

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING HELD ON 5TH JULY, 1976 IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, THE COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW

PRESENT: Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., Chairman

Councillors J.J. Bourke, M. Cullen, L. Kavanagh, T.D., F. Hynes, P. Deering, J. Miley, T.J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan, Senator Miss M. Walsh, S. Costello, J. Byrne, C. Keegan, Mrs M. Ledwidge, C. Murphy, T.D., A. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill.

Also in attendance were Mr J.J. Higgins, Acting County Manager; Mr A. Fidgeon, Acting County Secretary; Mr T.J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer; Mr E. MacNeill, Chief Assistant County Engineer, Housing; Mr J. Horan, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section; Mr K. Roberts, Staff Officer, Environmental Services Section; Mr H. Jordan, Staff Officer, Housing Section.

ITEM NO. 1:- CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

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

"That the Minutes of the Housing Meeting held on 14th June 1976 be confirmed and signed."

ITEM NO. 2:- ALLOCATION OF MONIES FOR SMALL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - TEMPLECARRIG/WINDGATES IMPROVEMENT SCHEME:

This matter was discussed at the Housing Meeting held on 14th June 1976, when it was agreed that the County Engineer should prepare a report on the cost of providing adequate storage. To carry out a detailed survey in this case would take some months. It was, therefore, felt that the Council might not be in a position to carry out any works on the Templecarrig/Windgates Improvement Scheme until after the end of the financial year. As suggested at the last meeting it was recommended that a sum of £6,000 be reallocated. It was proposed by Councillor Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy and unanimously agreed:-

"That the £6,000 provided for the Templecarrig/Windgates water supply be reallocated as follows:-

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| (1) Water Main at Main Street, Rathdrum | £3,000 |
| (2) Completion of Water Supply at Coolruss, Kilcoole | £1,100 |
| (3) Balance to be reallocated later in the year | £1,900" |

ITEM NO. 3:- AMENITY SCHEMES FOR 1976:

The County Manager recommended that the undermentioned amenity schemes be undertaken in the current financial year to absorb the allocation of £7,500:-

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| (1) Childrens Playground equipment, Kilcoole Housing Scheme | £1,250 |
| (2) Childrens Playground equipment, Kilgarron Housing Scheme | £1,250 |
| (3) Tarmacadam of Newtownmountkenedy Playground area | £ 650 |
| (4) Childrens Playground equipment, Avoca | £ 371 |
| (5) Childrens Playground equipment, Ballinaclesh | £ 889 |
| (6) Childrens Playground equipment, Carnew | £ 800 |
| (7) Childrens Playground equipment, Tinahely | £ 800 |
| (8) Childrens Playground equipment, Donard | £1,000 |
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ITEM NO. 6:- EXTENSION OF REFUSE COLLECTION ON ROAD FROM NEWTOWN TO KILCOOLE

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

"That the Council extend the refuse collection to houses on the road from Newtownmountkennedy to Kilcoole."

The Council was informed that at present new routes are being drawn up for the refuse collection vehicles, this extension will be considered in addition to other areas.

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

"That the Council extend the refuse collection to houses on the road from Newtownmountkennedy to Kilcoole."

ITEM NO. 7:- DUMP AT TINAHELY

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Senator Miss Mary Walsh was considered:-

"That in view of the proximity of the dump at Tinahely to Council's scheme of new houses, that a new dump be provided immediately for Tinahely and the old one closed forthwith."

The Council was informed that consideration had been given to closing the dump, and regionalise the process. It was pointed out that it was proposed to provide three central dumps in the County. However, local people would probably continue to deposit rubbish in or around the dump even if closed. It was agreed that if Members could suggest alternative sites these would be examined with a view to closing the existing dump. The possibility of using containers left on sites and collected by contractors, in problem areas, was to be examined. It was proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan and unanimously agreed:-

"That the dump at Tinahely be closed and an alternative suitable site be obtained as soon as possible."

ITEM NO. 8:- PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY AT KILLINURE

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

"That a water supply be provided for T. Walker, P. Nolan, Bridget Healy, P. Price, P. Donohue and G. Timmins at Killinure."

The Council was informed that approaches have been made to the Department of Local Government regarding a group scheme to serve these houses. Councillor Whelan deferred the motion to await progress on the group scheme.

ITEM NO. 9:- WATER AND SEWERAGE PLANS FOR GREYSTONES

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

"That an inventory of the layout of the sewerage and water pipes in the Greystones area and the same made available for inspection at the Planning Office."

The Council was informed that in respect of old schemes, plans were not readily available. Attempts are being made at present to remedy the situation in the County as a whole. Members were informed that it is not considered desirable for members of the public to inspect plans as the Council could be involved in Court Action arising from displaying copies of its sewerage and water mains. This information would also facilitate speculation in serviceable land which would increase the cost of the provision of houses.

Following a discussion the County Manager pointed out that while plans were available for schemes constructed within the last 20 years, some of the schemes were up to 100 years old. Full details of all schemes are at present being prepared. With regard to the Greystones area it was agreed to request Dublin Corporation to supply details of layout, etc., of their schemes in County Wicklow.

ITEM NO. 10:- WATER SUPPLY TO MR & MRS J. HOLDEN, HILLVIEW, KNOCKENREE, AVOCA:

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

"That a pump be installed on the water supply to Mr and Mrs J. Holden, Hillview, Knockenree, Avoca, Co. Wicklow."

The Council was informed that the cost of sinking a well in this case to serve Mr & Mrs Holden and the adjoining cottage would cost £1,200. There is no money available at present for this work. The proposal will be considered for inclusion in the 1977 Estimates. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 11:- ARREARS OF RENT:

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

"That the Council be informed of the amount of rent owed by County Council tenants on 31st March 1976."

The Council was informed that records do not, at present, facilitate giving this information as the balancing periods are 30th June and 31st December. At present work is in hands to provide a quarterly balance. The arrears at 31st December 1975, were £3,293.45. The collection for the year was 97.99%; irrecoverable 0.12% and arrears 1.89%. This is less than one week's collection and is considered satisfactory.

ITEM NO. 12:- LAND AREA AT PRESENT OWNED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL - INDICATION OF AREAS WHERE SHORTAGE OF LAND EXISTS - LAND AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE SITES:

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

"That the Council be informed regarding the land areas at present owned by this Local Authority; the location of these lands, also the land areas envisaged for private sites and furthermore to indicate the areas where shortage of land exist."

In relation to land owned by the Council, the Council was informed that a similar notice of motion was considered by the Council recently; work is at present in hands to extract this information from the Register of Lands, and the land will be identified on maps setting out details of areas of land,

With regard to the provision of sites for housing, a comprehensive report will be furnished to the Council within the next three months regarding provision of Local Authority housing and private sites for five year period to 1981. All aspects of dealing with the provision of land for housing will be dealt with in the report.

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ITEM NO. 13:- GROUND RENTS:

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

"That the Council be informed as to the amount of money collected in ground rents by the County Council in the year 1975 and state whether it is the intention to phase out ground rents."

The Council was informed that the total ground rents collected by the Council in 1975 was £309.95. Persons who have building leases from the Council are entitled to redeem ground rents and the Council have raised no objection when this has been sought. The County Manager stated that in the interests of control it is sometimes necessary to dispose of land by lease, for example, land for industrial development. He also pointed out that where private sites are being sold ground rent can be used to reduce the deposit payable as the Council must charge the full cost of these sites. Noted.

ITEM NO. 14:- 'NO THROUGH' ROAD SIGN AT KINDLESTOWN PARK:

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

"That 'No Trough' road sign be installed at Kindlestown Park and Bellvue Heights, Greystones."

The Council was informed that as there was no through connection between Kindlestown Park and Bellevue Heights at present, a sign could be erected. The notice would be removed when planned construction is complete. It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and unanimously agreed:-

"That the natural barrier at present in existence between Kindlestown Park and Bellevue be retained."

The County Manager informed the Members that this proposal would not be legally possible in view of the condition in the Planning Permission. It was agreed that the matter should be examined and a report submitted.

ITEM NO. 15:- PROVISION OF PUBLIC LIGHTS IN THE TWO CUL-DE-SACS AT MONASTERY, ENNISKERRY:

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

"That public lights be provided in the two Cul-de-Sacs at Monastery, Enniskerry."

The Council was informed that the lights would be included for consideration for the next years lighting programme. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 16:- EXTENSION OF ROAD THROUGH DUNLAVIN HOUSING SCHEME

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

"That this Council extend the road through Dunlavin Housing Estate due to obvious hazards."

The Council was informed that it was hoped to include an extension to this road in the next stage of development at Dunlavin. Councillor Deering requested that consideration be given to making temporary arrangements to provide a turning bay. Agreed.

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ITEM NO. 17:- MAIN FROM DELGANY TO BLACKLION:

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

"That consideration be given in the 1977 Estimates to the inclusion of an estimate for the laying of a 5" diameter main from Delgany to Blacklion."

The Council was informed that this matter was included in the North East Water Supply Scheme and that permission was being sought from the Department to invite tenders. The cost of carrying out this work would be £14,000. It was agreed to consider this scheme for inclusion in the 1977 Estimates.

ITEM NO. 18:- EXAMINATION OF HOUSES - SUPERVISION BY N.B.A.

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors C. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill, A. Murphy, and C. Keegan, Mrs M. Ledwidge and J. Byrne was considered:-

"That this Council carry out examination of Council houses supervised by the N.B.A. where the tenants of such houses are complaining of defects, etc., the cost incurred by the Council be stopped from the money owed to the N.B.A. for supervision."

The Council was informed that the Law Agent has been asked to advise on the legal position in this case. Arrangements have been made in the meantime to meet senior officials of the National Building Agency to discuss the present unsatisfactory position. Noted.

ITEM NO. 19:- PROVISION OF LIGHTS AT LOWER GREEN, KILCOOLE

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

"That the Council make arrangements with the E.S.B. to provide a street light at the Lower Green, Kilcoole, for the residents of seven houses on the road."

The Council was informed that provision of lights at this location would be included for consideration in next year's public lighting programme. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 20:- WATER SUPPLY FOR COTTAGES AT THOMASTOWN, ARKLOW

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

"That Wicklow County Council provide a water supply to cottages at Thomastown, Arklow, in the vicinity of Mr Edward O'Neill's cottage, and that in the meantime, steps be taken to ensure that the pump is fenced off a reasonable distance to prevent vandalism."

The Council was informed that Fr. O'Brien, C.C., has undertaken to organise a group scheme. A further report will be submitted on this scheme in due course. Arrangements were being made to have the pump fenced off to prevent vandalism. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 21:- BOUNDARY WALL AT AVOCA:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Senator Miss M. Walsh was considered:-

"That this Council will comply with the terms of the agreement entered into with Mr J. Bolger, Avoca, to erect a boundary wall between his property and the Council's scheme of new houses."

It was pointed out that the Council are prepared to build a wall for Mr Bolger. He is, however, at present negotiating to buy an extra piece of land. A reply is awaited from Mr Bolger on the price of the land.

ITEM NO. 22:- PROVISION OF REAR ACCESS TO NOS 1 - 6 HOUSES IN AVOCA:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Senator Miss M. Walsh was considered:-

"That a back entrance be provided to give rear access to the first six houses at Avoca."

The Council was informed that one of three possible solutions were possible:-

- (1) Access between the two gable ends of the blocks of houses
- (2) Remove existing stone boundary at the end of the garden and replace it with a fence and gates. (it is necessary to establish ownership of adjoining land)
- (3) Remove portion of the wall on the side of the estate and bring in the access path in this manner.

It was pointed out that money was not available for this work, at present. Following a discussion, it was agreed if money becomes available the suggestion should be put formally to the tenant and back entrances provided. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 23:- PLAY AREA FOR AVOCA HOUSING SCHEME:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Senator Miss M. Walsh was considered:-

"That the builder be obliged to complete site clearance and provide playing areas for children on the unused portion of the site at Avoca; and that they be suitably furnished with swings and roundabouts."

The Council was informed that the contractor had been requested to remove all debris from the scheme. It is proposed to provide children's playground equipment under the Amenity Scheme to the extent already approved, i.e., £871.00.

ITEM NO. 24:- REPAIRS TO COUNCIL HOUSE OCCUPIED BY MR HANNON:

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

"That Wicklow County Council carry out the necessary repairs to the Council house occupied by Mr Hannon at Kilmolin, Enniskerry."

As no report is available at present, this matter will be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next Housing Meeting.

ITEM NO. 25:- PRIVATE SITES - NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY:

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

"That Wicklow County Council now indicate a definite date when they will be able to supply serviced site for private development in Newtownmountkenedy as promised for the last six months."

The Council was informed that this matter was being held up because of lack of adequate sewerage treatment works and water storage facilities which Dublin Corporation require. Following a discussion it was agreed to submit a special report on this matter to the September meeting.

ITEM NO. 26:- PUMP AT BARNDARRIG:

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

"That due to the fact that water from the pump at Barndarrig is unfit for use, alternative supply be made available immediately."

The Council was informed that due to the fact that the pump is used infrequently the water becomes stale and the iron content is increased due to the water action on the lining. A sample of water will be taken by the Health Inspector, and if satisfactory, a supply could be laid on to Mrs Lott's at a cost of £500. Councillor Cullen indicated that a connection should also be made to Mr Grant's house at Barndarrig. It was proposed by Councillor M. Cullen, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., and unanimously agreed:-

"That a water supply be provided for Mrs Lott and Mr Grant in Barndarrig."

ITEM NO. 27:- PUBLIC LIGHTING AT SEA ROAD, KILCOOLE

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

"That a survey be made as to the provision of an adequate lighting system at Sea Road, Kilcoole (Station end)."

The Council was informed that provision will be made to include lighting along this road for consideration in public lighting proposals for 1977. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 28:- EXPENDITURE ON HOUSING IN CURRENT YEAR:

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

"That this Council be provided with a breakdown of expenditure on housing in the current year and also to indicate likely demand for housing in the future in each of the Electoral Areas in the County."

The Council was informed that the Department of Local Government had requested the Council to supply details of housing requirements up to 1981. A detailed survey was at present in hands and it was agreed that information supplied by Councillors would be taken into account and a detailed report be submitted to the Council in September. With regard to expenditure figure requested, it was agreed that this information should be circulated.

ITEM NO. 29:- HOUSING REPORT:

The Council examined the Progress Report at 30th June 1976.

Baltinglass:- It was stated by Members that the contractor had completed work on this site. The County Engineer undertook to have the houses reinspected.

Aughrim:- Members were informed that arrangements are being made to allocate tenancies in this scheme.

Rathnew:- In reply to queries the County Engineer confirmed that all defects have not yet been remedied in this scheme.

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Knockananna:- The County Engineer stated that the houses may not be available for two to three months. The provision of sewerage would not hold up the occupancy of these houses.

Shillelagh:- The Council was informed that progress on this scheme was affected by shortage of tradesmen in the area.

Rural Cottages:- The Council was informed that arrangements are being made to finalise legal formalities to enable service of notice on the contractor.

Kilmacanogue:- The Council was informed that it is expected to take over these houses before 1st August 1976.

Enniskerry:- The County Manager indicated that additional tradesmen were now engaged on this scheme. Progress is satisfactory.

Aughrim Private Scheme:- Reference was made to the deposit of £2,850 payable on the Aughrim private sites. The County Manager stated that time extension would be granted to applicants to take up their option on the sites. The Council could give a guarantee under the Housing Act 1966 where loans were acquired from Building Societies.

ITEM NO. 30:- MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT:

This Notice of Motion was withdrawn.

ITEM NO. 31:- CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Water Supply - Mrs Southern, Sunny Terrace, Rathdrum:

This matter was discussed at meeting of the Council held on 14th June 1976. The County Engineer has now indicated that Mrs Southern's is the only house with a shared water connection. It is proposed to provide a separate water supply connection and stopcock free of charge. Noted.

(2) Housing of Mr and Mrs M. Kinch, Rockbig, Arklow.

The Council was informed that a report was now available from the Chief Medical Officer who recommended that the family be rehoused.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney and unanimously agreed:-

"That Mr and Mrs Matt Kinch, Rockbig, Arklow, be rehoused on a site to be provided at Rockbig."

The meeting then concluded.

Signed:

CHAIRMAN

Date:

James Finley
6/9/76

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, ON MONDAY, 12th JULY, 1976, AT 2.30 p.m.

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:- Mr. John J. Higgins, Acting County Manager,
Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer,
Mr. B. A. Fidgeon, Acting County Secretary,
Mr. B. Kelly, Administrative Officer, Roads and Environment,
Mr. H. Jordan, Staff Officer, Housing,
Mr. J. Horan, Staff Officer, General Purposes.

ITEM 1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Deputy C. Murphy, seconded by Deputy L. Kavanagh, T.D., that Councillor James Miley be elected Chairman of Wicklow County Council. No further nominations were received. Hence, Councillor J. Miley was elected Chairman. The retiring Chairman, Deputy Timmins, T.D., thanked the Members of the Council and the Council Officials for their cooperation during his period of office. He stated that during the year satisfactory progress had been made in relation to Housing, Sanitary Services, Water Supply and Public Lighting programmes. Councillor J. Miley then took the Chair and thanked the Members for his election as Chairman.

ITEM 2 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Deputy Timmins, T.D., that Deputy L. Kavanagh, T.D., be elected as Vice-Chairman, Wicklow County Council. There being no further nominations, Deputy L. Kavanagh, T.D., was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman.

ITEM 3 APPOINTMENT OF SEVEN MEMBERS TO RATHDRUM AND WICKLOW JOINT BURIAL BOARD

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Deputy Timmins, T.D., that the outgoing Members should be reappointed. Councillor O'Neill indicated that she did not wish to be reconsidered. It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, and unanimously agreed:-

"That Councillor T. Keenan be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by withdrawal of Councillor O'Neill".

Accordingly, the following were appointed as representatives of the Council on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board:-

Councillor F. Hynes,	Councillor D. Kinsella,
Councillor K. Ryan,	Councillor Miss M. Ledwidge,
Councillor J. Whelan,	Councillor J. Burke,
Councillor T. Keenan.	

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ITEM 4 APPOINTMENT OF THREE REPRESENTATIVES ON THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS

It was proposed by Councillor P. Deering, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan that the following outgoing Members be reappointed:-

Councillor F. Hynes,
Councillor D. Kinsella,
Senator Miss Mary Walsh.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill that Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge be appointed. As there were four representatives a ballot was taken which resulted as follows:-

Councillor F. Hynes	12	Councillor D. Kinsella	13
Senator Miss M. Walsh	11	Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge	9

Accordingly, the following were appointed as the Council's representatives on the General Council of County Councils:-

Councillor F. Hynes,
Councillor D. Kinsella,
Senator Miss M. Walsh.

ITEM 5 APPOINTMENT OF FIVE REPRESENTATIVES ON THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor A. Murphy that the outgoing Members be reappointed. Accordingly, the following were appointed as Members of the National Monuments Advisory Committee:-

Councillor R. Miley,	Mr. M. J. O'Neill,
Mr. B. O'Riordan,	Mr. G. Renard-Goulet,
Mr. D. McEvoy.	

Members raised queries in relation to the functions of the Advisory Committee, and during the course of discussion it was suggested that the Board of Works should be consulted on the dangerous condition of the Three Castles in Blessington.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

SIGNED James Miley CHAIRMAN
DATE 16/8/96

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, ON MONDAY, 12th JULY, 1976

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:- Mr. John J. Higgins, Acting County Manager, Mr. B. A. Fidgeon, Acting County Secretary, Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer, Mr. B. Kelly, Administrative Officer, Roads and Environment, Mr. H. Jordan, Staff Officer, Housing, Mr. J. Horan, Staff Officer, General Purposes.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne, and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 21st June, 1976, be confirmed and signed".

ITEM 2 REPORT ON ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF LOCAL AUTHORITY EXPENDITURE AND FINANCE

It was agreed that this matter should be deferred until the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

ITEM 3 TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLAN 1977/81

The Council discussed notification from the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation in which Members were invited to put forward recommendations towards development in the area for 1977 for possible inclusion in the Tourism Development Plan. An estimate of the cost, and also an indication of the Body which would undertake the project was also requested. It was pointed out that this is a five year plan and development projects can be incorporated for the years 1977 to 1981. The County Manager pointed out that he had requested the County Engineer, Chief Planning Officer, and the County Development Officer, to submit suggestions which could be forwarded to the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation. Some Members expressed dissatisfaction that very little time had been given to allow the Members to formulate projects in view of the fact that recommendations had to be submitted by the 20th July, 1976. It was agreed that the Council should write to the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation to point out that insufficient time had been given to allow the matter to be fully considered.

During the course of discussion it was suggested that the undermentioned schemes might be considered for inclusion:-

- (1) Access to Newcastle beach
- (2) Improvement to Bridges in Blessington

It was also agreed that any other suggestions should be submitted to the Council as a whole, for consideration in the first instance, rather than submitted individually by Members direct to the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation. This would allow the Council's technical staff to examine proposals to see if they were in accord with Council policy.

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ITEM 4 CLOSING OF ROAD FOR HILL CLIMB AT ENNISKERRY ON 2nd OCTOBER

It was proposed by Councillor A. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Council grant permission to the M.G. Car Club Ltd., 10 Highfield Drive, Grange Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14, to close road for the hill climb at Enniskerry on 2nd October, 1976, in accordance with the Closing of Roads Regulations, 1956".

ITEM 5 REPORT ON CARNOW SEWERAGE SCHEME

The Council were informed that on 1st January, 1974, plans and estimates in respect of the Carnow Sewerage Improvement scheme were forwarded to the Department of Local Government for approval. The estimated cost of the scheme at that time was £15,089.00. On 22nd April, 1974, the Department conveyed approval, in principle, but requested the Council to examine the position in relation to the effluent from the cattle mart, and suggested that the Council advertise for the aeration plant contract in the first instance. The Council then included this scheme in the Small Water Supply and Sewerage Programme. However, on the 4th November, 1974, the Department indicated that the scheme was too extensive for inclusion in the Small Schemes Programme, and referred to the preliminary report already submitted. The scheme is, therefore, being dealt with as a major scheme. The completion of the drawings for the scheme are at an advanced stage and it is expected that they will be available so that the scheme may be included in the programme for the coming year. The estimated cost of this work is £25,000.

ITEM 6 IMPROVEMENT OF SIGHT LINE AT STRATNAKELLY, UPPER CROSS AND LOWER CROSS

The following notice of motion in the name of Councillor J. Whelan and Councillor T. J. Keenan was discussed:-

"That a sight line be made at Stratnakelly Upper Cross and Lower Cross".

The Council was informed that vision is poor for drivers on County Road No. 245 crossing the junction from North to South. There are 'Yield' signs on County Road No. 245 at both sides of the junction. Both roads are lightly trafficked. The estimated cost of the work is £1,250. It was agreed that this proposal should be included for consideration in the 1977 Road Works Scheme.

ITEM 7 SPEED LIMIT, KILLARNEY LANE, BRAY

The following notice of motion in the name of Councillor C. Murphy was considered:-

"That a lower speed limit be introduced at Killarney Lane, Bray".

The Council was informed that the present position on Killarney Lane is that part of the lane is subjected to a 30 m.p.h. speed limit. There is no legislation available to impose a lower limit. Provision has been made in the revision of speed limits for the Bray area which will ensure that the whole of Killarney Lane falls within a 30 m.p.h. speed limit. Agreed.

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ITEM 8 PROVISION OF FENCE - MR. PETER KENNEDY, MERRYMEETING, RATHNEW

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

"That this Council build a fence between the public footpath and Mr. Peter Kennedy's property at Merrymeeting, Rathnew, the Council knocked down the existing fence when they were making the new road and footpath leading into the Council's new estate".

The Council was informed that the footpath in front of Mr. Kennedy's property was built to a level of 3' above the adjacent land. Consequently, the fill encroached on Mr. Kennedy's fence. The estimated cost of replacing the fence with concrete posts and chainlink fence is approximately £200.00.

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

"That the Council replace the fence between the public footpath and Mr. Peter Kennedy's property".

It was also suggested that the County Engineer should examine the condition of the footpath outside this property.

ITEM 9 DERELICT SITE AT KILCOOLE

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

"That Wicklow County Council improve the derelict appearance of that area in Kilcoole in the vicinity of the Medical Centre".

