250,000. It seems that the charges outlined in the last letter from the Banks Standing Committee would exceed this sum. Moreover, in their last letter the Committee say that it should be noted that the new charges as now specified may be subject to revision in the future when bank charges in general are revised.

Already the banks have been informed that local authorities and health boards were not prepared to accept the proposal to levy special transaction charges on them. The Department of Local Government, replying to the last letter of the 4th inst. from the Banks Standing Committee, has asked that the whole matter be re-examined and that, in the meantime, the proposed charges should not be imposed on the local authorities.

The County Council's General Council, as mentioned earlier, has put their views to the Banks Standing Committee, and it is understood that this question will also come up for consideration at the forthcoming Conference of Municipal Authorities.

Mise, le meas,

M. FLANNERY,

Wicklow Co. Manager.

The County Secretary stated that the County Council's General Council had reported that the combined deputation consisting of Members of the County Council's General Council, the Council of Committees of Agriculture, Officials of the Department of Local Government and County Managers had met representatives of the Irish Banks Standing Committee on the 6th July. The deputation had made a strong case for the restoration of the Status Quo prior to the 1st April, 1972, in relation to current account charges to

Local Government Authorities. The representatives of the Irish Banks Standing Committee promised to examine the points raised by the Deputation and a copy of the further proposals which had been issued on the 5th September was forwarded. The Secretary to the General Council stated that he had been informed by the Department of Local Government that the Minister had received a copy of the Banks proposal also and had found the new charges unacceptable. He forwarded a copy of the letter sent by the Department of Local Government in reply to the Banks letter indicating that the proposed scale of charge was unacceptable and would represent an unwarranted imposition on local authorities, and asking that the whole matter be re-examined and that the proposed charge should not be imposed on the local authorities concerned in the meantime. The Secretary to the General Council stated that a meeting of the Executive Committee would be held shortly when the Banks proposals on the Minister's letter would be considered. Councillor F. Hynes opposed strongly the Banks proposal to impose new charges on Local Authorities in respect of Banking Transactions and

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;

Resolved—That the General Council of County Councils and the Association of Municipal Authorities arrange to meet the Minister for Finance to urge that Banks be nationalised.

Passed.

Item No. 5:—West Wicklow Water Supply—Report of Consulting Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that in connection with the proposal of Dublin County Council to take a water supply from a new reservoir to be constructed at Cloughlea near Manor Kilbride, West Wicklow, the Council had asked that an examination be made of the current and future needs for water in the West Wicklow area with a view to arranging with Dublin County Council, if considered desirable, for the taking of the supply from the proposed new scheme. Messrs. Dermott G. Coyle and Partners, Consulting Engineers, had been engaged by the Council to report on the matter of water supplies required for the West Wicklow area and their preliminary report had now been received. It was indicated in the report that the source of the proposed new supply would be Poulaphuca Lake and that the intake and treatment works would be located at Buggage near Blessington. The proposal to construct a new reservoir at Cloughlea had been abandoned. The agreement of the Electricity Supply Board had been obtained for the extraction of from five to ten million gallons per day from the Lake for the purposes of the water supply, and this proposal had been sanctioned by the Department of Local Government on the 23rd June, 1972. The Consultants proposed that the Council obtain the agreement of Dublin County Council for the supply to the Council of 430,000 gallons of water from the new scheme to provide supplies to the West Wicklow area. The area to be served comprised Brittas, Manor Kilbride, Lecken, Ballyknocken, Hollywood, Dunlavin, Donard, Stratford, Grange Con, Baltinglass and Kiltegan. It would

be necessary to construct a major service reservoir at Kilmalum near County Kildare, and smaller reservoirs at Donard, Dunlavin and Baltinglass and the total cost of the Scheme was estimated at £551,000. Following a discussion on the proposals, the Council agreed that Dublin County Council be asked if they would be agreeable to make available to the Council if required 430,000 gallons of water per day from the proposed new Scheme, and be asked also to give an estimate of the charge which might be made by Dublin County Council per 1,000 gallons for the supply of treated water to the West Wicklow area.

Item No. 6:—Water Supplies in East Wicklow:

The County Secretary stated that as a result of recent discussions with the Dublin Authorities on the matter of water supplies for East Wicklow area, the City and County Manager had confirmed that in general they were disposed to making available to the Council water supplies both for East and West Wicklow where it was possible to connect with the Metropolitan supplies and in particular that they were prepared to make available a supply of water to meet all Council's housing schemes for which such supply had been requested. It had been indicated in the discussions with the City and County Manager that they were satisfied that the present restrictions on the making available of water supplies for new building in the North East Wicklow area could be lifted on the assumption that it was unlikely that more than 500 new houses would be completed and occupied in any one year and that such increase in water supplies could be met by the Corporation from their resources. The City Manager had also stated that in planning for obtaining water supplies the Corporation would in future take into account the water supply needs of County Wicklow.

The Corporation had also stated that they were in a position to make available to the Council 300,000 gallons per day of water from the Roundwood reservoir to supplement water supplies for Wicklow town and adjoining area, but it would be necessary for the Council to lay a new main if this supply of filtered water was to be availed of. The County Engineer was examining this proposal and would submit a report and recommendation. The Members of the Council expressed satisfaction at the decision of the Corporation to make available additional supplies of water and to lift the present restriction on the making available of water supplies to new buildings to the North East Wicklow area, and also to supply additional water for the needs of Wicklow Town and the area of East Wicklow generally.

Item No. 7:—Civil Defence—Report and Provision of Accommodation for Refugees.

The following report and supplementary report in regard to the provision of accommodation for Northern Refugees had been circulated to the Members of the Council by the County Manager.

REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow.

To: The Chairman and Members of
Wicklow County Council.

7th Sept., 1972

Provision of Accommodation for Northern Refugees

A. Dhuine Uraí,

As you are already aware, the County Council as Civil Defence Authority, was asked at short notice to provide accommodation for

Northern Refugees in July last and I am now submitting for your information some details of the arrangements which were made.

On 10th July, 1972, we were notified by the Department of Defence of the necessity to make accommodation for refugees, and on the 11th July, 93 persons arrived and were accommodated in Newcastle Hospital. On the same date, 15 persons were found accommodation in the Parochial Hall, Bray. Subsequently, further persons arrived and it was necessary to find accommodation for 46 of them on 14th July in Fatima Hall, Bray. Between the 15th and 18th July, 1972, Loreto Convent, Bray, provided accommodation for 13 persons. On the 14th July 59 persons were given accommodation by St. Patrick's College, Kiltegan. Refugees continued to arrive and leave the various centres of accommodation between 11th July, 1972, and 3rd August, 1972.

In all, over 200 persons were accommodated at Newcastle Hospital between 11th July and 3rd August, and accommodation was found for over 130 for varying periods at the other centres mentioned, viz. St. Patrick's College, Kiltegan, Fatima House, Bray, and the Parochial Hall, Novara Road, Bray.

The arrangements were primarily in the charge of Mr. James Brophy, Civil Defence Officer, and Mr. L. O'Ruairc, Assistant Civil Defence Officer. These two Officers worked long hours and often far into the night and always at week-ends in the making of such arrangements. The work presented many difficulties as the number for whom provision had to be made could not always be definitely ascertained beforehand and the position was constantly fluctuating. Not only the Civil Defence Officer and his Assistant but other members of the staff at the Civil Defence Centre in Bray worked very long hours—very frequently in excess of 15 hours in the day. In all, a total of 12 people performed various duties at Headquarters. Most of these were Civil Defence Officers drawn from the civil A.F.S. and Rescue Services—Services which are run on a voluntary basis.

The exact number of refugees for whom accommodation was found through the Civil Defence Organization in the period mentioned came to 323 and special problems of billeting, feeding, transport, medical help, entertainment etc. had to be met.

A special tribute must be paid to the voluntary services provided by the Civil Defence personnel during this period. Their dedication and cheerful acceptance of the burdens involved were notable. Moreover, the persons who arrived were not always easy to handle, even though generally it was found they were appreciative of the efforts made on their behalf. The Civil Defence staff and its voluntary workers showed a high degree of competence and patience in coping with what was at times a difficult situation. It is found that on one instance, a voluntary worker devoted part of his annual holidays to looking after the refugees.

The Minister for Defence, Mr. J. Cronin, T.D., has sent a special message thanking the Civil Defence Organization for the success of the operation and expressing his appreciation of their efforts. It is felt that the Civil Defence Organization is very deserving of

this commendation from An tAire Cosanta and I feel that the Members of the County Council would like to join in the tribute to the exceptional services afforded by them.

Mise, le meas,

M. FLANNERY,

County Manager.

MF/MH

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

11th September, 1972

Provision of Accommodation for Northern Refugees

In addition to the Civil Defence Services, many voluntary organisations and private persons generously gave of their time, and helped in many ways towards the provision of accommodation and facilities for the Refugees, and I trust that I am not over-looking any of them in the following list:—

- (1) The Staff of Newcastle Hospital who were called in so often to help and in conjunction with Civil Defence Personnel, did so much in their endeavours to make the Refugees comfortable in the hospital buildings by providing bedding, food, and other necessities. The local Rector and Curate also were very helpful.
- (2) Bray Old Folks Committee (who provided meals for the Refugees in Fatima Hall, Bray, and helped in other ways).
- (3) St. Patrick's College, Kiltegan—the priests and staff apart from affording accommodation, co-operated generously with the local Civil Defence and voluntary units.

Parochial Hall Trustees (Church of Ireland), Novara Rd., Bray.

Rev. Mother and Community, Loreto Convent, Bray.

Irish Countrywomen's Association.

C.I.E. Staff, Bray.

The Irish Red Cross Society.

The Knights of Malta.

Legion of Mary (owners of Fatima Hall, Bray).

The Scoutingists.

Residents of Palermo Housing Scheme, Bray.

Richmond Hill Tenant's Association.

Forsa Cosanta Aitiula.

Women's Emergency Voluntary Service.

Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

The Vincentian Fathers, Glenart, Arklow, by a private and separate arrangement provided accommodation for about 50 persons. The Reverend Mother, Dominican Convent, Wicklow, and the Mercy Convent, Arklow, offered to accommodate refugees also, but as it happened it was not necessary to avail of their offer to help.

M. FLANNERY,

Wicklow County Manager.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, the Council recorded appreciation of the work done by the Civil Defence Service and by voluntary bodies in providing accommodation for Northern Refugees. Councillor M. J. O'Neill pointed out that traders in Kiltegan and Baltinglass had also provided much help in relation to the refugees who had been accommodated at Kiltegan and the County Manager agreed that the traders

referred to and other persons who had not been referred to in the reports had given valuable assistance.

Item No. 8:—Provision of Accommodation for Itinerants.

The County Secretary stated that the Minister for Local Government in a letter addressed to the Council had stressed the need for providing accommodation for itinerants who were living in unsatisfactory conditions prior to the coming winter. He had asked that a survey be carried out at once to determine in respect of itinerants in the County the numbers involved and their present housing conditions, and that proposals be submitted by local authorities for providing accommodation. The County Secretary stated that the Council had received a letter from the Kilmacanogue Residents Association indicating that they had strong objections to the proposal to provide a halting place for itinerants at Kilmurray Quarry near Kilmacanogue, and had asked that a representative of the Council attend at a meeting of the Residents Association at Sweeneys of Kilmacanogue, on the following Wednesday or if that was not suitable that the Council arrange a suitable date for meeting them. The Council agreed that representatives of the Kilmacanogue Residents Association be received by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at a meeting of the Members to be held in Bray on Tuesday, 19th September, 1972. The Members of the Council asked that representatives of the Bray Itinerants Settlement Committee be also asked to attend the meeting with the Members.

Item No. 9:—Proposed Disposal of Plot of Land at Ballyshonogue.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from Mr. Bourne, Forttown, Tinahely, from whose father the Council had purchased portion of a plot of land which it had been proposed to dispose of to Mr. Joseph Dempsey and that he was interested in being allowed to purchase back the portion of the land which was now available for disposal and which formerly had been in the ownership of his father.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE GILLE MANNTAIN
Wicklow County Council

'Phone (0404) 2324
T. J. Donovan, B.E., M.I.C.E.I.
County Surveyor/Engineer
Ref: JF/SB.

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

8th September, 1972

County Secretary.

Re: Notice of Motion: "That Joseph Dempsey be Allowed to Purchase from the Council the Lay-by Portion of Land Opposite His Vested Cottage."

Item No. 9 on Agenda.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 17th July, 1972, the land in question has two owners, as follows:—

1. The area shaded in 'RED' on the attached Map was owned by Mr. James Murphy, Ballyshonogue, Tinahely, who has since died.
2. The area shaded in 'BLUE' on the attached Map was owned by Mr. Joseph Stanley Bourne, Ballyshonogue, Tinahely. The present owner, Mr. James Raymond Bourne, who is a son of

the former owner, informed Mr. Lane, B.E., Assistant County Engineer, that they would be very interested in buying back this land shaded 'BLUE.' As former owners, they would have first preference to purchase. A strip of 12 feet should be retained beside the new road to allow for any future development. The remaining plot is of area 2 roods, 17 perches. A price of £75 should be charged.

As Mr. Murphy is now deceased, Mr. Joseph Dempsey should be allowed to purchase the plot shaded 'RED' of area 2 roods, 25 perches. A fair price would be £75 also in this case. As in the case of the area coloured 'BLUE', a 12 feet strip is being retained for future road development.

Mise, le meas,

J. B. FORRISTAL,

Acting County Engineer.

ENCL.

Following a discussion on the matter in the course of which Councillor Miss M. Walsh expressed the view that the figure of £75 recommended by the County Engineer as the amount to be paid to the Council in respect of the disposal of the land was excessive and had suggested a figure of £25 in each case, the Council agrees to refer further consideration of the matter to the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area at a meeting to be held at Auhtrim on 14th September, 1972.

Item No. 10:—Local Improvements Scheme: Letter from Department of Local Government Notifying Increase of £2,000 in Grant Allocation for Current Year.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had been informed by the Department of Local Government that the allocation for works to be carried out under the Local Improvements Scheme had been increased by £2,000 to a total of £7,000 for the current year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we note the letter of the 4th September, 1972, ref.: S.W. 23/1/7 from the Department of Local Government, indicating that the allocation to the Council of funds for grants under the Local Improvements Scheme has been increased by £2,000. We approve of proceeding with Schemes at Carrig, Kylebeg and Kilquade, these being the next Schemes on the priority list to be carried out under the Local Improvements Scheme. We hereby authorise expenditure of £1,000 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the additional schemes to be carried out in the present year.

Passed.

Item No. 11: Report on Application for compensation for Malicious Injuries.

The County Secretary stated that particulars of claims received by the Council of awards made by the Circuit Court Judge in respect of malicious injury claims had been circulated to the members of the Council. The Council noted that it was estimated that a sum of £68,232.54 might have to be provided in the Estimates for the year 1973/74 to meet the cost of malicious injury claims and that this would represent approximately 19p in the £.

Item No. 12:—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, R. Miley, E. S. C. Phelan, and J. J. Bourke:—"That This Council (1) Remove the Bad Bend at Blackditch; (2) Erect Two Lights at Blackditch, Three Lights at Newcastle, Five Lights Between Newcastle and Newtown, and Two Lights at Leabog Lane."

The Council noted the report of the County Engineer of the 12th June, 1972, in which he estimated the cost of removing the bad bend of Blackditch, Newcastle, at £1,185. The Council agreed that provision for this work be included in the Road Works Scheme for submission to the Council when considering the Estimates for the year 1973/74.

The Council noted that the matter of the provision of additional lights as requested in the Notice of Motion had been discussed with the Public Lighting Representative of the E.S.B. and that estimates would be submitted for the provision of new lights. The County Secretary pointed out that any additional lights to be provided would require the authorisation by the Council for further excess expenditure under the heading of public lighting.

Item No. 13:—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors R. Miley, F. Hynes, and J. J. Bourke:—"That the Council will install at Least Three Hydrants from St. Colman's Gate to Ballygannon, for Fire Fighting in the Housing Area."

The County Engineer, in his report of 14th July, 1972, recommended that a hydrant be installed on the main to the village as near Ballygannon as possible, and he indicated that it would be necessary to provide a stop valve on the village side of the hydrant so as to divert all available water to Ballygannon. He recommended also that two additional hydrants be provided on the existing mains serving the houses on the estate itself.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That we note the report of the County Engineer of 14th July, 1972, and approve of the installing of a hydrant on the Main to the village as near Ballygannon as possible, and provision of a stop valve on the village side of the hydrant so as to divert all available water to Ballygannon, and approve also of the provision of two additional hydrants on the existing Mains serving the houses at Ballygannon.

Passed.

Item No. 14:—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Sweeney:—"That the County Council Make Safe A Very Bad Turn on the Road at Thomas Clarkson's House In Woodenbridge, as Soon As Possible."

Having considered the report of the County Engineer the Council agreed that provision for this work be made in the Estimates for submission to the Council for the year 1973/74. Councillor Miss Walsh asked that the County Engineer investigate the possibility of making some improvement in the position at this bad bend in the current year.

Item No. 15:—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, and J. Sweeney:—"That This Council Take Over and Put Into Proper Condition the Roadway at Rustigath, Kilkarny, Arklow."

The Council noted the report of the County Engineer in which he indicated that provision had not been made in the Estimates for this work and that the road was not a public road. Councillor Sweeney stated that the Council had agreed to take over the road as a public road and he contended that provision had been made in the Estimates. It was agreed that the matter be re-examined.

Item No. 16:—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor F. Hynes:—(1) "That This Council Advertise for Tenders for Domestic Refuse Collection for the Following Areas:—Newtownmountkenedy, Newcastle, Kilpedder and Kilquade; (2) Withdraw the Advertisement That is Now Published for Newtownmountkenedy."

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Council's Solicitor in regard to the completion of the Transfer for the acquisition of additional land at Newtownmountkenedy to enable the dumping ground to be extended, in which he indicated the difficulty he had experienced in having the Transfer completed, as a result of the attitude of the Solicitors for the owner. Councillor J. Gregory stated that the existing dumping ground was quite adequate to enable the domestic scavenging service to be introduced for the Newcastle, Kilpedder and Kilquade area, and that there was no need to await completion of the acquisition of the additional land for the dumping ground. On his proposal the Council agreed that tenders be invited for the domestic scavenging service for Newcastle, Kilpedder and Kilquade.

Item No. 17:—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That This Council Purchase Land at Carrow for a Development Site."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer would have a report available for the Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area on the 14th instant, and the Council agreed that consideration of this matter be referred to the Members of the Council for the area:

Item No. 18:—"Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That This Council Extend Water and Sewerage to Five Houses on the Gorey Road, Carnew."

The Council agreed that this matter be considered by the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area at their meeting on the 14th September, 1972.

Item No. 19:—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That This Council Extend the Sewerage to the 18 Houses at Quarry Street, Shillelagh."

The Council agreed that this matter be considered by the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area at their Meeting on the 14th September, 1972.

Item No. 20:—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That A Light be Provided at the Public Toilets at the Meetings, Avoca, and that the Footpath from the White Bridge to the Mines be Put Into Proper Repair."

The Council agreed that this matter be considered by the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area at their meeting on the 14th September, 1972.

Item No. 21:— Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That The Council Provide the Appropriate Signs in the Village of Coolboy."

The Council agreed that this matter be considered by the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area at their meeting on the 14th September, 1972.

The Council adjourned consideration of the remaining items on the Agenda to the next meeting of the Council.

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

In the names of Councillors J. Gregory, K. Ryan, F. Hynes, and J. J. Bourke:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Stenson, and a Mr. McGeown, 9, Cambridge Terrace, Dublin 6, for the erection of two houses at Kilpedder, County Wicklow."

In the names of Councillors J. Gregory, K. Ryan, F. Hynes, and J. J. Bourke:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Butler, 21, Blackheath Drive, Clontarf, Dublin 3, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballyronan, Kilpedder, County Wicklow."

In the names of Councillors M. Deering, G. Timmins, T.D., and Miss M. Walsh:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Mrs. Ann Miley to erect a dwelling at Slievecorrigh, Hollywood.

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council build extra houses in Glenealy before the Contractor has finished his present Scheme."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"Will the Council explain the reason why the people of Kilnamanagh, Glenealy, cannot get a water supply?"

In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, W. Cleary, B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes, and K. Ryan:—"That owing to the number of serious accidents in the East Wicklow Area involving horses, we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, request the Minister for Local Government to make an order compelling itinerants in the area to notify the local Gardai of the number of horses they have and where they are kept at night, while in the area."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purposes of considering the report entitled "Strengthening the Local Government Service" prepared for the Minister for Local Government and the items remaining on the Agenda for the Meeting held on the 11th September, 1972, was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 18th September, 1972, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor M. Deering, Chairman.

Councillors W. Cleary, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, J. J. Bourke, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Whelan, R. F. McKeon.

The County Manager and County Secretary were present.

Banking arrangements—Proposal to Levy Special Transaction Charges

Councillor M. Deering, Chairman, complimented the County Manager on his Report in regard to the proposal of the Banks to levy new transaction charges, and other Members of the Council also expressed appreciation of the manner in which the County Manager had dealt with the matter and fully informed the Council. The County Manager stated that there had been no further development since the last Meeting of the Council at which the matter was discussed. He pointed out that because of the extra cost which would arise if the proposed new charges were levied, it was necessary that the Council be informed as expenditure in excess of the amounts provided by the Council in the Estimates required authorisation by the Council. The County Manager stated that during the past week interest charges by the Banks had increased by 1%. The Council noted that the matter of the proposed new Bank charges would be considered by the Association of Municipal Authorities at their Meeting to be held during the week and that the General Council of County Councils would also be holding a Special Meeting at an early date to consider the matter further.

Report by Messrs McKinsey and Company Incorporated entitled "Strengthening the Local Government Service."

A copy of the Report had been circulated to each Member of the Council. The County Manager at the request of Members gave a brief summary of the recommendations made in the Report and on the

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The Council agreed that this matter be considered by the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area at their meeting on the 14th September, 1972.

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The Council agreed that this matter be considered by the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area at their meeting on the 14th September, 1972.

The Council adjourned consideration of the remaining items on the Agenda to the next meeting of the Council.

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

In the names of Councillors J. Gregory, K. Ryan, F. Hynes, and J. J. Bourke:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Stenson, and a Mr. McGeown, 9, Cambridge Terrace, Dublin 6, for the erection of two houses at Kilpedder, County Wicklow."

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In the names of Councillors M. Deering, G. Timmins, T.D., and Miss M. Walsh:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Mrs. Ann Miley to erect a dwelling at Slievecorrigh, Hollywood."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council build extra houses in Glenealy before the Contractor has finished his present Scheme."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"Will the Council explain the reason why the people of Kilnamanagh, Glenealy, cannot get a water supply?"

In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, W. Cleary, B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes, and K. Ryan:—"That owing to the number of serious accidents in the East Wicklow Area involving horses, we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, request the Minister for the Local Government to make an order compelling itinerants in the area to notify the local Gardai of the number of horses they have and where they are kept at night, while in the area."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purposes of considering the report entitled "Strengthening the Local Government Service" prepared for the Minister for Local Government and the items remaining on the Agenda for the Meeting held on the 11th September, 1972, was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 18th September, 1972, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor M. Deering, Chairman.