The Council was informed that the land in question was private property and that the only work which could be carried out by the Council would be to form a drop kerb and crossover, the back of the crossover being in line with the back of the existing footpath. The estimated cost of carrying out this work is £90.00.

It was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh, T.D., and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Council form a drop kerb and crossover on the Council's footpath to improve the appearance of this derelict site, at an estimated cost of £90.00".

ITEM 10 CONDITION OF FOOTPATH IN AVOCA

The following notice of motion in the name of Councillor Kinsella was considered:-

"That this Council surface the footpath in Avoca from the Bridge to the Garda Barracks".

Following a discussion in relation to this matter it was agreed that this work should be included for consideration in the Road Works Scheme for 1977. Attention was drawn to the condition of the Main Street in Avoca which was described as being in a dangerous condition following recent work on the water supply scheme. The County Manager stated that the Contractor had been requested to complete reinstatement of the Streets in Avoca.

ITEM 11 DISPOSAL OF LAND NOT REQUIRED AFTER ROADWORKS

The following notice of motion in the name of Councillor P. Deering was considered:-

"That after roadworks are completed, land left and not used be sold or given to the local landowner, at the discretion of the Council management".

Councillor P. Deering drew attention to large areas of land which have been isolated as a result of roadworks, which could be put to beneficial use by adjoining landowners. It was also felt that the disposal of this land would also alleviate some of the problems experienced with roadside traders. The County Manager pointed out that most of the land referred to had been acquired to facilitate future planning, he also pointed out that in order to dispose of the land which was formally part of an old road, the Council must comply with a complicated legal procedure involving a public enquiry in order to extinguish right of way. Following a discussion it was agreed that a resolution should be submitted to the General Council of County Councils to obtain support in requesting the Minister for Local Government to introduce legislation which would enable the Council to dispose of land which is not required following roadworks.

ITEM 12 TRAFFIC PROBLEM AT TEMPLERAINEY

The following notice of motion in the name of Senator Miss M. Walsh was considered:-

- (1) "That the flooding problem which exists from Templeraíney Heights to the "Wheely Pump" at Arklow, be rectified immediately".
- (2) "That a pedestrian crossing be provided at Templeraíney Church, Arklow".
- (3) "That a 30 m.p.h. speed limit be established at the top of the Pound Hill".

(1) The Council was informed that the flooding at Templeraíney Heights to the "Wheely Pump" was caused by a run off of rainwater from the new housing development which has exits onto the main Arklow road at Templeraíney. Following a discussion the County Manager agreed to investigate this matter with Arklow Urban District Council with a view to ascertaining the responsibility of the developer to provide gully traps to alleviate the problem.

(2) The Council was informed that the provision of a pedestrian crossing was not recommended because of the inadequacy of both the horizontal and vertical alignment at this location. It was considered that provision of a pedestrian crossing at this location would create a serious traffic hazard, and it was pointed out that a School Warden is already employed at this location. Following a discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney:-

"That this matter be referred to the next meeting of the Speed Limits Committee".

(3) The Council was informed that the establishment of a 30 m.p.h. speed limit was not recommended. During a discussion the County Manager pointed out that this matter was considered by the Speed Limits Committee at their last meeting along with many other queries, details were at present being extracted and compiled for submission to the Minister. The Department

requested that recommendations for provision of speed limits should not be submitted individually. It is proposed to submit recommendations to the Minister in 1977.

ITEM 13 "CUL-DE-SAC" SIGN - HOLLYWOOD VILLAGE

The following notice of motion in the name of Councillor P. Deering was considered:-

"That the sign "Cul-de-Sac" be removed in Hollywood village as it is not, in fact, a cul-de-sac".

The Council was informed that the "Cul-de-Sac" sign was technically incorrect, but did prevent inconvenience to people who are not familiar with the area as the village street is wider than the main road. Following a discussion it was agreed that the "Cul-de-sac" sign should be moved to the other side of the village.

ITEM 14 IMPROVEMENT TO ROAD FROM HOLLYWOOD VILLAGE TO QUARRY ROAD

The following notice of motion in the name of Councillor P. Deering was considered:-

"That the road from Hollywood Village to Quarry Road be improved".

The Council was informed that the road in question was in fact a laneway which links Hollywood with the Wicklow Gap road. The laneway is situated at the end of the cul-de-sac referred to in the previous notice of motion. The estimated cost of putting the laneway in proper state of repair to take through traffic is £1,000. It was agreed that provision should be made to consider this matter in the estimates for Road Works Schemes for 1977.

ITEM 15 REMOVAL OF RUSTED PIPE IN MAIN STREET, KILCOOLE

As there was no report available on this matter it was agreed that it should be referred to the next meeting (Ordinary) of the Council.

ITEM 16 CORRESPONDENCE and OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Council was informed that an invitation had been received inviting the Chairman and Members to the Wicklow Regatta from 18th July to 2nd August, 1976.

Circular from the Council of Europe

Circular from the Conference of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe, dated 23rd June, 1976, was read, in which interested parties were requested to submit a list of historical towns in their region which would be invited to participate in the symposium of Strasbourg.

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Baltinglass Electoral Area

It was agreed that a Meeting for the Members for the Baltinglass Electoral Area should take place on the 26th July, 1976, at 11 a.m., to discuss the action area plan for Baltinglass/Dunlavin.

Council Meeting in August

It was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor Timmins, T.D.:—

"That no Meeting be held in August, as in the last two years".

The Chairman referred to the fact that a number of Members had requested that a Meeting be held in August as usual.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, seconded by Councillor O'Neill:—

"That one Meeting be held in August".

It was agreed that the matter should be decided upon by a show of hands, which resulted as follows:— 7 Members against holding a Meeting in August, 10 Members in favour.

It was agreed that the Meeting should take place on the 16th August.

Carcass of cow at Glen Strand

Councillor Kavanagh referred to the fact that a carcass of a cow, two weeks old, is on the Glen Strand, which is used by a large number of people. It was agreed that action should be taken to have the carcass removed.

Aughrim Purchase Type Houses

Councillor Miss M. Walsh referred to the £2,850 deposit on the Aughrim purchase type houses and submitted letter from the residents which they put forward a number of suggestions to the Council to facilitate payment of the purchase money. She also indicated that people had been misinformed as to the amount they would be expected to pay in respect of a deposit. The County Manager pointed out that no prior notification had been received of the matters referred to by Councillor Miss Walsh, and stated that the matter would be examined. He pointed out that the Council were obliged to dispose of purchase type houses for the full cost. The Council have no authority to subsidise such schemes.

Housing Scheme Avoca - Sewerage

Councillor D. Kinsella referred to the temporary arrangements in relation to disposal of sewerage at the new houses in Avoca, beside the house occupied by Mr. Canavan. The County Manager pointed out that it was proposed to have this matter rectified, in the near future.

Provision of Wall at Avoca - Mr. Bolger

Councillor D. Kinsella stated that Mr. Bolger wished the Council to proceed with the erection of the wall. It is expected that a delay will be experienced in transferring the piece of land to him. It was agreed that this matter should be taken up with Mr. Bolger.

Proposed Wall between Fairy Hill and Killarney Road

Councillor J. Byrne handed in a petition signed by residents of Fairy Hill in relation to the wall to be erected. The County Manager pointed out that he had met representatives of Fairy Hill Residents Association and explained the position. The developer could not be forced to raise the height of the wall as it would contravene his planning permission. Raising the wall height would be detrimental to the amenity of the area.

Vote of Congratulations

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D.,

"That the Council express congratulations to Miss Miriam Hopkins for selection to represent Ireland in the Olympic Games in swimming".

The Meeting then concluded.

SIGNED

James Wiley
CHAIRMAN

DATE _____

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MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, ON MONDAY, 16TH AUGUST 1976 AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor J. Miley, Chairman

Councillors M. Cullen, Liam Kavanagh, T.D., F. Hynes, P. Deering,
T.J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan,
Senator Miss M. Walsh, J. Byrne, C. Keegan, Mrs M. Ledwidge,
C. Murphy, T.D., A. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill, R. Miley, and
J. J. Burke.

Also in attendance were J. Higgins, A/County Manager, A. Fidgeon,
A/County Secretary, Mr T.J. Donovan, County Engineer, Mr E. Kelly,
Administrative Officer, Environmental/Roads Section, Mr H. Jordan,
Staff Officer, Housing Section.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY:

It was proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh, seconded by
Councillor Mrs M. Ledwidge:-

"That the sympathy of Wicklow County Council be extended to Councillor
G. Timmins, T.D., and his family on the recent death of his sister,
Miss Mary Timmins."

The Chairman and all the Councillors joined in the tributes paid
to the late Miss Timmins. The County Manager associated himself with the
expression of sympathy on his own behalf and on the behalf of the Council
Staff.

ITEM NO. 1:- CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

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

"That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting and the Ordinary Meeting of the
Council held on 12th July 1976 be confirmed and signed."

ITEM NO. 2:- DISPOSAL OF LAND AT AVONDALE PARK, BRAY

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

"That the disposal of approximately 13 sq. perches of land at Avondale Park,
Bray, to Mr James Shine, 18 Avondale Park, Bray, in accordance with Statutory
Notice given pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946, as
amended by Section 88, Sub-Section 3 of the Housing Act 1966, shall be
carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the said notice, i.e.,
purchase price to be £200.00; the purchaser being responsible for the full
legal costs of the Conveyance."

ITEM NO. 3:- GUARANTEEING OF LOAN - WICKLOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS:

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

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 of the Harbours Act 1947,
we the Wicklow County Council hereby resolve to assist the Wicklow Harbour
Commissioners by guaranteeing the repayment of a loan of £35,000 repayable
over a period of 20 years, intended to be borrowed from the Commissioners
of Public Works in Ireland out of the Local Loans Fund for the purpose of

carrying out improvement works at Wicklow Harbour in the county of Wicklow, and also guaranteeing the payment of the interest which shall be payable thereon on the said principal sum of £35,000 at such rate or rates as shall be payable thereon in accordance with the directions of the Minister for Finance made pursuant to Section 12 of the Local Loans Fund Act 1935, and any interest that may become payable in respect of the said principal sum and interest pursuant to Section 15 of the Local Loans Fund Act 1935, and we hereby resolve to enter into and execute any Deed required to give effect to the said guarantee."

ITEM NO. 4:- RAISING OF LOAN OF £125,000 - SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS:

It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney and unanimously agreed:-

"That subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government a loan of £125,000 be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works to defray the cost of providing supplementary grants for housing, repayment being over a period of 25 years, payable half yearly on an annuity basis."

ITEM NO. 5:- REPORT ON ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF LOCAL AUTHORITY EXPENDITURE AND FINANCE:

It was agreed that this item should be dealt with first at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council on the 13th September 1976. The County Manager informed the Council that the views of the elected members on the document were most desirable.

ITEM NO. 6:- ADOPTION OF CRITERIA UNDER WHICH ITEMS ARE RAISED ON THE COMPLETION OF THE AGENDA:

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

"That the Council discuss and adopt criteria under which items are raised on the completion of the agenda."

During a discussion on this notice of motion the following points were noted:-

- (i) the number of questions being asked without prior notice was increasing;
- (ii) neither the Chairman or officials had any prior intimation of content of questions;
- (iii) Members were not necessarily looking for answers straight away;
- (iv) information could be obtained directly from the Council's staff;
- (v) questions of importance affecting whole Council should be raised;
- (vi) rotation of questions among members rather than on 'first come first served' basis;
- (vii) reserving of $\frac{1}{2}$ hour to deal with questions;
- (viii) a draft of questions to be submitted to the Chairman before meeting commences, the Chairman to decide if questions could be raised.

The County Manager stated that officials are not always familiar with details of matters for which no prior notice is given and that the replies must need be (in some cases) circumspect since they are being asked to make statements in effect to the public press. Finally it was agreed that the matter be referred to the Standing Order Committee which had been revising the present Standing Orders.

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ITEM NO. 7:- LANEWAY AT TUBBER, DUNLAVIN

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

"That Wicklow County Council maintain and resurface the laneway at Tubber, Dunlavin, as O'Brien, Kelly, Harney, Nolan and Byrne families live there and use it constantly."

The Council was informed that this laneway was being improved as part of the Local Improvements Scheme No. 92 and that on its completion it was hoped that it could be taken in charge. It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, TD., seconded by Councillor F. Hynes and unanimously agreed:-

"That the laneway at Tubber, Dunlavin be taken in charge as soon as it is brought up to the required standard."

ITEM NO. 8:- PROVISION OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

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

"That Wicklow County Council make the necessary arrangements for the provision of a pedestrian crossing from the Church, Main Street, Newtownmountkennedy, across the main thoroughfare."

The Council were informed that a pedestrian and vehicle count at the point indicated, would be taken to determine whether the figures fall within the recommended limits for the provision of a pedestrian crossing.

ITEM NO. 9:- SPEED LIMIT SIGN AT TINNAKILLY, AUGHIRM

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

"That the speed limit sign at Tinnakilly Bridge, Aughrim, be moved to the Clash side of the bridge."

The Council was informed that it was considered advisable to move the speed limit sign at Tinnakilly Bridge to the Clash side of the bridge instead of the Aughrim side where it was now positioned. Enquiries from the Gardai would have to be made. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 10:- APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL WARDEN FOR NEW SCHOOL AT BALLYWALTRIM, BOGHALL ROAD, BRAY:

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

"That a School Warden be appointed for the new school at Ballywaltrim, Boghall Road, Bray, and that appropriate school warning signs be erected."

The Council was informed that the question of appointing a new school warden was presently under consideration. The proposal had been referred to the Garda Síochána with a view to getting the necessary consent under the Road Traffic Act 1961. It was proposed by Councillor J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. and unanimously agreed:-

"That the appropriate warning signs be erected."

ITEM NO. 11:- DANGEROUS CORNER AT THE JUNCTION OF NEWTOWN/KILCOOLE ROAD AND KILMULLEN ROAD

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

"That Wicklow County Council remove the dangerous corner at the junction of .../

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Newtown/Kilcoole road and Kilmullen Road to prevent further accidents."

It was agreed that this proposal be included for consideration in the 1977 Roadworks Scheme.

ITEM NO. 12:- TAKING OVER OF ROAD IN STRATFORD:

In the absence of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., this item was deferred.

ITEM NO. 13:- DANGEROUS TURN AT KILMACULLAGH LANE, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

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

"That Wicklow County Council make the necessary arrangements to eliminate the dangerous turn at Kilmacullagh Lane, Newtownmountkenedy."

The Council was informed that the corner referred to was directly affected by proposed plans for the Newtown Bye-Pass and it was recommended that any works should be postponed until such time as the Bye-Pass is built, or at least the final route to be adopted is definitely fixed. Following discussion, during which it was pointed out that it was an objective of the Development Plan to improve this road, it was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor F. Hynes and agreed:-

"That the elimination of this dangerous bend be included for consideration in the 1977 Road Works Scheme".

ITEM NO. 14:- IMPROVEMENT OF SIGHT LINE AT JUNCTION OF WATERWORKS LANE AND MAIN MARLTON ROAD.

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

"That Wicklow County Council improve the sightline at the junction of Waterworks Lane and Main Marlton Road,"

The Council was informed that the carrying out of the above scheme was recommended; the estimated cost being £1,200. It was proposed by Councillor M. Cullen, seconded by Councillor R. Miley and unanimously agreed:-

"That this scheme be included for consideration in the 1977 Roadworks Proposals."

ITEM NO. 15:- IMPROVEMENT TO ROAD AT SHILLELAGH:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan was considered:-

"That this Council lower the ditch to give a view at Mary Doyles corner, Shillelagh, at the Shillelagh side of the junction."

The Council was informed that this corner is at the junction of Main Road Nos. 220 and 242 with County Road No. 231. The ditch had already been lowered and provided it was kept trimmed, would be below drivers eye height. It would be desirable to lower it by approximately six inches more, but this would not be worthwhile as it would involve refencing along the top of the ditch, removal of top soil and lowering of a loose stone wall. The approximate cost would be £250.00 for a fractional improvement in vision.

It is not Council policy to lower ditches in order to improve sight lines as there is nothing to prevent the landowner, subsequently, growing trees or a hedge which would obscure the sightline. The lowering of the ditch was not, therefore, recommended. It was considered, however, that a proposal to ease this bend by increasing the radius to 175 feet, should be

examined as a long term policy. However, as the road is wide at this point and there is continuous white lining there is no real problem at this bend. Accordingly, there is no immediate necessity to carry out the work proposed.

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh, and agreed:-

"That a sum of £250 be included for consideration in the 1977 Estimates to lower the ditch at this corner".

ITEM NO. 16:- PUBLIC AMENITY BETWEEN NEWCASTLE AND THE MURROUGH

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors S. Costello, K. Ryan, F. Hynes, L. Kavanagh, T.D., J. Byrne, D. Kinsella, C. Murphy, T.D., J. Miley, J. Sweeney, T.J. Keenan, Mrs M. Ledwidge, J. Whelan, M. Cullen and Miss N. O'Neill:-

"That Wicklow County Council take the necessary steps to ensure that the beach between Newcastle and the Murrough is properly developed as a public amenity, and that a report be prepared giving an estimated cost for the acquisition of the necessary land and for the improvement of access roads and provision of parking and toilet facilities."

The Council was informed that the proposal involved a length of 6½ miles of coastline. Most of the land is in private ownership. The area could be developed for various public amenities, such as Yachting, Boating, Bathing, Fishing, Bird Sanctuary and Playground facilities. This would involve the provision of special facilities, such as Toilets and Carparking area and the construction and improvement of access roads. The land which is in private ownership, would have to be purchased to make these available to the public.

It would be difficult to give an estimate for the cost of such activities without doing a detailed survey and having further information available as to what facilities the Council had in mind. Any worthwhile comprehensive Scheme would cost in the region of £100,000. It would be necessary to have more specific proposals before a meaningful report and estimate could be given.

In the course of the discussion which followed the question of a right-of-way was raised. It was stated that affidavits were obtained some years ago in relation to these rights-of-ways. This referred to lands acquired from Mrs Wilby at the Murrough. The County Manager informed the meeting that the legal aspects of the right of way would be pursued with the Council's Law Agent and that the owners of the land would be approached to see if they would be prepared to sell to the Council by agreement. The provision of the necessary finance would have to be looked into.

It was agreed that the whole area, the subject of the notice of motion, would be included in the revised County Development Plan and designated an Amenity Area.

ITEM NO. 17:- VENT PIPE IN MAIN STREET, KILCOOLE

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

"That Wicklow County Council remove the rusted vent pipe in the Main Street in Kilcoole, which is likely to collapse."

The Council was informed that the vent pipe referred to was adjacent to the Hunting Lodge Car Park, and was used for a sewer connection coming from the row of cottages immediately opposite. As soon as the new sewerage scheme in Kilcoole came into operation the vent pipe would be removed. It was hoped to have the sewerage scheme operating in October or November.

ITEM NO. 18:- CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS:

Letterbox at Oldcourt, Blessington:

The Council was informed that the Department of Posts & Telegraphs considered that the amount of correspondence likely to be posted in the proposed letterbox at Oldcourt, Blessington, would not warrant its provision. Letterboxes at Manor Kilbride Sub-Post Office and Ballysmuttan Bridge were only $2\frac{1}{2}$ and $2\frac{3}{4}$ miles away respectively. It was decided that the Department should be written to again requesting that their decision be reconsidered.

School Warden Crossing - St. Patrick's School, Bray:

The Council was informed that the Department of Local Government had decided that the introduction of 'No Parking' lines at this type of crossing was undesirable. School Wardens are on duty for short periods each day and the sign would have a function for these periods only. It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill:-

"That the Department be written to asking them to formulate a national policy with regard to safety measures on School Warden Crossings."

Repairs to Spink Road at Avoca:

The Council was informed that Bord Failte were not in a position to offer any grant assistance to repair the Spink Road up by Holy Cross at Avoca.

Aughrim Purchase Type Houses:

The County Manager informed Senator Miss M. Walsh that a full report setting out alternative methods of financing the purchase of these houses would be available at the Housing Meeting to be held on 6th September 1976.

Erection of School at Greystones:

Councillor Miss M. O'Neill was informed that the Planning Application for the erection of a new school at Greystones was under consideration.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:-

CHAIRMAN

DATE

12-9-76

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THE 30TH AUGUST, 1976,
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW.

PRESENT: Councillor J. Miley, Chairman.

Councillors J. J. Bourke, M. Cullen, F. Hynes, L. Kavanagh, T. D.,
P. Deering, G. Timmons, T. D., T. J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan,
J. Sweeney, J. Whelan, S. Costello, J. Byrne, C. E. Keegan,
M. Ledwidge, C. Murphy, A. Murphy, N. O'Neill.

Also in attendance were: Mr. J. J. Higgins, Acting County Manager,
Mr. A. Fidgeon, Acting County Secretary and Mr. T. J. Donovan, B. E.,
County Engineer.

This special meeting of the Council was held to enable the members
to express their sympathy with the family and friends of the late
Senator Mary Walsh.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Deputy G. Timmons
and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Council express their deepest sympathy to the Mother,
Brother, Sister and Relatives of the late Senator Mary Walsh on their
recent sad bereavement.

All the members present at the meeting spoke at length of the high
regard in which Miss Walsh was held. Her capacity for hard work and her
organising ability could be clearly seen from the number of organisations with
which she was associated. Miss Walsh had many firsts to her credit, being the
first lady Chairman of the County Council and the first lady Chairman of the
General Council of County Councils. The sense of loss felt by the members
would also be felt by all the people she so ably represented. Many other
tributes were paid to Miss Walsh for her work at local, county and national
level. She was always cheerful and good humoured and concerned for other people.

Mr. J. J. Higgins, Acting County Manager, associated himself with
the expression of sympathy on behalf of the Council Staff and on his own behalf.
He stated that Miss Walsh was a very able Councillor and she put forward her
views with deep concern and in a forthright manner and commanded the deepest
respect from all members of the staff. The County Engineer also associated
himself with the tributes paid by previous speakers.

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

COUNTY SECRETARY

James Miley

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING HELD ON THE 6th SEPTEMBER, 1976, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, AT 2.30 p.m.

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

In Attendance:- Mr. John J. Higgins, Acting County Manager,
Mr. A. Fidgeon, Acting County Secretary
Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer
Mr. E. MacNeill, Chief Assistant County Engineer
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer
Mr. Wm. O'Ceallaigh, Administrative Officer
Mr. H. Jordan, Staff Officer, Housing
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, Environmental Services
Mr. J. Horan, Staff Officer, General Purposes

Apologies were received from the following:- Councillors R. Miley, C. Murphy, and J. Burke

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 5th JULY, 1976

It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne:-

"That the Minutes of Meeting held on the 5th July, 1976, be confirmed and signed".

The Council was informed that a report on the private sites at Newtownmount-Kennedy would be presented to the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

ITEM 2 ASSESSMENT OF HOUSING NEEDS

It was agreed to defer this item for consideration at the Ordinary Meeting to be held on the 13th September, 1976.

ITEM 3 TO RAISE LOAN OF £25,000 for SMALL WATER and SEWERAGE PROGRAMMES

It was proposed by Deputy Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor Whelan and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Council hereby authorise the borrowing of £25,000 for Small Water and Sewerage Schemes, from the Office of Public Works".

ITEM 4 ALLOCATION OF £25,000 for SMALL WATER and SEWERAGE SCHEMES

The Council was informed that an additional sum of £25,000 had been allocated to Wicklow County Council, for its Small Water and Sewerage Schemes. It was recommended that this £25,000 be spent on the following schemes:-

Extension of Sewerage Scheme, Killacloran, Aughrim	£5,500.00
Extension of watermain to Blackditch, Wicklow	£2,500.00
Completion of Kiltegan Water Supply Scheme	£8,000.00
Extension of Sewerage Scheme to Bawnogue, Baltinglass	£9,000.00
Total:-	£25,000.00

Following a discussion, the County Manager stated that the schemes had been taken from the priority list approved by the Council. As the money allocated must be spent by the 31st December, it was necessary to have regard to the feasibility of having the work done before that date.

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It as proposed by Deputy Timmins, seconded by Councillor Whelan and unanimously agreed:-

"That the £25,000 be allocated as proposed".

The Council was informed that it was intended to reallocate the £1,900 from the Templecarrig/Widdgates Water Supply scheme to the Stratford-on-Slaney Scheme. Agreed.

ITEM 5 REPAIRS TO COTTAGE OCCUPIED BY MR. HANNON AT KILMOLIN, ENNISKERRY

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

"That Wicklow County Council carry out the necessary repairs to the Council house occupied by Mr. Hannon at Kilmolin, Enniskerry".

The Council was informed that a sum of £1,036 had been approved for carrying out repairs to this cottage. The work would be put in hands as soon as possible. It was stated that in deciding the priority for carrying out repairs it was necessary to programme work in order that the direct labour staff were employed all year round. It is hoped to have the repairs carried out in this case before the end of the financial year.

It was proposed by Councillor Keegan, seconded by Councillor Ledwidge and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Council carry out the necessary repairs to Mr. Hannon's house at Kilmolin, Enniskerry, as quickly as possible".

ITEM 6 PERMISSION TO ATTACH AN ELECTRIC PUMP TO THE COUNCIL PUMP OUTSIDE VESTED COTTAGE

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

"That Wicklow County Council allow Mrs. Mary Grace to attach an electric pump to the Council pump outside her vested cottage at Ballinaclea, Arklow".

The Council was informed that there was no objection to an electric pump being installed by Mrs. Mary Grace to the Council pump at Ballinaclea, Arklow. Agreed.

ITEM 7 EXTENSION OF VESTED COTTAGE AT CRONEYHORN, CARNEW

The following notice of motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan was considered:-

"That this Council extend Ellen Kilbride's house at Croneyhorn, Carnew, to provide adequate accommodation for them".

The Council was informed that as this was a vested cottage the question of additional accommodation was a matter for the owner. The Council is precluded from carrying out any repairs or improvements to vested cottages. Mrs. Kilbride could avail of the normal State and Local Authority Reconstruction Grant, and could also apply for a Reconstruction Loan. This information will be conveyed to Mrs. Kilbride.

ITEM 8 STREAM AT REAR OF MONTEITH PARK, KILCOOLE

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

"That the stream at the rear of Monteith Park, Kilcoole, Housing Scheme, be fenced".

The Council was informed that there are legal difficulties in undertaking work of the kind suggested, as the Council have no Statutory Right to fence off this stream. The fencing off of the stream would be interfering with the rights of owners to use the stream. There was no guarantee that the fence would prove effective for any length of time. Members felt that as the stream

in question could be a hazard to children living in the area and a source of pollution, it was agreed that the matter should be re-examined.

ITEM 9 TELEVISION AERIAL AT KILCOOLE

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

"That the T.V. aerial for local authority houses at Kilcoole be repaired".

The Council was informed that there was a faulty amplifier on the system and this had been replaced. The aerial was now functioning correctly. Noted.

ITEM 10 REFUSE COLLECTION - BALLYGARRET AREA, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

The following notice of motion in the name of Councillor L. Kavanggh, T.D., was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council extend the refuse collection service to take in the Ballygarret area of Newtownmountkennedy on the Newtownmountkennedy/Kilcoole Road".

The Council was informed that this area was included in the new refuse collection routes which have recently been implemented.

ITEM 11 WATER SUPPLY AT BALLINACoola UPPER

The following notice of motion in the names of Councillors L. Kavanagh, T.D., and F. Hynes was deferred:-

"That this Council give permission to Mrs. Cullen, Ballinacoola Upper, Glenealy, to connect to the Council's water main which passes by her cottage".

ITEM 12 LIGHTS REQUIRED FOR MAIN ROAD TO CROSS CHAPEL BE PROVIDED FOR

The following notice of motion in the name of Councillor R. Miley was considered:-

"That I or some Member move for me that the Engineer of the area examine the number of lights required from the Main Road to Cross Chapel and that money be provided for same".

The Council was informed that there were no lights at present. It was considered that provision of lights would be useful and could be placed on existing poles on the right-hand side of the road as it goes from the junction with the National Secondary Road. Two of these lights would be in County Wicklow and the other one in County Kildare. An estimate for the provision of the lights was being sought from the E.S.B.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor Timmins and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Council provide public lights from the main road to Cross Chapel".

ITEM 13 LAND FOR FURTHER HOUSING IN RATHDRUM

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

"That this Council take appropriate steps to acquire land for further housing in Rathdrum immediately".

The Council was informed that there are 18 sites available for housing in Rathdrum at present. The number of sites is adequate for the present demand. Following a discussion of the need to acquire land for future housing needs the County Manager informed the Council that the acquisition of land was an on-going process, and that layout plans were being prepared where the Council has land available and an established demand for housing. While the land at present available in Rathdrum would not satisfy the Council's need up to 1981, it is sufficient for the immediate needs in that area. The matter will be kept under review in accordance with the normal procedure.

ITEM 14 PROVISION OF DUMP - CRONEYHORN, TOMACORK

The following notice of motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan was considered:-

"That this Council provide a dump or a refuse collection at Croneyhorn, Tomacork".

The Council was informed that the provision of a dump at Croneyhorn would be a contravention of the policy of the Council and of the Department of Local Government which is to provide large centralised dumps where dumping is supervised and controlled. An unsupervised dump could lead to the usual problems of scattered refuse, rats and dumping of building waste, dead animals etc.

The problems in relation to the provision of a refuse collection service were also discussed and it was pointed out that the houses in the area are scattered. The County Manager pointed out that the refuse collection service which was recently introduced into the area was being constantly monitored and any spare capacity will be used to serve the maximum number of houses possible. Following a discussion it was agreed that if refuse was left at a central pick-up point, a service could be provided.

ITEM 15 SHILLELAGH WATER SUPPLY

The following notice of motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan was considered:-

"That this Council provide an adequate water supply for the village of Shillelagh immediately".

The Council was informed that the stream supplying the filter beds at Shillelagh had been very low, but had increased after the recent rain. Last year springs were gauged with a view to piping them into the supply. However, the yield from them was found to be inadequate. It is proposed to include the sum of £2,000 for consideration in the estimates for 1977 for boring a well to augment the source. Some old lead pipes which were leaking have also been replaced.

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan and unanimously agreed:-

"That a sum of £2,000 be included for consideration in the estimates for 1977 to augment the water supply at Shillelagh".

ITEM 16 COMPLETION OF PLAY AREAS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BUILDING SCHEMES

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

"That the Council in future, before they complete a Housing Scheme, complete the play areas in conjunction with the building schemes".

The Council was informed that it is not the normal practice of the Council to include play areas in Contracts for Housing Schemes. If play areas were constructed in conjunction with houses they are likely to be damaged. It has been the practice to provide these schemes when the need arises. During the course of discussion, Councillor Kavanagh indicated that he was, in fact, referring to open spaces. Members drew attention to the number of schemes where the open spaces were left in an unsatisfactory condition. The County Manager stated that he was at present considering recommendations from the County Engineer regarding this problem. Appropriate action will be taken to deal with this matter as soon as possible.

ITEM 17 WATER SOURCES AND SUPPLY IN RATHDRUM

The following notice of motion in the names of Councillors C. Murphy, R. Miley and Ml. Cullen was considered:-

"That the Council investigate water sources and supply in Rathdrum".

The Council was informed that the present source for Rathdrum was not capable of supplying the town and surrounding area in drought periods. Investigations are at present in hands to see if the existing supply could be augmented from a local source at an economical cost. In the long-term it is proposed that the existing scheme could be augmented from the Garryduff Regional Scheme.

It was proposed by Councillor Cullen, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh and unanimously agreed:-

"That this matter be dealt with as soon as possible".

ITEM 18 REDEMPTION OF ANNUITIES ON VESTED COTTAGES

The following notice of motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan was considered:-

"That this Council allow the tenants of vested cottages to buy out their annuities if they wish to do so".

The Council was informed that a special report on redemption of annuities on vested cottages was furnished to the Council at their meeting on the 7th July, 1975. It was pointed out that almost 3,000 were at present vested and if the tenants were allowed to redeem their annuities the houses would pass out of the control of the Council. This would have a very serious effect on the housing situation in the County, because it would be extremely difficult to ensure that the people who redeemed annuities should not be rehoused by the Council at a later date, or members of the family may be in such circumstances that the Council are obliged to provide housing accommodation. The retention of control on these houses would ensure that they are transferred to only suitable applicants. The recommendations of this report were unanimously approved by the Council. It was considered that there is no material change in circumstances which would now warrant a departure from the Council's existing policy.

In the course of discussion, Councillor K. Ryan stated that houses covered by the new purchase scheme can be disposed of after five years without the consent of the Council. He felt that tenants who are covered by old purchase schemes were at an unfair disadvantage. The County Manager pointed out that houses purchased under the 1966 Housing Act, (Section 90) had special conditions attached to Transfer Orders, under which the Council's consent to the disposal of the houses was required.

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor Cullen:-

"That the Council allow redemption of annuities of houses which were included in purchase schemes drawn up under the 1936 Labourers' Cottages Act".

Councillor S. Costello stated that as the cottagss covered by the 1936 Act could be disposed of without reference to the Council when the redemption period had expired the Council should request the Minister to impose the same conditions to these cottages as applied to cottages covered by the Housing Act, 1966.

It was proposed by Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor Keenan:-

"That the Council request the Minister for Local Government to introduce legislation to ammend the 1936 Act, to give Local Authorities the power to exercise the same controls over houses covered by purchase schemes drawn up under the Labourers' Cottages Act, 1936, as applied to purchase schemes drawn up under Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966".

Following further discussions on the need to retain as much control as possible on existing housing stock, it was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor Keegan:-

"That the Council retain its existing policy in relation to prohibiting redemption of annuities".

The proposal of Councillor A. Murphy was put to the Meeting and a vote was recorded which resulted as follows:- 15 in favour and 1 against.

In Favour Councillors J. Byrne, S. Costello, P. Deering, F. Hynes, L. Kavanagh, C. Keegan, Th. Keenan, D. Kinsella, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, A. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, and G. Timmins, and J. Whelan.

Against Councillor K. Ryan

Abstention Councillor Ml. Cullen

The proposal of Councillor S. Costello was then put to the Meeting and a vote was recorded which resulted as follows:- 14 against, and 1 in favour.

In Favour Councillor S. Costello

Against Councillors J. Byrne, Ml. Cullen, P. Deering, F. Hynes, L. Kavanagh, C. Keegan, D. Kinsella, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, A. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, and J. Whelan.

Abstention Councillors Th. Keenan and K. Ryan

A resolution in relation to retention of existing policy in relation to redemption of annuities, in the name of Councillor A. Murphy, therefore became the sub-stantive motion, and following a further vote on the motion the results were as follows:- 13 in favour, 2 against.

In Favour Councillors J. Byrne, S. Costello, P. Deering, F. Hynes, L. Kavanagh, C. Keegan, Th. Keenan, D. Kinsella, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, A. Murphy, J. Sweeney, and G. Timmins

Against Councillors Ml. Cullen and K. Ryan

Abstention Councillors J. Whelan and Miss N. O'Neill

ITEM 19 PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY - MR. ED. BYRNE, KILLINURE, TULLOW

The following notice of motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan was considered:-

"That this Council provide water for Mr. Ed. Byrne, Killinure, Tullow, Co. Carlow".

The Council was informed that the cost of sinking a well and installing a pump would be in the region of £1,200. It would, however, be some time before the scheme could be reached in view of the long priority list. Consideration could be given for inclusion of the scheme in the 1977 estimates.

It was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Whelan and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Council consider including the sum of £1,200 in the estimates in 1977".

ITEM 20 ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR HOUSING, WOODENBRIDGE

The following notice of motion in the names of Councillors Th. Keenan, C. Murphy, J. Sweeney and J. Whelan was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council purchase land in the Woodenbridge area to serve the needs of people entitled to be housed in that area".

The Council was informed that a number of applications were received for houses in the Woodenbridge area. These are presently being examined. If it is established that there is a need for housing in the area, efforts will be made to acquire a suitable site.

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Keegan and seconded by Councillor Timmins, and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Council acquire land in Woodenbridge to house people in the Woodenbridge/Ballycoogue area".

ITEM 21 CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSE AT HUMPHREYSTOWN, VALLEYMOUNT

The following notice of motion in the name of Councillor P. Deering was considered:-

"That a house be constructed at Humphreystown, Valleymount for Mr. P. Bolger, on his father's land".

The Council was informed that while Mr. Bolger appeared to be in need of a house, it was not considered that a rural type cottage should be provided by the Council on his Father's land. Rural single cottages cost approximately 133% of the cost of a house in a scheme. They are primarily intended for land owners who are engaged in farming and who cannot, at their own expense, provide their own accommodation. Following a discussion on the need for provision of houses in the Valleymount area, Members were informed that there were two approved applicants at present, in this area, out of a total of eight applications. A number of Members expressed concern that the continuing emphasis of housing schemes was forcing people to accept accommodation outside the area in which they wished to live. It was agreed that the Members for the area should be informed of the details of the eight applications received for housing in Hollywood. The County Manager was requested to continue negotiations for acquisition of land for housing in that area.

ITEM 22 EXTENSION OF REFUSE COLLECTION FROM KILMOLIN TO CURTLESTOWN

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

"That this Council extend the refuse collection from Kilmolin to Curtlestown, a distance of half a mile with about 22 houses".

The Council was informed that it was proposed to extend the service from St. Kevin's Church, Curtlestown, which would serve a further 16 houses. The road beyond this is too sparsely populated to justify extending the service further.

It was proposed by Councillor Miss Ledwidge, seconded by Councillor A. Murphy and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Council extend the refuse collection from Kilmolin to Curtlestown".

ITEM 23 HOUSING REPORT

The Members discussed the Housing Progress Report as at 31st August, 1976, and the following points were raised:-

Baltinglass Housing Scheme

Members were informed that a notice had been served on the Contractor requesting him to comply with the conditions of contract, and it was suggested that a further meeting should be arranged between the County Engineer and Contractor without prejudice to the notice served, to see if any progress could be made to have the houses made ready for the occupants, in the near future.

Rural Cottages

Members were informed that the rural cottages which were originally being constructed by P. Mourdant, are now being completed by direct labour.

Housing Scheme Knockananna

Following a discussion on the Knockananna Housing Scheme, it was proposed by Councillor Hynes, seconded by Councillor Byrne and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Council allow the Contractors an extension of time on completing this housing scheme".

Newcastle Housing Scheme

The Council was informed that plans for this housing scheme are now ready and it was proposed to have this work carried out by direct labour.

ITEM 24 CORRESPONDENCE and OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Deputy Liam Kavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Byrne and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Council express their sympathy to the Wife and family of the Late Dan Shaw, who was connected with the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union in Wicklow for many years".

The County Manager joined in the expression of sympathy on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff.

The Meeting then concluded.

Signed:

James Bailey
CHAIRMAN

Date:

4-10-76

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, AT 2.30 P.M. ON MONDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER 1976

PRESENT: Mr J. Miley, Chairman

Councillors J.J. Bourke, M. Cullen, L. Kavanagh, T.D., F. Hynes, P. Deering, G. Timmins, T.D., T.J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan, S. Costello, J. Byrne, C. Keegan, Mrs M. Ledwidge, A. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill.

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ATTENDANCE: Mr J. Higgins, Acting County Manager, Mr A. Fidgeon, Acting County Secretary, Mr T.J. Donovan, County Engineer, Mr U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, Planning/Housing Section, Mr T. Broderick, Development Officer, Mr J. Moran, Staff Officer.

ITEM NO. 1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

It was proposed by Councillor D. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor Mrs M. Ledwidge and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 16th August 1976 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 30th August 1976, be confirmed and signed."

ITEM NO. 2:- FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY:

In view of the fact that less than one month had elapsed since the death of Senator Miss Mary Walsh, it was proposed by Deputy Timmins, T.D. seconded by Councillor K. Ryan and unanimously agreed:-

"That this item be adjourned for consideration at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council."

ITEM NO. 3:- ESTIMATE OF HOUSING NEEDS IN COUNTY WICKLOW FOR 1976/81

The Council considered the report which was prepared in response to a request from the Minister for Local Government in accordance with Section 53 of the Housing Act 1966. The assessment showed the accumulated needs existing at the 30th June 1976, and the prospective needs for the five year period 1976/81. Account was taken of both private and Council Housing. The following criteria were taken into consideration in the preparation of the Estimates:- (i) estimated population in the County at 30th June 1976; (ii) the projected population for the following five years; (iii) the quarterly bulletins on births, deaths and marriages; (iv) housing completions and the Council's own Housing List.

- The accumulative needs consist of householders living in:-
- (a) unfit dwellings beyond economic repair
 - (b) overcrowded conditions
 - (c) families living involuntarily with other householders
 - (d) otherwise in need of housing, e.g. have no homes, etc.

The prospective needs were assessed under the following headings:-

- (a) increase in the number of householders
- (b) replacement of houses lost through obsolescence, redevelopment, etc.
- (c) other causes, e.g. internal immigration
- (d) needs arising from increased industrial development.

Water and Sewerage Facilities and Land Availability:

It was pointed out that the housing development to meet housing needs is dependent on the availability of serviced land. In this County serviced land within commuter range of Dublin is used up rapidly. Accordingly, the provision of public services in these areas is likely to become an on-going programme within the confines of financial and technical limits. In other areas where it is

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expected that services are provided it will cater for the natural growth of population. The Council has, over the last seven years, accumulated a considerable amount of land for housing, industry and amenity.

HOUSING: INDUSTRY: AMENITY:

Land Bank as at 30th June 1976 (in acres) 233 94 107

There is sufficient land at present to enable the Council's Local Authority Housing Programme, including provision of private sites, to be carried out. It was stressed that land acquisition is an on-going process. The land banks held by Arklow and Wicklow Urban District Councils are adequate, but the land requirements for Bray Urban District Council will have to be met in the area south of the town and at present outside the urban boundary.

General:

It was pointed out that the estimated assessment of housing needs is based on a considerable number of assumptions in relation to the population growth, formation of new households, industrial development, expected and other matters and the assessment, therefore, will not limit in any way the level of the total housing programme if demand for a higher level of building becomes evident and the financial resources are available. It is estimated that the population of the county will increase to 90,000 by 1981. There should be a corresponding increase of between 2,700 and 3,000 households in the County. The assessment of housing needs under Section 53 of the Housing Act 1966 for the period ending 30th June 1981, was 2,240 in the County Health Area. The average annual output of houses, if the accumulated needs are cleared, for the five year period, would be 227 houses.

The Members discussed the report in full. The County Manager replied to a number of queries and stated that the assessment of housing needs had clarified the backlog as at the 30th June 1976. While these needs are constantly changing the investigations just completed by the Chief Medical Officer and the Council Staff would give an opportunity of introducing a phased programme to eliminate the backlog. Priority of the programme would be to meet the objectives highlighted in the County Assessment. In reply to a query in relation to provision of houses for single people intending to get married, the County Manager pointed out that the figures quoted in the report took this into account, and stated that the Council have in some cases, undertaken schemes for a number of houses in excess of the qualified applications on hands to take account of people in need by the time the schemes are completed. It was accepted that the Council have in some areas a land bank, while in other areas there is need to acquire additional land. While acquisition of land is an on-going process the Council must have regard to the fact that housing subsidy does not, at present, cover the cost of land, until such time as the scheme has been completed, and charges for acquisition of the land must, therefore, be carried from overdraft.

Following a discussion on the lack of incentive for the improvement of existing housing stock, it was proposed by Councillor J. Whelan, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, and unanimously agreed:-

"That this Council request the Minister for Local Government to increase the reconstruction grants to a level which would ensure the upkeep and improvement of existing housing stock."

It was pointed out that the assessment was a target and would be subject to review as occasion demanded, depending on availability of land, finance and staff.

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It was proposed by Deputy G. Timmins, seconded by Councillor A. Murphy

"That the Council adopt the report and review the housing requirements on a regular basis."

Following a discussion on the availability of finance, land and staffing, the following amendment was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor Miss N.O'Neill:-

"That the Council staff be requested to prepare plans for construction of sufficient houses to eliminate the backlog in the coming year, plus plans for the erection of a further 227 houses per year, and that the Department of Local Government be requested to guarantee the necessary finances".

Following a discussion on the feasibility of carrying out the objectives of the amendment it was unanimously agreed:-

"That the Council should increase the output in the first and second year of the programme to eliminate the backlog accumulated, and that a corresponding reduction be made in the average annual output of houses in the subsequent three years to meet the objectives set out in the housing needs assessment prepared by the County Manager."

The following resolution was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and agreed:-

"That the Minister for Local Government be asked to introduce legislation to alter the present legislation on the compulsory acquisition of land to enable the acquisition to be made within a six months period without the landowners losing any rights of appeal, etc., they have at present under the existing legislation."

ITEM NO. 4: REVIEW OF ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF LOCAL AUTHORITY EXPENDITURE AND FINANCE:

ITEM NO. 8:- REPORT ON TOURISM INDUSTRY IN WICKLOW:

ITEM NO. 9:- AUDITOR'S REPORT:

It was agreed to defer discussion on the above Items 4, 8 and 9 to a special meeting to be held on the 20th September 1976.

ITEM NO. 5:- DISPOSAL OF LAND AT SPRINGFIELD, BRAY:

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

"That the Council dispose of 31 sq. perches of land at Springfield, Bray to Mr John Murphy, Stella Maris, Killarney Road, Bray, for the sum of £872.00 in accordance with Statutory Notice circulated on the 2nd day of September 1976".

ITEM NO. 6:- DISPOSAL OF LAND AT MONTEITH PARK, KILCOOLE

It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Council dispose of 4.5 sq. perches of land at Monteith Park, Kilcoole, for the sum of £100 in accordance with the Statutory Notice circulated on the 2nd September 1976."

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ITEM NO. 7:- APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSING BY MOTOR ENTHUSIASTS CLUB ON 9TH OCTOBER 1976:

Application from the Motor Enthusiasts Club was considered. Members felt that as the time of closing from 9.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. would cause inconvenience to local people it was unanimously agreed:-

"That the organisers be granted permission to close the road on the 9th October from 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. for racing."

With regard to the period requested for practice, it was agreed:-

"That the organisers be allowed to close the roads in question for a period of three hours to allow practice, on alternative date if required."

ITEM NO. 10:- TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT STRATFORD-ON-ELANEY AND RE-CONSTRUCTION OF SAME:

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

"That I or someone for me will propose at the next Meeting that the road serving houses opposite the Catholic Church in Stratford be taken over and reconstructed."

The Council was informed that this section of the road was approximately 110 yards long and serves three houses. It is very steep and terminates in an old Mass path. It was proposed to undertake a comprehensive survey for submission of appropriate notices to comply with the Local Government Act 1953. It was agreed that the necessary advertisements should be placed in the newspapers to comply with the taking over of roads Regulations.

ITEM NO. 11:- SIGHTLINE AT WEST END OF THE LINK ROAD

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

"That a sightline be provided at the west end of the Link Road between Slievenweel and Askakeagh known as (Peelos Lane), and that some improvement be made at the east end."

The Council was informed that the first of these roads was a T-Junction between County Roads Nos 135 and 142. The approach to the straight road is on a steep slope and vision at the junction is very poor in either direction. It is estimated that improving the sightline and easing the corners would cost £1,200. At the east end there is a large open drain which makes a right turn from the lane extremely awkward. It requires piping and widening of the road at the turn, at an estimated cost of £500. It was proposed by Councillor Whelan, seconded by Councillor T. Keenan and unanimously agreed:-

"That these works be included for consideration in the 1977 Roadworks Scheme."

ITEM NO. 12:- REMOVAL OF GRASS AND WASTE FROM THE END OF MILL STREET, CARNEW, AND SURFACE DRESSING:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan was considered:-

"That this Council remove the grass and waste from the end of Mill Street, Carnew, and surface dress it."

The Council was informed that the carriageway in Mill Street is 23 ft. wide and is considered an adequate width. There is no impediment to traffic or pedestrians by the grass margin. Ready-Mix concrete trucks from a nearby works spill concrete on the side of the road when travelling uphill

towards the town centre. This matter is being taken up with the owners of the works. The realignment of the bottom of Mill Street would cost approximately £7,500. It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor J. Whelan and unanimously agreed:-

"That the realignment of the bottom of Mill Street be included for consideration in the 1977 Roadworks Scheme."

ITEM NO. 13:- SPEED LIMIT SIGNS AT MILLTOWN LANE SOUTH

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

"That Wicklow County Council erect speed limit signs at Milltown Lane South."