Councillors W. Cleary, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D.; Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, J. J. Bourke, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Whelan, R. F. McKeon.

The County Manager and County Secretary were present.

Banking arrangements—Proposal to Levy Special Transaction Charges

Councillor M. Deering, Chairman, complimented the County Manager on his Report in regard to the proposal of the Banks to levy new transaction charges, and other Members of the Council also expressed appreciation of the manner in which the County Manager had dealt with the matter and fully informed the Council. The County Manager stated that there had been no further development since the last Meeting of the Council at which the matter was discussed. He pointed out that because of the extra cost which would arise if the proposed new charges were levied, it was necessary that the Council be informed as expenditure in excess of the amounts provided by the Council in the Estimates required authorisation by the Council. The County Manager stated that during the past week interest charges by the Banks had increased by 1%. The Council noted that the matter of the proposed new Bank charges would be considered by the Association of Municipal Authorities at their Meeting to be held during the week and that the General Council of County Councils would also be holding a Special Meeting at an early date to consider the matter further.

Report by Messrs McKinsey and Company Incorporated entitled "Strengthening the Local Government Service."

A copy of the Report had been circulated to each Member of the Council. The County Manager at the request of Members gave a brief summary of the recommendations made in the Report and on the

findings of the Consultants. He mentioned that in the Government's White Paper on Local Government Re-organisation it had been indicated that it was intended to retain the County as the basic unit of Local Government, but that the smaller Urban District Councils who lacked the resources to discharge their duties satisfactorily and to meet the costs of the necessary Staff would not be retained under the new system. In this regard he pointed out that even in Bray which was one of the largest Urban Districts in the country, sufficient land to meet the housing needs of the Urban District could not be obtained within the boundaries of the District and by arrangement with the County Council houses were being erected at Oldcourt on behalf of the Urban District Council. Arklow Urban District Council while having sufficient land available for housing had to obtain a water supply from outside their boundary and this has entailed special difficulties. While Bray U.D.C. had the resources to employ a whole time Town Engineer, Wicklow and Arklow Urban District Councils had to avail of services of part-time Engineers who were Officers of the County Council. Councillor W. Cleary and other Members objected to the proposed abolition of Urban District Councils. Councillor J. Temple compared the recommendations made in the Report with the recommendations made by the same Consultants in regard to the staff structure in Health Authorities, and expressed concern that the adoption of the Report could lead to substantially increased costs in respect of new appointments such as, he stated, had occurred in the Health Boards. He stated that 111 new appointments of Officers had been made in the Eastern Health Board and that the cost of the service was already very much in excess of the estimate for the current financial year. He expressed the view that a report and recommendation on staff structure for local authorities in this country could have been better prepared by local experts rather than by external advisors. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., expressed the view that difficulties which Urban District Councils had experienced as indicated by the County Manager could be overcome by co-operation between the Urban District Councils and the County Council. In reply to an inquiry from Councillor M. J. O'Neill as to whether there would be any saving in administration costs if the new staff structure recommended in the report were adopted, the County Manager stated that he was doubtful if any saving could be made in a single County Council, and that it was more likely that there would be some additional cost in respect of salaries of Officers, but he thought that this would be relatively small. Councillor J. Temple expressed the view that an Officer of the Council who entered at the grade of Clerical Officer and worked his way up in the service to a Senior post, would by reason of his experience be better qualified to discharge his duties than would a graduate who entered the service after spending some years in a University. The County Manager indicated that he could not agree with this view, and pointed out that this was the age of specialists and the training and experience obtained in following University courses would be of considerable value to officers engaged in the Local Government Service. In regard to recruitment to the Local Government Service, the County Manager expressed the view that the continued and increasing centralisation in Dublin of State and Semi-State Bodies was having an adverse effect on recruitment to the Local Service outside of the Dublin area, and that the adoption of a policy of de-centralisation by Government Departments and State Sponsored Bodies would be of benefit to the country.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved—That we adjourn consideration of the Report pending consultation and discussion between a representative of McKinsey and Company Incorporated with the Members of this Council.

Passed.

Water Supply at Tinahely.

Councillor Miss M. Walsh, with permission of the Chairman, stated that the water supply in Tinahely had been shut off that morning and that no water whatsoever was available to the people in the town. She asked that as a matter of urgency, a report be given as to the reasons for the shutting off of the water without notice, and that steps be taken at once to restore the water supply. Having made inquiries the County Secretary stated that he had been informed that the water supply had been shut off by a local farmer who had a dispute with another person but that the water supply had now been restored. A full report on the matter was being prepared by the Chief Assistant County Engineer, and would be submitted to the Council at their next Meeting.

Item No. 20—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—
"That a light be provided at the public toilets at The Meetings, Avoca, and that a footpath from the White Bridge to the Mines be put in proper repair."

The County Secretary stated that a quotation for the provision of a public light had been sought from the Electricity Supply Board, but that a report on the matter of the footpath was not yet available. The Council noted that the estimated cost of providing a public light was being obtained and that a report would be submitted in relation to the footpath.

Item No. 21—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—
"That the Council provide the appropriate signs in the village of Coalbooy."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported to the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area at their recent meeting that orders had been placed with Bord Fáilte for the supply of signs for Coalbooy as well as for the other areas in the county, and that it was hoped that these signs would be available at an early date. The Council noted the position.

Item No. 22—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. F. McKeon:—

"That this Council should recommend to the Minister for Justice that more Gardai be drafted to Bray during the Summer season."

Councillor McKeon stated that it was evident from the number of malicious injury claims which the Council had received in respect of the Bray Area that there was considerable vandalism occurring in the area, and that additional Gardai should be made available to Bray particularly during the Summer season. Members of the Council referred to the need for additional Gardai in other parts of the county, and Councillor J. Miley pointed out that in recent weeks sheep had been stolen from the mountains in the West Wicklow area.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. McKeon;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That this Council recommend to the Minister for Justice that more Gardai be drafted to Bray and to the county generally during the Summer season.

Passed.

On the proposal of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Miley, the Council agreed that the Minister for Justice be requested to receive a deputation from the Members of the Council to stress the necessity for an increase in the strength of the Gardai in County Wicklow. The Council asked that the letters on the matter be addressed to the Minister for Justice and the Commissioner, Garda Síochána.

Item No. 23—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—
“That this Council widen and remove bends on the road leading from the Brickworks, Rathnew, to Tighe’s Avenue on the Rathnew/Dublin Road.”

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had submitted a report giving details of the work required to widen and remove the bends on the road leading from the Brickworks, Rathnew, to Tighe’s Avenue, on the Rathnew/Dublin Road. The County Engineer had estimated the cost of the works which included the widening of a bridge on the road at £1,680. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the matter for the attendance of Councillor Hynes.

Item No. 24—Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, W. Cleary and Miss M. Walsh:— “That in order to relieve congestion this Council erect traffic lights at the junction of Upper and Lower Main Street and Bridge Street, Arklow.”

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that before a decision on the question of the erection of traffic lights could be taken, it would be necessary to (1) carry out a traffic survey at the junction; (2) to consult with the Arklow Urban District Council; and (3) to consult with the Garda Superintendent. The County Engineer hoped to have the survey and consultation completed within a month and to report to the October Meeting of the Council. Councillor J. Sweeney stated that in his view a traffic survey was not necessary as the need for traffic lights at this place was quite evident. The matter had already been considered by Arklow Urban District Council who agreed that traffic lights should be provided. He understood also that the Garda Superintendent agreed with the need for providing traffic lights. The Council asked that the County Engineer prepare an estimate and report on the matter of providing the traffic lights. Councillor J. Sweeney urged that the Council also provide a Box Junction at the junction of the Main Road/Bridge Street and the South Quay.

Item No. 25—Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Miley, T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, W. Cleary, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Temple, F. Hynes, K. Ryan, Miss N. O’Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, M. J.

O’Neill, and J. Whelan:— “Owing to the dissatisfaction regarding the investigation of Medical Card applications and administration of Public Assistance generally in County Wicklow, we the Members of Wicklow County Council, request that the administration of Public Assistance be handed over to the Eastern Health Board.”

The County Secretary stated that the Council at their meeting of 8th March, 1971, considered a letter from the Department of Health dated 10th February, 1971, in which it was indicated that while the statutory responsibility for public assistance services continued to rest on the Minister for Social Welfare and the Local Authorities it seemed clear that great advantage would derive from having the day-to-day operation of the service carried on at present by officers responsible for somewhat similar services under the Health Acts. It was proposed that Assistance Officers and Superintendent Assistance Officers should continue to carry out the work which they now did, with the Health Board acting as agents for the Health Authorities in the administration of public assistance. The Council having considered the matter at the time decided to retain and continue to exercise and perform the administration of public assistance.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O’Neill;

Resolved—That being of the opinion that it would be more convenient that the functions of the Council in relation to Public Assistance Services be exercised and performed by the Eastern Health Board, we hereby resolve that subject to the agreement of the Eastern Health Board and the consent of the Minister for Local Government an arrangement be and is hereby made for the functions of Wicklow Co. Council as Public Assistance Authority to be exercised and performed by the Eastern Health Board on behalf of the Council; this arrangement shall come into operation on such date as may be agreed between the County Manager and the Chief Executive Officer of the Health Board.

Passed.

Item No. 26—In the names of Councillors J. Gregory, J. Bourke and M. Deering:— “We will move at the next Meeting of the Council that a report be submitted on the condition of the Bridge on Leabeg Lane, Newcastle.”

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer’s Office,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.
5th September, 1972.

Re: Notice of Motion: “That a report be submitted on the condition of the Bridge on the Leabeg Lane, Newcastle.”

A Chara,

Reference yours of the 22nd ultimo.

As far as can be ascertained, the bridge referred is is not on Leabeg Lane, but on the lane opposite Leabeg Lane, to the south of Road

50, below the Protestant Church (see enclosed map). This lane has not been taken over by the County Council.

The bridge is a three-arched concrete structure — approximate length: 18 ft. The width between parapets is 11 ft. approximately (parapets 9"). The foundation and base of these arches have suffered severe erosion and there are numerous cracks in the structure throughout. Generally speaking, the bridge is in an extremely dangerous condition.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. Donovan,
County Engineer.

The Council noted that as the road was not a public road expenditure could not be incurred on repairs to the bridge. It was agreed that application forms for a Local Improvements Scheme be supplied to the Councillors for the Wicklow Electoral Area with a view to seeing if a scheme could be arranged.

Item No. 27—In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council have the public lighting attended to at Kilquiggan."

The County Secretary stated that a report was not available on this matter, and the Council adjourned consideration to the next Meeting.

Item No. 28—In the names of Councillors J. Gregory, J. Bourke, and M. Deering:— "We will move at the next Meeting of the Council that a telephone kiosk be installed in the Newcastle village"

The Council agreed that representation be made by the Council to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs, for the provision of a telephone kiosk in Newcastle Village.

Item No. 29—Notice of motion in the names of Councillors J. Temple, and F. Hynes:— "That questions at Meetings of the Council be not accepted by the Chairman unless Notices of Intention to ask such questions have been given to the County Secretary not less than seven days prior to the Meeting."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That questions at Meetings of the Council be not accepted by the Chairman unless Notice of Intention to ask such questions have been given to the County Secretary not less than seven days prior to the Meeting.

Passed.

Bend at Glenealy.

Councillor B. Phelan asked when it was expected that work would commence on the removal of the dangerous bend near the Cemetery

at Glenealy, for which provision had been made in the Estimates. The County Secretary stated that he understood that the County Engineer had reached agreement with the landowner concerned and the work would be commencing soon. Councillor Phelan asked that the work be put in hands as soon as possible.

Bus Stop at Vevay Road, Bray.

Councillor J. Temple stated that a bus stop at Vevay Road, Bray, had recently been changed to a new position, and that no prior notice of this had been given. He stated that the change in the bus stop had inconvenienced people using the buses, and on his proposal it was agreed that a letter be addressed to the Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bray, and to Mr. Robinson, C.I.E., asking that the bus stop be restored to its previous position.

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

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., M: J. O'Neill and M. Deering:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Laurence Kinsella, for the provision of a house at Wilmount, Humphreystown."

In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, G. Timmins, T.D., K. Ryan and J. Whelan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael Redmond, Dwyer Square, Tinahely, for the provision of a bungalow for his own use at Oughill, Redcross."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council extend public lighting to the Ballynultagh Road at Shillelagh."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council provide a mobile home for Olly Dowse, Kilquiggan, for living accommodation."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council to deal with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 2nd October, 1972, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor M. Deering, Chairman;

Councillors F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, K. Ryan, Miss M. Walsh, M. J. O'Neill, J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., E. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, J. Bourke, J. Gregory, R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Whelan, R. F. McKeon.

The County Manager, Acting County Secretary, County Engineer, Mr. T. Gibson, Chief Planning Officer, Mr. U. McCabe and Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officers, attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:
 - (a) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney, and W. Cleary:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1965, to Frank Byrne, 15 Orchard Road, Dublin, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballyfolan, Manor Kilbride."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors J. Whelan, J. Sweeney, T. Keenan, Miss M. Walsh, and R. Miley:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Arthur Whelan, Knockananna, for the provision of a house at Ballinaheese, Arklow."
 - (c) In the names of Councillors G. Timmins, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill and M. Deering:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to

grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Seamus Kelly, Ballyknocken, for the provision of a house at Ballyknocken."

- (d) In the names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill, R. Miley, M. Deering and G. Timmins:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Desmond Martin, Glengrove, 42 Howth Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3, for the erection of a bungalow for his own use at Baltyboys Lower or Boystown, Blessington, County Wicklow."
- (e) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, T. J. Keenan, J. Whelan, K. Ryan and M. Deering:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Arklow Rugby Club for the provision of a playing field and dressingrooms at Ballyroghard, Arklow."
- (f) In the names of Councillors J. J. Bourke, M. Deering and F. Hynes:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for the erection of a bungalow at Oghill, Redcross, for Joseph P. O'Toole, 50 Glengariff Road, Navan Road, Dublin 7."
- (g) In the names of Councillors G. Timmins, M. J. O'Neill and M. Deering:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Anthony McMahon, for the provision of a bungalow at Upper Lugglass, Hollywood."
- (h) In the names of Councillors J. Temple, E. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Miss N. O'Neill:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Gerald Cremins, Avondale, Corrig Avenue, Dún Laoghaire, for the erection of a bungalow for his own use at Glassnamullen, Kilmacanogue."
- (i) In the names of Councillors J. Gregory, K. Ryan, F. Hynes and J. J. Bourke:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Stenson and Mr. McGeown, 9 Cambridge Terrace, Dublin 6, for the erection of two houses at Kilpedder, County Wicklow."
- (j) In the names of Councillors J. Gregory, K. Ryan, F. Hynes and J. J. Bourke:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant

Planning Permission to Mr. Butler, 21 Blackheath Drive, Clontarf, Dublin 3, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballyronan, Kilpedder, County Wicklow."

- (k) In the names of Councillors M. Deering, G. Timmins, T.D., and Miss M. Walsh:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Mrs. Ann Miley to erect a dwelling at Slieveconragh, Hollywood."
 - (l) In the names of Councillors J. Temple, R. McKeon and E. Byrne:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission for the erection of a house, together with septic tank and ancillary works, at Rathdown Upper, Greystones, Co. Wicklow, to Mr. Frank Hayes, 1 Sydenham Villas, Bray, in accordance with the plans already lodged."
 - (m) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., M. J. O'Neill and M. Deering:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Laurence Kinsella, for the provision of a house at Wilmount, Humphreystown."
 - (n) In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, G. Timmins, T.D., K. Ryan and J. Whelan:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael Redmond, Dwyer Square, Tinahely, for the provision of a bungalow for his own use at Oughill, Redcross."
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 1st May and 12th June, 1972."
 3. Report of decisions on applications for Planning Permission for erection of new dwellinghouses for year to 31st March, 1972.
 4. Application of Bray and District Co-Operative Housing Society, Limited, for site to build houses for their members.
 5. Request of Council for reception of deputation by Minister in relation to maximum loan limit for house purchase loans in Bray Electoral Area, capital for housing purposes, etc.: Replies from Department of Local Government.
 6. Applications for consent to (a) sale of vested cottages, and (b) sub-division of vested cottage plots.
 7. Sewerage Schemes for 18 cottages at Redford, Greystones, and for 27 cottages at Boghall Road, Bray—To authorise borrowing to defray costs.
 8. Proposed provision of sewerage for 6 cottages at Boghall Road,

- Bray, and for extension of sewerage to houses at Longhill, Lugduff, Timahely.
- 9 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council dispose of a plot of ground at 'The Lackey,' Shillelagh."
 - 10 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council build extra houses in Glenealy before the contractor has finished his present scheme."
 - 11 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council provide a mobile home for Olly Dowse, Kilquiggan, for living accommodation."
 - 12 Council houses repaired during the month of September, 1972, and to be repaired during the month of October, 1972.

The following recommendations on the Planning Applications before the Council under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, had been circulated to the Members.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1 (b) Proposed bungalow at Ballinaheese, Arklow, Co. Wicklow, for Mr. Arthur Whelan.

It is recommended that Outline Permission be refused for the following reasons—

1. The proposal, taken in conjunction with existing development and also proposals for which planning permission has been granted in and around the area, would give rise to a ribbon or urban type development along a three-quarter mile road frontage with a multiplicity of individual entrances. The traffic generated by the proposals and entrances would tend to create serious obstruction of road users and prejudice the safety and free flow of traffic on the Beach Road and at the dangerous junction of same with the arterial road at Ticknock.
2. The proposal would be in serious conflict with the proper planning and development of the area by:—
 - (a) Giving rise to a density of development inappropriate to a rural area.
 - (b) Being located almost three miles from the nearest town, and in a rural area lacking in public services and facilities and would, therefore, result in a great economic loss in the private sector and would give rise to a demand for public services such as school buses, rural electrification, telegraphic lines, as well as road improvements, water supply, sewerage, public lighting and scavenging which could not economically be provided from resultant rates revenue.
 - (c) Giving rise to haphazard development along a main approach to Arklow.

- (d) Setting a precedent for further development of a similar nature.

3. The proposed development when taken in conjunction with existing houses and other proposals for the area would give rise to a multiplicity of bored wells and septic tanks in close proximity to one another. As the soil in this area has poor soakage qualities, the recommended distances apart of septic tanks is 250 feet with an absolute minimum of 200 feet. The septic tank proposed in this instance does not comply with this requirement and consequently could give rise to a hazard to public health.

- 1 (d) Proposed Bungalow at Baltyboys, Blessington, Co. Wicklow, for Mr. Desmond Martin.

It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because when taken in conjunction with other development proposals in the area it would give rise to a concentration of housing development in an unserved rural area which would ultimately lead to a demand for these public services. The public revenue ensuing from such development would not suffice for the provision of these services.
2. Proposed site is elevated and prominent in the landscape and the proposed development would adversely affect the character and appearance of this area which is one of outstanding natural beauty and recreational amenity. The proper planning and development of the area require that it be retained as far as possible in its natural state so as to preserve those amenities.

The appeal to the Minister for Local Government against the previous refusal of permission to the applicant has been withdrawn.

- 1 (e) Proposed pavilion and dressingrooms at Johnstown South, Arklow, for Arklow Rugby Football Club.

It is recommended that Outline Permission be refused for the following reason:—

The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard on the National Primary route by virtue of the large amount of traffic generated. The development would also lead to parking along the main road.

Should the Council decide to grant permission in pursuance of a Section 4 Resolution, it is recommended that the following conditions be imposed:—

1. Properly surfaced hardstanding to be provided within the site to accommodate all cars attending the grounds.
2. Adequate visibility to meet the Council's requirements to be provided by cutting back hedges and moving back the boundary

fences on the southern side of the proposed entrance to the playing field.

3. No parking to be allowed on the public roadside. The County Council should erect a "No Parking" sign on the roadside and the Arklow Rugby Club should be requested to co-operate in seeing that their patrons obey this sign.

These conditions are necessary in order to minimise the traffic hazard likely to be created by this development.

1. (f) Proposed bungalow at Oghill Lower, Redcross, Co. Wicklow, for Mr. Joseph P. O'Toole.

It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The proper planning and development require that new residential development be located at existing centres of development where services are available or can be economically provided and that new residential development should consolidate existing centres of development.

The proposed erection of a dwelling outside Redcross Village is in conflict with these requirements since the site is located on high ground 0.6 miles outside the village, and having regard to the proposed erection of a dwelling on an adjacent site such development would give rise to demands for services which could not be economically provided outside the village.

2. The site is located on the upper valley slopes and is visible over a wide area. The proposed development by virtue of such prominence would be injurious to the visual amenity and rural character of the area.

1. (g) Proposed bungalow at Upper Lugglass, Hollywood, Co. Wicklow, for Mr. Anthony McMahon.

It is recommended that Outline Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The proposed development would be injurious to the visual amenity of this area by reason of its prominent location on a ridge which forms a skyline to views from the east and the west and by reason of the lack of natural screening to the proposed development.

The proper planning and development of the area require that it be retained as far as possible in its natural state.

2. The public roadway on which access is proposed has not sufficient width to accommodate any further growth in traffic volume such as would result from new house developments. The width of the roadway is such that two vehicles cannot readily pass each other on it. New developments along the road would lead to demands for widening of this road which is approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile in length. The public revenue deriving from such developments would not be adequate to carry out such widening economically.

1. (h) Proposed house at Glasshamullen, Kilmacanogue, Co. Wicklow, for Mr. Gerard Cremins.

Permission for a house on this field was refused the land owner, Mr. George Power, in October, 1970. Following a meeting on the site with Mr. Power's Architect, outline permission was granted to Mr. Power for the erection of two houses on an alternative site for the accommodation of members of his family. Approval for the erection of one of these houses has since been granted.

It is recommended that Outline Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The proposed development would occupy a prominent position on the landscape in view of important tourist roads, and would be out of keeping with the character of the area and thereby seriously injurious to its visual amenity.

2. There is no evidence before the planning authority to show that the ground would be suitable for the disposal of sewage effluent by means of septic tank. When inspected the ground surface was found to be waterlogged thereby indicating that subsoil conditions are likely to be unsatisfactory.

1. (i) Proposed two houses at Greystones Road, Kilpedder, for R. J. Stenson.

It is recommended that permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The Council proposes to construct a major arterial road to dual carriageway standard within the next two years, to bypass the existing nucleus of development at Kilpedder. The proper planning and development require that new development at Kilpedder should take place only to the west of the new major road and so avoid development straddling the dual carriageway.

The proposed development to the east of the dual carriageway is in serious conflict with the above requirement and would create a precedent for similar development which would seriously diminish the beneficial value of the dual carriageway and could result in a further bypass dual carriageway being required in the future.

2. The proper planning and development of the area require that new development should consolidate existing nuclei of development where services are available or can be economically provided from resultant rates revenue. The proposed development conflicts with this requirement since it would serve to consolidate development in ribbon form away from Kilpedder Village and isolated from the village by a dual carriageway public roadway.

3. The proposed dwellings by virtue of the elevation above ground level of the two storey living quarters would be prominent

against the skyline and would thereby be injurious to the visual amenity of the area.

1. (j) Proposed house at Ballyronan, Co. Wicklow, for N. Butler.

It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The proper planning and development of the area requires:—

- (a) That new development should, where possible, be directed towards existing towns and villages where essential services and community facilities are available or can be provided at reasonable cost.
- (b) That the distinction between rural areas and urban areas should be preserved.

The proposed development conflicts with these requirements because the site is located approximately centrally between three existing nuclei of development, viz., Kilpedder, Kilcoole, and Newtownmountkennedy and approximately one mile therefrom and the proposed development would consolidate the tendency towards urban sprawl which would be injurious to the rural amenity of the area and which could not be economically provided with services.

2. Having regard to existing development immediately to the west and other development along this road at the eastern end, this proposal would consolidate the tendency towards ribbon development and associated multiplicity of access points along the public road in the rural area.

(It is understood that a "Mass path" exists along the western side of the site).

1. (k) Proposed bungalow as Slievecorragh, Hollywood, Co. Wicklow for Mrs. Miley.

It is recommended that Outline Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The road is inadequate to serve additional development due to—
 - (a) its narrow width, 6-7 feet,
 - (b) lack of passing space or turning space,
 - (c) dangerous junction of main road due to lack of visibility and steep gradient of approach.

2. The site is very exposed and visible over long stretches of the main Hollywood-Glendalough road. The erection of a dwelling on this site would be seriously injurious to the high visual amenity quality of this mountain area by virtue of its prominence.

1. (l) Proposed house at Rathdown Upper, Graystones, Co. Wicklow, for Mr. Frank Hayes.

Permission was previously refused to the applicant and Mr. C. J. Lyons for the erection of two houses, one on this site and one on the adjoining site. On appeal to the Minister for Local Government permission was again refused. The Chief Medical Officer has reported that there is evidence of rock on the site and that a trial hole 6 feet deep should be opened for inspection.

It is recommended that permission be refused for the reasons given by the Minister, viz.:—

1. The proposed development, by reason of the prominent location of the site, would injure the scenic amenity of this area of Bray Head.
2. The provision of an access road to this site as proposed would provide access to other elevated areas to the east of Windgate and could create a precedent for further development in the area with consequent further injury to the scenic amenity of this area.

1. (m) Proposed bungalow at Humphreystown, Blessington, Co. Wicklow, for Laurence Kinsella.

It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reason:

1. The proposed development would be prejudicial to public health because examination of two trial holes on the site has shown that the ground is unsuitable for a septic tank installation.

Item No. 1—Notice of Motion to Propose Resolution Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1953.

Having obtained the permission of the Chairman, Councillor Costello indicated that he had a request to put to the Members. He asked that the movers of the 14 Notices of Motion under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, postpone moving the Motions to allow them to reconsider the position and decide if they wished to follow up the proposals or advise the applicants to appeal against whatever decision is made. Councillor Costello indicated that he intended to appeal to the Minister as a Councillor and private citizen in the following circumstances:—

An application by a person from outside the County;
Multiple application;

Single houses if not in grant class;

Other applications would be considered by him on their merits and if he voted against them he would appeal the decision to the Minister.

After a discussion in which a number of Members took part, the Meeting decided to deal with the Agenda before them.

- (A) In the Names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney, and W. Cleary: "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Frank Byrne, 15 Orchard Road, Dublin, for the Provision of a Bungalow at Ballyfelan, Manor Kilbride."

The County Manager indicated that as there was no application before the Council yet, the application should be adjourned.

- (B) In the Names of Councillors J. Whelan, J. Sweeney, T. Keenan, Miss M. Walsh, and R. Miley:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Arthur Whelan, Knockananna, for the Provision of a House at Ballinaheese, Arklow."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Arthur Whelan, Knockananna, for the provision of a house at Ballinaheese, Arklow.

Passed.

A discussion followed on the report circulated to the Councillors, especially in regard to reason number (3). The Chairman put the Resolution to the Meeting and declared it passed. Councillor Costello and Councillor E. Byrne voted against. Councillor M. J. O'Neill did not vote.

- (C) In the Names of Councillors G. Timmins, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, and M. Deering:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Seamus Kelly, Ballyknocken, for the Provision of a House at Ballyknocken."

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

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

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the

Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Seamus Kelly, Ballyknocken, for the provision of a house at Ballyknocken.

Passed, Councillor Costello dissenting.

The County Manager indicated that since the Notice of Motion had been handed in, the applicant had met the Council's Chief Planning Assistant and the difficulties in regard to the original application have been resolved and that in the meantime Permission had been granted. It was agreed in the circumstances to withdraw the Notice of Motion.

- Item No. 1(d)—In the Names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill, R. Miley, M. Deering and G. Timmins:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Full Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Desmond Martin, Glenavon, 42 Howth Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3, for the Erection of a Bungalow for His Own Use at Baltyboys Lower or Boystown, Blessington, County Wicklow."

The County Manager referred the Members to the recommendation by the Council's Technical Officers on page 2 of the details submitted to the Members.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

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

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Desmond Martin, Glenavon, 42 Howth Road, Dublin 3, for the erection of a bungalow for his own use at Baltyboys Lower or Boystown, Blessington, County Wicklow.

Passed—Councillor Costello dissenting.

- Item No. 1 (E) — In the Names of Councillors J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, T. J. Keenan, J. Whelan, K. Ryan and M. Deering:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Arklow Rugby Club for the Provision of a Playing Field and Dressingrooms at Ballyrichard, Arklow."

The County Manager drew the Members' attention to the recommendations on page No. 3 of the Notice issued to Members, and It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Arklow Rugby Club for the provision of a Playing Field and Dressingrooms at Ballyrichard, Arklow, subject to the following conditions:—

1. Properly surfaced hard standing to be provided within the site to accommodate all cars attending the grounds.
2. Adequate visibility to meet the Council's requirements to be provided by cutting back hedges and moving back the boundary fence on the southern side of the proposed entrance to the Playing Field.
3. No parking to be allowed on the public roadside. The County Council should erect a "No Parking" sign on the roadside, and the Arklow Rugby Club should be requested to co-operate in seeing that their patrons obey this sign.

Passed unanimously.

(F) In the Names of Councillors J. J. Bourke, M. Deering, and F. Hynes:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Full Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for the Erection of a Bungalow at Oghill, Redcross, for Joseph P. O'Toole, 50 Glengariff Road, Navan Road, Dublin 7." The County Manager referred to the recommendation set out on

Page 4 of the Notification issued to the Members.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Bourke;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, for the erection of a bungalow at Oghill, Redcross, for Joseph P. O'Toole, 50 Glengariff Road, Navan Road, Dublin 7, on condition that an area of 12 feet wide be given to the Council for future road widening.

Passed unanimously.

(G) In the Names of Councillors G. Timmins, M. J. O'Neill and M. Deering:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Anthony McMahon for the Provision of a Bungalow at Upper Lugglass, Hollywood."

The County Manager referred to the recommendations set out on Page 4 of the notice issued to Members.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Anthony McMahon for the provision of a bungalow at Upper Lugglass, Hollywood.

Passed—Councillor Costello dissenting.

(H) In the Names of Councillors J. Temple, E. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, and Miss N. O'Neill:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Gerald Cremins, Avondale, Corrig Avenue, Dun Laoghaire, for the Erection of a Bungalow for His Own Use at Glassnamullen, Kilmacanogue."

At the request of Councillor J. Temple, it was agreed to defer this proposal so that a trial hole could be inspected on the site.

(I) In the Names of Councillors J. Gregory, K. Ryan, F. Hynes, and J. J. Bourke:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Mr. Stenson and Mr. McGeown, 9 Cambridge Terrace, Dublin 6, for the Erection of Two Houses at Kilpedder, County Wicklow."

At the request of Councillor J. Gregory, it was agreed that this Notice of Motion be deferred for one month.

(J) In the Names of Councillors J. Gregory, K. Ryan, F. Hynes and J. J. Bourke:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Mr. Butler, 21 Blackheath Drive, Clontarf, Dublin 3, for the Erection of a Bungalow at Ballyronan, Kilpedder, County Wicklow."

The County Manager referred to the recommendation on Page 6 of the Notice forwarded to the Members. Arising from the Notice, Councillor Gregory stated that as far as he was aware no Mass path existed on the site, but that the applicant had no objection to the Council creating one.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Butler, 21 Blackheath Drive, Clontarf, Dublin 3, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballyronan, Kilpedder, County Wicklow.

Passed—Councillor Costello dissenting.

(K) In the Names of Councillors M. Deering, G. Timmins, T.D., and Miss M. Walsh:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on Us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission to Mrs. Ann Miley, to Erect a Dwelling at Slievercorragh, Hollywood."

The County Manager referred to Page 6 of the recommendations issued to the Members.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Mrs. Ann Miley to erect a dwelling at Slievecorragh.

Passed—Councillor Costello voting against.

- (L) In the names of Councillors J. Temple, R. McKeon, and E. Byrne:—“By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission for the erection of a house, together with septic tank and ancillary works, at Rathdown Upper, Greystones, Co. Wicklow, to Mr. Frank Hayes, 1 Sydenham Villas, Bray, in accordance with the plans already lodged.”

Councillor Temple asked that this Notice be adjourned to enable trial holes to be inspected.

- (M) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, T.D., M. J. O'Neill and M. Deering:—“By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Laurence Kinsella, for the provision of a house at Wilmount, Humphreystown.”

The County Manager referred the Members to page 7 of the Report issued indicating that it was recommended that Permission be refused for this development in view of the difficulty in finding a suitable location on the site for a septic tank. It was noted that two trial holes had already been dug and both were unsatisfactory. After a discussion it was agreed that the application be deferred for one week to enable a more suitable location for the septic tank to be found.

- (N) In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, G. Timmins, K. Ryan, and J. Whelan:—“By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael Redmond, Dwyer Square, Tinahely, for the provision of a bungalow for his own use at Oughill, Redcross.”

As there was no application received, it was agreed that this item be deferred.

Item No. 2—To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 1st May and 12th June, 1972.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on the 1st May and the 12th June, 1972.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Report of decisions on applications for Planning Permission for erection of new dwellinghouses for year to 31st March, 1972.

The following Report was submitted at the Meeting:

Electoral Area	Number of Decisions on applications for houses in year to 31st March, 1972	Number of decisions to grant permission	% Granted	Additional decisions to grant permission under Section 4 (1955 Act) Resolutions	Number of houses for which permission granted	Total no. of houses for which permission granted	Percentage of total permissions granted under Section 4 of 1955 Act
Arklow	75	50	66.6	9	69	78	10
Baltinglass	177	90	50.8	27	98	138	29
Bray	162	72	44.4	28	566	597	5
Wicklow	143	87	60.8	18	109	184	41
	557	299		82	842	997	

Summary:

Total numbers of houses for which permission granted in year ended 31st March, 1972

No. Percentage

997 100

842 84

155 16

Total number of houses for which permission granted on recommendation of Planning Advisers

Total number of houses for which permission granted under Section 4 of 1955 Act Resolutions

The County Manager indicated that the figures did not take into account industrial or other non-housing applications. It was agreed, however, to have a further examination of the figures.

Item No. 4—Application of Bray and District Co-Operative Housing Society Limited, for site to build houses for their Members.

The County Manager indicated that representatives of this Society had met the County Secretary and Staff Officer, Housing Section, at the Town Hall, Bray, on the 19th September last. What was required was a site to build approximately 25 low cost houses for Members of the Society.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved—That representatives from the Co-Operative Society meet the Representatives of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at the Town Hall, Bray, to discuss the matter.

Passed.

It was agreed that a meeting would be held in Bray on the 10th October, 1972.

Item No. 5—Request of Council for reception of deputation by Minister in relation to maximum loan limit for house purchase loans in Bray Electoral Area, Capital for Housing purposes, etc.—Replies from Department of Local Government.

The following letter dated 25th September, 1972, was received from the Department of Local Government:—

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Custom House,

Dublin 1

25th September, 1972

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

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 6th instant and previous correspondence regarding the application of the higher maximum loan limit in the Bray Electoral area of County Wicklow and to state that as pointed out in the Department's letters of 25th July and 29th August it is not possible to alter the decision regarding the revised income and loan limits so as to apply the higher maximum loan limit in the Bray Electoral area. The decision to revise the income and loan limits was made, with the consent of the Minister for Finance, in the light of all the relevant circumstances relating to the operation of house-purchase loan and supplementary grant schemes throughout the country, including

movements in the general level of incomes and house prices generally and the availability of capital for these schemes. The Minister considers, therefore, that there would be no point in his receiving a deputation to discuss the matter. As already indicated the representations of the local authority have been noted and will be borne in mind when the next general revision of loan and income limits is being considered.

Mise, le meas,

P. J. DONNELLY.

After a discussion,

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That the Minister for Local Government be requested to make available a special loan of £100,000, which would be available to grant supplementary loans to persons in the Bray area in view of the large gap between the maximum housing loan and the cost of houses in the area.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Applications for consent to (a) Sale of Vested Cottages, and (b) Sub-division of Vested Cottage Plots.

Sale of Vested Cottage No. 294/11 at 26 Merrymeeting, Ratsnew:
It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Bourke;

Resolved—That the Council hereby agree to the sale of the above vested cottage by Michael Jameson of 42, Ballybeg, Rathnew, to Mr. Patrick Ronan, subject to a contribution of £600 being paid to the Council.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Sewerage Schemes for 18 cottages at Redford, Grey-stones, and for 27 cottages at Boghall Road, Bray—to authorise borrowing to defray costs.

It was indicated that it would cost £2,500 to provide sewerage facilities for the cottages at Redford and £2,290 to provide similar facilities at Boghall Road. It was proposed to do these Schemes by Direct Labour.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor R. McKeon;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £4,790 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a

period of 25 years to defray the cost of the sewerage schemes for 18 cottages at Redford, Greystones, and for 27 cottages at Boghall Road, Bray.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Proposed provision of sewerage for 6 cottages at Boghall Road, Bray, and extension of sewerage to houses at Longhill, Lugduff, Tinahely.

It was indicated that the cost of the works at Boghall Road would amount to £869 and the cost of the Tinahely works would amount to £2,931.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan:

Resolved—That we approve of application being made to the Department of Local Government for consent to carry out by Direct Labour, Schemes for the provision of sewerage for 6 cottages at Boghall Road, Bray, and for the extension of sewerage to houses at Longhill, Lugduff, Tinahely.

Passed.

**Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:—
"That this Council dispose of a plot of ground at 'The Lackey,' Shillelagh."**

It was

Proposed by Councillor K. Ryan;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan:

Resolved—That this Council dispose of a plot of ground at "The Lackey," Shillelagh.

Passed unanimously.

It was agreed that Tenders for the plot be invited.

**Item No. 10—Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—
"That this Council build extra houses in Glenealy before the Contractor has finished his present Scheme."**

It was indicated that there was still a need for housing in Glenealy even though Mr. Philips may not avail of the agreement to nominate two persons for appointment as tenants.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That a further 10 houses be built at Glenealy.

Passed unanimously.

Arising from the matter of the building of additional houses,

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor T. Keenan:

Resolved—That as the Contractor is erecting houses at Tinahely, it is proposed that arrangements be made for the erection of a further six houses before he leaves the site.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—
"That this Council provide a Mobile Home for Oily Dowse, Kilquiggan, for living accommodation."**

The County Manager reported that he had a report from the County Medical Officer indicating that Mr. Dowse should be considered for housing in Carnew, and that a mobile home would not be appropriate. It was also noted that Mr. Dowse had made application for housing at Carnew. Councillor Ryan explained Mr. Dowse's family position and the matter was adjourned.

The County Manager requested the permission of the Council to affix the Council's Seal on Compulsory Purchase Orders for lands at Ballymorris and Killarney Road, Bray.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved—That the matter of Compulsory Purchase of lands at Ballymorris and Killarney Road be discussed at the Area Meeting to be held in Bray on Tuesday, 10th October, 1972.

Passed unanimously.

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

In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple, and E. Byrne:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to C. Sutton, Windgates, Bray, to build a bungalow at Templecarraig, Greystones, for his own use."

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, and M. Deering:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Matthew Nugent, for the provision of a single storey house at Slievecorragh, Hollywood."

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. J. Bourke, and J. Gregory:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Staunton, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballymoate, Glenealy, for his own use."

In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Whelan, and R. Miley:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Ivers, Raheenavine, and James Flemming, Mognacool, for the provision of a house each, to live in on a site at Raheenavine, as per plans submitted."

In the name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:— "That this Council indicates to the Minister for Local Government that appeals made by Councillor Costello to him in the matter of Planning Permission be regarded as continuing efforts by him to disrupt the working of the Council and bring chaos and destruction to the established order which both he and his fellow revolutionary Socialists have indicated is abhorrent to them."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th October, 1972, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor M. Deering, Chairman.

Councillors W. Cleary, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, K. Ryan, J. Sweney, Miss M. Walsh, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. J. Bourke, J. Gregory, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Whelan, R. McKeon.

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

AGENDA:

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- 9 Fees for Provision of foundations for Memorials in Arklow Burial Ground.
- 10 Water Supply at Tinahely—Report of County Engineer.
- 11 Application for plot of ground at Curravanish, Tinahely.
- 12 Applications for reception of Deputations by Council from (a) Rathdrum Development Association, and (b) Labour Party, Glenealy Branch.
- 13 To receive deputation from Newcastle Residents Association.
- 14 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That the "Sphinx" Road from Tigroney Green to the end of Castlehoward Hill, Avoca, be surfaced.
- 15 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That an Engineer's Report be submitted forthwith to this Council re flooding of the lands in the area surrounding the Kish Bridge, Arklow."
- 16 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— (1) "That this Council widen the road that joins the Merrymeeting Road with the Old Village Road opposite the new school, Rathnew; (2) Widen the road near the turn at the Graveyard that joins the new school field; land will be given to widen this road at Rathnew."
- 17 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "Will the Council explain the reasons why the people of Kilnamanagh, Glenealy, cannot get a water supply."
- 18 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney, W. Cleary, B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and K. Ryan:— "That owing to the number of serious accidents in the East Wicklow Area involving horses, we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, request the Minister for Local Government to make an order compelling itinerants in the area to notify the local Gardaí of the number of horses they have and where they are kept at night, while in the area."
- 19 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council extend public lighting to the Ballynultagh Road at Shilleagh."
- 20 Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notice of Intention to Propose Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:— In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. J. O'Neill and M. Deering:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Laurence Kinsella, for the provision of a house at Wilmount, Humphreystown."

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been adjourned from the previous Meeting for the purpose of ascertaining whether a location for a septic tank could be found on the site at a place where the soil would be suitable for disposal of effluent. A trial hole had been opened on the lands and the Health Inspector had reported that it had proved satisfactory. The County Engineer recommended that Planning Permission be granted subject to conditions for setting back the entrance gates and forming a lay-by, retaining trees and carrying out further tree planting and determining the colour of the roof tiles. The Council noted that Planning Permission would be granted subject to the conditions indicated and it was agreed that the Notice of Intention to propose the Resolution under Section 4 be not proceeded with.

The County Secretary stated that at the previous Meeting the Council had considered a Notice of Intention to propose a Resolution under Section 4 of the 1955 Act, to direct the grant of Planning Permission for the erection of a house at Rathdown Upper, Greystones, for Mr. Frank Hayes. The application had been adjourned at the previous Meeting for a report on inspection of a trial hole on the site. As the application would have to be determined before the date of the next Council Meeting and as a report on the inspection of the trial hole had been obtained, the County Secretary asked if the Council would wish to consider that application at this Meeting. Councillor Miss O'Neill pointed out that Councillor Temple who was concerned with the Notice of Motion, was not present, and that if the Planning Application had to be decided before the next Meeting, the applicant could submit another application if required.

Item No. 2—To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 17th April and 8th May, 1972.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved — That we confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 17th April and 8th May, 1972.

Passed.

Extension of Time of Meeting.

Councillor J. Miley stated that he wished to raise a matter at the end of the Meeting and on the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, the Council agreed to extend the time of the Meeting to 5.15 p.m. if required.

Item No. 3—Industrial Site at Carnew.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer was examining the report on the proposed sites for industry in the Carnew area, but had not yet had an opportunity of completing his examination of them. On the proposal of Councillor Hynes, seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh, the Council agreed that if the County Engineer considered a site suitable negotiations be entered into for the acquisition of the site.

Item No. 4—Industrial Site at Rathnew—Letter from Industrial Development Authority.

The County Secretary stated that the Industrial Development Authority wished to acquire the Council's Industrial Site at Rathnew, for the purpose of industry and it was proposed to dispose of the site to the Industrial Development Authority. The proposal was to dispose of 20 acres of the land at Rathnew on the basis of an outright sale of the freehold. The price to be paid would be at the rate of £1,820 per acre which was made up of £1,000 per acre in respect of the land and £820 per acre covering the cost of providing services, i.e. access road, water supply, sewerage, and surface drainage, and details of the cost of development were supplied.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of notice being issued to the members of the Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, in regard to the proposed disposal of 20 acres of land at the Rathnew Industrial Site to the Industrial Development Authority by way of outright sale for the sum of £1,820 per acre, this sum being in respect of the cost of the land together with the cost of development by installation of sewerage services, surface water drainage, provision of water supply and access road.

Item No. 5—Strengthening the Local Government Service — Letter from Department of Local Government re request for meeting with Representatives of Consultants.

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

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Custom House,
Dublin
28 Mean Fomhair, 1972

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 21st September, 1972, in connection with the report "Strengthening the Local Government Service" and to explain that in order to afford elected members an opportunity of questioning and clarifying with the consultants any matters arising from the report, an explanation session was held with representatives from the General Council of County Councils, the Association of Municipal

Authorities and the consultants in July last in accordance with the undertaking given in this Department's circular letter of 28th June, 1972. It is regretted that it is not now practicable to arrange further sessions on an individual local authority basis.

Mise, le meas,

The Council having noted the letter from the Department of Local Government proceeded to consider the report. Councillor F. Hynes proposed that the Council reject the recommendations made in the report, and Councillor W. Cleary agreed. Councillor S. Costello suggested that rather than rejecting the report in toto that the Council might specify the particular points in the report with which the Council did not agree. Members of the Council having asked for the views of the County Manager, the County Manager stated that as the report dealt with matters of policy he did not wish to put forward a personal view in regard to it. In reviewing the discussion on the report at a previous meeting he stated that he had expressed the opinion that economies in cost by the implementation of the recommendations in the report would be felt to be unlikely. The responsibility for Health Services had in recent years been transferred to Regional Health Authorities and it was possible that other services might also be taken from the Local Authorities. It was likely that Arterial Roads would be a function of the Central Authorities and this could lead to an increase in cost. The Land Registry was centralised in Dublin whereas Local Authorities would be very much facilitated by having local Land Registries where land registry maps could be available for examination. He felt there were other services which the Council might consider could be discharged more efficiently locally instead of centrally, for example, Housing Grants and grants for water supply and sewerage services.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Resolved—That we reject the contents of the report as we feel that it tends to centralisation which this Council considers is not in the interests of the persons represented by the Members of the Council and will lead to more costly and less efficient service.

Item No. 5 (a) Travelling Expenses and Subsistence Allowances for Members of Local Authorities—Letter from Department of Local Government dated 7th September, 1972, ref. G.9/72.