The Council was informed that the provision of traffic signs at Milltown Lane South is not necessary as adequate signs are already provided for the village. Councillor M. Cullen pointed out that the area in question was outside the village and also inquired as to the provision of speed limits at Redcross. The County Manager indicated that all of the Council's recommendations in relation to speed limits were being prepared for submission to the Department. The proposals will be drafted out to comply with the Regulations and would be considered again by the Speed Limit Committee prior to submission.

ITEM NO. 14:- ELIMINATION OF DANGEROUS TURN AT CROSSKEYS, DUNLAVIN

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

"That Wicklow County Council eliminate the dangerous turn at Crosskeys, Dunlavin."

The Council was informed that this matter will be considered for inclusion in the Roadworks proposals for 1977. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 15:- WIDENING OF BRIDGE AT MILLTOWN LANE SOUTH:

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

"That Wicklow County Council widen the bridge at Milltown Lane South in the interest of safety to users of the road."

The Council was informed that Milltown Lane is very lightly trafficked and it would not justify expenditure necessary to widen the bridge. Following a discussion, it was proposed by Councillor M. Cullen, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes and unanimously agreed:-

"That money be included for consideration in the 1977 Roadworks Scheme to widen the bridge at Milltown Lane South."

ITEM NO. 16:- CLEANING OUT OF DRAIN LEADING FROM THE MAIN ROAD TO KILMACULLAGH LANE AT NEWTOWN KENNEDY

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

"That the Council clean out the drain leading from the main road down to Kilmacullagh Lane at Newtown. This drain should be piped to the river as it is very dangerous to traffic."

The Council was informed that the drain in question should be piped. The estimated cost of carrying out the works is £320. It was agreed:-

"That this matter be considered for inclusion in the 1977 Estimates."

ITEM NO. 17:- PROVISION OF TWO SEATS AT NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

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

"That the Council provide two seats at Newtown, one at the bus stop coming from Dublin, the other on the opposite side of the road to 'Dunne's Pub'."

The Council was informed that a seat could be provided at the bus stop coming from Dublin. However, there is insufficient room to provide a seat on the other side of the road. Following a discussion, it was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Council provide two seats at Newtown."

ITEM NO. 18:- ERECTION OF BUS SHELTERS IN THE TOWNS AND VILLAGES OF THE COUNTY OF WICKLOW

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

"That Wicklow County Council request C.I.E. to erect bus shelters in the towns and villages of the County."

The Council was informed that it is not the policy of C.I.E. to erect shelters. However, a number of locations exist at which shelters had been erected by commercial interests on an experimental basis. It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Council request C.I.E. to erect bus shelters in County Wicklow."

ITEM NO. 19:- DATE FOR MEETING OF MEMBERS OF NORTHERN AREA TO DISCUSS AREA ACTION PLAN:

It was agreed:-

"That this meeting should be held on Thursday 30th September 1976 at 3.00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Bray."

It was also requested that the Council consider meeting representatives from Bray Urban District Council to discuss traffic problems in Bray.

CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN:

- (1) Letter from Mr T. Broderick in relation to An-Co Community Youth Project was read and noted.
- (2) Letter from Department of Lands, Forestry and Wild Life Services, in relation to the Council's request to erect signs to prevent tragedies on the hills of Glendalough was read. It was stated that the Department would be prepared to include in the next reprinting of nature trail leaflets a suitable warning against the un-necessary risks in the Glendalough area generally.
- (3) Letter from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs in relation to the provision of a letter box at Oldcourt Cross. The Department stated that following further investigations nothing had emerged which would effect the earlier decision to refuse provision of the letter box at Oldcourt Cross. It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor M. Cullen, and unanimously agreed:-
"That the Council request the Department of Posts & Telegraphs to re-consider their decision in relation to this matter."

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- (4) Letter in relation to the condition of roads, footpaths, etc., in the Greystones Area, was read. Following discussion it was agreed:-

"That the procedure for dealing with such letters should be referred to the Committee dealing with the Standing Orders."

- (5) Councillor D. Kinsella requested that the County Manager investigate neglect in the Arklow area in relation to trimming of roadsides.

- (6) The Council agreed that a Special Meeting should be arranged to discuss items No.s 4, 8 and 9 on Monday, 20th September 1976 at 3.00 p.m.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THE 20TH SEPTEMBER, 1976, AT 3.00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW.

PRESENT: Councillor J. Miley, Chairman.

Councillors J. J. Bourke, M. Cullen, L. Kavanagh, T. D., F. Hynes, P. Deering, G. Timmins, T. J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan, S. Costello, C. E. Keegan, M. Ledwidge, C. Murphy, T. D., A. Murphy, R. Miley and N. O'Neill.

Also in attendance were:- Mr. J. J. Higgins, Acting County Manager, Mr. A. Fidgeon, Acting County Secretary, Mr. T. J. Donovan, County Engineer, Mr. T. Broderick, County Development Officer and R. O'Ceallaigh, Administrative Officer.

PROVISION OF NEW COUNCIL CHAMBER, OFFICES AND WORKSHOP.

The County Manager asked leave of the Chairman to have this matter discussed in committee.

The County Manager informed the members that on the 10th December, 1973, the former County Manager, Mr. F. J. O'Brien, presented a report to the Council recommending that a new Council Chamber and Offices be provided as a matter of urgency for Wicklow County Council and its Staff and that a site be acquired for this purpose suitably located to cater for the Councils requirements and at the same time help to reduce traffic congestion on the main street of Wicklow. In the course of the report he indicated that the existing offices were grossly overcrowded and inadequate in respect of proper heating, lighting and ventilation. The spread of staff over 3 buildings at present detracted from economy and efficiency in the operation of the Council services and considerable time was lost in the movement of staff between the various buildings, a factor which has made control of staff more difficult. The former County Manager's report and recommendations were approved of by the Council.

It was agreed that the Council would be kept fully informed of the progress in relation to the implementation of the recommendation and that the Councils consent would be requested before any commitment is entered into. A suitable site was located at Bollarney, Wicklow. It was not possible to acquire this site by agreement and accordingly, compulsory purchase order entitled Wicklow Compulsory Order Number 1 - 1974 was made to acquire the site from the owners Traditional Homes & Landsdown Homes. Following a local enquiry at which objections were heard the compulsory purchase order was confirmed by the Minister for Local Government on 18th July, 1975. Following the confirmation of the compulsory purchase order the property was acquired for an agreed figure of £15,000.00.

Advertisements were placed in the National Press inviting offers from consortium of well-established professional consultants and experienced building contractors for the design and construction of (a) office accommodation block (b) stores accommodation and machinery workshop on the Council's 6 acre site at Bollarney, Wicklow. The office block is to provide staff accommodation for the various Council services including drawing office, record rooms and County Council meeting chamber. The floor area was to be of the order of 25,000 square feet. Stores and workshop were each to have a floor area of approximately 10,000 square feet. Following this application 14 offers were received from which 3 were chosen to submit preliminary report, schedule of accommodation, layout plan, approximate estimate cost, showing the cost of office accommodation, stores and machinery workshop separately. These proposals were investigated having regard to estimate cost and suitability of type of

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premises offered and as a result one consortium was asked to provide final drawings and contract documents in relation to their proposals. The form of contract is at present under discussion and subject to its acceptability, it was recommended that the Council proceed with the contract at the earliest possible opportunity as any delay would add to the cost having regard to present inflation rates. It is proposed to defray the cost of providing these offices out of the Council Revenue Account. During the current year a sum of £30,000 was included in the estimates for this purpose and it was suggested that a sum of £60,000 per annum be provided in 1977 and in subsequent years to cover the cost.

The matter was then considered by the members and during the course of the discussion the Council was informed that criteria for picking the 3 firms to proceed with layout plans, etc., were the type of organisation they had, the work previously done by them and their expertise and experience in construction of large buildings. Other factors were the cost of the buildings and its suitability for the Councils requirements.

The project was a package deal in that the consortium was asked to design and construct the buildings and it was felt that this was the most business-like way of dealing with the project. Since the Council did not have adequate experienced personnel and the staff was engaged on other urgent work e.g. housing schemes, to undertake the project in any other fashion than that outlined would have delayed it for at least a further two years.

The County Manager informed the members that it was hoped to dispose of the Councils existing accommodation at Kilmartin Hill and that the offices in the Courthouse could be rented. This would help to off-set part of the capital cost.

The County Manager informed the Council that it would not be possible to invite tenders for the plans submitted by the consortium since the documents were the copyright of the consortium. Subject to County Councils approval and the drawing up of an acceptable contract, he hoped to be in a position to commence work on the new office block in October.

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and resolved:-

"That Wicklow County Council proceed with the provision of new Council Chamber, Offices and Workshop on the terms and conditions outlined by the County Manager." Passed. Councillor S. Costello dissenting.

ITEM NO. 1:- REPORT ON ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF LOCAL AUTHORITY EXPENDITURE AND FINANCE.

The Council considered the report already circulated to the members, prepared by the Economic and Social Research Institute. The report set out the system of Local Government in Ireland, the economic role of local authorities, the implications for government finance and for the economy in reducing the rate burden, and the incidence of rates.

The County Manager informed the meeting that the report covered the whole area of local finance and if rates were abolished there would be serious implications for the whole system of local government.

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In reply to queries on the block grant system, if this system was introduced, the members were informed that the Council had a commitment to maintain existing services. It would be likely that there would be some restriction on the Council regarding expenditure of monies and that most likely it would be up to the government to distribute the grant throughout the country in an equitable manner. Concern was expressed by the members that the local authority should not become merely an administrative centre for the Department of Local Government and that the autonomy which at present rests with the Council should be maintained.

Councillor Costello suggested that in the event of rates being abolished that details of all taxation from each county e.g. motor taxation, V. A. T. etc., should be available and that the local authority should have the final say as to the disposal of this portion of the revenue.

The County Manager suggested that relief given in the waiver of rates scheme should be recouped from the Department of Social Welfare in the same manner as E. S. B. charges, licence fees and free travel on public transport are given to Old Age Pensioners.

It was proposed by Councillor Aidan Murphy, seconded by Councillor Pascal Deering and unanimously agreed that the following resolution be forwarded to the Department of Local Government:-

"That in the event of rates being abolished or phased out that this Council maintain the same degree of autonomy and power as it presently has irrespective of where money comes from and that in the event of a revaluation of property that cognisance be taken of the rate payers ability to pay the rates assessed."

ITEM NO.2. - REPORT BY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT TEAM ON TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 1977/81.

It was agreed to adjourn consideration of this item to the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

ITEM NO. 3. - AUDITORS' REPORT ON THREE FINANCIAL YEARS, ENDING 1ST MARCH, 1974.

It was agreed to defer consideration of the report to the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

DEPUTATION FROM BALLYCOOG RESIDENTS.

It was agreed to receive a deputation from Ballycoogue Residents to discuss housing in Ballycoogue on Monday, the 4th October, at 4.30 p.m.

The meeting then concluded.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING HELD ON THE 4TH OCTOBER, 1976, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW.

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

IN ATTENDANCE:-

Mr. John J. Higgins, Acting County Manager,
Mr. A. Fidgeon, Acting County Secretary.
Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer.
Mr. E. MacNeill, Chief Assistant County Engineer.
Mr. E. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes.
Mr. E. Jordan, Staff Officer, Housing.
Mr. R. O'Ceallaigh, Administrative Officer.

ITEM NO.1:- CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, and seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney, and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Minutes of the Housing Meeting held on the 6th September, 1976 be confirmed and signed".

ITEM NO.2:- IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERIM NATIONAL WAGE AGREEMENT 1976:

The County Manager informed the Meeting that the new National Wage Agreement became operative for employees in the Construction Industry from the 1st June, 1976, and for officers and all other employees from the 1st August, 1976. The Agreement was for a five month period and the terms were for 3% plus £2.00 per week with a minimum increase of £3.00 and a maximum increase of £5.00. He informed the meeting that provision had been made in the current years estimate of expenses to meet the cost of the increases.

It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Byrne and unanimously agreed:-

"That the terms of the Interim National Wage Agreement 1976 be implemented".

ITEM NO.3:- ESTIMATES OF EXPENSES 1977:

It was unanimously agreed to hold the Estimates Meeting on the 25th October, 1976.

ITEM NO.4:- WATER SUPPLY AT BALLINACoola UPPER, GLENEALY.

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

"That this Council give permission to Mrs. Ormond, Ballinacoola Upper, Glenealy, to connect to the Council's water main which passes by her cottage".

The Council was informed that Mrs. Ormond had now got water supply.

ITEM NO.5:- REPAIRS TO COTTAGE, 3 ST. PATRICK'S ROAD, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY:

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

"That Wicklow County Council immediately repair the house occupied by Matthew Kelly, 3, St. Patrick's Road, Newtownmountkennedy which was damaged by Fire in December, 1974. One room has been unusable since then, despite visits by engineers to assess the damage and organise repairs."

The Council was informed that the Insurers had now given approval to have these repairs carried out. The estimated cost was £500 and it was proposed to start repairs at an early date.

It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes and unanimously agreed:-

"That the necessary repairs at an estimate cost of £500 be carried out."

ITEM NO.6:- ERECTION OF PUBLIC LIGHTS AT RATHNEW:

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

"That the Council erect (a) a public light near the Railway Bridge on the Arklow Road leading to the 24 Council houses on the road; (b) erect two public lights on the main road opposite the new estate near the village."

It was recommended to the Council that two lights be erected on the Arklow Road, immediately North and South of the Railway Bridge. These were shown in the E.S.B. Report, but not included in the current programme. With regard to the lights opposite the new estate, seven new lights from the village to Tinnakilly House had been approved for inclusion in the current year's programme. An estimate for this work was awaited from the E.S.B.

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

"That two lights be erected on the Arklow Road, and seven new lights be erected from Rathnew Village to Tinnakilly House."

ITEM NO.7:- COTTAGE PLOTS AT BOGHALL ROAD:

It was agreed that this matter be discussed in Committee by the Members for the Northern Area after the meeting.

ITEM NO.8:- INCREASE OF S.D.A. LOAN LIMIT:

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T.J. Keenan, Miss O'Neill, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Whelan was considered:-

"That owing to the increased cost of housing, we ask the Minister for Local Government to increase the amount of the S.D.A. Loan to 85% of the nett cost of the house, and further ask the Minister to extend the repayment period to 40 years where possible having regard to the age of the applicant."

Following a discussion on the Notice of Motion, during which it was pointed out that the level of loans had not kept pace with the cost of providing housing accommodation, that the conditions attached to the loans and grants were too restrictive and that as a result people were being pushed on to the Council's Housing List, who otherwise would possibly be able to house themselves, it was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney and seconded by Councillor J. Whelan and agreed that the following Notice of Motion be sent to the General Council of County Councils and the Department of Local Government.

"That the Minister for Local Government be asked to increase the amount of the S.D.A. Loan to 85% of the nett cost of the house, and that the income limit be correspondently increased, and further that the Minister be asked to extend the repayment period to 40 years where possible having regard to the age of the applicant."

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ITEM NO.9:- ELECTION OF PUBLIC LIGHT AT HOGG LANE, AUGHTRIM:

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

"That this Council erect public lighting at Hogg Lane, Aughrim."

It was recommended to the Council that a public light be installed in Hogg, Lane, Aughrim. The E.S.B. were asked to submit an estimate for the provision of this extra light.

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

"That an additional public light be installed in Hogg's Lane, Aughrim."

ITEM NO.10:- ELECTION OF HOUSE FOR MRS. CISSY NEWSOME, RATHNEW:

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

"That Wicklow County Council take steps to house Mrs. Cissy Newsome, 26, The Bank, Rathnew."

The Council was informed that Mrs. Newsome did not apply for re-housing in the last 34 housing scheme in Rathnew. Her present accommodation was inspected by the Chief Medical Officer, and he was of the opinion that she was not in urgent need of housing. However, consideration could be given to her case if the Council decide to build further houses in Rathnew, or perhaps she could be rehoused in a Small Family Unit type dwelling.

It was proposed by Councillor R. Miley, seconded by Councillor M. Cullen and agreed:-

"That consideration be given to rehousing Mrs. Newsome in a Small Family Unit type dwelling."

ITEM NO.11:- RENT ON RIGID FRAME HOUSES:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan was considered:-

"That this Council reduce the rent on the Rigid Frame Houses throughout the County".

Members were informed that the council is obliged to relate the level of rent to the income of the tenant, and not to the type of house provided. In this regard, the Council is further obliged to strictly adhere to the Department's National Differential Rent Scheme which was brought out with a view to having equitable rent for all tenants in the country. The only manner in which the quality of the type of house is affected is in the maximum rent payable and in this regard it was pointed out that the maximum rent for Rigid Frame Houses was much lower than the maximum rent of the conventional built house. It was stated by Members that the Rigid Frame Houses were sub-standard, and that some of the rooms were unusable due to dampness etc. The County Manager informed the Meeting that some of these houses had not been taken over by the Council from the N.B.A. because defects had yet to be remedied. In reply to queries regarding the operation of the differential rent scheme, the County Manager stated that he had some marginal degree of latitude in individual cases but only as far as income was concerned.

It was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan and agreed:-

That the following resolution be sent to the Minister for Local Government:

"That the Council reduce the rent on Rigid Frame Houses throughout the

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"That Wicklow County Council immediately repair the house occupied by Mrs. Miley, 2, St. Patrick's Road, Newcomerstown, which was damaged by fire in December, 1974. One room has been unusable since then, despite visits by engineers to assess the damage and organise repairs."

The Council was informed that the insurers had now given approval to have these repairs carried out. The estimated cost was £200 and it was proposed to start repairs at an early date.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Lavanagh, seconded by Councillor P. Tynes and unanimously agreed:-

"That the necessary repairs at an estimate cost of £200 be carried out."

ITEM NO.12:- ELECTION OF PUBLIC LIGHT AT HOGG LANE, AUGHTRIM:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Lavanagh, T.D., and P. Tynes was considered:-

"That the Council erect (a) a public light at the Railway Bridge on the Aughrim Road leading to the 24 Council houses on the road; (b) erect two public lights on the main road opposite the new estate near the village."

It was recommended to the Council that two lights be erected on the Aughrim Road, immediately North and South of the Railway Bridge. These were shown in the E.S.B. Report, but not included in the current programme. With regard to the lights opposite the new estate, seven new lights were the village to Rathnew. These were approved for inclusion in the current year's programme. An estimate for this work was awaited from the E.S.B.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Tynes, seconded by Councillor J. Lavanagh, and agreed:-

"That public lights be erected on the Aughrim Road, and seven new lights be erected opposite the new estate near the village to Rathnew."

ITEM NO.13:- RENT ON RIGID FRAME HOUSES:

It was stated that this matter be discussed in Committee by the Members for the County after the meeting.

ITEM NO.14:- RENT ON RIGID FRAME HOUSES:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors J. Lavanagh, T.D., and P. Tynes was considered:-

"That owing to the increased cost of housing, we ask the Minister for Local Government to increase the amount of the N.B.A. loan to 85% of the net cost of the house, and further ask the Minister to extend the repayment period to 60 years where possible having regard to the age of the house."

Following a discussion on the subject of housing, during which it was pointed out that the level of rent paid by tenants was not commensurate with the cost of the houses, the Council decided to write to the Minister for Local Government asking him to increase the amount of the N.B.A. loan to 85% of the net cost of the house, and further ask the Minister to extend the repayment period to 60 years where possible having regard to the age of the house. It was proposed by Councillor J. Lavanagh, seconded by Councillor P. Tynes and agreed:-

"That the Minister for Local Government be asked to increase the amount of the N.B.A. loan to 85% of the net cost of the house, and that the Minister be asked to extend the repayment period to 60 years where possible having regard to the age of the house."

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county, or any other house where work is sub-standard or full use of accommodation is denied to the tenant."

ITEM NO.12:- WATER SUPPLY AT MILL STREET, CARNEW:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan was considered:-

"That this Council extend the water main to Jim Hilliard's cottage, Mill Street, Carnew."

The Council was informed that Mr. Hilliard's cottage is 260 yards beyond the present end of the 4" watermain. There is one house between, which has a supply from the rear. There is a possibility that houses could be built in the open spaces remaining. A 2" watermain extended to Mr. Hilliard's house would cost approximately £260.

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan and seconded by Councillor J. Whelan and agreed:-

"That extension of water main to J. Hilliard's cottage, Mill Street, Carnew, be considered for inclusion in the 1977 programme at an estimated cost of £260."

ITEM NO.13:- REPAIRS TO COOLAHULLEN LANE:

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

"That the County Council carry out urgent repairs to Coolahullen Lane leading from Ballycoogue Road to Coates Bridge."

The Council was informed that Coolahullen Lane is not a Council Road, and is not maintained at public expense. There was an application some time ago to have this road improved under a Local Improvement Scheme, but only one farmer signed the necessary papers. It is not the Councils policy to take over roads until they were brought up to the required standard. Councillor C. Keenan stated that the road had been maintained by the Council for a number of years and that recently permission was given to the organisers of car racing to hold a car rally on this road, and that the road was severely damaged as a result. The County Manager stated that advertisement related only to public road, but that he would investigate the matter.

ITEM NO.14:- DEVELOPMENT OF APPLEWOOD HEIGHTS, GREYSTONES:

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

"That immediate steps be taken by Wicklow County Council to ensure that the development of Applewood Heights, Greystones, be completed in a satisfactory manner as soon as possible."

The Council was informed that an Enforcement Notice had been served on the Developers requiring the completion of the estate, and as they had not complied with same, the Council's Law Agent had been instructed to take legal proceedings against the developers under Section 32 of the Planning and Development Act, 1963 for failure to comply with the Enforcement Notice. In addition the Council had already lodged a formal claim with the Insurance Company, who provided the Bond as security for the satisfactory completion of the development works, for the full amount named in the Bond. These were the only steps open to the Council at present, in relation to securing the completion of the estate. People were still buying houses in the estate, even though they were quite aware that the development works were not completed, and that the Council were seeking to have them completed for some time past. The County Manager was making arrangements to meet the Residents Association at an early date.

In the course of the discussion which followed, complaints were made about

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sewage problems. The County Manager stated that the estate had not yet been taken over by the Council, but that he had the nuisance investigated by both the Health Inspector and the Councils officials. An abatement of Nuisances Notices had been served on the occupiers and on the developers, and in the event of the nuisances not been attended to, within 48 hours the Council would carry out the work themselves, and seek to recover any expenses incurred. The question of liability of costs was discussed and it was agreed that this matter be dealt with by the County Manager.

ITEM NO.15:- PUBLIC AMENITY BETWEEN NEWCASTLE AND THE MURROUGH:

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors S. Costello, K. Ryan, P. Hynes, L. Kavanagh, T.D., J. Byrne, D. Kinsella, C. Murphy, T.D., M. Cullen and Miss N. O'Neill was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council take the necessary steps to ensure that the beach between Newcastle and the Murrough is properly developed as a public amenity, and that a report be prepared giving an estimated cost for the acquisition of the necessary land for the improvement of access roads and provision of parking and toilet facilities."

This matter had previously been discussed by the Council, at the Meeting held on the 10th August, 1976. As Councillor S. Costello was not at that meeting, he wished to raise the matter again. He suggested that as a short term measure to improve the access road to the beach at Killougher, this road be taken over, if it was not already the property of the Council and that the road be widened; that the disused Railway House be taken over from C.I.E. and that this be converted into a public toilet, and that the area between the level crossing to Killougher be taken over as this was preventing cars from using the beach.

The County Manager stated that the question of affidavits concerning rights-of-way were still been investigated.

It was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor D. Kinsella and agreed:-

"That separate costings of:-

- (A) approach road to the beach at Killougher,
 - (B) provision of toilet,
 - (C) acquisition of area from level crossing to Killougher
- be provided and submitted to further Council Meeting for consideration."

ITEM NO. 15. DEPUTATION FROM BALLYCOOGUE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION:

Councillor T. Keenan informed the Meeting that land which may be suitable for housing had been offered in the Ballycoogue area; the Residents Association was not seeking a meeting with the Council for the present.

CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS:

PRIVATE SITES, NEWTOWNMOUNTMELLYDY:

The Council was informed that the County Engineer had prepared layout plans for 25 sites. An estimate of the cost including the provision of roadway, water supply facilities, public lighting etc. was been prepared, and it is hoped to have this within the next couple of weeks. The level of demand for the sites would seem to indicate that only six sites were required at present, and as soon as the estimate of the cost of the sites was available, the applicants would be written to enquiring if they were interested in proceeding on the basis of the estimated cost.