The Council considered letter from the Department of Local Government of 7th September, 1972, reference G.9/72 copy of which had been circulated to the Members. Councillor Costello put forward the suggestion that the extra monies required to meet the cost of the revised rate of travelling expenses might be better allocated by being made available as an allowance to the Chairman of the Council so that he could make himself available for certain days between Meetings to meet members of the public in regard to matters with which the Council was concerned. He pointed out that the Mayors of Local Authorities received an annual allowance towards expenses in discharging their duties and representing the Local Authority in the area. In the course of discussion, Members of the Council pointed out that Councillors had many other expenses apart from the cost of travelling to meetings and in particular the cost of postage and telephone calls represented a substantial expense for Members. In reply to inquiry from Councillor Costello, the County Secretary stated

that a sum of £4,500 was provided in the Estimates for travelling expenses and subsistence allowance of Members, and assuming there were about 30 Meetings in the year this would represent a cost of £150 per Meeting. The highest amount paid to a Member for attendances at a Meeting amounted to £8.90 and the lowest to £1.75.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary;

Resolved—That Members of the County Council be paid Travelling Expenses in respect of attendance at Meetings of the Council at a rate not exceeding £0.11p in respect of each mile travelled from and to his official residence, to and from the place of meeting. We approve also of the payment of Subsistence Allowance to Members in respect of each period greater than three hours during which the Member is obliged to be absent from his home for the purpose of attending a Meeting of the Council, at the revised rates notified by the Minister in enclosure to Circular letter of 7th September, 1972, ref: G.9/72.

In the case of any member of the Council whose official residence is less than five miles by any route from the place of the Meeting of the Local Authority we approve of the payment of an inclusive Travelling and Subsistence Allowance not exceeding £2.50 to any Member who attends a Meeting of the Council at a place less than 5 miles by any route from his official residence and who is obliged by reason of such attendance to remain away from his home for a continuous period of not less than three hours.

We approve of the payment of the revised rates of Travelling Expenses and Subsistence Allowances with effect from 1st April, 1972, and hereby authorise expenditure of £2,250 in excess of amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the costs involved. Passed.

Item No 6.—Letters from (1) Bray Itinerant Settlement Committee, and (2) Kilmacanogue Residents' Association re Site for Halting Place for Itinerants at Kilmurry, Kilmacanogue.

The following letters from the Kilmacanogue Residents' Association and from the Bray Itinerant Settlement Committee were submitted to the Council:—

"Creagh,"
Kilmacanogue,
Bray,
Co. Wicklow
21st September, 1972.

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

Re: Itinerant Halting Place

A Chara,

I have to refer to the meeting between representatives of this Association and of the Co. Council on 19th instant.

As to the outcome of the discussions, we have to inform you that we are still of the opinion that our objections to the Halting Place in question are still, for the most part, valid.

While we are not opposed to the project in principle, we are of the opinion that it would be preferable to try and speed up the process of permanent settlement rather than spend State Funds on temporary Halting Sites.

We are also of the opinion that it would be best if the matter could be discussed further between ourselves, the County Council, the Bray Itinerant Settlement Association and, if practicable, representatives of the itinerants themselves.

Perhaps, if you agree with this suggestion, you can let us know where and when you would suggest such a conference be held and, also, whether you would make the arrangements with the B.I.S.C. or prefer to leave this end of the arrangements to us.

We would be thankful for about 10 to 12 days notice of any meeting you may have to suggest please.

In the meantime we would presume that the Co. Council would defer furtherance of current plans.

Is mise, le meas,

N. O'L-CURTIS,

Acting Chairman,

Kilmacanogue Residents' Association

THE BRAY ITINERANT SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE

"Luan Cuffe, Carrickgolligan, Quarry Rd., Shankill.

Chairman: Mrs. N. D. Gray, Trenoweth, Dublin Road, Bray

Hon. Secretary: Miss S. Pim, Old Bawn, Old Connaught, Bray.

Askefield, Dublin Road, Bray.

September 25th, 1972.

Your Ref: KJB/PT.

The County Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmartin Hill,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

Following the meeting organised by the Local Area Committee in the Town Hall, Bray, on 19th last between the Kilmacanogue Residents' Association and members of our committee, we would like to point out that the Kilmurray Quarry site would be admirable as a halt if essential facilities were laid on, i.e. water. If this cannot be done, any alternative would be welcomed and we would suggest that you might consider various unused portions of the old road beside the newly constructed sections of the main Bray Wicklow road. We feel a positive move must be made towards solving the itinerant problem in the Co. Wicklow area as for far too long this problem has been bedevilled by the 'buck-passing' technique of the local authorities responsible.

Yours sincerely,

PATRICIA BUTLER,

Hon. Secretary

The Council agreed to refer the request for a meeting for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their Meeting to be held on the 10th October, 1972.

Item No. 7—Reports from Eastern Regional Development Organisation re (a) Water resources in the Eastern Region, and (b) Summarised findings of Survey on Rivers in Eastern Region—Copies circulated to Members.

The Council noted the reports on Water Resources in the Eastern Region and on a Survey of Irish Rivers which had been circulated to the Members. In regard to the matter of a water supply for the Wicklow Area, and the offer of Dublin Corporation to make 300,000 gallons of water per day available from Roundwood Reservoir, the Council agreed, on the proposal of Councillor Phelan, seconded by Councillor McKeon, that a Consultant be engaged if necessary for preparing the plans for the laying of the new main to Roundwood. The Council urged that the matter be put in hands at the earliest possible date. The matter of the need for taking a supply from Lough Dan for the future needs of North and East Wicklow was considered and the Council agreed that preliminary investigations in regard to a supply from Lough Dan be carried out in conjunction with Dublin Corporation.

In reply to an inquiry from Councillor M. J. O'Neill regarding a water supply for Donard, the County Engineer stated that it had not been possible to find an adequate local source for a supply for Donard. The County Engineer stated that Donard would be included in the proposed new supply to serve West Wicklow from Poulaphuca. In reply to inquiry from Councillor M. Deering, the County Engineer stated that a scheme had been prepared for a water supply for Dunlavin and the Council asked that a report on this matter be submitted to the next Meeting.

Item No. 8—Burial Grounds—Charge for Grave Spaces to persons residing outside County Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that it had been noted that a number of applications had been received by Burial Ground Registrars for grave spaces from persons residing outside the County, and it would be necessary to consider whether grave spaces should be made available to non-residents or alternatively whether a special rate of charge should be made in such cases. The County Secretary stated that inquiries had been made from other authorities and it was found that in the case of Deans Grange Burial Ground a charge of £31.00 for a grave space was made to a person who was not resident within the area served by the Burial Ground, as compared with the maximum charge of £24 for persons resident in the area. The County Secretary suggested that the Council might approve of the making of a charge of £31.00 for a grave space in any Burial Ground in the charge of the Council for the interment of persons whose permanent place of residence had been outside the County of Wicklow. Members of the Council expressed the view that this demand for grave spaces by persons not resident in the County was confined to the Cemetery at Redford, Greystones, and did not apply to other Burial Grounds. In the case of Arklow Burial Ground, Members pointed out that this Burial Ground served the Parish of Arklow, part of which was in North County Wexford. Following a discussion on the matter the Council agreed that a charge of £30.00 be made for a grave space in the Burial Ground at Redford, for the interment of persons whose permanent place of residence had been outside the County of Wicklow.

Item No. 9—Fees for provision of foundations for Memorials in Arklow Burial Ground.

The County Secretary stated that since 1956 a fee of £3.00 had been charged for the putting in of foundations for Memorials in Arklow Cemetery. At that time wages being paid to a grave digger amounted to £6.30 per week, and it was felt that since wages of a grave digger in Arklow now amounted to £21.22, a revision of the charge for putting in of foundations was long overdue, and it was suggested that the charge should be increased to £10.00. The County Engineer had indicated that he considered that this would be a reasonable charge.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;

Resolved—That we approve of the charging of a fee of £10.00 for the putting in of foundations for memorials in Arklow Cemetery with effect from the 9th October, 1972.

Item No. 13—To receive Deputation from Newcastle Residents' Association.

The Council received a deputation from the Newcastle Residents' Association which was composed of Mrs. T. Byrne, Mrs. K. Vickers, Mrs. G. Hunt, Mrs. J. Curtin and Mrs. K. Doran. Mrs. Hunt stressed the need for the provision of houses in Newcastle and instanced cases where two or three families were living in the one house under overcrowded conditions. She urged on behalf of the Association that the Council in addition to acquiring lands for housing, acquire also sufficient land to provide for recreation and for a site for a Community Centre. Mrs. Doran raised the matter of the need for a water supply to Five Mile Point and Leabeg Lane, and stated that persons had to carry water one mile. She stated that a Mr. Cullen who had a water supply from the main had agreed that a one inch pipe be extended from his connection to serve the houses on Leabeg Lane. She urged that arrangements be made for the water supply at these places as soon as possible. Mrs. Byrne asked that the Council arrange for the cleaning of the footpath on the road from Newcastle to the Protestant Church for a distance of a ½ mile from the village and also stressed the need for the provision of public lighting on this road. She referred also to Church Road which she described as being a continuation of Leabeg Lane and on which there was a bridge which had recently been examined by the County Engineer and found by him to be in a dangerous condition. She stated that there were two Council houses on this road also, and that the road and the bridge should be repaired. Mrs. Curtin asked again for the provision of a Domestic Scavenging Service in Newcastle based on the Newtownmountkennedy Dumping Ground, and stated that unauthorised dumping could not be controlled until such a service were available. She stated that such unauthorised dumping was occurring at Leabeg Road, Blackditch, and at the Beech Road. She asked also that litter bins be provided in the village and that the Council prosecute persons who were found to be responsible for unauthorised dumping. She claimed that the river was polluted with rubbish. Mrs. Vickers asked that the Council assist in securing the provision of a telephone kiosk at Newcastle. The Post Office in

which the only public telephone was located closed at 6.00 p.m. and consequently the public telephone was not available after that time.

The County Secretary stated that he had received that day from Councillor Hynes, a copy of the letter addressed by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to the Newcastle Residents' Association and dated 26th June, 1972, in which it was indicated that the Department would be prepared to provide a Kiosk at Newcastle if the County Council were to agree to guarantee it against loss. It would be necessary for the Council to enter into a formal agreement to recoup to the Department any loss involved in the provision and maintenance of the kiosk. It was stated that the guarantee agreement would cover a minimum period of five years and remain in force on a year to year basis thereafter. The County Secretary stated that he understood from the Newcastle Residents' Association that they had forwarded a copy of this letter to the Council but it had never reached the Council. On the proposal of Councillor B. Phelan, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, the Council approved of entering into agreement with the Department of Posts and Telegraphs for the provision of a telephone Kiosk at Newcastle on the terms indicated in the Department's letter.

On the matter of Housing, Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, in reply to inquiries from Members stated that 19 applications for housing had been received in the Newcastle area of which 9 had been approved by the County Medical Officer. The Council was seeking to acquire land for housing from Mr. Smyth of Newcastle, and the County Engineer stated he had been in touch with Mr. Smyth recently on the matter, but that no agreement had yet been made. Councillor Gregory pointed out that the Council had at a previous Meeting agreed that tenders be invited for the provision of a Domestic Scavenging Service for the Newcastle area based on the Dumping Ground at Newtownmountkennedy. He contended that there was ample space in the present Dumping Ground at Newtownmountkennedy to enable the service for Newcastle to be provided and that there was no necessity for the Council to wait until the additional land being acquired for an extension to the Dumping Ground at Newtownmountkennedy had been transferred to the Council. The Council agreed that tenders be invited by public advertisement for the provision of a Scavenging Service for Newcastle.

Houses at Blessington.

Councillor J. Miley again raised the matter of allowing tenants into some of the houses at Blessington which had been completed. The County Engineer pointed out that if those houses which at present were completed, were allowed to be occupied there would be a serious risk of accidents to children because of the building operations in progress on the adjoining houses. He stated that before tenants could be allowed to occupy any of the houses he considered it would be necessary that the Contractor indemnify the Council against any claims which might arise in consequence of accidents to persons living in the houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That the houses be let to the tenants.

The County Manager supported the County Engineer in his statement of the possibility of accidents to children if some of the houses were allowed to be occupied while building operations were continuing on other houses in the scheme. He would look into the matter to see if any arrangement could be made to enable tenants to be allowed into the houses on the basis of a Caretaker's Agreement but that it would be necessary to consult the Law Agent on the matter.

Housing Scheme at Carnew.

In reply to inquiries from Members of the Council, Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, stated that the Contractor had signed the Contract in respect of the houses at Carnew and would be starting work in one week's time.

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That negotiations be entered into with the Contractor for proceeding with the further 20 houses at Carnew.

Passed.

Rathdrum Housing Scheme.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor F. Hynes, Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, stated that the Council was awaiting sanction from the Department of Local Government to revise proposals for the erection of the houses at Carnew. Councillor Hynes expressed doubt if the Department would agree to the proposals submitted and urged that a deputation be sent to the Minister with a view to trying to speed up the building of the houses. He considered that the deputation should include the three members of the Dail for the County. The Council decided to await a reply from the Minister on the matter, but asked that the Department be requested to forward a reply as a matter of urgency.

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

In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, W. Cleary, Miss M. Walsh and K. Ryan:— Notice of Intention to propose Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William O'Farrell, Abbeyville, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Johnstown North, Arklow."

In the name of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That this Council bore two wells for the three families living in the three Council cottages at Ballinagran, Glenealy."

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That this Council agree to pay towards the erection and maintenance of a public telephone kiosk at Newcastle."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That a protective fence be erected on each side of the bridge at Tower Avenue, Avoca, where there is a drop of thirty feet, and that paths from Avoca Bridge to Castlemacadam Cemetery be tarmacaded."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That further to the construction of the six houses at Tinahely, a water supply to Glenphilippen be suitably augmented."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council to deal with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 6th November, 1972, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor M. Deering, Chairman,

Councillors W. Cleary, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, J. J. Bourke, J. Gregory, R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Whelan, R. McKeon.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Planning Assistant, Staff Officer, Housing and Sanitary Services Section, and Clerical Officer, Planning Section, attended.

AGENDA:

- 1 Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:-
 - (a) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney and W. Cleary:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Frank Byrne, 15 Orchard Road, Dublin, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballyfolan, Manor Kilbride."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors J. Temple, E. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Miss N. O'Neill:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Gerald Cremins, Avondale, Corrig Avenue, Dun Laoghaire, for the erection of a bungalow for his own use at Glassnamullen, Kilmacanogue."
 - (c) In the names of Councillors J. Gregory, K. Ryan, F. Hynes, and J. J. Bourke:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Stenson and Mr. McGeown, 9 Cambridge Terrace, Dublin 8, for the erection of two houses at Killedder, County Wicklow."
 - (d) In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, G. Timmins, T.D., K. Ryan and J. Whelan:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael Redmond, Dwyer Square, Tinahely, for the provision of a bungalow for his own use at Oughill, Redcross."
 - (e) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple and E. Byrne:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government

(Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to C. Sutton, Windgates, Bray, to build a bungalow at Templecarrig, Greystones, for his own use."

- (f) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill and M. Deering:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Matthew Nugent, for the provision of a single storey house at Slievacorragh, Hollywood."
- (g) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. J. Bourke and J. Gregory:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. John Staunton, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballymoate, Glenealy, for his own use."
- (h) In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Whelan and R. Miley:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Ivers, Raheenavine, and James Fleming, Mognacool, for the provision of a house each to live in on a site at Raheenavine, as per plans submitted."
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- (j) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering and G. Timmins:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Richard Coe, for the provision of a house at Golden Hill, Manor Kilbride."
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- (l) In the names of Councillors R. F. McKeon, J. Temple and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—"We, the undersigned, hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full Planning Approval for the erection of a bungalow at Windgates, County Wicklow, to Mr. C. Lyons, 4 King Edward Road, Bray, in accordance with the plans and details already lodged."

(m) In the names of Councillors J. Temple, R. F. McKeon, Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—"We, the undersigned, hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, to grant full Planning Approval for the erection of a bungalow at Windgates, Greystones to Mr. Frank Hayes, 1 Sydenham Villas, Bray, in accordance with the plans already lodged."

- 2 Disposal of Land at Rathnew to Industrial Development Authority—Notice issued to members on 12th October, 1972.
- 3 Erection of 12 houses at Baltinglass—to authorise borrowing to meet Capital costs.
- 4 Erection of four rural cottages—to authorise borrowing to meet Capital costs.
- 5 Provision of additional houses in current housing schemes—to authorise borrowing to meet capital costs.
- 6 Acquisition of Land at Ballymorris, Bray—To affix seal of Council to Compulsory Purchase Order.
- 7 Housing Scheme at Dunlavin.
- 8 Sites for housing at Knockananna—Report of County Engineer arising from Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan.
- 9 Applications for consent to (a) sale of vested cottages, and (b) subdivision of vested cottage plots.
- 10 Applications for reception of deputations from (a) Rathdrum Development Association, (b) Labour Party—Glenealy Branch, (c) Irish Farmers' Association—Wicklow County Executive re drainage at Cooladangan.
- 11 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:—"That this Council indicates to the Minister for Local Government that appeals made by Councillor Costello to him in the matter of Planning Permission be regarded as continuing efforts by him to disrupt the working of the Council and bring chaos and destruction to the established order which both he and his fellow revolutionary Socialists have indicated is abhorrent to them."
- 12 Council houses repaired during October, 1972, and to be repaired during November, 1972.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

The Recommendations of the County Engineer on the Planning Applications referred to in the Notices had been circulated to the Members of the Council on the 3rd November, 1972.

(a) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney and W. Cleary:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Frank Byrne, 15 Orchard Road, Dublin, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballyfolan, Manor Kilbride."

The County Secretary stated that no application had been received from Mr. Frank Byrne, and the Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the December Meeting.

(b) In the names of Councillors J. Temple, E. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, and Miss N. O'Neill:—"By virtue of the powers conferred

on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Gerald Cremins, Avondale, Corrig Avenue, Dun Laoghaire, for the erection of a bungalow for his own use at Glassnamullen, Kilmacanogue."

The County Secretary read the report and recommendation of the County Engineer as had been circulated to the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Gerald Cremins, Avondale, Corrig Avenue, Dun Laoghaire, for the erection of a bungalow for his own use at Glassnamullen, Kilmacanogue.

Following a discussion in regard to the Outline Permission which had been granted by the Council to the land owner, Mr. Power, for the erection of two houses on an alternative site for accommodation of members of his family, Councillor J. Temple, with the agreement of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, withdrew the Notice to allow of arrangements being made for consultation between the Council's Planning Staff and the applicant on the possible siting of the third house on the lands adjacent to the sites for which permission had been granted. The Council noted that the Planning Application at present before the Council would be refused.

- (c) In the names of Councillors J. Gregory, K. Ryan, F. Hynes and J. J. Bourke:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Stenson and Mr. McGeown, 9, Cambridge Terrace, Dublin 6, for the erection of two houses at Kilpedder, County Wicklow."

Councillor J. Gregory informed the Council that the Notice of Intention to Propose the Resolution was withdrawn.

- (d) In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, G. Timmins, T.D., K. Ryan and J. Whelan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael Redmond, Dwyer Square, Tinahely, for the provision of a bungalow for his own use at Oughill, Redcross."

The County Secretary read the Recommendation of the County Engineer as circulated to the Members of the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local

Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael Redmond, Dwyer Square, Tinahely, for the provision of a bungalow for his own use at Oughill, Redcross.

Following a discussion, Councillor Miss Walsh, with the agreement of Councillor Ryan, agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to allow of consultation between the Council's Planning Staff and the applicant with a view to seeing if an alternative site which would be acceptable, could be obtained.

- (e) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple and E. Byrne:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to C. Sutton, Windgates, Bray; to build a bungalow at Templecarrig, Greystones, for his own use."

The County Secretary read the Report and Recommendation of the County Engineer which had been circulated to the Members of the Council. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill contended that the alternative site which had been suggested by the Council's Planning Assistant and agreed by representatives of the applicant, was not suitable because of its proximity to the water tank or to springs serving the Council's water supply at Templecarrig Upper. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the December Meeting to have the matter clarified.

- (f) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill and M. Deering:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Matthew Nugent, for the provision of a single storey house at Slievecorragh, Hollywood."

The County Secretary read the Recommendation of the County Engineer which had been circulated to the Members of the Council. Councillor M. J. O'Neill informed the Council that he was withdrawing his name in respect of this Notice. In reply to enquiries from Members of the Council as to whether the Council was in order in considering the proposal, the County Secretary stated that as the Notice had been submitted in the names of three Members and had been included on the Agenda for the Council Meeting, it appeared that the Council would be in order in considering the proposal.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

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

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Matthew Nugent, for the provision of a single storey house at Slievecorragh, Hollywood.

Councillor J. Miley stated that Mr. Nugent was the tenant of the Council house at Blessington, and that he would surrender possession

of that house when the house at Slievecorragh, Hollywood, was completed. Following a discussion, the Council agreed that the Resolution be amended by the addition of the words "on condition that the applicant surrenders possession of the Council house now occupied by him."

The Resolution was declared passed, Councillor Costello dissenting.

- (g) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. J. Bourke and J. Gregory:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. John Staunton, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballymoate, Glenealy, for his own use."

The County Secretary read the Report and Recommendation of the County Engineer which was circulated to the Members. Following a discussion on the proposal, the Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to allow of consultation between the Council's Planning Staff and the applicant with a view to seeing if an alternative site, which would be acceptable, could be found.

- (h) In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Whelan and R. Miley:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Ivers, Raheenavine, and James Fleming; Mognacool, for the provision of a house each to live in on a site at Raheenavine, as per plans submitted."

The County Secretary read the Report and Recommendation of the County Engineer as circulated to the Members.

It was

Proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Ivers, Raheenavine, and James Fleming; Mognacool, for the provision of a house each to live in on a site at Raheenavine, as per plans submitted."

Following a discussion as to whether the objections might be overcome by imposing conditions, the Resolution was declared passed with the addition of the words "subject to the conditions recommended by the County Engineer."

Councillor Costello abstained.

- (i) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, W. Cleary, Miss M. Walsh, and K. Ryan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant

Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William O'Farrell, Abbeyville, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Johnstown North, Arklow."

The County Secretary read the Recommendation of the County Engineer as circulated to the Members.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney:

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William O'Farrell, Abbeyville, Arklow; for the provision of a bungalow at Johnstown North, Arklow.

In reply to inquiries from Members, Councillor J. Sweeney stated that the applicant would be agreeable to combining the access to the proposed new house with that of the existing adjoining house, and that he would be agreeable to such a condition and also to a condition that the septic tank be resited on land found suitable for disposal of effluent. The Resolution was declared passed with the addition of the following words "subject to the access being combined with that of the adjoining house and that the septic tank be resited on land found suitable for disposal of effluent. Councillor Costello abstained.

- (j) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering, and G. Timmins, T.D.:— "By virtue of powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Richard Coe, for the provision of a house at Golden Hill, Manor Kilbride."

The County Secretary stated that no application had been received from Mr. Richard Coe, and the Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the December Meeting.

- (k) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering, and G. Timmins, T.D.:— "By virtue of powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to D. Auld, Ballyward, for the provision of a bungalow at Blackrock, Blessington."