FOOTPATHS IN BRAY:

Councillor M. Ledwidge stated that the footpaths on the Dublin Road and at Castle Street required attention.

PLAYING FACILITIES IN AVOCCA:

Councillor G. Timmins was informed that agreement had been reached with C.I.E.

to acquire land. C.I.E. were seeking to have an 8 ft. high wall erected along $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of railway. The cost of this wall was regarded as too expensive, and the erection of an unclimbable chain link fence was being contemplated instead.

WAIVER OF RENT SCHEME:

The County Manager informed Councillor K. Ryan that notification of Rates Waiver were being sent out to the applicants concerned. The adoption of the scheme was a reserved function and had to come before the Council each year.

PROCEDURE FOR QUESTIONS:

It was agreed that in future all questions would be submitted in writing, and replies sent out from the Council Offices. If Councillors were not satisfied with the replies, the subject matter could be raised at the next Council Meeting.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

CONFIRMED:

James Tuley
CHAIRMAN

DATE:

12/11/76

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE COURTHOUSE, WICKLOW, AT 2.30 P.M. ON THE 11th OCTOBER, 1976

PRESENT: Mr. J. Miley, Chairman

Councillors J. J. Bourke, M. Cullen, L. Kavanagh, T.D., F. Hynes, P. Deering, G. Timmins, T. J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, E. Ryan, J. Sweeney, J. Whelan, V. Blake, S. Costello, J. Byrne, C. Keegan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, C. Murphy, A. Murphy, Miss M. O'Neill, E. Miley.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. J. Higgins, Acting County Manager.
Mr. A. Fidgeon, Acting County Secretary.
Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E. County Engineer.
Mr. B. Kelly, Administrative Officer, Roads & Environment.
Mr. T. Broderick, County Development Officer.

ITEM NO.1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 13th September, 1976 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 20th September, 1976, be confirmed and signed."

ITEM No.2. FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY - MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL AND SUBSIDIARY COMMITTEES:

The Council was informed that the vacancies arose due to the death of the Late Senator Miss M. Walsh. It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor E. Ryan and unanimously agreed:-

"That Mr. V. Blake, Mullinacuffe, Tinahely, Arklow, be co-opted as a Member of Wicklow County Council to fill the vacancy caused in the membership of Wicklow County Council, by the death of Senator Miss M. Walsh. The Council was informed that Mr. Blake had given his consent in writing to become a Member of Wicklow County Council. Mr. Blake then took his seat and was welcomed by the Chairman. Mr. Blake thanked the Council Members for his election."

GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS:

It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes.

"That Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., be appointed to the vacancy on the General Council of County Councils."

It was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy T.D.

"That Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge be appointed to the vacancy on the General Council of County Councils."

A Vote was called for and resulted as follows:-

For Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. - 11

For Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge - 10

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. was declared elected as the Council's Representative to fill the vacant post.

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COUNTY WICKLOW VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan

That Councillor V. Blake be appointed to the vacancy on the Wicklow Vocational Education Committee.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney

Seconded by Councillor C. Murphy

That Councillor Miss N. O'Neill be appointed to the vacancy on the Wicklow Vocational Education Committee.

A Vote was called for and resulted as follows:-

For Councillor V. Blake - 11

For Councillor Miss N. O'Neill 10

Councillor V. Blake was declared elected to the vacancy on the Wicklow Vocational Education Committee.

LOCAL HEALTH COMMITTEE FOR COUNTY WICKLOW:

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor A. Murphy, . .

That Councillor V. Blake be appointed to the vacancy on the Local Health Committee for County Wicklow.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill

That Councillor J. Sweeney be appointed to the vacancy on the Local Health Committee for County Wicklow.

A Vote was called for and resulted as follows:-

For Councillor V. Blake - 11

For Councillor J. Sweeney - 9

Councillor S. Costello abstained.

Councillor V. Blake was declared elected to the vacancy on the Local Health Committee for County Wicklow.

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins

That Councillor V. Blake be appointed to the vacancy on the Library Advisory Committee.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge.

That Councillor J. Whelan be appointed to the vacancy on the Library Advisory Committee.

A Vote was called for which resulted as follows:- (Councillor S. Costello abstained)

For Councillor V. Blake - 11

For Councillor J. Whelan - 9

Councillor V. Blake was declared elected to the vacancy on the Library Advisory Committee.

SHILLELAGH OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE:

It was proposed by Councillor P. Deering, seconded by Councillor A. Murphy and unanimously agreed:-

That Councillor V. Blake be appointed to the vacancy on the Shillelagh Old Age Pension Sub-Committee.

ARKLOW HARBOUR BOARD:

It was

proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor A. Murphy

That Councillor V. Blake be appointed to the vacancy on the Arklow Harbour Board.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney

Seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D.

That Mr. T. Clandillon be appointed to the vacancy on the Arklow Harbour Board.

A Vote was called for which resulted as follows:-

For Councillor V. Blake - 11

For Mr. Clandillon - 9

Cl. S. Costello abstained

Councillor V. Blake was declared elected to the vacancy on the Arklow Harbour Board.

SPEED LIMITS AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE:

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor A. Murphy

That Councillor V. Blake be appointed to the vacancy on the Speed Limits Technical Committee.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D.

Seconded by Councillor M. Cullen

That Councillor T. Keenan be appointed to the vacancy on the Speed Limits Technical Committee.

A Vote was called for which resulted as follows:-

For Councillor V. Blake - 8

For Councillor T. Keenan - 10

Councillor T. Keenan was declared elected to the vacancy on the Speed Limits Technical Committee.

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ITEM 3 AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THREE YEARS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1974

The period covered by the report was from 1st April, 1971, to 31st March, 1974. At the beginning of the period there was a debit balance of £90,127 on the Council's Revenue Account, and at the end of the period a credit balance of £145,613, i.e. an improvement of £235,740. Total Expenditure and Receipts were as follows:-

	Expenditure	Receipts
1971/72	£2,245,183	£2,406,045
1972/73	£2,770,723	£2,724,316
1973/74	£2,929,739	£3,051,024

Government grants accounted for 46.48% of the total receipts while the share from rates was 36.76%. Capital Expenditure was as follows:-

1971/72	£807,770
1972/73	£1,308,628
1973/74	£2,170,240

The Council's total indebtedness on foot of loans totalled £5,881,596 at 31st March, 1974.

In his report the Auditor criticised the accounting operations of the Council under the following headings:-

- (a) Housing Loans
- (b) Housing Capital Accounts
- (c) Sanitary Services Capital Accounts

He stated that the poor standard of accounting encountered at audit was largely attributable to staff changes, replacement staff who were unfamiliar with accounting and procedures and the absence of a permanent County Accountant for long periods.

In the course of the discussion which followed, Members expressed disquiet that if the Auditor was reporting on the situation as he found it, it was a serious indictment of the Council's accounting system. While no mention of misappropriation of funds was made, the tone of the report left some misgivings which would be dispelled only by an up-to-date audit certificate.

It was felt that an annual audit of the accounts was desirable.

In reply, the County Manager stated that the period under audit was one in which there was a very dramatic upsurge in Council activities, in particular in the areas of Housing Construction and Housing Loans, these being reflected in an increased capital expenditure from .8 million pounds to 2.2 million pounds. The number of houses completed in the years under audit were in 1971/72 - 14, 1972/73 - 68, 1973/74 - 218, plus 192 for Bray Urban District Council. In addition, there were 337 houses under construction at the end of the period under audit. This imposed a severe strain on the staff of the Housing and Accounts Departments. As the re-grading scheme for staff was under negotiation during that period, no recommendation was made to the Council for a reorganisation of the staff structure to deal with the increased workload, and accordingly, an additional burden fell on the existing staff which was geared to a much lower level of operations. He stated that considerable difficulty had always been encountered having final accounts completed as some Contractors were slow to submit the necessary documents to substantiate claims on increases under the Price Variation Clause.

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The volume of work entailed in dealing with House Purchase Loans could be gauged from the fact that advances to borrowers during the year under audit increased from £199,263 to £671,000, while the number of borrowers increased from 308 to 620. In 1973/74 a change was made to monthly collection and this dramatically increased the number of transactions to be processed yearly in respect of each borrower.

The form of control account referred to by the Auditor was cumbersome and arrangements have been made to prepare a modified version of this account. In relation to capital accounts for Housing and Sanitary Services Schemes, arrangements are being made to have the information required by the Auditor made available to him at the next audit. There was no suggestion in the Auditor's report that there were any irregularities or misappropriations of funds. He stated that the staff difficulties were compounded by the fact that the finances of the Council are mechanised on one accounting machine which is now nearing the end of its life. Wicklow County Council is one of nine Counties presently in negotiations with the Local Government Computer Board with the objective of installing a computer which will modernise our present system and help to produce essential information for management control.

After further discussions it was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor Ryan and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Local Government Auditor be requested to undertake the audit of Wicklow County Council's accounts in respect of the two financial years, 1974 and 1975 immediately."

It was agreed that copies of all correspondence with the Department of Local Government in relation to the Auditor's report would be made available to the Members of the Council.

ITEM 4 TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLAN IN WICKLOW

It was agreed to defer discussion on this item to the Housing Meeting to be held on the 8th November, 1976.

ITEM 5 RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND (RELIEF) ACT, 1967

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, seconded by Councillor Kinsella and unanimously agreed:-

"That subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government, a waiver from the conditions imposed by Section 7 of the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1967, shall be granted in respect of rates payable on agricultural land to Wicklow County Council for the financial year ending 31st December, 1976".

ITEM 6 SCHOOL WARDENS AT BALLYWALTRIM NATIONAL SCHOOL AND FASSAROE LANE

The Council was informed that the Commissioner for the Garda Siochana had consented to the appointment of a School Warden at Ballywaltrim National School, Boghall Road, Bray.

The appointment of a School Warden at Fassaroe Lane on the Wicklow/Dublin Road was not recommended, for the following reasons:-

- (1) This is a fast traffic route with maximum 60 m.p.h. speed limit carrying a heavy volume of traffic.
- (2) A warden attempting to stop traffic at this point, particularly on dark winter mornings, would be exposing himself and the children to serious risk.

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- (3) Stopping of traffic suddenly at this point could involve a serious pile up and the Gardai would anticipate this type of occurrence.

It was suggested by the Garda Authority that the provision of pedestrian operated light signals, "Pelican Crossing", would appear to be a more desirable solution.

The Council Members did not agree with this assessment and a suggestion was made that a speed limit sign be extended to incorporate Fassaroe Lane. It was agreed to resubmit the application to the Garda Authority, to reconsider the proposal to appoint a school warden at this point.

ITEM 7 REPORT ON ROADS IN THE EASTERN REGION

It was agreed to defer consideration on the report until the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

ITEM 8 REPAIRS TO ARKLOW COURTHOUSE

The Council was informed that urgent repairs to preserve the Arklow Courthouse were necessary, and that the office accommodation for Arklow Urban District Council was inadequate. The estimated cost of carrying out the work would be in the region of £30,000, and would be excess expenditure in the current financial year. It was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne, and unanimously agreed:-

"That excess expenditure of £30,000 to repair Arklow Courthouse be approved".

ITEM 9 TO ARRANGE A DATE FOR MEETING OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON ROAD SAFETY

It was agreed to hold this meeting on Friday, 19th November, 1976.

ITEM 10 TRAVELLING EXPENSES AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES FOR MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

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

"That the terms of circular G. 8/76 from the Department of Local Government, be implemented, setting out rates of travelling allowances and subsistence for Local Authorities."

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The above items were deferred until the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

LOAN FOR REPLACEMENT BRIDGES

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, seconded by Councillor Ryan and unanimously agreed:-

"That Wicklow County Council raise a loan of £81,450 from the Commissioners of Public Works to defray the cost of replacing bridges at Ballard and Stratford".

The Meeting then concluded.

CONFIRMED:

James Miley
CHAIRMAN

DATE:

15th Nov 1976

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Estimates Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 25th October, 1976

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

Also in Attendance Mr. John J. Higgins, Acting County Manager
Mr. B. A. Fidgeon, Acting County Secretary
Mr. J. Forristal, Chief Assistant County Engineer
Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer
Mr. J. Horan, Acting County Accountant
Mr. Wm. O'Ceallaigh, Administrative Officer
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer
Mr. T. Broderick, County Development Officer
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, the Council passed a resolution expressing their sympathy with the brother and sister of the Late M. J. O'Neill, former Member of the Council, on their sad bereavement. Tributes were paid to his work as a Council Member and as Chairman of the Committee of Agriculture.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, the Council passed a resolution expressing their sympathy with the relatives of the Late Garda Clerkin, who was killed in an explosion near Portlaoise. The Council condemned the action which led to his death. The Commissioner of the Garda Siochana was included in the vote of sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, the Council passed a resolution expressing their sympathy with the sons of the Late Edward Murray, Grattan Park, Greystones, a former County Council workman, on their sad bereavement.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENSES, 1977

In an opening statement, the County Manager stated that copies of the estimate and his explanatory statement of the figures contained therein had been circulated to Members. The estimates, as prepared, provided for a total revenue expenditure of £6,295,277 (including a debit balance of £80,000) and this would require a rate of 907.99p in the £, or an increase of 124.46p over the current rate. In addition, a sum of £134,652, less receipts of £60,839 for separate charges, would require a rate of 24.97p in £. The increase represented a percentage increase of 15.86% on the current year's rate. Inflation was estimated to be running at an annual rate of 18%. The County Manager informed the Council that his statement circulated with the estimates outlined the areas of significant increases. The rapidly rising population of County Wicklow reflected the growing demand on the services provided by the Council.

The County Manager stated that the Road Works Scheme proposal was an overall guideline in relation to the amount provided and the details of the scheme as well as Public Lighting and the Small Water and Sewerage Schemes could be discussed as in former years at the Area Meetings of the Council. No indication had

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Estimates Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow on Monday, 25th October, 1977

Present:-
Councillor J. Miley, Chairman
Councillors E. J. Keenan, D. Kinneally, M. Ryan,
J. Sweeney, V. Burke, J. Whelan, J. Deering,
G. Timmins, T. D. J. Byrne, G. Keegan, Mrs. M. Lehigh,
A. Murphy, C. Hynes, Miss M. O'Neill, J. J. Donohue,
Mr. Culligan, T. Hynes, J. Donohue, T. D., and E. Miley

Also in Attendance:-
Mr. John J. Higgins, Acting County Manager
Mr. B. A. Higgins, Acting County Secretary
Mr. J. Foran, Chief Assistant County Engineer
Mr. T. J. Donohue, B.E., County Engineer
Mr. J. Hynes, Acting County Accountant
Mr. M. O'Connell, Administrative Officer
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On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, the Council passed a resolution expressing their sympathy with the relatives of the late Garda Officer, who was killed in an explosion near Blessington. The Council condemned the action which led to his death. The Committee of the Garda Síochána was included in the vote of sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor Miss M. O'Neill, the Council passed a resolution expressing their sympathy with the sons of the late Edward Murray, Garda Park, Greystones, a former County Council worker, on their sad bereavement.

ESTIMATES FOR 1977

In an opening statement, the County Manager stated that copies of the estimates and his explanatory statement of the figures contained therein had been circulated to members. The estimates, as prepared, provided for a total revenue expenditure of £6,395,877 (including a deficit balance of £80,000) and this would require a rate of 25.50p in the £, or an increase of 1.24p over the current rate. In addition, a sum of £134,632, less receipts of £10,000 for separate charges, would require a rate of 24.50p in the £. The increase represented a percentage increase of 1.24p in the current year's rate. Inflation was estimated to be 1.24p at an annual rate of 1.24p. The County Manager informed the Council that his statement circulated with the estimates outlined the areas of significant increases. The rapidly rising population of County Wicklow reflected the growing demand on the services provided by the Council.

The County Manager stated that the Road Works Scheme proposed was an overall guideline to the amount provided and the details of the scheme as well as public lighting and the Small Water and Sewerage Schemes could be discussed as in former years at the Area Meetings of the Council. No indication had

yet been received from the Department about Road Grants for 1977.

The Estimates were prepared in the new format in accordance with the provision of the Public Bodies (Amendment) Order, 1975.

Programme 1 - Housing and Building

The County Manager informed the Council that the net expenditure on Local Authority Housing in 1977 would be met from subsidy, and that the housing rate referred exclusively to private Assistance Schemes, such as the operation of House Purchase Loans, Supplementary Grants and Private Sites, and proportion of the administrative overheads. He stated that there was no recoupment by way of subsidy on supplementary grants and that there had been a fall-off in demand for S.D.A. loans. Councillor Hynes was informed that the calculation of the cost of private sites took into account the cost of land acquisition, interest charges thereon and cost of servicing the sites. The Department's subsidy scheme had restrictions as to density, income of the applicant and the type of house to be constructed.

It was proposed by Councillor Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor Timmins, and agreed that the housing rate of 35.18p in £, as proposed by the County Manager, be adopted.

Programme 2 - Roads Transportation and Safety

The County Manager informed the Members that a sum of £30,550 was included in the Road Works Scheme for main and county roads improvements being the third phase of the four year plan adopted by the Council in 1974. It was not practical to include all the proposals put forward by the Members. The allocation to each area was based on the mileage in the area, the desire to maintain employment, and the need for improvement. The percentage increase in each area was uniform.

Public lighting which was formerly a sanitary services charge came within this programme under the new format of estimates. The E.S.B. had recently confirmed that the programme of Public Lighting Improvements adopted by the Council in January last will be completed by the end of the current year. A sum of £28,000 was included in the estimates to provide for further improvements in the coming year.

The County Manager listed the areas completed by the E.S.B. as well as those in progress. Towns and villages were receiving priority, but individual urgent lighting would receive attention. Approximately 80% - 90% of the lighting programme for 1976 was completed. Concern was expressed by the Chairman as to the lack of progress in the Blessington area. Councillor J. Miley proposed, Councillor G. Timmins seconded and it was agreed that the provision of lighting be taken up with the E.S.B. (in Blessington). The County Manager undertook to inform the E.S.B. of the Council's disquiet regarding the lack of progress in this area. The County Manager informed Councillors Whelan and Keenan that the lighting in Tinahely would be completed from the 1977 allocation, as there was not sufficient money available in the current year.

It was agreed to consider details of the lighting programme at Area Meetings. Maps would be made available.

Concern was expressed by Councillor Sweeney about the traffic situation in Wicklow and Arklow. The County Manager stated that the Department of Local Government had not sanctioned the appointment of a consultant in connection with the Arklow bye-pass.

Councillor Ryan was informed of the basis of charge for County Council machinery. He was informed that there was a plant replacement programme and that the Council's fleet was being improved and modernised.

It was proposed by Councillor Hynes, seconded by Councillor Sweeney and agreed that the roads rate of 393.22p in £, as proposed by the County Manager, be adopted.

Programme 3 - Water Supply and Sewerage

The County Manager informed the Members that £50,000 was included in the estimate for Small Water and Sewerage Schemes, £25,000 to be met from the rates and £25,000 from development charges. If the Department allocated the same amount as in the current year, a sum of £100,000 would be available for improvements. A suggested scheme of priorities would be submitted for consideration by the Area Committees.

Councillor Cullen was informed that pipes had been bought for the Redcross Water Scheme, but the difficulty was in locating a proper source. It may be necessary to sink a bore.

The Council was informed that provision was made in the estimates for expansion, e.g. the Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme, and the North East Wicklow Water Supply Scheme. It was proposed that Tinahely/Carnew Schemes would qualify under the E.E.C. FEOGA Grant Scheme.

The Council was informed that Dublin Corporation intended increasing the charge for water supplied by 7p to 10p per 1,000 gallons. Under the Water Supply Act, 1861, Dublin Corporation had a statutory right to take water from Wicklow at no charge. The County Manager was satisfied that the proposed charges were reasonable.

The Chairman was informed that arrangements are being made with the Council's consultant and the consultant who prepared the development plan for the Blessington area to phase the water and sewerage schemes for Blessington in accordance with the proposals outlined in the plan.

In regard to payment of water and sewerage grants from revenue, the County Manager informed the Members that borrowing for this purpose was over a very short period and high interest charges were incurred. Paying these grants directly from revenue was more economical than borrowing.

It was proposed by Councillor Sweeney, seconded by Councillor Byrne and agreed that the Water Supply and Sewerage Rate of 118.28p in £, as proposed by the County Manager, be adopted.

Programme 4 - Development Incentives and Controls

The County Manager informed the Members that a sum of £15,000 towards the development of industrial estates in the County was included in the estimates submitted to the Council. He stated that in his view the lack of serviced sites was inhibiting the attraction of industry to areas where the Council had land. The Council was trying to acquire additional land for industry in Bray.

During the course of discussion on the role of the Council and the I.D.A., in relation to industrial promotion, the following points were made:-

Councillor Ryan was informed of the basis of charge for County Council machinery. He was informed that there was a plant replacement programme and that the Council's fleet was being improved and modernised.

It was proposed by Councillor Hynes, seconded by Councillor Gwynne and agreed that the roads rate of 70.25p in £, as proposed by the County Manager, be adopted.

Programme 3 - Water Supply and Sewerage

The County Manager informed the Members that £20,000 was included in the estimate for small water and sewerage schemes, £25,000 to be met from the rates and £25,000 from development charges. If the Department allocated the same amount as in the current year, a sum of £100,000 would be available for improvement. A suggested scheme of priorities would be submitted for consideration by the Area Committee.

Councillor Gwynne was informed that plans had been bought for the Hibernia Water Scheme, but the difficulty was in locating a proper source. It may be necessary to sink a borehole.

The Council was informed that provision was made in the estimates for expansion, e.g. the Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme, and the North East Wicklow Water Supply Scheme. It was proposed that the Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme be adopted under the S.D.C. Water Grant Scheme.

The Council was informed that Dublin Corporation intended increasing the charge for water supplied by 7p to 10p per 1,000 gallons. Under the Water Supply Act, 1901, Dublin Corporation had a right to take water from Wicklow for its use. The County Manager was satisfied that the proposed charge was reasonable.

The Chairman was informed that arrangements are being made to the Council's consultant and the consultant who prepared the development plan for the Blessington area to phase the water and sewerage schemes for Blessington in accordance with the timetable outlined in the plan.

In regard to payment of water and sewerage grants from revenue, the County Manager informed the Members that borrowing for this purpose was a very short period and high interest charges were incurred. During these grants directly from revenue was a more economical borrowing.

It was proposed by Councillor Gwynne, seconded by Councillor Hynes and agreed that the water supply and sewerage rate of 118.25p in £, as proposed by the County Manager, be adopted.

Programme 4 - Development

The County Manager informed the Members that a sum of £15,000 towards the development of industrial sites in the County was included in the estimates submitted to the Council. He stated that in his view the lack of a development plan was inhibiting the attraction of industry to areas where the Council has land. The Council was trying to acquire additional land for industry in Bray.

During the course of discussion on the role of the Council and the I.D.A. in relation to industrial promotion, the following points were made:

- (a) the Council should make a strong commitment to setting up industrial sites.
- (b) The Development Team was concerned that the I.D.A. were falling down on their commitment of providing industry in Wicklow. Investment in Wicklow was the second lowest in the country. It is understood that Wicklow had the sixth highest unemployment figures in the country.
- (c) The Council had no industrial site adjacent to Bray.
- (d) The Council had sold a site at Rathnew to the I.D.A., but they were not successful as yet in attracting an industry there.
- (e) The I.D.A. had to rely on the Council to provide land in Bray.
- (f) The Minister could not, under E.E.C. rules, define Wicklow as a "designated area".
- (g) The I.D.A. promote Ireland as a location for industry, the sites in Wicklow County were not attractive, e.g. no access to site in Wicklow town.
- (h) No new enquiries regarding new industries had been received from the I.D.A. in the past 12 months.
- (i) The grant system ensured that industrialists channelled enquiries through the I.D.A., the central promotional agency.
- (j) Industrialists should be given incentives after the sites are purchased and not beforehand; there are usually restrictive clauses in the contract for the sale of land.
- (k) Sign posts should be provided throughout the county to indicate location of available industrial sites. Agreed.
- (l) The problem in the Bray area was to keep existing factories open. It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor Hynes and unanimously agreed:-

"That a deputation consisting of Members of the Council and the County Development Officer approach the national I.D.A. to discuss the Council's grievance at the I.D.A.'s lack of investment in the County of Wicklow".