The County Secretary read the Recommendation of the County Engineer as circulated to the Members of the Council. The County secretary stated that a letter had been received from Miss Jane Hanlon in which she stated that she was the owner of the lands on which the site was located, and that she had not agreed to make a site available to Mr. Auld. A further letter had been received from Miss Jane Hanlon stated that she was co-owner of the land. The applicant had indicated in his application that he was the owner of the

site. Councillor J. Miley stated that the land was in the joint ownership of Mr. J. Hanlon and Miss J. Hanlon, who are brother and sister. The Council decided to defer consideration of the proposal pending clarification of the ownership of the lands on which the site is located.

- (l) In the names of Councillors R. F. McKeon, J. Temple and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:— "We, the undersigned, hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full Planning Approval for the erection of a bungalow at Windgates, County Wicklow, to Mr. C. Lyons, 4, King Edward Road, Bray, in accordance with the plans and details already lodged."

The County Secretary read the Recommendation of the County Engineer as circulated to the Members of the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. McKeon;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:

Resolved—We, the undersigned, hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full Planning Approval for the erection of a bungalow at Windgates, County Wicklow, to Mr. C. Lyons, 4 King Edward Road, Bray, in accordance with the plans and details already lodged.

The County Manager pointed out that the proposed site was served by an access road off the road leading to the Cliff House Hotel, and that the junction of the latter road with the main Bray/Greystones Road was a very difficult one, and that any increase in traffic entering the main road at this point could result in a traffic hazard. The Resolution was declared passed with Councillors M. J. O'Neill and S. Costello dissenting and Councillor B. S. C. Phelan abstaining.

- (m) In the names of Councillors J. Temple, R. F. McKeon and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:— "We, the undersigned, hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, to grant full Planning Approval for the erection of a bungalow at Windgates, Greystones, to Mr. Frank Hayes, 1, Sydenham Villas, Bray, in accordance with the plans already lodged."

The County Secretary stated that no Planning Application had been received from Mr. Frank Hayes, and the Council agreed to defer consideration of this proposal to the December Meeting.

Item No. 2—Disposal of Land at Rathnew to Industrial Development Authority—Notice issued to Members on 12th October, 1972.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the disposal of 20 acres of land forming part of the site at Rathnew, which had been acquired by the

Council as a site for a proposed County Hospital to the Industrial Development Authority by way of outright sale of the freehold for the total sum of £36,400, this sum being inclusive of the cost of development of the site by the provision of services, the disposal to be in accordance with the details circulated to the Members of the Council on the 12th October, 1972.

Passed.

Item No. 3—Erection of Twelve Houses at Baltinglass—To authorise borrowing to meet Capital costs.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of £44,500 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 35 years, to defray the cost of the erection of 12 houses at Baltinglass.

Passed.

Item No. 4—Erection of Four Rural Cottages—To authorise borrowing to meet Capital costs.

The County Secretary stated that four years previously a loan of £22,000 had been approved for the building of eight rural cottages of which three had been completed and three were in progress. It was hoped that another cottage at Ballinabarney, Greenane, could be built from the monies available from this loan, but finance was needed for four other rural cottages, these being, the cottages to be built at Blainroe, Hollywood, Stylebawn and Tullowclay. The Council's allocation for rural cottages for the current year was £8,000, and accordingly authority was sought for the borrowing of a sum of £8,000 to defray the cost of the work arising during the current year. It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a Supplementary Loan of £8,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 35 years to defray the cost of the erection of rural cottages during the year to 31st March, 1973.

Passed.

Item No. 5 — Provision of additional houses in current Housing Scheme—To authorise borrowing to meet Capital costs.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that Rigid Frames Ltd., the Contractors for the erection of 10 houses at Glenealy, might be willing to extend their Contract and build an additional 10 houses. The estimated cost of the construction of the additional 10 houses would be £32,900, and authority was required for the necessary borrowing provided that agreement was reached with Rigid Frames Ltd.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of £32,900 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 35 years to defray the cost of erection of a further ten houses at Glenealy by extension of existing contract.

The County Engineer had reported that the Contractors, Rigid Frames Ltd., for the erection of 6 houses at Tinahely, were being asked to agree to an extension of the contract to cover a further six houses, and if the Contractors agreed authorisation was required for the borrowing of a further £20,000 to finance the erection of the additional houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £20,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 35 years to defray the cost of the erection of a further six houses at Tinahely as an extension to the existing contract.

Passed.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the Contractor P. Furlong and Sons, was willing to build a further six bungalows on the site at Carnew, at the same price as the first six, which he was building at present. As the remaining 20 houses on the site were two storey houses, if the Council wished to build any of these it would involve obtaining a new tender from the Contractor. The County Engineer recommended that the Council seek sanction at once to the extension of the Contract from 6 to 12 bungalows, and approval was requested to the borrowing of a further £19,100 to defray the cost of the additional houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That having considered report of County Engineer of 30th October, 1972, we approve of his recommendation for extending the Contract for the erection of houses at Carnew, from six to twelve bungalows, and hereby authorise the borrowing from the Commissioners of Public Works of a supplementary loan of £19,100, repayable over a period of 35 years to defray the cost of the erection of the additional six bungalows.

Passed.

Item No. 10—Application for reception of Deputation from (a) Rathdrum Development Association, (b) Labour Party — Glenealy

Branch, (c) Irish Farmers' Association—Wicklow County Executive, re drainage at Cooladangan.

The Council approved of the reception at the Meeting of the Council on the 13th November, 1972, of deputations from the Rathdrum Development Association, the Labour Party—Glenealy Branch, the Wicklow County Executive of the Irish Farmers' Association representing farmers at Cooladangan, Arklow, and the Enniskerry Citizens' Action Committee.

Provision of Sewerage facilities by means of Septic Tanks.

Councillor J. Whelan referred to the requirement of the County Medical Officer that when a new house was to be provided with sewerage facilities by means of a septic tank, the site had to be at least a half acre in area. Councillor Whelan questioned the need for a site of this size, and stated that in other Counties, a site of $\frac{1}{2}$ of an acre or $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre was regarded as adequate.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

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

Resolved—That the Minister be asked to define a minimum area for a site for a house where a septic tank is being used for sewerage services.

Passed.

Acquisition of Land at Newcastle.

Councillor J. Gregory inquired whether agreement had been reached with the land owner for the acquisition of land at Newcastle for Housing. The County Engineer stated that an offer had been made to the landowner but agreement had not been reached. Councillor Gregory contended that the offer made was inadequate, and urged that what he termed a more realistic offer be made. He stressed the need for acquiring the land and on the proposal of Councillor J. Gregory, seconded by Councillor B. Phelan, the Council agreed that the land as recommended by the County Engineer be acquired by Compulsory Purchase if agreement is not reached soon.

Ballybawn Water Supply.

Councillor Costello inquired as to the delay in payment of supplementary grants in respect of the Ballybawn Water Supply, and asked that the matter be looked into immediately, and payments made.

Rates on Community Halls.

On the suggestion of Councillor Costello, the Council agreed that an item be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting in regard to the matter of rates on Community Halls.

Housing Scheme at Aughrim.

Councillor T. J. Keenan urged that arrangements be made to allow tenants elected for the new houses at Aughrim to take up occupation as soon as possible. The County Secretary stated that the keys

of the houses had not yet been handed in as the County Engineer had not yet certified the houses as completed for taking over.

Sewerage Services for Houses at Glenealy.

Councillor B. S. C. Phelan stated that he understood that an agreement had been reached with Mr. Meredith of Glenealy for the acquisition of a site on his land for a septic tank to serve the new housing scheme at Glenealy. He asked that the agreement to acquire this site be completed as quickly as possible.

Water Supply at Templecarrig.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill stated that residents at Templecarrig had no water as it appeared that the pump was not operating and the pumping house was locked. It was agreed that the County Engineer look into the matter.

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

In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Temple:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to D. A. Doyle, Hillcrest, Windgates, Bray, for a bungalow for his own use at Upper Windgates, Bray, as per plans lodged with the Council."

In the names of Councillors W. Cleary, J. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan and J. Sweeney:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Alfred Byrne, 42, Connolly Street, Arklow, Co. Wicklow, to erect a bungalow at Templeraine, Arklow, Co. Wicklow."

In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Temple:- "That School Wardens be appointed at the National School, Deigany, and the National School, Enniskerry — both roads being very dangerous for children crossing the road."

In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Temple:- "That two street lights be provided at the Bawn Cottages, Greystones."

In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan and R. Miley:- "That water and sewerage facilities be provided to serve the village of Redcross."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That sewerage be extended to the houses at Coolruss, Tinahely."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 13th November, 1972.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor M. Deering, Chairman;

Councillors F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, J. J. Bourke, R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Whedan and R. F. McKeon.

The County Manager, County Secretary, Mr. J. Forrestal, Deputy County Engineer, and Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing Section, attended.

AGENDA

- 1 To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 19th June and 10th July, 1972.
- 2 Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, Limited—To nominate (a) Representative to attend Annual General Meeting, and (b) a Director to hold office for ensuing year.
- 3 New Vocational School at Arklow—Application from Vocational Education Committee for Grant towards cost of erecting and equipping school.
- 4 Acquisition of lands at Ballymorris and Kilbride, Bray—To affix Seal of the Council to Compulsory Purchase Order.
- 5 Acquisition of lands at Springfield, Bray, for burial ground—To affix Seal of Council to Compulsory Purchase Order.
- 6 Ashford Sewerage Scheme — To authorise borrowing to defray costs of scheme.
- 7 Cliff Walk from Bray to Greystones—Letter from Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, Limited, re grant towards cost of works.
- 8 Halting place for Itinerants at Kilmurry—Report of County Engineer giving estimate of cost.
- 9 Arrangements for Rent Collection in Districts Nos. 7 and 11.

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Sewerage Services for Houses at Glenealy.

Councillor B. S. C. Phelan stated that he understood that an agreement had been reached with Mr. Meredith of Glenealy for the acquisition of a site on his land for a septic tank to serve the new housing scheme at Glenealy. He asked that the agreement to acquire this site be completed as quickly as possible.

Water Supply at Templecarrig.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill stated that residents at Templecarrig had no water as it appeared that the pump was not operating and the pumping house was locked. It was agreed that the County Engineer look into the matter.

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

In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Temple:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to D. A. Doyle, Hillcrest, Windgates, Bray, for a bungalow for his own use at Upper Windgates, Bray, as per plans lodged with the Council."

In the names of Councillors W. Cleary, J. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan and J. Sweeney:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Alfred Byrne, 42, Connolly Street, Arklow, Co. Wicklow, to erect a bungalow at Templaraine, Arklow, Co. Wicklow."

In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Temple:- "That School Wardens be appointed at the National School, Delgany, and the National School, Enniskerry — both roads being very dangerous for children crossing the road."

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In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan and R. Miley:- "That water and sewerage facilities be provided to serve the village of Redcross."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That sewerage be extended to the houses at Coolruss, Tinahely."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 13th November, 1972.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor M. Deering, Chairman;

Councillors F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, J. J. Bourke, R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Whedan and R. F. McKeon.

The County Manager, County Secretary, Mr. J. Forrestal, Deputy County Engineer, and Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing Section, attended.

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Resolution of Sympathy.

At the commencement of the Meeting, Councillor M. Deering, Chairman, informed the Members of the Council that Mr. John Byrne, who was brother of Councillor Edward Byrne, had died suddenly that morning. He proposed that the Council pass a Resolution expressing their sympathy with Councillor Byrne and with the widow and daughter of his brother on the sudden death of Mr. John Byrne, who had been an Officer of Bray Urban District Council. Councillor J. Temple seconded the proposal, and Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge and the other Members of the Council expressed their sympathy. The County Manager asked to be joined with the Members of the Council in their expression of sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Deering, seconded by Councillor J. Temple, it was agreed that the meeting stand adjourned as a mark of respect to Councillor Edward Byrne and his family.

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

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:— "That the Council take steps to ease or remove the dangerous bends from Castleruddery Cross to Davidstown, Glen of Imaal, and that money be provided in the 1973 Estimates for this purpose."

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council to deal with the items on the Agenda for the Meeting of the 13th November, 1972, which was adjourned, was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 20th November, 1972, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor M. Deering, Chairman;

Councillors F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., E. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, J. J. Bourke, R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Whelan, R. F. McKeown.

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It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of the Meetings of the County Council held on the 19th June and 10th July, 1972.

Passed.

The Council agreed that Minutes of three Meetings of the Council be submitted for confirmation at each future Meeting until the confirmation of Minutes was up to date.

Item No. 2—Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, Limited — To nominate (a) Representative to attend Annual General Meeting and (b) a Director to hold office for ensuing year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby nominate Councillor B. S. C. Phelan to be a Director of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, Limited, for the ensuing year, and to attend the Organisation's Annual General Meeting as the representative of the Council.

Passed.

Item No. 3—New Vocational School at Arklow—Application from Vocational Education Committee for grant towards cost of erecting and equipping school.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney;

Resolved—That having considered letters of the 25th October and 8th November, 1972, from County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, we hereby approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Education of the making of a grant of £227,000 under the provisions of Section 51 of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, for the erection and equipping of a new Vocational School at Arklow, and hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £227,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of thirty years to defray the cost of the grant, subject to the recoupment to the Council of one half of such Loan Charges by the Minister for Education.

Passed.

Item No. 4—Acquisition of lands at Ballymorris and Kilbride, Bray—To affix Seal of Council to Compulsory Purchase Order.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to the Compulsory Purchase Order entitled "Ballymorris Compulsory Purchase Order No. 1—1972" for the purpose of acquiring 24 acres, 0 roods, .053 perches of land at Ballymorris, Bray.

Councillor J. Temple stated that the matter of acquiring by Compulsory Purchase the lands at Ballymorris had been considered by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at two meetings in Bray, and that he understood the County Manager had been asked to negotiate further with Mr. Daniel Healy, who proposed to carry out housing development on the lands, and he asked if such negotiations had been carried out. Councillor Edward Byrne referred to the discussions which had taken place at the meetings of the Members for the Bray Electoral Area, and pointed out that at the second meeting he had proposed, and Councillor Costello had seconded, that the Members for the area recommend to the County Council to proceed with the Compulsory Purchase Order, and that this Resolution was passed without any dissent. The County Secretary confirmed the accuracy of Councillor E. Byrne's statement. The County Manager also confirming the decision of the Committee of Members of the Bray Electoral Area, stated that it had been ascertained at the Meeting in Bray that Mr. D. Healy was not the registered owner of the lands, but had an option to purchase subject to Planning Permission being obtained. The application for Planning Permission for development of the lands for private housing had been refused, and an Appeal had been made to the Minister. The County Manager pointed out that the lands were acquired partly for housing, but primarily for provision of a recreation area and a site for a new school, and because of the number of houses being built in the vicinity both by the County Council and by private developers, it was essential that adequate recreation space be made available. In regard to the proposal that private housing development be carried out on the lands, the County Manager pointed out that the Council could not control the price of houses which would be erected on these or on other lands unless the lands were in the ownership of the County Council. He stated that Arklow Urban District Council, as members of that Council who were also members of the County Council were aware had purchased the greater part of the land available in the Urban District and had arranged with Builders for the erection of houses to approved plans and at agreed prices, and that this arrangement had worked very satisfactorily, and he urged Members of the Council to inspect these houses which were being built at very reasonable prices. The County Manager also pointed out that the Parish Priest in Bray had sought the assistance of the Council in providing a site for a new school which was needed in the southern part of Bray. Councillor J. Miley referred to the Appeal which had been made to the Minister against the refusal of Planning Permission for the erection of houses on the lands, and suggested that the matter should be deferred for the purpose of obtaining legal advice as to whether the Council could properly proceed with the Compulsory Purchase Order while the Appeal was pending. Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge seconded Councillor Miley's proposal. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council agreed that the question of authorising the affixing of the Seal to the Compulsory Purchase Order, as proposed by Councillor Costello and seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, be put to the Meeting, and a vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follows:

IN FAVOUR: Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, S. Costello, F. Hynes, M. J. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh, R. McKeon—10

AGAINST: Councillors J. Miley, R. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill, K. Ryan—4

Councillors M. Deering, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Sweeney, and J. Whelan abstained from voting.

The Resolution as proposed by Councillor S. Costello and seconded by Councillor R. McKeon was declared passed by ten votes in favour to four against, with five Members abstaining.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor R. McKeon:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to the Compulsory Purchase Order entitled "Kilbride Compulsory Purchase Order No. 1—1972" for the purpose of acquiring 7 acres, 2 roods and 21 perches of land in the ownership of Major M. H. Leggett, Cherrylawn, Killarney Road, Bray.

Item No. 5 — Acquisition of land at Springfield, Bray, for Burial Ground—To affix Seal of Council to Compulsory Purchase Order.
The County Secretary stated that following examination of a

number of sites in the Bray Area for the purposes of a Burial Ground, the site at Springfield was considered to be the most suitable and as it had not been possible to reach agreement to acquire the site it was proposed to make the acquisition by Compulsory Purchase Order.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we authorise the affixing of the Seal of the Council to the Compulsory Purchase Order entitled "Springfield (Bray) Compulsory Purchase Order No. 1—1972" for the purpose of acquiring 13 acres, 2 roods, 5 square perches of land in the ownership of Tudor Investments Limited, c/o Messrs Kennedy, Crowley, Harcourt House, Harcourt Street, Dublin 2.

Passed.

Item No. 6—Ashford Sewerage Scheme—To authorise Borrowing to defray costs of scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we approve of the borrowing from the Commissioners of Public Works a sum of £85,400 repayable over a period of 25 years to defray the cost of the Ashford Sewerage Scheme.

Passed.

Item No. 7—Cliff Walk from Bray to Greystones—Letter from Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, Limited, re Grant towards cost of works.

The County Secretary stated that the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Limited had indicated that they were prepared to make available a further grant of £1,500 to make a total of £2,500 towards the cost of the necessary works on the Cliff Walk from Bray to Greystones, to make the scenic Walk safe for pedestrians. It will be necessary for the Council to contribute a similar amount to defray the total cost estimated at £5,000.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the offer of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, Limited, to make available an additional grant of £1,500 to make a total Grant of £2,500 towards the cost of completing works at the Cliff Walk from Bray to Greystones, and hereby authorise expenditure of an additional £3,000 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the work.

Passed.

Item No. 8—Halting Place for Itinerants at Kilmurry—Report of Co. Engineer giving estimate of cost.

The County Secretary stated that following objections received from the Kilmacanogue Residents' Association to the provision of a Halting Place for Itinerants, as approved by the Council, at a site at Kilmurry recommended by the County Engineer, a deputation from the Association, together with representatives of the Bray Itinerants Settlement Committee, had been received by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at a Meeting in Bray. Having heard the views of the Residents' Association and those of the Bray Itinerants' Settlement Committee, who had indicated that they considered the site at Kilmurry a suitable one, and welcomed the Council's proposal to establish a Halting Place for Itinerants there, the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area had indicated to the representatives of the Kilmacanogue Residents' Association that they were not prepared to recommend to the Council to change their decision to establish the Halting Place. The County Engineer had submitted an estimate in the sum of £6,100 to cover the cost of clearing the site, providing a tarmacadam surface for caravans, a water supply, sanitary accommodation and disposal facilities, arrangements for storage of rubbish, erection of Compound for horses, and making up, gravelling and surface dressing the road leading to the site. As the site was on Commons Land the Council's

Solicitor had advised that in order to obtain a satisfactory Title and as there was no owner, that the County should acquire this site by Compulsory Purchase Order.

The County Secretary stated that in the course of the Meeting, Councillor Miss O'Neill had handed in a Memorial from the Kilmacanogue Residents' Association which she stated had been handed in at her house that day. The Memorial conveyed an objection to the Council's establishing a Halting Place for itinerants anywhere in the Kilmacanogue Electoral Area, and contained 190 signatures.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the acquisition by way of Compulsory Purchase Order of the site at Kilmurry, as recommended by the County Engineer for the purpose of the provision of a halting place for Itinerants, and approve of the County Engineer's estimate of cost of providing the halting place and service therefor at £6,100. As a number of Members indicated that they wished to be recorded as dissenting from the proposal, it was agreed that the Roll be called and it was found that the Members present voted as follows:

IN FAVOUR: Councillors E. Byrne, S. Costello, M. Deering, F. Hynes, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., and R. McKeon—7

AGAINST: Councillors J. Miley, R. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill, H. Phelan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh and J. Whelan—8

Councillors J. Bourke, T. J. Keenan and Mrs. M. Ledwidge abstained and Councillor J. Temple was not in the Chamber at the time the vote was taken. The Motion was declared defeated by 8 votes against to 7 votes in favour.

Extension of Time of Meeting.

Members having noted that there were two deputations to be received, the Council agreed to extend the time of the Meeting by a half an hour to allow time to receive the deputations.

Item No. 9—Arrangements for Rent Collection in Districts Nos. 7 and 11.

The County Secretary stated that difficulties had arisen in regard to the arrangements for rent collection in Districts Nos. 7 and 11 as one Collector who had been appointed had retained the post for only three years and then resigned, and the next Collector who had been appointed following an open competitive examination had held the post for only six weeks and then had also resigned. The remaining two candidates who at the competition had been accepted as qualified had both indicated that they were not prepared to accept the appointment. An application had been received from the Rent Collectors in the adjoining areas, Messrs E. R. O'Byrne and James Kavanagh, to have the cottages in Nos. 7 and 11 districts divided between

them and allocated to their existing Collection Areas. The Local Government Public Services Union who had previously made representations to have the office of Rent Collector in this area abolished and the area distributed amongst Collectors with areas contiguous thereto, had renewed their application to have this done because of the difficulties experienced in obtaining a suitable person who would continue in the post of Rent Collector in this area. It had been pointed out by the Union also that the allocation of the area to the Collectors in question would have the effect of producing amongst the Rent Collectors in the County an even distribution in terms of earnings and workload. The County Secretary gave details of the present maximum earnings in the three Rent Collection Districts concerned and also the maximum potential earnings in the proposed two new Districts, if the Council agreed to a reduction in the number of Collectors, and to the proposal as submitted. Following a discussion on the matter in the course of which Councillor F. Hynes and other Members expressed the view that application should again be invited by public advertisement for the filling of the post of Rent Collector for Districts Nos. 7 and 11 while Councillor Costello and others had expressed doubts at the possibility of obtaining a suitable Collector for the area, the Council agreed, on the proposal of Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor Hynes, that applications be invited for a Collector for the area for a trial period of 12 months and if was then found that the Rent Collection situation in the District had not improved, the Council could consider a proposal to divide the District.

Item No. 14—Water Supply at Dunlavin.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

10th November, 1972.

County Secretary:

Re: Dunlavin Water Supply.

A Chara,

The existing supply is inadequate both in pressure and quantity to meet the growing development of this village, and it is obvious that a scheme to augment the system is urgently required. The problem has been carefully investigated, and as an interim proposal it is recommended that the springs around the existing source be collected into one collecting chamber, and the water then pumped to a 10,000 gallon reservoir, situated at approximately 700 O.D. as set out on accompanying map.