Some Members felt that the provision of £15,000 to develop sites was not sufficient investment. It was agreed to leave the figure at £15,000 and if a supplementary estimate was required to deal with a tangible development, the matter could be resubmitted to the Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Kinsella, seconded by Councillor Keenan and unanimously agreed:-

"That the development incentives and control rate of 38.87 in £, as proposed by the County Manager, be adopted".

It was agreed to adjourn further consideration of the estimates to meeting to be held on Monday, 8th November, 1976.

Deputation - Ballinderry Residents

As the subject matter of the proposed deputation was at present a matter of legal dispute (an injunction was granted by the High Court restraining the Council from proceeding with the work) the receiving of a deputation could not be entertained at present.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

CONFIRMED: *James Hiley*
CHAIRMAN
Date: *8/11/76*

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Resumed Estimates Meeting held on 8th November, 1976,
at 2.30 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow

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

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Sweeney, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Minutes of the Estimates Meeting held on 25th October, be confirmed and signed".

PROGRAMME 5 - ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION

Waste Disposal

The County Manager informed the Council that there is an increased provision of £23,500 to cater for domestic refuse collection, which now covers $\frac{2}{3}$ of the county. An element of rising costs and an extension of the service based on the existing area covered accounted for the increase of £23,500. Dumps at Rathdrum and Avoca were being closed. Negotiations were taking place for an extension of the existing dump at Fassaroe.

With regard to a query raised in connection with the proposed dump at Ballymann, the Council was informed that no formal approach had, as yet, been made to Wicklow Co.-Co. by Dublin Co. Co., planning permission will be required from the Council if the dump extended into County Wicklow. Members would be kept informed of developments in relation to this dump. It was understood that Dublin County Council would make facilities available in Ballymann to Wicklow County Council.

In reply to a query from Councillor Ryan in relation to the dump at Carnew, the County Manager stated that the closing of this dump was under consideration and that other alternative methods of collection from this area were being considered.

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Date:

CHAIRMAN

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as proposed by Councilor Sweeney, seconded by Councilor [redacted], and unanimously agreed.

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MOOREHEAD TRANSMISSION, 1997

1. The Council has decided to continue the work of the Commission on the basis of the existing arrangements and to continue to meet in the Council Chamber.

As regards to a check raised in connection with the proposed
by Mr. Daffern, the Council was informed that no formal
arrangement had, as yet, been made to discuss the matter with
any other person with reference to the Council of the County.
The County Council would be kept informed
of any developments in relation to the matter. It was understood
that the County Council would be kept informed in
the event of any further developments.

colleagues in this area were being contacted. It was noted that the investigation and that alternative methods of investigation were being used. The investigation was stated that the closing of this country, the investigation stated that the closing of this country to a query from Counselor in relation to the drug

Burial Grounds

The County Manager informed the Meeting that plans for the development of Springfield Burial Ground are at an advanced stage. Sites were acquired for burial grounds at Tomacork, Carnew, and Roundwood. The layout plan for Roundwood cemetery provided for 381 grave spaces. The estimated cost of development, including provision of roads, paths, etc., was £12,000. It was hoped to improve progressively the standard of maintenance of burial grounds.

The County Manager undertook to investigate the present position in relation to a number of queries on individual burial grounds, including Tournant, Rathdangan, Talbotstown, Rosahane, Church of Ireland burial ground at Carnew and the burial ground at Craneran.

It was proposed by Councillor Timmins, seconded by Councillor Miley and unanimously agreed:-

"That the extension of Craneran burial ground be proceeded with".

The County Manager informed the Members that maintenance work on burial grounds was carried out generally through the Area Engineers Offices. In some instances Caretakers were appointed to maintain the cemetery. The increases proposed for burial fees were in line with the percentage increases granted under the National Wages Agreements. It was agreed that the revised charges would be circulated to the Area Members.

Civil Defence

An estimate of £29,080 was required under this heading. There is a 70% grant on expenditure incurred.

Water Safety

Provision was made for a new Life Guard at Brittas Bay. An application was received from the Irish Water Safety Association to increase the Council's contribution of £200. It was decided to pay the same grant as in the current financial year, i.e. £200.

Fire Protection

Provision was made in the estimates in the sum of £15,000 for radio alerters. It was envisaged that initially the three stations to be serviced by the new system would be Bray, Wicklow and Arklow. In reply to a query by Councillor A. Murphy, the County Manager stated that full-time fire brigade personnel for Bray would be a long term objective, and that initially only three full-time firemen would be recruited, as the cost involved would be very substantial.

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It was proposed by Councillor Kinsella, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and unanimously agreed:-

"That the environment protection rate of 100.13p, as proposed by the County Manager be adopted".

PROGRAMME 6

Recreation and Amenities

The County Manager informed the Meeting that this programme covered public libraries, sports and open spaces, amenity schemes and the Arts Act, 1973. A sum of £3,000 was provided under the latter heading. A scheme would be drawn up and submitted to the Council for consideration early in the new year. In reply to queries in connection with the library service, the County Manager informed the Meeting that the estimate of £69,000 was that recommended by the Library Committee. Details of library proposals would be circulated to all Members of the Council.

An application from Presentation College, Bray for a grant towards meeting the deficit on Bray swimming pool was considered. The estimated deficit for 1976 was £7,500. The Council was informed that a grant of £3,600 was made in 1974. Following a discussion it was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor A. Murphy:-

"That a grant of 50% of the deficit, subject to a maximum of £3,750 be provided in the estimates for 1977, and be paid to the Presentation College, Bray, on production of necessary statistical and financial data."

A vote was called for on this proposal and it was carried by 17 votes to 1; Councillor Ryan abstaining.

A request from Arklow Maritime Museum Committee for a grant of £400 towards the running of the Museum was read. The County Manager informed the Members that the Council was already subsidising this Committee by providing accommodation in the Old Vocational School at a nominal rent, and that the rooms were being renovated by the Council. It was proposed by Councillor Sweeney, seconded by Councillor Kinsella and unanimously agreed:-

"That a sum of £400 be provided in the 1977 estimates for a grant towards the operation of the Museum".

It was proposed by Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor Kinsella and unanimously agreed:-

"That a sum of £300 be included in the estimates for 1977, being a grant towards the costs of renovations of the hut situated in Glendalough, owned by the Irish Mountaineering Club".

The County Manager informed the Meeting that a request for a grant of £2,500 had been received from the Bray branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, towards the upkeep of the Cats and Dogs Home, Bray. The Local Government Planning and Development Act, 1976, had recently become law and Section 43

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empowered the Local Authority to make such a grant. It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:-

"That provision of the sum of £1,000 be made in the 1977 estimates to enable a grant of £1,000 to be made to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals".

A vote was called which resulted as follows:-

In Favour

Councillors J. Byrne, S. Costello, L. Kavanagh, D. Kinsella, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, A. Murphy, C. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill, and G. Timmins.

Against

Councillors J. Burke, M. Cullen, P. Deering, F. Hynes, Th. Keenan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, V. Blake, and J. Whelan.

The motion was carried by 10 votes to 9. It was also agreed to contribute £200 to the SPCA. in the current year. It was proposed by Councillor Kinsella, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Recreation and Amenity Programme, as amended be adopted".

The County Manager informed the Members that the additions proposed would increase the rate by approximately 2p in the £.

PROGRAMME 7

Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare

The County Manager informed the Members that this programme covered the contributions to the Committee of Agriculture and Vocational Education Committee, as well as the demand from the Eastern Health Board in respect of public assistance services, and the waiver of rates scheme. A sum of £30,000 was provided in respect of the waiver of rates scheme, and the tendency was for an escalation of expenditure under this heading as the scheme becomes more widely known. He pointed out that under the scheme only a non-contributory Old Age Pensioner automatically qualified for waiver of rates relief. It was agreed that the guide lines operated by the County Manager in implementing the scheme would be circulated to the Members.

It was proposed by Councillor Sweeney, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare rate of 70.5p in £, as proposed by the County Manager be adopted".

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PROGRAMME 8 - MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

Councillor Costello queries the compilation of the Register of Electors. He felt that the Register should be compiled on a postal address basis, rather than on alphabetical basis, as at present. The County Manager informed the Meeting that the Council were obliged to adhere to the guide lines laid down by the Department. He undertook to have a report on the matter for the December Meeting.

Separate Charges

The County Manager informed Members that the total amount being provided in respect of Criminal Injuries is £59,778, as against £15,000 in 1976. It was proposed by Councillor Hynes, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh and unanimously agreed:-

"That the miscellaneous services rate of 113.34p in £, and the separate charges rate of 24.97p in £, as proposed by the County Manager be adopted".

Housing Subsidy

The County Manager informed the Meeting that since the Estimates Meeting held on the 25th October, he had received a copy of a press release from the Department of Local Government on the Government decisions with regard to the Housing Subsidy. The effect of the decisions would appear to be that in future the Council will retain:- (a) all housing rents and miscellaneous receipts, (b) 60% of the proceeds of the sale of its houses. The Council will be responsible for meeting the cost of maintaining and managing its housing estates, and only full loan charges will be met by way of subsidy. The effect of the new arrangement would mean that an additional £101,420 would be required to be met from the rates.

This figure would be relieved to the extent of £28,948 in respect of travelling expenses of Officers engaged in Housing Construction, whose salary would be charged to the Capital Account. The net figure falling on the rates, £72,408, would require an additional rate for housing purposes of 23.280pin £. Councillor Costello stated that as a result of this decision, the standard of repairs would probably deteriorate and that there would be a drastic reduction of accommodation of rent available to the Council. The County Manager informed the Members that the amount provided in respect of Cottage Repairs represented an increase of 18% on the amount provided in the 1976 estimates.

It was agreed to defer further consideration of the estimates until Friday, 12th November.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

CONFIRMED:

CHAIRMAN

Date:

15th Nov 1976

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on the 15th November, 1976, in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m.

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

ALSO IN Mr. John J. Higgins, Acting County Manager
ATTEND- Mr. B. A. Fidgeon, Acting County Secretary
ANCE Mr. J. Forristal, Acting County Engineer
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer
Mr. R. O'Ceallaigh, Administrative Officer
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor P. Deering and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 11th October, 1976, and resumed Estimates Meeting held on 8th November, 1976, be confirmed and signed".

ITEM 1a REPORT ON ROADS IN THE EASTERN REGION

This matter was deferred to the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

ITEM 2 LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Council was informed that two vacancies had arisen due to the resignation of Rev. S. Pettigrew, The Rectory, Wicklow, and Mr. M. J. Murphy, Greenhill Road, Wicklow. It was proposed by Councillor Kinsella, seconded by Councillor Ledwidge:-

"That Rev. W. F. H. Vanston, The Rectory, Wexford Road, Arklow, be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. S. Pettigrew".

A vote was called for which resulted as follows:-

In favour

Councillors J. Byrne, Ml. Cullen, P. Deering, F. Hynes, L. Kavanagh, Ch. Keegan, Th. Keenan, D. Kinsella, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, A. Murphy, C. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, V. Blake and J. Whelan

Against

Councillor S. Costello

Rev. Vanston was declared elected to the Library Advisory Committee.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on the 17th November, 1976, in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 8.30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Mr. John J. Higgins, Acting County Manager
Mr. E. A. Padden, Acting County Secretary
Mr. J. Torralba, Acting County Engineer
Mr. U. McCauley, Administrative Officer
Mr. R. O'Connell, Administrative Officer
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Services

ITEM 1 CONTINUATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor P. Deering and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 11th October, 1976, and read at the previous meeting held on 24th November, 1976, be confirmed and signed."

ITEM 2 REPORT ON ROADS IN THE EASTERN TOWN

This matter was referred to the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

ITEM 3 LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Council was informed that two vacancies had arisen due to the resignation of Rev. P. Pottigrew, The Rectory, Wicklow, and Mr. H. J. Murphy, Greenhill Road, Wicklow. It was proposed by Councillor Kinsella, seconded by Councillor Ledwidge:-

"That Rev. M. T. H. Vasson, The Rectory, Newford-Town, Wicklow, be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. Pottigrew."

A vote was called for which resulted as follows:-

In Favour

Councillors J. Byrne, P. Deering, E. Ryan, L. Kavanagh, Ch. Keegan, Th. Keenan, D. Kinsella, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, A. Murphy, C. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, V. Blake and J. Whelan

Against

Councillor S. Costello

Rev. Vasson was elected to the Library Advisory Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor Ryan:-

"That the second vacancy be filled by the Council from nominations of the Wicklow Urban District Council, and that the Secondary and Vocational Schools in Wicklow be asked to nominate a senior student".

A vote was called for which resulted as follows:-

In favour

Councillors S. Costello, Mr. Cullen, and K. Ryan

Against

Councillors J. Burke, J. Byrne, P. Deering, E. Hynes, L. Kavanagh, Ch. Keegan, Th. Keenan, D. Kinsella, J. Miley, R. Miley, A. Murphy, C. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, V. Blake and J. Whelan

Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge abstaining.

It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill:-

"That the second vacancy be filled from a nomination of Wicklow Urban District Council".

A vote was called for which resulted as follows:-

In Favour

Councillors J. Byrne, P. Deering, E. Hynes, L. Kavanagh, Ch. Keegan, Th. Keenan, D. Kinsella, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, A. Murphy, C. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, V. Blake, and J. Whelan

Against

Councillors S. Costello and K. Ryan

Councillors J. Burke and Mr. Cullen abstaining.

ITEM 3 WICKLOW HARBOUR GUARANTEED LOAN

It was proposed by Councillor Kinsella, seconded by Councillor O'Neill and resolved:-

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 of the Harbours Act, 1947, we, the Wicklow County Council, confirm the resolution passed by the Council on the 16th August, 1976, to assist Wicklow Harbour Commissioners by guaranteeing the repayment of a loan of £35,000 repayable over a period of 20 years, intended to be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, out of the Local Loans Fund, for the purpose of carrying out improvement works at Wicklow Harbour, in the County of Wicklow, and also guaranteeing the payment of the interest which shall be payable thereon on the said principal

£35,000 at such rate or rates as shall be payable thereon in accordance with the directions of the Minister for Finance made pursuant to Section 12 of the Local Loans Fund Act, 1935, and any interest that may become payable in respect of the said principal sum and interest pursuant to Section 15 of the Local Loans Fund Act, 1935, and we hereby resolve to enter into and execute any Deed required to give effect to the said guarantee".

Passed unanimously.

ITEM 4 PLAYING FACILITIES IN BURNABY PARK

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

"That the County Council grant a temporary lease to Greystones United A.F.C. for the use of a soccer pitch in the Burnaby Park, Delgany Road (Council land) so as to provide playing facilities for upwards to 100 youths under the age of 17/18 years".

The Council was informed that Burnaby Park was not considered an appropriate location for a football pitch, in terms of the amenities of the surrounding area, and also the preservation of the park. In the course of discussions on the motion, it was pointed out that it would be undesirable that one club should have exclusive use of the land. The County Manager stated that the land available in the Greystones area was not sufficient to cater for all the clubs which required facilities. Every effort would be made to improve the standard of up-keep of the park.

It was agreed to defer further consideration of this motion until the Development Plan for that area was being reviewed.

ITEM 5 ROADWAY AT BALLYMOATE, GLENEALY

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

"That Wicklow County Council resurface the roadway at Ballymoate, Glenealy, which passes by the Forestry and Mullion's Farm".

The Council was informed that the road leading to the forestry and Mullion's was not a public road and was not taken over by Wicklow County Council. It was pointed out that this road leads to a number of Council Cottages, and it was agreed that the Department of Lands should be communicated with to see what plans they had for the maintenance of the road.

ITEM 6 FOOTPATH AT CROWE ABBEY, KILLINCARRIG, GREYSTONES

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

"That Wicklow County Council provide a footpath at Crowe Abbey, Killincarrig, Greystones (in the vicinity of Cosgrave's house) and also ensure that the public lighting scheme adequately covers this area".

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The Council was informed that the road in the area referred to was too narrow to allow for a footpath at the present time. Money would have to be allocated for road widening prior to consideration of a footpath.

With regard to the public lighting improvements prepared by the E.S.B. cover the Greystones/Delgany area, but these areas were not included in the current year's programme and can be considered by the Council for inclusion in the 1977 programme. Councillor Kavanagh stated that a number of houses had been built on this road and that it was heavily trafficked. The Acting County Engineer stated that this section of road would be by-passed as part of the overall development of the area. It was agreed that a report would be submitted to the Area Meeting dealing with the road works proposals for 1977.

ITEM 7 PUMP AT KILMURRAY

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

"That Wicklow County Council allow Mr. Bolger to attach an electric pump to the Council pump outside his cottage at Kilmurray, Arklow".

The Council was informed that it was not proposed to place an electric pump on the pump at Mr. Bolger's cottage, as this is a public pump and could interfere with the rights of other people using the pump. Councillor Kinsella stated that the pump was not being used by the public and that it was being used exclusively by Mr. Bolger at present. It was agreed to recheck the matter.

ITEM 8 FOOTPATH FROM KNOCKENRAHAN, ARKLOW, TO THE KISH BRIDGE

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

"That this Council replace the footpath from Knockenrahan, Arklow, to the Kish Bridge, which was removed when the road was widened".

The Council was informed that in view of the number of children using this road that a footpath should be constructed under the 1977 Road Works Scheme. The estimated cost would be £12,000. This strip of road was a National Primary route, and the carrying out of the work would depend on finances being made available by the Department. It was proposed by Councillor Sweeney, seconded by Councillor Keenan and unanimously agreed:-

"That this work be carried out at an estimated cost of £12,000".

ITEM 9 WATER DRAIN IN BALLINACLUSE

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

"That the County Council pipe the water drain flowing down by Mr. Fred Phelan's house in Clash as the present drain is leaking into his house".

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The Council was informed that it was recommended that this ditch be piped in the current year. Agreed.

ITEM 10 FOOTPATH AT OLDCOURT TERRACE, BRAY

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

"That the footpath at Oldcourt Terrace, Vevay Road, Bray, be completed as it is in a dangerous state".

The Council was informed that work on this footpath had been completed.

ITEM 11 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CHARGES

The following notice of Motion in the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge was considered:-

"That a special grant of £300 to cover the County Council charge for connection to the main sewerage be given to applicants who qualify for the Council loan of up to £4,500 to build their own houses".

The Council was informed that there was no authority for the payment of such grants in the Local Government Planning and Development Act, 1963, nor in the Housing Act, 1966. The Council must act equitably in the levying of these charges. The waiving of charges in certain cases would require modification of the permission granted. Aggrieved applicants could appeal such charges to the Minister for Local Government. In cases where payment would result in hardship, the Council allowed payment on easy terms over a period. The County Manager stated that the proposal would amount to an extra supplementary grant being given to the house builder or developer. He stated that the applicants who applied to have a charge spread over a period would receive favourable consideration.

ITEM 12 SIGHTLINE AT BALLYMAGHROE

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

"That a sightline be given at a bend in Ballymaghroe between Mr. C. Canna's house and the entrance to Mr. W. Condell's old house".

The Council was informed that this was a gradual bend on the road, no. 133, in the townland of Ballymaghroe. The estimated cost of removing a ditch to give 200 ft. sightline and fencing would be £500. This proposal could be considered for inclusion in the 1977 Road Works Scheme, but it would have a low priority since the road is lightly trafficked, and the bend is not very acute. It was proposed by Councillor Whelan, seconded by Councillor Zeenan and unanimously agreed:-

"That this matter be included in the proposals to be considered at the Area Meeting dealing with the 1977 Road Works Scheme".

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ITEM 13 IMPROVEMENTS - BOGHALL ROAD, BRAY

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

"That the road scheme for Boghall Road be implemented on a phased basis and that money for Phase 1 be allocated in the 1977 Estimates".

The Council was informed that it was recommended that a sum of £4,000 be included in the road proposals for 1977 as a first stage of improvement. Councillor A. Murphy stated that this was a link road and carries a heavy stream of traffic. This is a county road and its maintenance would normally be met from the rates. A sum of £180,000 would be required for the complete improvement of this link road and a sum of £34,000 was included in the improvement works of the Road Works Scheme for the whole of the Northern area. The County Manager stated that he would investigate the possibility of a special County Road Improvement Grant from the Department, and also the possibility of getting a grant from the European Road Fund. It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne and unanimously agreed:-

"That the sum of £4,000 be spent on the first phase of the improvement of the Boghall Road."

ITEM 14 IMPROVEMENTS AT BALLINABARNEY HILL, RATHNEW

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

"That in view of the number of accidents, some fatal, that have occurred at Ballinabarney Hill, Rathnew, that Wicklow County Council take steps to improve road surface and to erect signs to warn drivers from other countries of danger of coming in on this hill at great speeds with heavy laden vehicles".

The Council was informed that the Ballinabarney Hill and subsequent corners have caused problems in recent times. A design has been prepared for the future super-elevation of some of the corners. Certain bad areas of road subsidence were repaired during the year. Additional advance warning signs need to be placed and an immediate investigation into the most suitable type of sign is being undertaken. It was proposed by Councillor Cullen, seconded by Councillor Kinsella and unanimously agreed:-

"That the necessary steps be taken to improve the road surface and advance warning signs be erected".

ITEM 15 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT CLOGGA

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

"That the County Engineer furnish this Council with a report regarding the development of facilities at Clogga Beach as laid down in the Planning Permission granted to Holiday and Site Developments Ltd."

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The Council was informed that an Enforcement Notice had been served on the developers to carry out the development in conformity with the permission granted. Since legal proceedings had been instituted, the matter was subjudice at present. Further consideration of the Notice of Motion was discussed in Committee.

ITEM 16 SIGN-POSTING OF HOUSING ESTATES

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

"That this Council include in the granting of Planning Permission to schemes of houses, regulations on conditions to be imposed on the builders (or developers) to erect signs or name-plates bearing the name of the estate and sign boards or finger-posts showing the house numbers of the houses, i.e. 1-10, etc."

The Council was informed that a standard condition is now inserted on all major planning applications as follows:-
"the Developer, in consultation with all the new residents of the development and the Department of Posts and Telegraphs, shall arrange a satisfactory scheme and street naming and house numbering system, and shall erect suitable street nameplates and provide front doors with numbers".

It was pointed out that where permission is refused and granted on appeal by the Minister, that this condition would not necessarily be repeated by the Minister. It was agreed that in such cases, a recommendation would be submitted to the Minister, requesting that this condition be inserted where permission is granted on appeal.

ITEM 17 SIGN-POST FOR KILCARRAGH

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

"That this Council erect a sign-post for Kilcarragh at the top of the Glen Road, Kilcarragh".

The Council was informed that it was recommended that a road-sign be erected at the top of the Glen Road, Kilcarragh. Councillor Keenan suggested that this sign would be more appropriate on the Woodenbridge/Arklow road. The location of the sign was to be further examined.

ITEM 18 RESURFACING OF ROAD AT BALLYWALTRIM, BRAY

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

"That Wicklow County Council resurface the road outside the cottages at Ballywaltrim, Bray".

The Council was informed that whilst this stretch of road should be improved, it is adequate at the moment and was in fact, surfaced dressed in the current year. A sum of £3,100 was provided in the 1977 Road Works proposals for straightening and surfacing of the road at Ballywaltrim, Bray.

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ITEM 15 IMPROVEMENTS TO DOUGALL ROAD, BRAY

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

"That the road scheme for Douglas Road be implemented on a phased basis and that money for Phase 1 be allocated in the 1977 Estimates."

The Council was informed that it was recommended that a sum of £2,000 be included in the road proposals for 1977 as a first stage of improvement. Councillor A. Murphy stated that this was a link road and carries a heavy stream of traffic. This is a county road and its maintenance would normally be met from the rates. A sum of £180,000 would be required for the complete improvement of this link road and a sum of £35,000 was included in the improvement works of the Road Works Scheme for the whole of the Northern area. The County Manager stated that he would investigate the possibility of a special County Road Improvement Grant from the Department, and also the possibility of getting a grant from the European Road Fund. It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne and unanimously agreed:-

"That the sum of £2,000 be spent on the first phase of the improvement of the Douglas Road."

ITEM 14 IMPROVEMENTS AT BALLYWALTRIM HILL, BATHNAY

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

"That in view of the number of accidents, some fatal, that have occurred at Ballywaltrim Hill, Bathnay, that Wicklow County Council take steps to improve road surface and to erect signs to warn drivers from other countries of danger of coming in on this hill at great speeds with heavy laden vehicles."