SOURCE: The existing source is, in general, an invented tank over a spring at approximately 650.0 O.D. This is very limited in capacity and there is no storage. However, all the area around it is saturated with springs and, from gauge reading, at least 10-15 g.p.m. could be collected and pumped up to the proposed reservoir. This would improve the pressure and quantity.

WATER: The water from the spring is hard, approximately 340 g.p.m., and in the existing system there is a softener incorporated. It is very old and according to analysis taken before and after passing through this softener is not very efficient. It is, therefore, proposed to omit a softener in the revised scheme.

POWER: This does not present any problem as there is a 10 kw line passing over the spring area, and only a transformer is required, and the E.S.B. state that that presents no difficulty. The proposed Scheme consists of:

- (a) Constructing a collecting chamber in vicinity of the springs and diverting all springs into it, including the existing spring which is serving the village at the moment.
 - (b) Installing an electrical driven pump and pumphouse, with 2" dia. rising main to service reservoir.
 - (c) Laying 4" dia. P.V.Q. from service reservoir along verge of public road to connect to existing main.
- It is estimated that this Scheme will cost £3,000.

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T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That having considered report of County Engineer of 10th November, 1972, we approve of his recommendation for the improvement of the water supply at Dunlavin, and authorise expenditure of £3,000 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the Scheme as recommended.

Passed.

Item No. 15—Abstract of Accounts for year to 31st March, 1972.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we note the submission of the Abstract of Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1972, and approve of their submission for audit.

Passed.

Item No. 19—To receive Deputations from (1) Rathdrum Development Association, (2) The Labour Party—Glencaly Branch, (3) The Wicklow County Executive, I.F.A., representing farmers at Cooladangan, Arklow, and (4) Enniskerry Citizens' Action Committee.

The Members of the Council had been informed that the Rathdrum Development Association had indicated that a deputation would not be attending, as they had received the information they required in regard to the Housing Scheme at Rathdrum, and had thanked the Council for agreeing to receive them. The Members of the Council had also been informed that the Labour Party, Glencaly, had indicated that their deputation had been unable to attend at the Meeting on the 13th instant, and had agreed to be received instead at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 4th December, 1972.

Deputation from Irish Farmers' Association representing farmers at Cooladangan.

The Deputation consisted of Mr. J. J. Nolan, Secretary, County Wicklow Executive Irish Farmers' Association, and Messrs M. Kavanagh, P. Kavanagh, P. Harden, and A. Condren. Mr. J. J. Nolan addressed the Members of the Council and indicated that the delegation's objective was to have the level of the river draining the townland of Cooladangan, Curranstown, etc., lowered to the details specified by the Land Project, which details were not yet available to the farmers involved. When the river was lowered each of the twelve farmers concerned will be able to drain his own section of the bog. None of the farms was over a 100 acres so that the 108 acres of the bog formed a large part of each holding. Full rates were payable on the bog which had to be fenced off the whole year round although it was potentially arable land. Above the bog there was a further 120 acres of very marginal land and beyond that a very extensive area which would materially benefit from a good outlet for its water. Before the work could be carried out, it was necessary for the bed of the river to be lowered under each of three bridges. The County Engineer had indicated his requirements before he would be in a position to submit an estimate, these being (1) a map and scale drawing; (2) an undertaking that the Land Project Officers would be responsible for the carrying out of the work and (3) that an undertaking be given by the Riparian Owners to indemnify the Council. Mr. Nolan felt that it was not reasonable to require the Riparian Owners to give such an undertaking. Councillor Sweeney pointed out that the road at the Kish Bridge was dangerous and it was necessary from the point of view of removing the traffic hazard to improve the bridges and the road, and Councillor Miss Walsh agreed. The County Engineer stated that in addition to the Kish Bridge, there were bridges at Cooladangan and the Bounds Bridge where the bed of the river would have to be lowered, and also there were three C.I.E. bridges. He pointed out that in view of the Council's experience in the case of damage caused to Munny Bridge and Lemonstown Bridge, in consequence of work carried out under the Land Project, he considered it essential that the undertakings in regard to the supervision of the work and the indemnifying of the Council were essential. The County Engineer stated that he had recently received the details he required from the Land Project Office and would be forwarding the estimate of cost to the Land Project Office in a few days. On the proposal of Councillor Temple, seconded by Councillor Keenan, it was agreed that a meeting be arranged between the Members of the Deputation, the County Engineer, and representatives of the Land Project Office in order that agreement might be reached on the terms of the Scheme.

Reception of Deputation from Enniskerry Citizens' Action Committee.

The deputation consisted of Mrs. Margaret Wogan, Mrs. Aine Redmond, and Mr. Michael Doran. The deputation stated that they were anxious to know what steps the Council were taking to provide a recreation area in Enniskerry, and in particular whether the Council intended to proceed with the acquisition of the Bog Meadow. The County Secretary stated that the Council had very recently received from the Department of Local Government a decision of the Minister on the Appeal against the refusal by the Council of Outline Permission for the development of what is known as the Bog Meadow. The Minister had refused Permission for the reason that the proposed development would seriously injure the amenities of the area, by introducing prominent building development into an attractive wooded open space which formed a very important element in the visual character of Enniskerry village, and because the proper Planning and Development of the area required that the site be reserved for use as a public open amenity area. As the Council had already agreed that this land be acquired if necessary by Compulsory Purchase, it was now possible to proceed with arrangements for its acquisition. In regard to the Kilgarron Housing Estate, the Members of the deputation asked that the area between the houses be developed as a play area as it had not yet been put in a proper condition. They asked also as to whether further land could be obtained for the purposes of a playing field for the Kilgarron area. The Council agreed that the County Engineer submit a report on these matters for the next Meeting.

Members of the deputation also raised the matter of the use of the Library at Enniskerry, and urged that the library be made available for use by all Organisations in Enniskerry for the purpose of meetings. They pointed out that the library was at present used by one body only—the Irish Countrywomen's Association. The County Manager stated that the arrangement under which the Irish Countrywomen's Association made use of the library premises was one which had existed for a very long period and had been arranged prior to his taking up duty. The matter of making the library available for meetings of Organisations in Enniskerry had been considered by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area previously, but there were difficulties in regard to obtaining insurance cover and the powers of the local authority. On the proposal of Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor Hynes, the Council agreed that the library be made available to all Organisations in Enniskerry for meetings subject to the Council having the necessary powers to so arrange and that satisfactory insurance cover was available.

Carnew Sewerage and Shillelagh Housing.

Councillor K. Ryan asked that reports be submitted to the next Meeting of the Council in regard to the Sewerage Scheme at Carnew and housing at Shillelagh.

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

In the names of Councillors J. Temple, E. Byrne, R. F. McKeon, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, and Miss N. O'Neill:— "We, the undersigned, hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and

County Management Act, to grant full Planning Approval for the erection of a house together with septic tank and ancillary works at Rathdown Upper, Greystones, County Wicklow, to Mr. Frank Hayes, 1, Sydenham Villas, Bray, County Wicklow, in accordance with the plans already lodged."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That in the interests of the public, this Council will designate the stretch of road in the vicinity of Templarney Church a "black-spot-area" and will take adequate steps to ensure that such decision is implemented."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council introduce the new Purchase Scheme without further delay."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council provide a further Housing Scheme for Carnew as the present scheme will not meet the needs of those on the Housing List."

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A Meeting of Wicklow County Council to deal with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 4th December, 1972, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor M. Deering, Chairman;

Councillors F. Hynes, W. Cleary, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, J. J. Bourke, J. Gregory, J. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Whelan, R. McKeown, T. J. Keenan, G. Timmins, T.D.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Mr. T. Gibson, Chief Planning Assistant, and Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Planning, and Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing, were present.

AGENDA

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

(a) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney and W. Cleary:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Frank Byrne, 15 Orchard Rd., Dublin for the provision of a bungalow at Ballyfolan, Manor Kilbride."

(b) In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, G. Timmins, T.D., K. Ryan and J. Whelan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael Redmond, Dwyer Square, Tinahely, for the provision of a bungalow for his own use at Oughill, Redcross."

(c) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple and E. Byrne:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager

to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to C. Sutton, Windgates, Bray, to build a bungalow at Templecarrig, Greystones, for his own use."

- (d) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. J. Bourke and J. Gregory:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. John Staunton, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballymoate, Glenealy, for his own use."
- (e) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering and G. Timmins:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Richard Coe, for the provision of a house at Golden Hill, Manor Kilbride."
- (f) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering and G. Timmins:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to D. Auld, Ballyward, for the provision of a bungalow at Blackrock, Blessington."
- (g) In the names of Councillors J. Temple, E. Byrne, R. F. McKeon, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Miss N. O'Neill:—"We, the undersigned, hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act to grant full Planning Approval for the erection of a house, together with septic tank and ancillary works at Rathdown Upper, Greystones, County Wicklow, to Mr. Frank Hayes, 1 Sydenham Villas, Bray, County Wicklow, in accordance with the Plans already lodged."
- (h) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Temple:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to D. A. Doyle, Hillcrest, Windgates, Bray, for a bungalow for his own use at Upper Windgates, Bray, as per plans lodged with the Council."
- (i) In the names of Councillors W. Cleary, J. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan and J. Sweeney:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Alfred Byrne, 42 Connolly Street, Arklow, County Wicklow, to erect a bungalow at Templeraíney, Arklow, County Wicklow."
- (j) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins and M. Deering:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us

by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Michael Carroll, c/o J. Molloy, Manor Kilbride, for the erection of a house at Golden Hill, Manor Kilbride."

- (k) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins and M. Deering:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission for one house at Ballinatona, and Outline Permission for one house to James Donoghue, at Ballynabrocky."
- 2 To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 3rd July, 14th August and 4th September, 1972.
- 3 Application for Planning Permission for use of site at Victoria Road, Greystones, for purposes of National School.
- 4 Sand Dunes at Brittas Bay—Proposed Acquisition.
- 5 Blessington 21-House Scheme — Terms of option-to-purchase Scheme.
- 6 Greystones Housing Scheme—To authorise borrowing to finance cost of erection of 60 houses.
- 7 Supplementary Grants for private water supply and sewerage installations—To amend Scheme.
- 8 Supplementary Loans for house purchase—Letter from Department of Local Government in reply to Council's resolution.
- 9 Amenity Grants Scheme for 1972/73.
- 10 Housing Scheme at Dunlavin.
- 11 Sites for housing at Knockananna — Report of County Engineer arising from Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan.
- 12 Applications for consent to (a) sale of vested cottages, and (b) subdivision of vested cottage plots.
- 13 Housing at Shillelagh.
- 14 To receive deputation from the Labour Party—Glenealy Branch.
- 15 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:—"That this Council indicates to the Minister for Local Government that Appeals made by Councillor Costello to him in the matter of Planning Permission be regarded as continuing efforts by him to disrupt the working of the Council and bring chaos and destruction to the established order which both he and his fellow revolutionary Socialists have indicated is abhorrent to them."
- 16 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council introduce the new Purchase Scheme without further delay"
- 17 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council provide a further Housing Scheme for Carnew as the present scheme will not meet the needs of those on the Housing List."

- 18 Cottages repaired during November, 1972, and to be repaired during the month of December, 1972.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

The following Reports of the County Engineer in regard to the Planning Applications which were subject to the Notices had been circulated to the Members of the Council:—

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(b) Proposed Bungalow at Redcross, Co. Wicklow, for Mr. Ml. Redmond. As requested by Members of the Council, the Council's Planning Assistant met the applicant and landowner on the site. The landowner, Mr. Mates, indicated that the field in which the site lies was the only one available and furthermore, that his land did not extend to the valley in which Redcross Village is sited. Alternative suitable site could not be found on Mr. Mates' land. The recommendation to refuse permission for the following reasons still stands:—

1. The proper planning and development require that new residential development be located at existing centres of development where services are available or can be economically provided and that new residential development should consolidate existing centres of development.

The proposed erection of the dwelling outside Redcross Village is in conflict with these requirements since the site is located on high ground 0.6 miles outside the village and having regard to the proposed erection of a dwelling on an adjacent site which, in turn, is adjacent to the existing dwelling of recent origin, such development would give rise to demands for services which could not be economically provided outside the village.

2. The site is located on the upper valley slopes and is visible over a wide area. The proposed development by virtue of such prominence, would be injurious to the visual amenity and rural character of the area.

- (c) Proposed house at Templecarrig Upper, Greystones, Co. Wicklow for C. Sutton.

The members of the Council adjourned consideration of this application at the last Council Meeting because it was contended that the alternative site which had been suggested by the Council's Planning Assistant and agreed by representatives of the applicant, was not suitable because of its proximity to the water tank or to springs serving the Council's water supply at Templecarrig. This matter has since been examined and it is considered that the site which is close to existing houses to the south of the present site and on the opposite side of the road is quite satisfactory. Accordingly, the recommendation to refuse permission for the reasons set out hereunder still stands

1. The site is located approximately 1 mile outside the Greystones-Delgany development area in an unserved rural area. The proposal taken in conjunction with existing development at Templecarrig would give rise to demands for services e.g. road improvements, public lighting, scavenging, etc., which could not be economically provided from the resultant rates revenue.

2. The proposal would result in additional access and increased traffic along a very narrow road (County Road Number 29) of approximately 9 ft. width and could give rise to additional traffic hazard along that road. Furthermore, the roads adjoining this County Road are also very narrow and inadequate to take increased traffic caused by such undesirable development of rural areas.
3. The proposal would cause further erosion of the scenic and rural character of the area and consequential loss of amenity in this class B landscape area.

- (d) Proposed Bungalow at Ballymoate, Glenealy, Co. Wicklow, for Mr. John Staunton.

Consideration of this application was deferred at the last meeting of the Council in order to allow consultation between the Council's Planning Staff and the applicant with a view to seeing if an alternative site which would be acceptable could be found. The Council's Planning Assistant has since met the applicant and the landowner Mr. Meredith. He pointed out a number of possible sites south of Ballymoate House which would be preferable. However, Mr. Meredith indicated that he is not prepared to sell a site in this area as he anticipates that when a sewerage scheme for the village is installed a much higher density of development would be possible and, therefore, a higher price for this land would be forthcoming. The recommendation to refuse permission for the present site on the following grounds still stands:—

1. The proposed development would consolidate the tendency for development to take place in ribbon form along the County Road from Glenealy to Ashford and would render uneconomic the provision of services, e.g. sewerage, public lighting, road improvements and footpaths which in time would be demanded. Furthermore, the proper planning and development requires that new development should consolidate existing town and village forms.

2. There is already a multiplicity of access points on this road serving existing development. The proposed extra access points on this road to serve this new development would be a source of additional traffic hazard. In particular the proposed entrances would be a source of traffic hazard by virtue of their location between two bends where visibility is restricted.

- (g) Proposed House at Rathdown Upper, Greystones, Co. Wicklow for Mr. Frank Hayes.

The applicant was previously refused permission for a house on this site and was again refused permission on appeal to the Minister for Local Government. It is recommended that permission be refused for the reasons given by the Minister viz:—

1. The proposed development, by reason of the prominent location of the site would injure the scenic amenity of this area of Bray Head.
2. The provision of an access road to this site as proposed would provide access to other elevated areas to the east of Windgate and could create a precedent for further development in the area with consequent further injury to the scenic amenity of this area.

- (j) Proposed Bungalow at Golden Hill, Manor Kilbride, Blessington, Co. Wicklow for Michael Carroll.

It is recommended that Permission be refused for the following reason:

1. The proposed development would be in serious conflict with the proper planning and development of the area because:-
 - (a) When taken in conjunction with other development both existing and proposed, it would add to the concentration of housing in this unserviced rural area remote from existing settlements and community facilities and such services as public water supply, public lighting and refuse collection.
 - (b) It would generate a future demand for public services in this area which could not be provided economically from the public revenue arising from such developments.
 - (c) It would generate additional traffic on the adjoining public road which by virtue of its deficiency in width, alignment and gradient would be incapable of carrying the increased traffic in safety.
 - (d) It would set a precedent for other unsuitable located sites.
 - (e) It would seriously injure the amenities of the area by destroying the open and rural character of the area.
 - (h) Proposed Bungalow at Upper Windgates, Bray, Co. Wicklow for David A. Doyle.

It is recommended that permission be refused for the following reasons:

- (1) The proposed development would injure the high amenity value of this area by reason of its elevated and unscreened location and by reason of its prominence in views from the adjoining road and in more distant views from the south.
- (2) Further development along this road would aggravate the serious traffic hazard existing at its nearby junction with the main Bray/Greystones road which is located at a point where visibility is severely restricted and where traffic speeds are high.
- (k) Application of James Donoghue for (a) planning permission for a bungalow at Ballinatona, Manor Kilbride, Co. Wicklow, (b) outline permission for a bungalow at Ballinabrackey, Manor Kilbride, Co. Wicklow. It is recommended that permission for the erection of the proposed house at Ballinatona be refused on the following grounds:-
 1. The proposed development would injure the high scenic character of this area by reason of its location remote from existing dwelling clusters and by reason of its undue prominence in the landscape when viewed from the adjoining County Road and also from main road L. 161 which is a main tourist road.

- (b) It is recommended that Outline Permission for the proposed house at Ballinabrackey, Manor Kilbride, Co. Wicklow, be refused on the following grounds:-

- 1 The proposed site is prominently situated in an area which is classified in the Wicklow County Development Plan as a landscape

area of high amenity. The erection of a dwelling thereon would seriously injure the amenity values of the area by:-

- (a) being very prominent in views from main road L. 161 on the other side of the river Liffey which road is a main tourist route.
 - (b) altering the scenic and rural character of the area.
 - (c) setting a precedent for similar development on other prominent sites in the area.
2. The site has no proper means of access to a public road.

- (a) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney, and W. Cleary:—
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Frank Byrne, 15 Orchard Road, Dublin, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballyfolan, Manor Kilbride."

The County Secretary stated that no application had been received from Mr. Frank Byrne. Members of the Council pointed out that the Notice had appeared on a previous Agenda, and it was agreed that Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in relation to Planning Applications should not be included on the Agenda unless an application for Planning Permission had been received at the time the Agenda was being issued.

- (b) In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, G. Timmins, T.D., K. Ryan, and J. Whelan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael Redmond, Dwyer Square, Tinnahely, for the provision of a bungalow for his own use at Oughill, Redcross."

The County Secretary read the report of the County Engineer in regard to the meeting between the Council's Planning Assistant and the applicant and land owner on the site and pointed out that it had been found that there was no alternative suitable site on Mr. Mate's land and that the recommendation to refuse permission still applied.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh.

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael Redmond, Dwyer Square, Tinnahely, for the provision of a bungalow for his own use at Oughill, Redcross.

Passed — Councillor Costello abstaining.

In proposing the Resolution, Councillor Miss Walsh stated that the applicant, Mr. Michael Redmond had returned from England to take up employment at home and was anxious to obtain Permission for a house for his own use. She did not agree that the site would be injurious to the visual amenity and rural character of the area or was unduly far from the village of Redcross.

- (c) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple and E. Byrne:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to C. Sutton, Windgates, Bray, to build a bungalow at Templecarrig, Greystones, for his own use."

The County Secretary read the Report of the County Engineer in which he confirmed that the alternative site which was close to existing houses to the south of the present site and on the opposite side of the road was considered quite satisfactory, and that accordingly the recommendations to refuse permission for the original site still stood. Following a discussion in the course of which Councillor Miss O'Neill stated that the applicant's uncle, from whom he was obtaining the site, was not agreeable to making available a site on the other field where the alternative site had been suggested, the Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal in order to ascertain whether the alternative site suggested could be made available.

- (d) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. J. Bourke and J. Gregory:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. John Staunton, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballymoate, Glenealy, for his own use."

The County Secretary read the Report of the County Engineer in which he indicated that the Planning Assistant had since the last Meeting met the applicant and the land owner and had examined a number of possible sites south of Ballymoate House which would be preferable. The land owner, Mr. Meredith, however, was not prepared to sell a site in that area and accordingly the recommendations to refuse permission for the site which was the subject of the application still remained.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. John Staunton, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballymoate, Glenealy, for his own use, subject to the entrance being located at the southern end of the site, and a bell-mouth provided, and that any land necessary for road improvement be made available.

Passed—Councillor S. Costello abstaining.

- (e) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering and G. Timmons:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Richard Coe, for the provision of a house at Golden Hill, Manor Kilbride."

The County Secretary stated that no application had been received from Mr. Richard Coe, and the Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal.

- (f) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering and G. Timmons:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to D. Auld, Ballyward, for the provision of a bungalow at Blackrock, Blessington."

The County Secretary stated that the Report on this matter had been submitted at the previous meeting, but that consideration of the proposal had been deferred for clarification as to the ownership of the land. Councillor J. Miley submitted a copy of a document showing that letters of administration had been granted to Mr. J. Hanlon, but the document submitted was not adequate to indicate whether Mr. J. Hanlon was sole owner and it appeared that the land on which the site is situated was jointly owned by Mr. W. Hanlon and Miss Jane Hanlon. Following a discussion in regard to the grounds on which refusal of permission was recommended by the County Engineer the Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the meeting to be held on the 11th December, 1972, so as to allow time for further discussion between the Chief Planning Assistant and the applicant, and the owners of the land to see if an alternative site could be found which would be acceptable.

- (g) In the names of Councillors J. Temple, E. Byrne, R. F. McKeon, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Miss N. O'Neill:- "We, the undersigned, hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant Full Planning Approval for the erection of a house, together with septic tank and ancillary works at Rathdown Upper, Greystones, Co. Wicklow, to Mr. Frank Hayes, 1, Sydenham Villas, Bray, Co. Wicklow, in accordance with the plans already lodged."

The County Secretary read the Report of the County Engineer which had been circulated to the Members and in which it was pointed out that the applicant had previously been refused permission for a house on this site and had again been refused permission on Appeal by the Minister for Local Government. The County Engineer recommended that Permission be refused for the reasons given by the Minister as indicated in his Report.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor R. McKeon:

Resolved—We, the undersigned, hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act to

grant full Planning Approval for the erection of a house, together with septic tank and ancillary works at Rathdown Upper, Greystones, Co. Wicklow, to Mr. Frank Hayes, 1, Sydenham Villas, Bray, County Wicklow, in accordance with the Plans already lodged.

Passed—Councillor Costello dissenting and Councillor M. J. O'Neill dissenting.

- (h) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, and J. Temple:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to D. A. Doyle, Hillcrest, Windgates, Bray, for a bungalow for his own use at Upper Windgates, Bray, as per plans lodged with the Council."

The County Secretary read the Report of the County Engineer which had been circulated to the Members of the Council and in which he recommended that Permission be refused. Councillor Miss O'Neill pointed out that the applicant had, following discussions with the Chief Planning Assistant, agreed to change the original location of the house to a new location at a lower level and adjoining the road.

It was
Proposed by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to D. A. Doyle, Hillcrest, Windgates, Bray, for a bungalow for his own use at Upper Windgates, Bray, as per Plans lodged with the Council, subject to suitable screening being provided.

Passed.

- (i) In the names of Councillors W. Cleary, J. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan and J. Sweeney:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Alfred Byrne, 42 Connolly Street, Arklow, County Wicklow, to erect a bungalow at Templeraíne, Arklow, County Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that no application had been received from Mr. Alfred Byrne, and the Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal.