The Council was informed that the Ballywaltrim Hill and surrounding corners have caused problems in recent times. A design has been prepared for the future super-elevation of some of the corners. Certain bad areas of road surface were repaired during the year. Additional advance warning signs need to be placed and an immediate investigation into the most suitable type of sign is being undertaken. It was proposed by Councillor Cullen, seconded by Councillor Kinnealy and unanimously agreed:-

"That the necessary steps be taken to improve the road surface and advance warning signs be erected."

ITEM 13 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT CLOGGA

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

"That the County Engineer furnish this Council with a report regarding the development of facilities at Clogga Beach as laid down in the Planning Permission granted to Holiday and Site Developments Ltd."

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ITEM 19 REMAINING LAND FOLLOWING ROAD REPAIRS

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

"That after road repairs which leaves waste land the said land if not used by the Council, the property be allocated to local landowners for productive purposes".

The County Manager informed the Members that where feasible land is transferred back to the landowner. A complicated procedure entailing extinguishment of the public right of way was required by law. He felt that it was not always the best policy to extinguish a right of way. Furthermore, the Council did not always own the land. It was proposed by Councillor Costello and seconded by Councillor Deering:-

"That after road repairs, which leaves waste land, the said land if not used by the Council, the property be sold to local landowners for productive purposes".

Agreed. The County Manager stated that each individual case would be decided on its merits.

ITEM 20 SURFACE WATER AT KILMANOGUE, GLENEALY

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

"That Wicklow County Council improve the drainage of surface water on the roadway outside the home of Mr. John O'Brien, Kilmanogue, Glenealy".

The Council was informed that arrangements are being made to improve the surface water drainage in this area. Noted.

ITEM 21 IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD AT OLD VILLAGE, RATHNEW

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

"That this Council raise the centre of the road at the old village, Rathnew; when it rains the water remains on the road and cannot flow away".

The Council was informed that temporary work was carried out on this section of the road in 1975. It would require a further expenditure of £3,000 to carry out full improvement work. This item was not considered to have sufficient priority to be included in the 1977 Road Works Scheme. It was proposed by Councillor Hynes, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh and agreed:-

"That this matter be considered at the Area Meeting dealing with the Road Works proposals for 1977".

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ITEM 22 SEATS AT BUS STOP IN RATHNEW

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

"That this Council provide three seats at the bus stop in Rathnew".

The Council was informed that two seats will be provided in the near future. There was already one seat nearby and it was considered that this would provide adequate seating. Councillor Hynes requested that the existing seat be moved up to the carpark.

ITEM 23 IMPROVEMENTS TO ARKLOW ROAD, RATHNEW

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

"That this Council clean the ditch from the late Mrs. Doyle's shop on the Arklow road to Mr. Clare's cottage as the Rathnew Residents Association would like to plant some trees or shrubs in this area".

The Council was informed that this would be done out of Christmas relief at an estimated cost of £300. Agreed.

ITEM 24 DANGEROUS CORNER ON DELGANY/KILLINCARRIG CROSS ROADS

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

"That this Council take immediate action to remove the very dangerous corner at the house - River Glen - on the Delgany/Killincarrig Cross Roads. The wife of one of the Council workers was quite seriously injured at this corner recently".

The Council was informed that this stretch of road is somewhat dangerous, although the road width is adequate. This section of road has been scheduled to come within revised speed limits. If a scheme was to be carried out, two corners should be eradicated by road realignment. The estimated cost of carrying out the work would be £5,000. It was agreed that this proposal be considered at the Area Meeting dealing with the 1977 Road Work proposals for the Northern area.

ITEM 25 ROAD REPAIRS - OLD VILLAGE, RATHNEW

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

"That this Council lay pipes on the open shore and cover over opposite Mrs. Doyle's, Old Village, Rathnew".

The Council was informed that this work would be carried out in January, 1977. It was proposed by Councillor Hynes, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh, and unanimously agreed:-

"That this work be carried out as soon as possible".

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ITEM 26 BALLYMAN VALLEY

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

"That the Ballyman Valley and surrounding area be re-classified as an "A" zone in the County Development Plan at present being compiled".

The Council was informed that the Ballyman Valley is already situated in a class "A" landscape area, as defined in the County Development Plan. If the Members required that the Valley be deemed an area to which a special amenity order should pertain, the new Planning and Development Act laid down certain circumstances in respect of which such orders can, in future, be made. Orders could be made only in respect of:-

- (1) an area of outstanding natural beauty,
- (2) an area of special recreational value,
- (3) an area where there is a need for nature conservation.

It was considered doubtful if Ballyman Valley came within these categories. The County Manager stated that only a small part of the Ballyman Valley was in County Wicklow. The Council had already decided in principle to allow a dump in the area. It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill:-

"That a special amenity area should be made for the Ballyman Valley".

The County Manager stated that the making of an order was a function of the Minister, and that since this would be a major policy decision of the Council, due notice should be given, and that this proposal would require to be placed as a separate notice of motion on an agenda to be considered by the Council.

The County Development Plan was being considered at the moment and it was agreed that this matter would be discussed at the next Area Meeting of the Bray Electoral Area.

ITEM 27 NATIONAL SCHOOL, BLESSINGTON

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

"That the land 6 acres for a National School at Blessington, as included in the Compulsory Purchase Order relating to the Eager Estate be handed over under the terms of the C.P.O. to the Blessington National School Management Committee".

The Council was informed that the most suitable location for a national school was on O'Leary's land, which was central in Blessington. Negotiations were in progress to purchase this land by agreement and failing this, consideration would have to be given to the acquisition of the land by Compulsory Purchase Order. The Members expressed concern as to the urgency of school accommodation in Blessington, and it was agreed that this matter receive priority.

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ITEM 28 AWARDING OF D.P. ALLOWANCE TO MR. P. HUNTER, MERRYMEETING

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

"That the Council request the Eastern Health Board to pay Mr. P. Hunter, Merrymeeting, the D.P. Allowance they stopped from paying two years ago. This man has a wife and child to support".

The Council was informed that this matter was an executive function of the Eastern Health Board.

ITEM 29 CORRESPONDENCE

School Warden - Fassaroe Lane

The Garda Síochána had intimated that their views not to recommend the appointment of a school warden could not be altered. It was decided that a further letter be sent requesting the appointment of a school warden.

Bus Shelters in County Wicklow

Coras Iompair Éireann stated that it was not the policy of the Board to provide bus shelters at provincial locations, as the cost of doing so on a national basis would be too expensive. Negotiations were taking place with an advertising agency with a view to having shelters erected in County Kildare, and it was intended to pursue the question of the location of suitable sites in County Wicklow, if these negotiations were successful. It was proposed by Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Minister for Transport and Power be written to requesting a review of the policy not to provide bus shelters in rural areas.

HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS

The Department of Education stated that the lecture fee limit of £215 was being increased to £249, with effect from the beginning of the Academic Year 1976/77. It was agreed to request the Minister to review the level of subsistence under the Higher Education Grant Scheme.

Safety Measures at School Warden Crossings

The Department of Local Government stated that the national policy in regard to safety measures at school warden crossings is embodied in the Road Traffic Acts (S.35/36) and Road Traffic Regulations (Part IV). The latter are under review at the present time and in this review, consideration would be given to the provision of other safety measures at other school warden crossings.

School Library Development Scheme, 1976

The Department of Education paid a grant of £3,033.75, of which £585.75 was in respect of primary pupils in Bray Urban District Council area.

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Letterbox for Oldcourt, Blessington

The Department of Posts and Telegraphs intimated that the provision of a letterbox was not warranted. It was agreed that a further request be sent.

S.D.A. Loans

The Department of Local Government stated that the request to increase the S.D.A. loan and income limits would be born in mind when the Schemes of Loans and Grants under the S.D.A. Acts are being reviewed.

Reduction of Rent

The Department of Local Government stated there was no provision in the National Differential Rents Scheme for a reduction of rent on Rigid Frame houses or on any houses where work is substandard or full use of accommodation is denied to the tenant, and the principle of the resolutions adopted by the Council on the 4th October, 1976, was not authorised.

Deputation - Kilcoole Action Committee

It was decided to receive a deputation at the next Housing Meeting from the Kilcoole Action Committee.

Housing Meeting

It was agreed to hold a Housing Meeting on Monday, 22nd November, 1976.

Speed Limits Meeting

It was agreed to postpone the Speed Limits Meeting arranged for 19th November until Monday, 29th November, 1976.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

CONFIRMED: James Mulvey
CHAIRMAN

DATE: 13/12/76

ITEM 23 AMENDING OF D.P. ALLOCATIONS TO MR. P. HUNTER, HENRYSTOWN

The following letter of notice in the name of Council was considered and J. Lavanagh, T.D. was considered.

"That the Council re-nest the Eastern Health Board to pay Mr. P. Hunter, Henrystown, the D.P. Allocation they agreed from paying two years ago. This man has a wife and child to support."

The Council was informed that this matter was an executive function of the Eastern Health Board.

ITEM 24 COMMUNICATION

School Warden - Keshmone Lane

The Garda Síochána had indicated that their views not to recommend the appointment of a school warden could not be altered. It was decided that a further letter be sent requesting the appointment of a school warden.

Bus Shelters in County Wicklow

Garda Síochána stated that it was not the policy of the Board to provide bus shelters at provincial locations, as the cost of doing so on a national basis would be too expensive. Negotiations were taking place with an advertising agency with a view to having shelters erected in County Wicklow, and it was intended to pursue the question of the location of suitable sites in County Wicklow, if these negotiations were successful. It was proposed by Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy and unanimously agreed.

That the Minister for Transport and Power be written to requesting a review of the policy not to provide bus shelters in rural areas.

EDUCATION GRANTS

The Department of Education stated that the lecture fee limit of £215 was being increased to £245, with effect from the beginning of the Academic Year 1977/78. It was agreed to request the Minister to review the level of assistance under the Higher Education Grant Scheme.

Safety Measures at School Warden Crossings

The Department of Local Government stated that the national policy in regard to safety measures at school warden crossings is embodied in the Road Traffic Act (1961) and Road Traffic Regulations (Part IV). The latter are under review at the present time and in this review, consideration would be given to the provision of other safety measures at school warden crossings.

School Library Development Scheme, 1976

The Department of Education stated a grant of £5,075.75, of which £285.75 was in respect of books in Gray Urban District Council area.

Minutes of Resumed Housing Meeting held on 22nd November, 1976,
in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m.

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

ALSO IN Mr. John J. Higgins, Acting County Manager
ATTEND- Mr. B. A. Fidgeon, Acting County Secretary
ANCE Mr. T. J. Donovan, County Engineer
Mr. E. MacNeill, Chief Assistant County Engineer
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer
Mr. R. O'Ceallaigh, Administrative Officer
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

On the proposal of Councillor K. Ryan, the Council passed a resolution expressing their sympathy with Councillor V. Blake on the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. Patrick Keogh, Millinure.

On the proposal of Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., the Council passed a resolution expressing sympathy with the relatives of the Late Henry Randall, Ballyfree, Glenealy, on their sad bereavement. The County Manager associated himself with the votes of sympathy on behalf of the staff.

Creation of Additional Post of Clerical Officer

The Council was informed that over the past few years there had been a dramatic increase in the work-load in the Motor Taxation Section of the Council. Staff levels had maintained the same during this period, and are below comparative numbers in Counties with a similar work-load. The Department of Local Government had been contacted and they were satisfied that the need exists for additional staff. Sanction had been received to the creation of an additional post of Clerical Officer, the cost of which will be borne from central funds. It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., and unanimously agreed:-

"That in accordance with Section 6 of the Local Government County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, that approval be given to the creation of an additional post of Clerical Officer in the Motor Taxation Section of Wicklow County Council".

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

"That the Minutes of the Housing Meeting held on the 12th November and the Minutes of the Resumed Estimates Meeting held on the same date, be confirmed and signed".

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The Council was informed that the layout plan for the cemetery was prepared, for which there were 381 grave spaces. The estimated cost of the complete development of the cemetery was £12,000. It was proposed by Councillor B. Miley, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., and unanimously agreed:-

"That the development of Roundwood cemetery proceed".

ITEM 6 WATER SUPPLY - MRS. BYRNE and MISS DONOHUE at LUGDUFF

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

"That a water supply be provided for Mrs. Byrne and Miss Donohue at Lugduff on the Main Road from Tinahely to Aughrim".

It was recommended to the Council that this item be included for consideration in the list of proposals for the 1977 Small Schemes. It was proposed by Councillor Whelan, seconded by Councillor Sweeney and unanimously agreed:-

"That this scheme be included for consideration by the Area Meeting dealing with the Small Water Supply Schemes for 1977".

ITEM 7 PROVISION OF HOUSES AT BALLYCONNELL

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

"That the Council make the necessary arrangements to build houses at Ballyconnell to meet the demand in the area".

The Council was informed that three applicants had been recommended for rehousing. Negotiations were taking place with a land owner in Ballyconnell Village, and it was hoped to acquire a site by agreement. Approved.

ITEM 8 PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY AT STRATNAKELLY

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

"That a water supply be provided for James Anthony Kelly, James Grace and Mary Byrne at Stratnakelly".

The Council was informed that this scheme was included on the approved list of Small Water Supply Schemes and would be considered by Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area for inclusion in the 1977 programme. Agreed.

ITEM 9 PROVISION OF REFUSE COLLECTION

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

"That a refuse collection be provided for Ballinglen, Ballybeg and Rosbawn".

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The Council was informed that the present refuse collection service was already heavily committed. At present, the service extends as far as Killavaney Church. An extension to Ballinglen would add four miles to the distance travelled. There are 25 houses along this section of the road with another 8 on lanes off the road. It was estimated that this would add 40 minutes to the collection time. While regretted, it would not be possible to provide a refuse collection at present. A pick-up point at the lay-by at Killavaney Church would be considered.

During the discussion on this Motion, it was pointed out that the closing of Tinahely dump was presenting difficulties. It was agreed to further investigate the possibility of a refuse collection in the areas of Ballinglen, Ballybeg and Rosbawn when the new schedules had been given fair trial and the new refuse collection truck was delivered.

ITEM 10 EXTENSION OF BALLYCOOGUE WATER SUPPLY

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

"That the Ballycoogue Water Supply be improved and extended to serve five County Council cottages - Laceys, Gregorys, Murphys, Merrigans, and Donegans".

The Council was informed that the Ballycoogue water supply was being improved at present, and a well had recently been sunk beside the reservoir to augment the supply. There was no difficulty at present in serving Laceys, but until the improvement is completed, it would not be possible to state how good the water pressure would be at the other houses. The total cost of the extension would be £3,400. It was agreed to consider this proposal in conjunction with other proposals at an Area Meeting dealing with the 1977 allocation for Small Water and Sewerage Schemes.

ITEM 11 NEW STREET LIGHTS IN AVOCA

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

"That the County Council request the E.S.B. to fit three new street lights in Avoca, one in front of houses in Tower Avenue, one between Tower Avenue and the village and one at the Post Office".

It was recommended to the Council that three new lights be provided at Avoca as follows:-

- (a) At the end of Tower Avenue
- (b) Between junction with Tower Avenue to Main Road at Noel Andrews Bar
- (c) Outside new Post Office

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

"That three new lights as recommended be provided".

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The Council was informed that the present layout plan for the cemetery was prepared for which there were 281 grave spaces. The estimated cost of the complete development of the cemetery was £12,000. It was proposed by Councillor E. Hiley, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., and unanimously agreed:-

"That the development of Lonswood cemetery proceed".

ITEM 9 WATER SUPPLY - MRS. BYRNE and MISS DONEGAN at LUGBURY

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

"That a water supply be provided for Mrs. Byrne and Miss Donegan at Lugbury on the Main Road from Tinahely to Lughan".

It was recommended to the Council that this item be included for consideration in the list of proposals for the 1977 Small Schemes. It was proposed by Councillor Whelan, seconded by Councillor Sweeney and unanimously agreed:-

"That this scheme be included for consideration by the Area Meeting dealing with the Small Water Supply Schemes for 1977".

ITEM 7 PROVISION OF HOUSES AT BALLYCOOGUE

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

"That the Council make the necessary arrangements to build houses at Ballycoogue to meet the demand in the area".

The Council was informed that three applicants had been recommended for rehousing. Negotiations were taking place with a land owner in Ballycoogue Village, and it was hoped to acquire a site by agreement. Approved.

ITEM 6 PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY AT STATHAMLEY

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

"That a water supply be provided for James Anthony Kelly, James Kelly and Mary Byrne at Stathamley".

The Council was informed that this scheme was included on the approved list of Small Water Supply Schemes and would be considered by members of the Council for the Avoca District Area for inclusion in the 1977 programme. Agreed.

ITEM 3 PROVISION OF REFUSE COLLECTION

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

"That a refuse collection be provided for Ballinglen, Ballybeg and Rosbawn".

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ITEM 12 EXTENSION OF REFUSE COLLECTION FROM THOMASTOWN

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

"That the Council extend the refuse collection service from Thomastown a further two miles, to include the Kilcarra area".

It was recommended to the Council that the refuse collection service be extended from Thomastown to include the Kilcarra area. Agreed.

ITEM 13 ERECTION OF THREE NEW LIGHTS AT CHURCHLANDS

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

"That the County Council request the E.S.B. to erect three new lights at Churchlands, Tinahely, near the new factory, Howths Corner, and near Brennans Cottage".

The Council was informed that part of the Tinahely public lighting was carried out in the 1976 programme, and it was proposed to complete this area in 1977. It was proposed by Councillor Keenan, seconded by Councillor Whelan and unanimously agreed:-

"That the lighting for Tinahely be completed as soon as possible".

ITEM 14 FLOODING AT ROSBAWN

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

"That some way be found to stop the flooding at the Council houses at Rosbawn and that the work be put in hands".

The Council was informed that there are 8 vested houses at Rosbawn. The houses are all below road level and the 4 to the south are subject to flooding as the road falls towards them from the centre to the edge. There is a fall-out from the others to form a channel. It was suggested that 80 yds. of 9" pipe, with 2 gulleys could be laid to the adjacent open channel to the south of the houses. The estimated cost would be £200, and this work could be considered for inclusion in the Road Works Scheme for 1977. It was agreed that a further report on the alleviation of the flood would be available for the Area Meeting dealing with the 1977 proposals.

ITEM 15 EXTENSION OF WATER SUPPLY DONARD

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

"That the Council's water supply be extended from Keefe's Cross to serve the houses on the Newtown Road, Donard".

The Council was informed that the extension of the water main in this case would involve approximately half a mile and would serve three houses. Pressure would be critical and a pump may be needed to boost the last part of the extension. When the new Council housing scheme commences, the main would be Cont/d....

The Council was informed that the present refuse collection service was already heavily committed. At present, the service extends as far as Killybeggy Church. An extension to Ballinlough would add four miles to the distance travelled. There are 15 houses along this section of the road with another 8 on either side of the road. It was estimated that this would add 10 minutes to the collection time. While it was suggested that it would be possible to provide a refuse collection at present, a pick-up point at the lay-by at Killybeggy Church would be considered.

During the discussion on this motion, it was pointed out that the closing of the dump was presenting difficulties. It was agreed to further investigate the possibility of a refuse collection in the area of Ballinlough, Ballinbeg and Rosbawn when the new schedules had been given fair trial and the new refuse collection truck was delivered.

ITEM 16 EXTENSION OF BALLYCOOGUE WATER SUPPLY

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

"That the Ballycoogue Water Supply be improved and extended to serve five County Council cottages - Lacey's, Gregory's, Murphy's, Higgins's, and Donaghy's".

The Council was informed that the Ballycoogue water supply was being improved at present, and a well had recently been sunk beside the reservoir to augment the supply. There was no difficulty at present in serving Lacey's, but until the improvement is completed, it would not be possible to state how good the water pressure would be at the other houses. The total cost of the extension would be £3,400. It was agreed to consider this proposal in conjunction with other proposals at an Area Meeting dealing with the 1977 allocation for Small Water and Sewerage Schemes.

ITEM 17 NEW STREET LIGHTS IN AVON

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

"That the County Council request the E.S.B. to fit three new street lights in Avon, one in front of houses in Tower Avenue, one between Tower Avenue and the village and one at the Post Office".

It was recommended to the Council that three new lights be provided at Avon as follows:-

- At the end of Tower Avenue
- Between Tower Avenue and the village
- Outside the Post Office

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

"That three new lights be provided".

extended part of the way. It was agreed that a further report would be made available on the water extension to serve the houses on the Newtown Road, Donard.

ITEM 16 PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY AT KILBALLYOWEN

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

"That the Council provide a water supply for the houses at Kilballyowen, Aughrim".

The Council was informed that there are two wells at Kilballyowen, and each of them had proven unable to supply the area, even though one was very deep. The geological survey office was being consulted about the possibilities of getting water. Arrangements are being made to have the existing pump examined to see if any improvement can be made. It was proposed by Councillor Timmins, seconded by Councillor Keenan and unanimously agreed:-

"That an electric pump be provided to improve the water supply at Kilballyowen, Aughrim".

ITEM 17 PROVISION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING - BRAY

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

"That public lighting be installed on the road between Dargle Road Lower/Dargle Road Upper junction and St. Valeries bridge".

It was recommended that the E.S.B. be asked to prepare a lighting scheme for this road, and that the erection of lights be undertaken when money becomes available for this purpose. It was noted that the review of the lighting in Bray would be considered at the Area Meeting of the Bray Electoral area.

ITEM 18 PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY AT KILLINURE

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

"That a water supply be provided for the following; Patrick Nolan, Bridget Healy, Percy Price, Patrick Donohue, James Timmons and David Timmons, all from Killinure".

The Council was informed that this area was considered ideal for a group water scheme which would serve about 8 houses. The cost of sinking a well and providing a pump would be in the region of £1,200. Councillor Whelan stated that an attempt to form a group water scheme had fallen through. It was agreed that a further report would be submitted.

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ITEM 12 EXTENSION OF REFUSE COLLECTION FROM THOMASTOWN

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

"That the Council extend the refuse collection service from Thomastown a further two miles, to include the Kilsheen area".

It was recommended to the Council that the refuse collection service be extended from Thomastown to include the Kilsheen area. Agreed.

ITEM 13 EXTENSION OF STREET LIGHTS AT CHURCHLANDS

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

"That the County Council request the E.S.B. to erect three new lights at Churchlands, Tineally, near the new factory, Howtha Corner, and near Brennan's Cottage".

The Council was informed that part of the Tineally public lighting was carried out in the 1976 programme, and it was proposed to complete this area in 1977. It was proposed by Councillor Keenan, seconded by Councillor Whelan and unanimously agreed:-

"That the lighting for Tineally be completed as soon as possible".

ITEM 14 FLOODING AT ROSBARN

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

"That some way be found to stop the flooding at the houses at Rosbarn and that the work be put in hand".

The Council was informed that there are 8 vested houses at Rosbarn. The houses are all below road level and the 4 to the south are subject to flooding as the road falls towards them from the centre to the edge. There is a fall-out from the edge to form a channel. It was suggested that 80 yds. of ditch, with 2 bullocks could be laid to the adjacent open channel to the south of the houses. The estimated cost would be £200, and this work could be considered for inclusion in the Road Works Scheme for 1977. It was agreed that a further report on the alleviation of the flood would be available for the Area Meeting dealing with the 1977 proposals.

ITEM 15 EXTENSION OF WATER SUPPLY DONARD

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

"That the Council's water supply be extended from Keefe's Grove to serve the houses on the Newtown Road, Donard".

The Council was informed that the extension of the water main in this case would involve approximately half a mile and would serve three houses. Pressure would be critical and a pump may be needed to boost the last part of the extension. When the new Council housing scheme commences the main would be

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ITEM 19 PROVISION OF WATER MAIN AT ASHTOWN LANE

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

"That this Council lay a water main to the Council cottages at Ashtown Lane, Wicklow".

The Council was informed that there are 4 houses to be served by a water main which will also entail a booster pump costing £600. It was proposed by Councillor Cullen, seconded by Councillor Miley and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Council lay a water main to serve the Council cottages at Ashtown Lane, Wicklow".

ITEM 20 PROVISION OF HOUSES AT ROUNDWOOD

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

"That the County Council proceed with the provision of a further scheme of houses in Roundwood".