- (j) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins and M. Deering:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the Co. Manager to grant Planning Permission to Michael Carroll, c/o J. Molloy, Manor Kilbride, for the erection of a house at Golden Hill, Manor Kilbride."

The County Secretary read the report of the County Engineer which had been circulated to the Members in which he recommended

that permission be refused for the reasons indicated in the report. Councillor M. J. O'Neill stated that he wished to withdraw his name from the Notice as he had not received adequate information in regard to the application.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Michael Carroll, c/o J. Molloy, Manor Kilbride, for the erection of a house at Golden Hill, Manor Kilbride.

Passed—Councillor S. Costello and Councillor M. J. O'Neill dissenting.

- (k) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins and M. Deering:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission for one house at Ballinatona, and Outline Permission for one house to James Donoghue, at Ballynabrocky."

The County Secretary read the Reports of the County Engineer as circulated to the Members in regard to (a) the application of Mr. Donoghue for Planning Permission for a bungalow at Ballinatona, Manor Kilbride, and (b) his application for Outline Permission for a bungalow at Ballynabrocky. The County Engineer had recommended that Permission be refused for both applications for the reasons as indicated in the reports. Following a discussion on the matter, in the course of which it was claimed by Councillor Miley that Mr. Donoghue's present house was in a very bad condition and he wished to replace it with a new house and was seeking Outline Permission for a site for second house to assist him in defraying the cost of the building of a new house for himself, the Council decided to defer consideration of the proposal to the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 11th December, to allow time for a meeting between the Chief Planning Assistant and Mr. Donoghue with a view to seeing if a possible site could be found.

Item No. 2—To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on the 3rd July, 14th August and 4th September, 1972.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor W. Cleary:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 3rd July, 14th August and 4th September, 1972.

Passed.

Council Chamber:

Councillor Hynes stated that the present Council Chamber was unsuitable because of its location at the top of the building which involved climbing so many stairs, and that the approach was very difficult for some Members of the Council. He suggested that the matter of providing an elevator be re-examined. Councillor Cleary also indicated that he found great difficulty in climbing so many stairs to reach the Council Chamber. Councillor Temple suggested that one of the Courts might be used as a Council Chamber. Councillor Phelan pointed out that if present Council Chamber continued to be used it would be desirable that it should be re-decorated. The County Manager stated that the matter would be examined and a report would be furnished to the Council at the January Meeting.

Item No. 3—Application for Planning Permission for use of site at Victoria Road, Greystones, for purposes of National School.

The County Secretary stated that at the Meeting of the Council on

the 21st August, 1972, the Council had considered a letter received from Rev. Canon L. A. Elliott, M.A., The Rectory, Greystones, in which he indicated that the Church Authorities had purchased the field previously owned by Mr. Boyle Fawsitt and situated opposite the Cinema at Victoria Road, Greystones, for the purposes of a site for a new National School. He had indicated that owing to rapidly increasing numbers the present accommodation was inadequate and it was necessary to provide a larger school. He stated that the site and the development plan had been approved by the Board of Works who were well aware of the requirements of the whole area, and while it was realised that the field had been zoned as an open area, he hoped that this would not affect their application for Planning Permission. The Council had referred the matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area who had noted that a Planning Application would be submitted and it was agreed that the matter be further considered when the application was available. The County Secretary stated that the application for the site had been examined by the Chief Planning Assistant who had reported that the site for the proposed school was the "marshy field" which was included in the objectives of the County Development Plan in Item 13, Page 34. The objective was included under the heading of Amenity and stated as follows.—"Acquire and plant up the marshy field adjoining Victoria Road."

The Chief Planning Assistant pointed out in his report that any development of the site whether for park land or a school would necessitate drainage of the land and the raising of the level of the land by filling. Unless filling could be made available from waste soil from road works or otherwise the cost was likely to be very high. In a discussion with Mr. Spurling of the Parish Council it had been suggested by Mr. Spurling that a strip along the Victoria Road frontage might be made available to the Council for planting and laying out as a park with a footpath to the school passing down the centre of it with tree planting and seats provided in the grassed area. He stated that the Parish Council had already bought the land. Canon Elliott in a letter to the Council had also confirmed that the Parish Council were the owners of the land. The Chief Planning Assistant pointed out that if the Council were prepared to accept the principle of using the major portion of the land for a National School and Playground it would be necessary to obtain the consent of the Minister for Local Government as the proposal to site a school on this site would be a material con-

travention of the Development Plan. In reply to inquiries from Members of the Council, the Chief Planning Assistant stated that the pieces of land which had been suggested might be made available to the Council represented a strip about 40 feet in depth along the frontage with Victoria Road. The area of the strip would be about $\frac{1}{3}$ of an acre and the total area of the site was $4\frac{1}{2}$ acres.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That having noted that the application of Canon L. A. Elliott, Greystones, for Outline Permission for the provision of a National School and Sportsground on the field adjoining Victoria Road, Greystones, referred to in Objective No. 13 of the Development Plan for Greystones/Delgany, would contravene materially such Development Plan, we approve of application being made to the Minister for consent under Sub-Section 3 of Section 26 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, if it should be decided to grant Outline Permission for the use of the site for the purposes of a National School and Sportsground.

Councillor Phelan proposed as an amendment that the Council indicate to the Select Vestry that it was the view of the Council that the site in question was necessary for purposes of a recreation area for Greystones and consequently that the Council could not agree to seeking the Permission of the Minister to a departure from the Development Plan to allow of the site being used for another purpose, but that the Council would make every effort to assist the Select Vestry in finding an alternative site for a school. Councillor Costello seconded Councillor Phelan's amendment. As a further amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor R. McKeon:

Resolved—That we adjourn consideration of this proposal and invite representatives of the Select Vestry, Mr. Fawsitt, representatives of the Greystones Civic Association, a representative of the Department of Education, and a representative of the Board of Works, to attend at the next meeting of the Council for a discussion on the matter. The amendment in the name of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor R. McKeon, was put to the Council and agreed, and the matter was accordingly deferred to the meeting of the Council to be held on 11th December, 1972, at which the representatives of the parties indicated would be invited to attend.

Item No. 4—Sand Dunes at Brittas Bay—Proposed acquisition.

The County Manager stated that he had discussions with the owner of the Sand Dunes at Brittas Bay with a view to its possible acquisition by the Council, but in view of the negotiations which were still proceeding it would be desirable that the matter be discussed by the Council in committee. The Council agreed that the County Manager's report be considered in committee and noted that the matter

would not be reported by the Press nor discussed by Members of the Council with other persons.

The County Manager in the course of his report stated that the property of the Maguire Estate at Brittas Bay had been purchased by Mr. Brian Leonard for a certain sum and Mr. Leonard had indicated that he was prepared to dispose of the Sand Dunes to the Council. A meeting had been arranged between Mr. Leonard and the County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer and Chief Planning Assistant, in the course of which Mr. Leonard indicated the figure he was seeking and the County Manager on behalf of the Council suggested a figure which the Council would consider reasonable. There was a wide margin between the two figures. The County Manager explained how he had arrived at the suggested figure for acquisition of the Sand Dunes. The County Manager stated that An Foras Forbartha were interested in the matter as they had carried out special reports in relation to the Sand Dunes, and that the Department of Local Government had been asked to assist with the grant towards the cost and also the Dublin City Manager. The amount of any grant which might be made available or contribution from the Dublin Authorities would be dependent on the eventual price agreed to be paid for the lands. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council agreed to leave the further negotiations in the hands of the County Manager and the Officers of the Council and noted that a further report would be submitted to the Council following further discussion with Mr. Leonard.

Item No. 5—Blessington 21-House Scheme — Terms of option-to-purchase Scheme.

The County Secretary submitted the details of the Option-to-Purchase Scheme in respect of the 21-House Scheme at Blessington but at the suggestion of Councillor J. Temple it was agreed that particulars of the Scheme be circulated to the Members of the Council and that the item be included on the Agenda for the Meeting to be held on the 11th December. The Council agreed that in the meantime there was no objection to making arrangements for allowing tenants to take up occupation on completing a temporary letting agreement based on a payment relating to the re-payments given in the proposed Purchase Scheme.

The Council agreed that any urgent matters on the Agenda for the Meeting on that date which had not been dealt with will be included on the Agenda for the Meeting to be held on the 11th December, and that the Council would continue to 6.00 p.m. at the meeting on the 11th December, in order to dispose of all essential matters.

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

In the names of Councillors R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Michael Hawkins, to build a bungalow for his own use at Drummins, Annamoe"

In the names of Councillors R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we

direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Patrick J. O'Leary, to build a bungalow for his own use at Killiskey, Ashford."

In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, Miss M. Walsh, and K. Ryan:— "In order to speed up the erection of traffic lights at the Bridge Street junction in Arklow, this Council pass a Resolution authorising excess expenditure to cover the cost of this work."

In the name of Councillor J. Whelan:— "That the County Engineer have the road between the junction at Coolballintaggart and the junction at Ballyteigue examined and give a report."

In the name of Councillor J. Whelan:— "That the Council provide a dump at Knockananna for which a site can be offered."

In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, and Miss M. Walsh:— "That this Council build a wall around the cemetery at Old Kilbride and leave only the steps as an entrance, as this cemetery is now closed."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th December, 1972, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor M. Deering, Chairman.

Councillors F. Hynes, W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, J. Bourke, J. Gregory, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Whelan, R. F. McKeon.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer and Chief Planning Assistant attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to Propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, deferred from meeting held on 4th December, 1972, as follows:—
 - (a) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering and G. Timmins:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to D. Auld, Ballyward, for the provision of a bungalow at Blackrock, Blessington."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins and M. Deering:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission for one house at Ballinatona and Outline Permission for one house to James Donoghue, at Ballynabrocky."
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 19th June, 10th July, and 21st August, 1972.
3. Overdraft on General Account for quarter to 31st March, 1973.
4. Application for Outline Planning Permission for use of site at Victoria Road, Greystones, for purposes of National School.
5. Proposed Disposal of land at Tinahely to Industrial Development Authority (Notice circulated to Members).
6. Proposed disposal of plot of land at Rathnew to Thomas Duffy (Notice circulated to Members).
7. Revision of remuneration of Engineering Staff—Recommendation under Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme.
8. Blessington 21 House Scheme—Terms of option-to-purchase Scheme.

9. To authorise borrowing for the following purposes:—(1) 60 houses at Greystones; (2) Water Supply and Extension at Ballynerrin and Marilton, Wicklow, and Ballinacorney/Randalstown area, Stratford, and sewerage extension at Oldcourt, Bray; (3) Supplementary grants for provision of private water supply and sewerage facilities.
10. Amenities Grants Scheme for 1973/'74.
11. Application for consent to sale of vested cottages.
12. Water Supply at Tinahely and extension of water supply to houses at Glenphilipeen—Report of County Engineer.
13. Sewerage Scheme for cottages at Bellevue, Delgany.
14. Carnew Sewerage.
15. Application from Kilmacanogue Housing Association for reception by members of County Council for Bray Electoral Area of deputation in regard to sewerage services for new houses at Kilmacanogue.
16. Letter from Minister for Local Government to Chairman of Council in regard to marking the country's accession to the European Economic Community on 1st January, 1973, by country-wide symbolic tree planting ceremonies.
17. Application of Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, Limited, for grant towards cost of promotional film.
18. Report on Malicious Injury Claims.
19. Fire Prevention—Proposed appointment of second Fire Officer (Prevention).
20. Road from Brickworks, Rathnew, to Tighe's Avenue on the Rathnew/Dublin Road—Report of County Engineer.
21. Application for plot of ground at Curranavish, Tinahely.
22. Application for provision of telephone kiosk at Stratford on Slaney.
23. Industrial Development in Bray Area—Letter from Bray and District Trades Union Council.
24. Rating of Community Halls.
25. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That the Council extend water and sewerage to five houses on Gorey Road, Carnew."
26. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That the 'Sphinx' Road from Tigrone Green to the end of Castlehoward Hill, Avoca, be surfaced."
27. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—(1) "That this Council widen the road that joins the Merrymeeting Road

- with the Old Village Road opposite the new school, Rathnew; (2) widen the road near the turn at the Graveyard that joins the new school field; land will be given to widen this road at Rathnew."
28. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"Will the Council explain the reasons why the people of Kilnamanagh, Glenealy, cannot get a water supply."
29. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney, W. Cleary, B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes, and K. Ryan:—"That owing to the number of serious accidents in the East Wicklow Area involving horses, we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, request the Minister for Local Government to make an order compelling itinerants in the area to notify the local Gardaí of the number of horses they have and where they are kept at night, while in the area."
30. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council extend public lighting to the Ballynultagh Road at Shillelagh."
31. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That this Council bore two wells for the three families living in the three Council cottages at Ballinagran, Glenealy."
32. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That this Council agree to pay towards the erection and maintenance of a public telephone kiosk at Newcastle."
33. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That a protective fence be erected on each side of the bridge at Tower Avenue, Avoca, where there is a drop of 30 feet and that paths from Avoca Bridge to Castlehoward Hill Cemetery be tarmacadamed."
34. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss M. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Temple:—"That School Wardens be appointed at the National School, Delgany, and the National School, Enniskerry, both roads being very dangerous for children crossing the road."
35. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Temple:—"That two street lights be provided at the Bawn Cottages, Greystones."
36. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan and R. Miley:—"That water and sewerage facilities be provided to serve the village of Redcross."
37. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That sewerage be extended to the houses at Coohuss, Tinahely."
38. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—"That the Council take steps to ease or remove the dangerous bends from Casterduddy Cross to Davidstown, Glen of Imaal, and money be provided in the Estimates for 1973/'74 for this purpose."
39. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That in the interest of the public, the Council will designate the stretch

of road in the vicinity of Templarney Church a "Black-Spot-Area," and will take adequate steps to ensure that such decision is implemented."

40. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, Miss M. Walsh and K. Ryan:—"In order to speed up the erection of traffic lights at the Bridge Street Junction in Arklow this Council pass a Resolution authorising excess expenditure to cover the cost of this work."
41. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:—"That the County Engineer have the road between the junction at Coolballintaggart and the junction at Ballyteigue examined and give a report."
42. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:—"That the Council provide a dump at Knockananna for which a site can be offered."
43. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney and Miss M. Walsh:—"That this Council build a wall around the cemetery at Old Kilbride and leave only the steps as an entrance as this Cemetery is now closed."

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to Propose Resolutions Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Deferred from Meeting Held on 4th December, 1972, as follows:—

- (A) In the Names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering and G. Timmins:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act 1963, to D. Auld, Ballyward, for the Provision of a Bungalow at Blackrock, Blessington."

The following Report of the Chief Planning Assistant as approved by the County Engineer was submitted:—

T. J. DONOVAN, Esq., B.E.,
County Engineer.

11th December, 1972.

RE/ Planning Application Register ref: No. 5909/72 Development Proposed—House. Location of Development: Blackrock, Blessington, Co. Wicklow. Applicant: Mrs. D. Auld.

At the request of the Council at its meeting on the 4th December, 1972, I met the applicant at the proposed site on the 7th December, 1972. Also present were applicant's husband, Mr. D. Auld, and Mr. W. Hanlon, the landowner. The purpose of the meeting was to attempt to choose an alternative site which would overcome as far as possible the objections to the site presently proposed.

I succeeded in choosing a site approximately 250 yards to the north east of the present site and over 30 feet lower down the hillside which would effectively overcome reason no. 3 in objections to the first site. Removal of the roadside bank along the front of this other site would give a better visibility to the access point than is available to the present site.

However, Mr. Auld stated that the further down the hill one went then the price of the land became greater, and while he was

willing to do all that he could to preserve the amenities of the area, that it might not be economically possible for him to obtain this alternative site. As Mr. Hanlon was present, I gave them an opportunity to discuss the matter of price together to see if agreement could be reached on it. They were unable to reach agreement there and then, but they promised to discuss it further, and if possible to write to the Council before to-day's meeting to state whether agreement was reached on this alternative site or not. So far this letter has not been received.

T. GIBSON,

Chief Planning Assistant.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from Mrs. Pauline Auld, stating that she had agreed terms with Mr. W. Hanlon for the alternative site suggested by the Chief Planning Assistant at Blackrock, and she confirmed her acceptance of the proposed site. The Council noted that the application at present before the Council would have to be refused and that a new application for the alternative site would be submitted. The Council decided to defer consideration of the Notice of Intention to propose a Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, pending the submission of the application in respect of the new site.

- (B) In the Names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, and M. Deering:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission for one House at Ballinatona, and Outline Permission for one House to James Donoghue, at Ballynabrocky."

The following Report of the Chief Planning Assistant as approved by the County Engineer in relation to the application for Planning Permission for the house at Ballinatona was submitted:—

T. J. DONOVAN, Esq., B.E.,
County Engineer.

11th December, 1972.

RE/ Mr. James Donoghue, Ballinatona.

A. Chara,

On the 7th instant I carried out a survey with Mr. Donoghue of the lands above his house at Ballinatona (approximately 24 acres). Mr. Donoghue's present house is built near the roadside further down the hill towards Ballylow Bridge and is well screened by trees. Mr. Donoghue claimed that his present house was 250-300 years old and was exceptionally damp. I inspected the house and did see signs of dampness in the walls. Mr. Comyn, Health Inspector, inspected the house this morning and phoned this office to state that he considered the house unfit for human habitation.

Mr. Donoghue's land at Ballinatona lies between 800' and 900' O.D. and is on both sides of County Road 378 and slopes to the north east. The proposed site lies on south west side of the road, i.e., the uphill side, and is surrounded by poor rough land on that side. Mr. Donoghue made the case that from an agricultural point of view the field comprising this site was isolated from the better land of his holding by the road in front and has the poor land surrounding it behind.

There are a number of streams and drains running through the land so he, therefore, proposes to site the septic tank across the road in the better land away from the streams. Whilst it would be possible to develop a number of other sites on the land in less conspicuous positions, Mr. Donoghue claimed that the extra cost of developing those sites was more than he could afford. The actual gain from an amenity aspect would be marginal. Mr. Donoghue stated also that he would be prepared to carry out tree planting within reason.

In view of the fact that Mr. Donoghue requires a new house to replace his existing one and the fact that he requires a house in this area for the purpose of working his land holding, and that he is prepared to provide tree screening to render the proposed house less prominent, I recommend that permission be granted subject to the following conditions:—

1. That the house be sited at least 40 feet from the roadway.

Reason: To ensure adequate set back of building from the edge of the public roadway.

2. That the septic tank be sited 60 feet from the house, 100 feet from the well, 30 feet from any boundary and 60 feet from any road. The septic tank also to be sited on owner's own land.

Reason: In the interests of public health.

3. The entrance to be set back so as to allow for the parking of at least three cars off the public roadway.

Reason: To prevent obstruction of the public roadway.

4. Tree planting of varieties common to the area shall be carried out around the boundaries of the proposed site and should be especially dense on the uphill side of the proposed house.

Reason: In the interests of amenity.

Mise, le meas,

T. GIBSON.

Chief Planning Assistant.

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The Council noted that Permission would be granted for the proposed house at Ballinatona subject to the conditions recommended by the Chief Planning Assistant.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission for one house at Ballinatona to James Donoghue, subject to the conditions recommended by the County Engineer.
Passed.

In regard to the application for Outline Planning Permission for one house at Ballynabrocky, the following Report of the Chief Planning Assistant was submitted:—

T. J. O'DONOVAN, Esq., B.E.,
County Engineer.

11th December, 1972.

RE/ Proposed House at Ballinabrackey, Manor Kilbride,
Ref.: 5881/72.

A Chara,

As requested by the Council at its meeting on the 4th instant, I inspected the proposed site with Mr. Donoghue on the 7th instant. As

I had earlier dealt with Mr. O'Donoghue's proposal for a dwelling-house at Ballinatona, I asked Mr. Donoghue why he required a second dwelling in this more remote area. He indicated that he would probably sell the site to help finance the building of his own house. I pointed out to him that in making a recommendation on a planning application I was confined under the Planning Act to the consideration of the proper planning and development of the area (including the preservation of amenities), regard being had to the Development Plan, and that the sale of building sites in such an area for purposes not connected with the working of the land would be seriously in conflict with that requirement and so could not recommend it.

The site itself is the best one available on this holding of Mr. Donoghue at Ballynabrackey. However, it is very prominent, and even though there are some trees around the site, if any house were built there a number of these are of suspect condition and would need to be removed to ensure the safety of the house.

The means of access to the site is along an old track along the edge of the moorland on which Mr. Donoghue, in common with other landholders in the area, has grazing rights. This track is over 300 yards long and would require to be extensively drained and resurfaced before it could accept vehicular traffic.

I recommend that outline permission be refused for the reasons previously recommended.

Mise, le meas,

T. GIBSON.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission for one house to James Donoghue at Ballynabrocky.
Passed—Councillor Costello dissenting.

Item No. 2—To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council Held on the 19th June, 10th July, and 21st August, 1972.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. McKeon:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on the 19th June, 10th July, and 21st August, 1972.
Passed.

Item No. 3—Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 31st March, 1973.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:

Resolved—That we hereby Authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The Bank of Ireland, Limited, Main Street, Wicklow,

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 ending 31st March, 1973, shall not exceed £650,000.

Passed.

Item No. 4—Application for Outline Planning Permission for Use of Site at Victoria Road, Greystones, for Purposes of National School.
As requested by the Council at the previous meeting, the following persons attended at the meeting of the Council:—

Rev. Canon L. A. Elliott, Rector, Greystones and Manager of the Primary School; and Mr. Osborne Spurling of the Select Vestry.

Messrs. Liam Byrne and Derek Paine representing the Greystones and District Civic Association; and Mr. Concubhair O'Suilleabhain, Divisional Inspector from the Department of Education, and Senior Architects, Mr. John Ward and Mr. Frank Haughey, representing the Office of Public Works. The County Secretary referred to discussions at the previous meeting of the Council and it was stated that the field on which it was proposed to site the new National School and Sportsground contained 4½ acres and was included in the Objectives of the County Development Plan for acquisition by the Council for the purposes of a recreation area. Should the Council decide to accept the principle of using the major part of the land for a National School and Playground, it would be necessary to obtain the consent of the Minister for Local Government as the proposal to site a school on the field would be a material contravention of the Development Plan as approved by the Council. Rev. Canon Elliott stated that he had been 14 years in Greystones and stated that the need for a larger school had been realised since the 1960's and the school was at present occupying temporary buildings. The Select Vestry had been endeavouring to obtain a suitable site for a number of years, but had failed to secure any and the site now proposed to be used was considered the only suitable site available. He stated that while aware of the provision in the Council's Development Plan in regard to this field, he did not think that such provision would exclude the use of the site for the purposes of the school. Mr. Paine on behalf of the Civic Association stated that the Association welcomed the idea of an amenity area for the benefit of the Community, but were of opinion that there could be no greater amenity than a school and they hoped that even a portion of the proposed school site could be reserved for general amenity purposes, and be purchased by the Council. Mr. C. O'Sullivan on behalf of the Department of Education stated that there was a proposal to amalgamate the Church of Ireland Schools at Delgany and Greystones and that it was felt that eventually the Greystones School would be an eight teacher school. He stated that the plans for the school had not yet been sanctioned, but that the cost was estimated at £70,000. Mr. J. Ward, Architect for the Board of Works, stated that it was a function of the Board of Works to ascertain if a site proposed was suitable for a school, and that this would be merely the primary stage following which the Planning Authority would be approached. He stated that until the Planning Authority had approved this site, the Office of Public Works could not arrange for proceeding with the erection of a school.

Councillor Phelan stated that the Members of the Council were concerned to find that the Department of Education and the Board of Works had failed to consult the Council on the planning situation

and on the matter of the site for a school in the Greystones area. The Council had been presented with a *fait accompli* as the site had been purchased and only subsequent to the purchase was the Council asked for formal Planning Permission. He considered that the Civic Association and the Select Vestry Comm'ttee should have known the facts in regard to the provision in the Development Plan relating to this field, and the Board of Public Works should also have inquired from the Council as to the suitability of the site from a planning aspect. Mr. O. Spurling confirmed that the sale of the field had been closed about two months previously, and that it was the opinion of the Parent/Teacher Association for the Church of Ireland School and of the Select Vestry that this field was the only possible site for a Protestant National School in the area. He stated that the Select Vestry had searched the entire area to endeavour to find a site, but found only three possible locations and this was the most suitable. Councillor Costello pointed out that this field had been discussed by the Council on many occasions and had been scheduled in the Development Plan for acquisition for amenity purposes. An application had been made to have Housing Development on the site, but this had been refused by the Council. It seemed clear that the Select Vestry and the Greystones Civic Association had been aware of the Council's views in the matter, and it appeared that, nevertheless, the field had been purchased apparently with the hope that the Council might be persuaded to change the Development Plan. He felt that this was a wrong approach. Councillor Costello urged that the Council adhere to the provisions in the Plan in relation to this field. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., expressed the view that the Council should facilitate the provision of a school at Greystones. The Council accepted the fact that a school was needed.

Councillor J. Temple proposed that Outline Permission for the use of the field at Victoria Road, Greystones, for the purposes of a school and Sports ground be refused and that the applicant be informed of his right of appeal to the Minister, and the Minister would then be in a position to determine the matter. Councillor Cosello proposed that the Council not approve of any application being made to the Minister for consent to a departure from the provisions of the Development Plan in relation to the field at Greystones. Following a further discussion, it was agreed that the matter be considered by the members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at a meeting arranged for Monday, 18th December, 1972, and that representatives of the Select Vestry be received by Members of the Council for the area, at 9.00 p.m. on that evening. The County Manager stated that a further examination of the needs of the area in relation to recreation space and the site for the school would be carried out and the matter considered by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their Meeting.

Item No. 5—Proposed Disposal of Land at Tinahely to Industrial Development Authority (Notice Circulated to Members).

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That we approve of the disposal of 5.29 acres of land at Lugduff, Tinahely, to the Industrial Development Authority, in accordance with the terms specified in the notice issued to the Members of

the Council on the 29th day of November, 1972. We note that the disposal of the land will be sale in fee simple and the purchase price will be at the rate of £1,500 per acre.

Passed.

Item No. 6—Proposed Disposal of Plot of Land at Rathnew to Thomas Duffy (Notice Circulated to Members).

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Resolved—That we approve of the disposal of 11 sq. perches of land at Rathnew to Mr. Thomas Duffy, in accordance with the terms specified in the Notice issued to the Members of the Council on 15th November, 1972.

Passed.

Item No. 7—Revision of Remuneration of Engineering Staff—Recommendation Under Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That we approve of the application of the revised rates of remuneration for the County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers, Assistant County Engineers, Chief Fire Officer, Chief Planning Assistant and Planning Assistants as set out hereunder and as recommended under the Scheme for Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Government Officers with effect from 1st July, 1971, and hereby authorise expenditure of £10,950 in excess of the amounts provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the application of the revised salary scales:—

County Engineer: £4,085 x 5 annual increments of £150 to £4,835.

Chief Assistant County Engineer, Chief Fire Officer, and Chief

Planning Assistant: £3,253 x 5 increments of £105 to £3,778.

Assistant County Engineer and Planning Assistant: £2,253 x 10 annual increments of £100 to £3,253.

Item No. 8—Blessington 21 House Scheme — Terms of Option-to-Purchase Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the arrangements in pursuance of the provisions of the Housing Act, 1966, for the sale of houses erected at Blessington by the Council to persons selected for the

tenancy of such houses. We note that the all-in-cost amounts to £3,800; that tenants will be given credit for appropriate State new house and Supplementary new house grants; that the purchasers will qualify in the normal way for Remission for Rates applicable to new grant size houses and that the purchasers may pay the purchase money either outright, by deposit and weekly repayments or by weekly repayments only. It is further noted that purchasers will be allowed to spread the weekly repayments over 35 years at 9½ per cent, and that they may at any time repay the capital sum outstanding or at gale days repay portion of the capital outstanding.

We also note that the houses will be vested in the purchasers in fee simple and that during the course of the repayment period, conditions will apply to the sale of the dwelling in regard to ensuring the punctual payment of repayments, to restriction of dwelling for use as normal place of residence, to prohibition of mortgaging, changing or alienating of dwelling or part thereof except by consent of the Council, to recovery of supplementary grant from purchasers if dwelling is sold within five years of date of transfer. In addition to these special conditions, we note that the normal conditions of a Council lease will also apply during the purchase period.

Passed.

Item No. 9—To Authorise Borrowing for the following Purposes: (1) 60 Houses at Greystones; (2) Water Supply and Extension at Ballynerrin and Marilton Wicklow, and Ballinatone/Randalstown Area, Stratford, and Sewerage Extension at Oldcourt, Bray; (3) Supplementary Grants for Provision of Private Water Supply and Sewerage Facilities.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of £257,600 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of 35 years, to defray the cost of the erection of 60 houses at Greystones.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Tynes;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of £10,250 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years to defray the cost of the Water Supply Extension Scheme to Ballynerrin and Marilton, the extension of Stratford Water Supply to serve the Ballinatone/Randalstown area and the extension of sewerage services to cottages at Oldcourt, Bray.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of £25,000 from the Bank of Ireland, Wicklow, repayable over a period of 7 years to defray the cost of payment of Supplementary Grants for provision of private water supplies and sewerage facilities for the period to 30th September, 1974.

Passed.

Item No. 10—Amenity Grants Scheme for 1973/'74.

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

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

33-41 Lower Mount Street,

Dublin 2.

5th Nollaig, 1972.

County Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

Amenity Grants Scheme—Supplementary Allocations, 1972/'73.

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to this Department's circular letter with enclosures of 19th Samhain, 1971 (P.D. 139/1) and the letter of allocation of 23rd May, 1972, together with explanatory Memorandum and to inform you that a supplementary allocation of £5,000 has been made to you to assist in the carrying out of schemes of public amenity during the current year. This supplementary allocation is made subject to the condition that it will not involve commitments in subsequent years and, as in the case of the allocation already made to you in May, 1972, that payment on the basis of duly certified expenditure can be made to you before 31st March, 1973. It is now open to you to authorise the start of work, or expenditure, on schemes within the approved list of schemes already submitted to the Department and subject to the conditions attached to the basic grant for 1972/'73, including that of a contribution of at least 50 per cent, from rates and from other local sources to the scheme. You are again referred to the terms of the Memorandum of May, 1972, which requested you to give priority to projects which promote leisure activities and develop community interest.

Kindly notify the Planning and Development Section at your earliest convenience of your proposals for the expenditure of the additional allocation now made. If at any time it appears that you are not likely to be in a position to fully avail of any portion of your original allocation plus the supplementary allocation, you should so notify the section immediately so that, if necessary, a transfer of such "savings" can be made to other authorities. A review of your progress under the scheme will be made on 1st February, 1973. Your attention is drawn to the fact that the supplementary allocation will not necessarily affect the basis on which your allocation for 1973/'74 is made.

Mise, le meas,

J. P. FARRELLY.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

T. J. O'Donovan, B.E., M.I.C.E.I., County Engineer's Office,
County Surveyor/Engineer, Courthouse,
Ref.: TJD/SB. Wicklow.
COUNTY SECRETARY. 11th December, 1972.

Re: Amenity Grants Scheme—Supplementary Allocations, 1972/'73.

A Chara,

Reference Department's letter dated 5th instant (Ref.: AGS 72/73), I give hereunder revised list of Amenity Schemes to absorb the Supplementary allocation:—

SCHEME	ESTIMATE
1. Scenic Car Park, Long Hill, Kilmacanogue	£800
2. Community Centre, Carnew	£2,000
3. Street Widening, Knockanana Village	£2,000
4. Provision of Children's Playground at Blessington	£800
5. Clearing of Derelict Site at Graveyard, Balinglass	£1,200
6. Clearing of Derelict Site at Dunlavin	£700
7. Car Park and Derelict Site: Rathnew	£500
8. Levelling and Provision of Rugby Pitch at Ashtown, Wicklow	£2,000
TOTAL:	£10,000

The provision of the Rugby Pitch in Wicklow was not included in the original list of Schemes. Application for an Amenity Grant has been received from Wicklow Rugby Club who have purchased a site of eight acres at Ashtown for £8,000. I have been informed by the Rugby Club that it is their intention to provide for other sporting facilities, such as Tennis, Basketball, Badminton, Athletics and also the provision of a Car Park on this Playing Pitch. This is a very desirable facility for recreational and leisure purposes to serve the expanding community in Wicklow Town, and is recommended for approval.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. O'DONOVAN,
County Engineer.

The County Secretary pointed out that it was necessary to have all Schemes completed before the 31st March, and consequently the Schemes which involved the acquisition of land which might entail delays had not been considered by the County Engineer in submitting his recommendation.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the carrying out of the following additional Schemes with the aid of the additional grant of £5,000 provided by the Department of Local Government for the current financial year and hereby authorise the expenditure of £10,000 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the total cost of these works:—

SCHEME	ESTIMATE
1. Scenic Car Park, Long Hill, Kilmacanogue	£800
2. Community Centre, Carnew	£2,000
3. Street Widening, Knockananna Village	£2,000
4. Provision of Children's Playground at Blessington	£800
5. Clearing of Derelict Site at Graveyard, Baltinglass	£1,200
6. Clearing of Derelict Site at Dunlavin	£700
7. Car Park and Derelict Site, Rathnew	£500
8. Levelling and Provision of Rugby Pitch at Ashtown, Wicklow	£2,000
TOTAL:	£10,000

Passed.

Item No. 11—Application for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Mr. Patrick Davis of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 296/11 at Merrymeeting, Rathnew, to Mr. Fergus Quinn, 24, Merrymeeting, for the sum of £800 subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £400, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Mrs. Mary Tyrrell of her interest in Vested Cottage No. 127/11 at Ballinahinch, Ashford, to Mr. Mark Jackson, Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow, for the sum of £2,200 subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £733.33, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Miss Eileen Dunne of her interest in Vested Cottage No. 196/10 at Killadonan, Aughrim, to Mr. Brendan Stapleton, Macreddin, Aughrim, for the sum of £2,550, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £840, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Mr. Sean Holt of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 88/8 at Ballymoneen to Mr. Denis Molloy, The Glen, Aughrim, for the sum of £450 subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £416.67, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed.

The Council also considered the application of Catherine Mary Mernagh, daughter and legal personal representative of the deceased tenant purchaser, Mrs. Catherine Godkin, for consent to sale of Vested Cottage No. 129/8 at Stump of the Castle, Rathdrum, to Mr. Paul Edward Jackson, who resided at The Caravan, at the rear of Novara House, Novara Road, Bray. The County Secretary stated that Mr. Jackson had not been resident in the area for three years and that he owned a considerable number of cattle, and although he resided in the caravan at present, he was not regarded as a person in need of housing by the Council. It did not seem that he could be accepted as being a qualified person for the purchase of a vested cottage. The County Secretary stated that a person in the area who was a qualified person was prepared to purchase the cottage and had sought a loan from the Council to do so. Councillor Gregory stated that he understood that Mr. Jackson was a qualified person, and it was proposed by Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor Ryan, that the matter be adjourned for further investigation. A vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR — Councillors E. Dwan, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Miss M. Walsh, J. Kelly, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, E. Ryan, J. Swann, J. Temple, Miss M. Walsh and J. Whelan—11.

AGAINST—Councillors S. Costello, M. J. O'Neill, G. Thumma, T.D., and R. McKee—4.

The Motion to adjourn was carried by 13 votes in favour to 4 against. The Council agreed that subject to the applications being found to be in order, that consent be given to the sales of vested cottages at Boley, Shillelagh, No. 88/9 by J. Keogh to J. Kelly; at Newcastle Middle, No. 221/6, by John Barry to P. Connolly; at 25, Grattan Park, Greystones, No. 401/4, by K. Burke to J. P. Swan; at Toolestown, Dunlavin, No. 213/2, by John McCarthy to H. Corrigan, and also consent be given to the sub-division of a vested cottage plot No. 234/8 at Ballygannon by Thomas O'Toole to Andrew Byrne. The Council agreed that applications for consent to sale of vested cottages or to sub-division of vested cottage plots in future be submitted to the Council only when there was some doubt as to the eligibility of the purchaser or the alternative housing accommodation of the person wishing to sell the cottage. The Council also agreed that proposals to sub-divide vested cottage plots be dealt with by the County Manager without submission to the Council except where difficulties arose.

Item No. 12—Water Supply at Tinahely and Extension of Water Supply to Houses at Glenphilipeen—Report of County Engineer.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

T. J. O'DONOVAN, B.E., M.I.C.E.I., County Engineers Office,
County Surveyor/Engineer, Courthouse,
Ref.: TJD/SB. Wicklow.
County Secretary. 9th October, 1972.

Re: Tinahely Water Supply—Item 10 on Agenda.

A Chara,

On the 18th ultimo a report was received that there was no water supply to Tinahely. The matter was investigated immediately and it was found that a farmer, Mr. Dillon, had dammed the stream above the treatment works and had diverted all the water into an old water-course leading through his land.

The dam was removed and the water directed into the treatment works, but it was some time before the tanks and pipes filled up to allow Tinahely a supply of water.

It is obvious that this matter of water rights exercised by Mr. Dillon should be finalised as it is not the first time that he has cut off the water to Tinahely. Mr. Dillon has certain water rights, but so has the County Council, and there is sufficient water to supply all if the matter is approached intelligently.

The riparian rights of all connected with this stream are being examined, and steps will be taken to prevent a recurrence of this unnecessary incident.

Mise, le meas.

T. J. O'DONOVAN,
County Engineer.

Councillor Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan, proposed that water serving the supply at Tinahely be piped from the source to the reservoir and it was agreed that the County Engineer examine this suggestion.

The County Secretary stated that arising out of a Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh, the following Report of the County Engineer in regard to the proposal to extend the water supply at Tinahely to Glenphilipeen, had been submitted:—

T. J. O'DONOVAN, B.E., M.I.C.E.I., County Engineer's Office,
County Engineer, Courthouse,
Ref.: TJD/SB. 24th October 1972.
Secretary,

SANITARY SERVICES SECTION.

Re: TINAHELY WATER SUPPLY

A Chara,

Consequent on the building of the Six new houses at Tinahely, there was a shortage of water and inadequate pressure, for the existing four Council houses along the main road beyond the new Housing Scheme. It is found that these four cottages have been supplied from

the end of the existing main by a 4" diameter pipe over 700 yards long to a fountain. One of the cottages has taken a 1" supply to his cottage from this fountain connection. This connection may be an unauthorised one.

The remedy would be to lay a 2" dia. main from the existing 4" dia. on the site of the new Housing Scheme and on the road to the four cottages, a distance of approximately 600 yards. The estimated cost of carrying out the work is £2600.00. This would improve the supply to the fountain and would also give the cottages who have not taken in the supply to their houses an opportunity of doing so.

It is recommended that the work be carried out.

Mise, le meas.

T. J. O'DONOVAN,
County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan;

Resolved—That having considered Report of the County Engineer, we approve of the laying of a 2" diameter main from the existing 4" diameter watermain on the site of the new Housing Scheme at Tinahely and along the road to serve four cottages at Glenphilipeen, at an estimated cost of £2600, and hereby authorise expenditure of £2600 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of this work.

Passed.

Item No. 13—Sewerage Scheme for Cottages at Bellevue, Delgany.

The County Secretary submitted a Sewerage Scheme for cottages at Bellevue, Delgany, which had been prepared by the County Engineer. The total cost of the work was estimated at £3,125 and the Scheme would serve 14 cottages. The cost per house was £223. It would be necessary for the tenants or tenant-purchasers of the cottages to connect up and provide taps, basins, toilets, baths, etc., from their own resources.

On the proposal of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge, the Council agreed that the Scheme be submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval.

Item No. 14—Carnew Sewerage.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Ryan, the County Engineer stated that the matter of an improved Sewerage Scheme for Carnew was being examined and Councillor Ryan asked that the report on the matter be submitted as soon as possible.

Item No. 15—Application from Kilmacanogue Housing Association for Reception by Members of County Council for Bray Electoral Area of Deputation in Regard to Sewerage for New Houses at Kilmacanogue.

The Council approved of the reception of a deputation from the Kilmacanogue Housing Association by the Members of the Council for

the Bray Electoral Area at their Meeting to be held on the 18th December, 1972.

Item No. 16—Letter from Minister for Local Government to Chairman of Council in Regard to Marking the Country's Accession to the European Economic Community on 1st January, 1973, by Country-wide Symbolic Tree Planting Ceremonies.

The following letter addressed to the Chairman of the Council by the Minister for Local Government was submitted:—

Oifig An Aire Rialtais Aaitiúil
(Office of the Minister for Local Government)
Baile Atha Cliath 1
(Dublin 1).

6 Nollaig, 1972.

Dear Chairman,

The Government have decided that this country's accession to the European Economic Communities on the 1st January next should be marked by countrywide symbolic tree planting ceremonies, and I would be glad if the Chairman of local authorities would arrange local ceremonies on 1st January in their areas. It would be appropriate if school boys and school girls were associated with the ceremonial planting. I would be glad if you would have the proposal considered for your area because of the significance of the event not merely for Ireland as a whole but for every local community in it.

My Department is writing to County and City Managers on the subject, in particular advising them that the Forestry and Wildlife Service of the Department of Lands would be prepared to co-operate fully. I attach a copy of the letter.

Yours sincerely,

ROBERT MOLLOY.

The Council approved of arrangements being made for symbolic tree planting ceremonies in the County on 1st January, 1973, to mark the Country's accession to the European Economic Community.

Item No. 17—Application of Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, Limited, for Grants Towards Cost of Promotional Film.

The following letter from the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, Limited, was submitted:—

Mr. K. J. Brangan,

County Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmartin Hill,
Wicklow,
Co. Wicklow.

The Eastern Regional Tourism
Organisation Ltd.,
Moran Park,
Dun Laoghaire,
Co. Dublin.
23rd November, 1972.

Dear Mr. Brangan,

My Company is currently finalising the production of a first class colour promotional film depicting the many and varied tourism products which are available in the Eastern Region.

The film will be mainly used for overseas promotions and also for our Home Holiday Discover Ireland campaign.

The film which was directed by us is completely Irish made except for specialised laboratory work. Script and commentary are by Mr. James Plunkett, the well-known author. The background music is of an Irish character and is based on a concerto by Carolan.

My reason for writing is to respectfully request your Council to consider a special grant under the provisions of the 1963 Act to assist us in offsetting the very heavy production costs.

A precedent for this has already been set in the South Eastern Region, where each county except one have accorded a special grant of £500 each for their film. We are quite well aware of the demands made upon Local Authorities to provide amenities for tourists, but we feel that an extra effort is required by all of us in this exceedingly difficult period in the industry.

Under the circumstances, we would leave the decision as regards the amount of the possible grant to the members of the Council. The representative of your Council, Mr. Basil Phelan, on my Board, will have an opportunity of seeing this film at the Annual General Meeting in December.

We trust that our request will receive your favourable consideration.

Yours sincerely,

PATRICK J. LONG,

Regional Tourism Manager.

The County Secretary stated that it was understood that the cost of production of the film and the equipment for showing it would be between £3,500 and £4,000. It was proposed to provide copies of the film for circulation in the United States and in Europe, and copies cost £60.00 to £70.00 each.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;

Resolved—That we adjourn consideration of the request received from the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation and ask that the Organisation arrange a showing of the film in Wicklow for the Members of the Council.

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

IN FAVOUR—Councillors S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Gregory, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, Miss M. Walsh, J. Whelan, and R. McKeon—11.

AGAINST—Councillors W. Cleary, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, B. Phelan and G. Timmins, T.D.—7.

The Resolution was declared passed by 11 votes in favour to 7 against.

PURCHASE OF LAND AT RATHNEW FOR HOUSING AND RECREATION AREA.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Resolved—That we approve of the purchase of 27 acres of land at Rathnew from Mr. C. Sheehy for housing and recreation purposes. Passed.

DISMISSAL OF OVERSEER:

Councillor S. Costello stated that he had received a complaint from Mr. Patrick O'Keefe of Lugduff, Tinahely, that he had been wrongfully dismissed from his employment as Overseer and also that money was due to him by the Council which had not been paid. Councillor Costello proposed that a report on the matter be submitted to the

Council and that Mr. P. O'Keeffe be allowed to attend the Meeting at which the report would be considered. The County Manager pointed out that the control of officers and employees of the Council was his responsibility and was not a matter for the members of the Council, but he would consider submitting a report to the Council on the matter. He pointed out that it would be improper for Mr. P. O'Keeffe to be allowed to attend any meeting of the Council at which any such report was being considered.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan;

Resolved—That Mr. P. O'Keeffe, Lugduff, Tinahely, be allowed to attend the Meeting.

Following a discussion on the matter, Councillor Costello indicated that if legal advice was obtained to the effect that it would not be proper for Mr. O'Keeffe to be present at a Meeting of the Council when a report in regard to his dismissal was being considered that he would accept such opinion, but if no such advice was received he would expect that Mr. O'Keeffe would be allowed to attend the Meeting.

RETIREMENT OF COUNTY MANAGER:

The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary for the Council to pass a Resolution requesting the Local Appointments Commissioners to recommend a person for appointment to the office of Wicklow County Manager, to fill the vacancy which would arise consequent on the County Manager's retirement in March, 1973.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby request the Local Appointments Commissioners to recommend a person for appointment to the office of Wicklow County Manager.

Passed.

RESIGNATION OF COUNTY ACCOUNTANT:

Councillor Miss Mary Walsh referred to the resignation of Mr. Joseph Gavin, County Accountant, who was resigning in order to take up duty as Secretary to Westmeath County Council, and proposed that the best wishes of the Members of the Council be conveyed to Mr. Gavin on his new appointment, and appreciation of the services he had rendered to the Council as County Accountant. The Council agreed unanimously that their congratulations be conveyed to Mr. Gavin.

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

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, B. S. C. Phelan, and S. Costello:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to put into operation the refuse collection for the following areas:—Newcastle, Kilquade, Kilpedder and Willow Grove."

In the name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:—"That the required works be carried out to No. 7 Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim (tenant James Davis) so that the house may be made fit to live in and that the County Medical Officer be asked for a report on the condition of this house and the condition of the health of this family."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That the water supply be extended from Dr. Powell's house to serve the cottages at Castle-macadam, Avoca."