The Council was informed that contract documents were being prepared for the provision of a further 6 houses at Roundwood. It was felt by Members that 6 houses may not be sufficient and it was agreed to advertise the fact that houses were being built in this area.

ITEM 21 DISABLEMENT GRANT - MR. J. DEMPSEY

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan was withdrawn:-

"That this Council pay Mr. Joe Dempsey, Ballyshonogue, Tinahely, the Disablement Grant which is due to him".

ITEM 22 - SUBSIDISATION OF RENT ON LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSES

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan was considered:-

"That this Council request the Minister for Local Government to subsidise the rent on Local Authority Houses".

The Council was informed that Local Authority houses are already heavily subsidised from both central funds and rates, in that much less than the maximum economic rent is being paid. In calculating assessable income under the Differential Rent Scheme overtime is disregarded and allowances are made for income tax and social welfare contributions paid. The County Manager stated that any further subsidisation of rent would fall on the rates.

ITEM 23 - ERECTION OF A HOUSE - MR. P. DOYLE, REDCROSS

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

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"That this Council erect a house for Pat Doyle, Redcross, on a site provided by his father".

The Council was informed that there was extreme difficulty in getting single rural cottages constructed at a reasonable cost. A number of tenders received within the last 12 months had been rejected on the grounds that the estimates had been too high, so much so, that the single rural cottages cost one and half times the cost of a house in a scheme. In view of the necessity to conserve the finance available for housing construction and to ensure that the maximum number of people are housed within the allocation made available, it is recommended that Mr. Doyle be rehoused in the new Redcross scheme.

Following a discussion, during which it was pointed out that Mr. Doyle was an invalid, it was proposed by Councillor Kinsella, seconded by Councillor Ryan and resolved:-

"That the Council build an isolated cottage for Mr. P. Doyle on a site provided by his Father, and that if the tender received was not acceptable that consideration be given to building a house by direct labour".

ITEM 24 DEPUTATION FROM KILCOOLE ACTION ASSOCIATION

The deputation comprised of Mr. Stan Moore, Mrs. Margaret O'Reilly, Mr. S. Doyle and Mr. G. Verdon. The deputation complained as follows:-

(a) Incomplete sewerage scheme, (b) Flooding, (c) Landscaping and extension to rear gardens of Beachwood Park, (d) Development of the Green, and (e) Narrow footpath.

The County Manager informed them of the present position on queries raised. When the deputation left the Council Chamber, complaints were made by Members that the matters raised by the deputation had been the subject of representations by Councillors over a period of months. The County Manager stated that the decision to receive the deputation was made by the Council. It was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Deering and unanimously agreed:-

"That in future, all deputations would be received at the Area Meeting of the Council".

ITEM 25 HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT

The Council was informed that it was hoped to take over the Tinahely, Knockananna and Chillelagh schemes before Christmas. Three rural cottages were almost completed. With regard to extensions for completion of contract, the County Manager stated that these were not given without thorough investigation, and factors taken into consideration included delay in supply of materials, weather conditions and site conditions. It was agreed that evidence of Contractors' attempts to recruit labour, including advertisements, letters to local labour exchanges, etc., should be required before an extension is given on account of shortage of labour.

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The County Manager stated that the applicants for the Redcross houses were being investigated; that in the case of Carnew and Donard housing schemes the contractor was asked to sign the documents; that the difficulties in regard to access to the Newcastle site were being discussed with the developer; that the tendency now was to have smaller numbers in housing schemes, and this would account for an apparent reduction in the overall output; that a layout for Blessington was being prepared by the National Building Agency; that the development works at Kilbride were part of the contract; that a Compulsory Purchase Order was being considered for acquisition of land at Ballycoogue; that the land at Bogmeadow was primarily amenity land.

CORRESPONDENCE and OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Redcross Water and Sewerage

Councillor Cullen was informed of the present position.

Deputation to the Industrial Development Authority, on the 7th December, 1976

The following Members were agreed to form the deputation:-

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D.	Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.
Councillor C. Murphy, T.D.	Councillor Miss N. O'Neill
Councillor A. Murphy	Councillor F. Hynes
Councillor D. Kinsella	Councillor J. Miley

Area Meetings

It was agreed to hold Area Meetings to consider (a) Road proposals for 1977, (b) Public lighting in 1977 and (c) Small water and sewerage schemes for 1977 as follows:-

Southern area - Friday, 17th December, at 3 p.m., in Arklow
 Northern area - Monday, 20th December, at 11 a.m., in Bray
 Eastern area - Friday, 18th December, at 3 p.m., in Wicklow

It was agreed to resume consideration of the action plans for the draft development plans for the Northern area on Monday, 20th December, in Bray.

Water Rates

The County Manager informed Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., that separate water rates are assessed on all houses which have water supply.

Chain of Office - Council Chairman

It was proposed by Councillor Whelan, seconded by Councillor Kinsella and unanimously agreed:-

"That the County Manager investigate the possibility of procuring a suitable chain of office for the Chairman of the County Council, to be used at official functions of the Council".

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

CONFIRMED : James Miley
 CHAIRMAN

Date: _____

Minutes of Housing Meeting held on the 6th December, 1976, in the Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m.

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor C. Murphy, T.D.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:-
Mr. John J. Higgins, Acting County Manager
Mr. D. A. Fidgeon, Acting County Secretary
Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer
Mr. D. O'Ceallaigh, Administrative Officer
Mr. H. Jordan, Staff Officer, Housing Section
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

"That the Minutes of Housing Meeting held on the 22nd November, 1976, be confirmed and signed".

ITEM 2 NORTH EASTERN REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. and unanimously resolved:-

"That a loan of £295,000, to defray the cost of the North Eastern Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme - Bray/Greystones environs - be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works".

ITEM 3 LOW RISE MORTGAGE SCHEME

Circular letter E 36/76 of the 22nd November, 1976, from the Department of Local Government indicated that a new subsidised House Purchase Loan Scheme was being introduced. The following persons will be eligible for loans:-

- an existing tenant or tenant-purchaser of a local authority house who will surrender his dwelling to the local authority on receipt of a loan to purchase a private house;
- families of three or more persons who, at least one year prior to seeking the loan, had applied to and been accepted by a local authority at that time as being in need of rehousing on the grounds that their existing accommodation was dangerous, structurally unfit or seriously overcrowded and that their financial circumstances were such that they could not reasonably be expected to provide proper accommodation from their own resources and who are still in need of rehousing;

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CONFIRMED: *[Signature]*
Date: _____

Minutes of Housing Meeting held on 26th December, 1975, in
the Courthouse, Wicklow, at 8.30 p.m.

PRESENT:-
Councillors J. Kelly, Chairman
Councillors T. J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, J. Ryan,
J. Gavaney, V. Brennan, J. Whelan, J. Deering,
G. Timmins, T. J. Byrne, G. Costello, G. Keegan,
Mrs. M. Reddy, J. Murphy, Mrs. M. O'Neill,
J. J. Bourke, J. O'Brien, J. Ryan, J. Kavanagh, J. D.
and J. Kelly

Apologies for inability to attend were received from
Councillor G. Murphy, J.D.

AGEND
Mr. John J. Higgins, Acting County Manager
Mr. E. A. Higgins, Acting County Secretary
Mr. J. J. Donohue, J.D., County Engineer
Mr. D. McCauley, Administrative Officer
Mr. M. J. Costello, Administrative Officer
Mr. M. Jordan, Social Officer, Housing Section
Mr. E. Roberts, Social Officer, General Purposes

ITEM 1 - CONTINUATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor J. Gavaney, seconded by Councillor
G. Keenan and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Minutes of Housing Meeting held on the 22nd November, 1975,
be confirmed and signed."

ITEM 2 - NORTH DUBLIN REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. O'Neill, seconded by
Councillor G. Timmins, J.D. and unanimously resolved:-

"That a sum of £25,700, to defray the cost of the North Eastern
Regional Water Supply Scheme - Bray/Carlow area -
be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works."

ITEM 3 - LOW RISE MORTGAGE SCHEME

On 26th December, 1975, at the 22nd November, 1975, from the
Department of Local Government, Dublin, a new subsidised
Homes and Mortgage Scheme was being introduced. The following
persons will be eligible for loans:-

(a) an existing tenant of a house-allocated by a local authority
house who wishes to purchase the house from the local authority
on receipt of a mortgage from a private house;

(b) families of three or more persons who, at least one year
prior to seeking the loan, had applied to and been accepted
by a local authority for a house as being in need of re-
housing on the grounds of existing overcrowding
was dangerous, structurally unsound or seriously overcrowded
and that their financial circumstances were such that they
could not reasonably be expected to provide proper accommo-
dation from their own resources and are still in need of
rehousing;

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(c) a person who has been allocated tenancy of a new local authority
house and who wishes to purchase that house.

The County Manager informed the Members that the capital monies
for the scheme would come from the allocation for Local Authority
housing and while there would be difficulty in deciding to
what extent the scheme would be availed of in the first year,
he estimated that a sum of £5,000 could be required by way of
supplementary estimate. It was proposed by Councillor Reddy,
seconded by Councillor Keenan and unanimously agreed:-

"That Wicklow County Council adopt the Low Rise Mortgage Scheme
and contribute a supplementary subsidy equivalent to the
Exchequer subsidy."

It was proposed by Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor
Keenan and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Department of Local Government be requested to
extend category 3 (b) to cover families being rehoused on
medical and compassionate grounds."

In the course of a discussion on the desirability of having a
housing waiting list, it was proposed by Councillor Costello,
seconded by Councillor Whelan:-

"That the Council advertise for applications for housing every
four months, stating that at the end of 12 months, the applicant
should reapply, otherwise they would be deemed to have withdrawn
their application."

On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was agreed that after the
12 month period, applicants for housing would be written to
from the Council enquiring if they were still in need of
rehousing. It was proposed by Councillor Costello, seconded
by Councillor Whelan and unanimously agreed:-

"That Members of the Council be circulated twice yearly with a
list of the applicants on the Council's waiting list".

It was proposed by Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor
Whelan:-

"That when houses are being allocated, Members of the Council be
circulated with a list of applicants recommended by the Chief
Medical Officer, and details of living conditions, family
circumstances, etc. of the other applicants".

The County Manager stated that lettings are made in accordance
with the Council's priority scheme. He would be prepared to
furnish the Councillors with a list of the successful applicants
setting out opposite each name the category of the Council's
priority scheme under which the house was allocated to him,
and also a list of unsuccessful applicants. The allocation of
houses was an executive function and he did not favour circulating
confidential information setting out details of individuals'
personal circumstances. A vote was called for on Councillor
Costello's motion which resulted as follows:-

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In Favour

Councillors J. Burke, S. Costello, Ml. Cullen, P. Hynes, Th. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, E. Miley, Miss M. O'Neill, E. Ryan and J. Whelan

Against

Councillors J. Byrne, P. Deering, D. Kavanagh, T.D., Ch. Keegan, D. Kinsella, A. Murphy, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D., V. Blake

Councillor Costello's motion was carried by 11 votes to 9.

ITEM 4 LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING SUBSIDY

The Council was informed that circular H 34/76 of the 19th November, 1976, from the Department of Local Government, dealing with Housing Subsidy was basically the same as guide lines issued in the press release of the 29th October, 1976, which was considered by the Council at their estimates meeting on the 8th November. The press release had stated that in future, only loan charges would be met by way of subsidy and the Council had been informed that the net effect of this was an additional £72,400 falling on the rates. At the rates meeting, the Council had deducted £30,000 from this figure and the County Manager had agreed to this on the understanding that if there was no material change when the circular on Housing Subsidy was issued that he would request the Council's approval for a supplementary estimate.

The Council was informed that there was one material change in the circular letter H 34/76 in that any local Authority houses sold under the "Option to Purchase or Rent Scheme" referred to in circular H 14/72 of the 19th July, 1972, would no longer be subsidisable. Loan charges under this heading were under the order of £7,500. Accordingly, the total estimated net over-expenditure on Local Authority Housing in 1977 would be £57,500 and it was proposed to raise this sum by the debit balance in the 1978 estimate of expenses. It was proposed by Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor Hynes, and unanimously agreed:-

"That the sum of £57,500 be approved as excess expenditure in 1977".

ITEM 5 HOUSING AT GRANGECON and STRATFORD-ON-SLANEY

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

"That the Council provide houses at Grangecon and Stratford-on-Slaney".

The Council was informed that at the present time there were no applications for rehousing at either Grangecon or Stratford-on-Slaney, but this did not mean that there were no people in need of houses in these locations. An advertisement was being inserted in the local press inviting applications. The Council would have to acquire land in Grangecon, but there may be land in Stratford-on-Slaney, and this was being investigated. It was proposed by

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Councillor G. Timmins, seconded by Councillor Deering and approved:-

"That the necessary land be acquired and houses be built at Grangecon and Stratford-on-Slaney".

ITEM 6 PROVISION OF A HOUSE FOR MR. MR. BRESLIN

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

"That the Council build a house for Mr. Mr. Breslin and family of Newry, Clonegal, on a site given by his Father".

The Council was informed that arrangements are being made to inspect the suitability of the site offered by Mr. Mr. Breslin's Father. It was proposed by Councillor Whelan, seconded by Councillor Keenan and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Council erect an isolated cottage for Mr. Breslin of Newry, Clonegal, provided the site is suitable."

ITEM 7 WELL AND PUMP AT LOUGHMOGUE

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

"That a well and pump be provided to serve the following:- James Swaine, Laurence Murphy and Thomas English at Loughmogue".

The Council was informed that there are in fact four houses at Loughmogue, the fourth house being occupied by Mr. John Murphy. The total number of persons in the four houses is 24. English's cottage is situated approximately .4 miles from the other three houses. There is a Council handpump beside the three houses occupied by James Swaine, Laurence Murphy and John Murphy. This pump is satisfactory and did not go dry during the summer, although the water went slightly dirty. The cost of a new borehole and pump would be £1,300 and would not be convenient to Mr. English's home. It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor Deering and unanimously agreed:-

"That this matter be considered at the Area Meeting dealing with the 1977 proposals for small water and sewerage schemes".

ITEM 8 PROVISION OF HOUSES AT AUGHIRM

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

"That in view of the number of applications made for houses in Aughrim recently, that the Council build at least 12 houses on the Council site in Aughrim."

The Council was informed that arrangements are being made to prepare plans for a further 16 houses at Aughrim. It was proposed by Councillor Keenan, seconded by Councillor Whelan and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Council build a further 16 houses at Aughrim".

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ITEM 9 PROVISION OF HOUSES IN NEWCASTLE

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

"That this Council commence the building of houses in Newcastle in accordance with the undertaking given at a previous Council meeting".

The Council was informed that the building of houses would commence as soon as investigations into sewerage disposal and other ancillary development difficulties normal to the commencement of a scheme have been ironed out. The Council desires to have co-ordination with developers who have permission on adjoining lands where it is hoped that the developers will supply the services and the Council will contribute to them. The County Manager informed the Members that it was hoped to have the difficulties resolved within the next two months.

ITEM 10 PROVISION OF HOUSES AT RATHNEW

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

"That this Council build more houses in Rathnew".

The Council was informed that arrangements are being made to prepare plans for a further 20 houses in Rathnew. It was proposed by Councillor Hynes, seconded by Councillor Miley and unanimously agreed:-

"That a further 20 houses be built in Rathnew".

ITEM 11 SEWERAGE EXTENSION AT SHILLELAGH

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

"That a sewerage extension be provided at the back of five houses at Shillelagh namely Messrs. Scantam, Hamilton, Hagan, Simpson and Kealy".

The Council was informed that the sewerage scheme for Shillelagh was now complete and it was recommended that this extension be carried out as a group scheme. As the connection to the main sewer would be in the form of a combined drain, rather than a sewer, the householders had been informed that the work was primarily a matter for themselves to be carried out with the aid of appropriate grants. If this was done, and a group formed, the Council would help with the design work. It was proposed by Councillor Whelan, seconded by Councillor Keenan:-

"That the work be carried out by the Council."

Following a discussion it was agreed to defer this matter to the Area Meeting.

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ITEM 12 SEWERAGE SCHEME - ENNISKERRY VILLAGE

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

"That a sewerage scheme for Enniskerry Village be designed to take into account the future development of Enniskerry".

The Council was informed that the present water and sewerage schemes for Enniskerry Village are inadequate and would need to be improved and extended. The present sewerage works are grossly overloaded and would need to be urgently replaced. Arrangements are being made to appoint a Consulting Engineer to examine the existing sewerage scheme and draw up plans for improvement and expansion. It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor Keegan and unanimously agreed:-

"That a sewerage scheme for Enniskerry Village be proceeded with, as soon as possible".

The Council was informed that future development of Enniskerry would be discussed at the Area Meeting on the 20th December, 1976.

CORRESPONDENCE and OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Area Meetings

It was agreed to hold Area Meetings as follows:-

- Western Area - Friday, 17th December, at 10.30 a.m. in Daltinglass
- Eastern Area - Wednesday, 22nd December, at 11.00 a.m. in Wicklow
(The meeting arranged for Friday, 10th December, in Wicklow was cancelled).

Small Water and Sewerage Schemes, 1976

The Council was informed that a sum of £14,000 had been included in the 1976 programme for the provision of a water supply to Redcross. There had been difficulty in locating a suitable source and acquiring land, and it would not be feasible to spend the £14,000 in the current year. Negotiations were continuing for land, and pipes had been ordered so that the scheme could start early in 1977. It was recommended that the following water supply extensions be carried out instead:-

(1) Extension to Old Kiltegan	£2,400
(2) Extension to Deerpark, Shillelagh	£7,199
(3) Extension to Sea Road, Newcastle	£4,740
(4) Extension to Slaney Park, Daltinglass	£2,361
Total:-	£16,700

It was hoped to have savings on the Knockananna water scheme and the Bawnogue sewerage scheme to offset the excess of £2,700.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on 13th December, 1976, at 2.30 p.m. in the Courthouse, Wicklow

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

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

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

"That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th November, be confirmed and signed".

ITEM 2 REPORT ON ROADS IN THE EASTERN REGION

It was agreed to adjourn consideration of this report until notification of grants for 1977 were received from the Department.

ITEM 3 LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

"That the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. M. Murphy be filled by Councillor J. Giff, a nominee of Wicklow Urban District Council".

ITEM 3a FLOODING, ETC. AT KILCOOLE

In reply to a further query raised by Kilcoole Action Association, the Council was informed that the recent flooding at Hazelwood Crescent was caused by debris being thrown into the stream. It was proposed to put a grating at the entrance to the culvert to prevent any recurrence of the flooding. It was proposed by Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., and unanimously agreed:-

"That this work be done".

The Council was informed that it was not recommended that the bank verging the Kilcoole/Newtownmountkenedy road and facing the rear of house numbers 1-12 be removed, as the bank serves as a screen to mask the rear elevation of the back gardens, and its removal would be a danger to motorists.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on 15th December, 1976, at 8.30 p.m. in the Courthouse, Wicklow

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. John J. Higgins, Acting County Manager, Mr. B. A. Higgins, Acting County Secretary, Mr. T. J. Donovan, D.E., County Engineer, Mr. R. O'Connell, Administrative Officer, Mr. R. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes

ITEM 1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Sweeney, seconded by Councillor Kinsella and unanimously agreed:-
 "That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th November, 1976, be confirmed and signed."

ITEM 2. REPORT ON ROADS IN THE EASTERN REGION

It was agreed to adjourn consideration of this report until publication of grants for 1977 were received from the Department.

ITEM 3. LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

"That the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. M. Murphy be filled by Councillor J. G. Ryan, a nominee of Wicklow Urban District Council."

ITEM 4. FLOODING, ETC. AT KILCOOLE

It was proposed by Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., and unanimously agreed:-
 "That this work be done."

The Council was informed that it was not recommended that the bank verging the Kilscoole Newtown road and facing the rear of house number 1-12 be removed as the bank serves as a screen to mask the reservation of the back gardens, and its removal would be a danger to motorists.

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Extension to Rear Gardens

The Council was informed that the present fence would have to be taken down and reerected, and a rear access path provided. Land would have to be taken from the field behind the houses. The estimated cost of carrying out the work would be £500. It was proposed by Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor O'Neill and unanimously agreed:-

"That this work be done."

The Council was informed that new maps would have to be prepared.

House Repairs

The Council was informed that considerable repairs had already been carried out in the current year to some of the houses. Further repairs would be carried out early in the new year. The cause of the dampness in the houses was being further investigated.

It was hoped to have play-ground equipment erected in the green before the end of the present financial year, and the provision of a footpath at Convent Gate to Pretty Bush was on the list of proposed road schemes for 1977.

ITEM 4. VACANCY ON THE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Council was informed that the vacancy which occurred was due to the death of Mr. Thomas Herr, Aughrim. It was proposed by Councillor Sweeney, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D.,:-

"That Councillor Miss N. O'Neill be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Vocational Education Committee".

It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor P. Deering:-

"That Councillor K. Ryan be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Vocational Education Committee".

A vote was called for which resulted as follows:-

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill

Councillors M. Cullen, Th. Keenan, D. Kinsella, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, C. Murphy, T.D., Miss N. O'Neill, J. Sweeney and J. Whelan

Councillor K. Ryan

Councillors J. Burke, J. Byrne, P. Deering, L. Kavanagh, T.D., Ch. Keegan, A. Murphy, K. Ryan, G. Timmins, T.D., V. Blake

Councillor S. Costello abstained.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill was declared elected to fill the vacancy by 10 votes to 9.

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ITEM 5 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT MAIN STREET, WICKLOW

It was proposed by Councillor D. Kavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor P. Deering and unanimously agreed:-

"That the disposal of approximately 103 sq. yds. of land at Main Street, Wicklow, to Mr. G. Murray, Main Street, Wicklow, in accordance with Statutory Notice given pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended by Section 83 (3) of the Housing Act, 1966, shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the said Notice, i.e. Consideration to be £1,000, the Purchaser being responsible for the full legal costs of the Conveyance".

ITEM 6 CLOSING OF ROADS AT ENNISKERRY

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

"That the Council grant permission to the M. G. Car Club Ltd. to close road at Long Hill, Enniskerry, for road racing, between the hours of 12 noon and 6 p.m., on Saturday, 11th June, 1977, in accordance with the Closing of Roads Regulations, 1956.

ITEM 7 OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

It was proposed by Councillor D. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and unanimously resolved:-

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, the Council request accommodation, by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account, up to a maximum of £500,000, with the Council's Treasurer, the Bank of Ireland, Wicklow, for the 12 months ending 31st December, 1977".

ITEM 8 REPAIRS TO FOOTBRIDGE AT GRANABEG

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

"That Wicklow County Council repair footbridge at Granabeg as soon as possible, due to the immediate danger to users".

The Council was informed that the footbridge was in need of repair and investigations were being carried out to ascertain the estimated cost of the work. A check was also being made to see if the footbridge was the responsibility of the Council. It was agreed to refer this matter to the Area Meeting for consideration.

ITEM 9 ROAD AT THE RED LANE, AVOCA

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

"That the Council reconstruct the road known as The Red Lane, Avoca".

The Council was informed that the Red Lane, Avoca, is not a public road and is not the responsibility of the Council. Consideration was to be given to having this road repaired by means of a local improvement scheme.

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ITEM 10 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT MAIN STREET, WICKLOW

It was proposed by Councillor J. Lavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Keegan and unanimously agreed:-

"That the disposal of approximately 100 sq. yds. of land at Main Street, Wicklow, to Mr. G. Murray, Main Street, Wicklow, in accordance with Statutory Notice given pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended by Section 63 (3) of the Housing Act, 1966, shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the said Notice, i.e. consideration to be £1,000, the Purchaser being responsible for the full legal costs of the conveyance."

ITEM 11 CLOSING OF ROADS AT BUNISHERY

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

"That the Council grant permission to the N.G. Car Club Ltd. to close road at Bunsberry, for road racing, between the hours of 12 noon and 6 p.m., on Saturday, 11th June, 1977, in accordance with the Closing of Roads Regulations, 1956."

ITEM 12 OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

It was proposed by Councillor D. Linnell, seconded by Councillor Miss M. O'Neill and unanimously resolved:-

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, the Council request accommodation, by way of temporary overdraft, on the Council's General Account, up to a maximum of £200,000, to meet the Council's Treasurer, the Bank of Ireland, for the period ending 31st December, 1977."

ITEM 13 MATTERS TO PROCEEDING AT GRANADY

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

"That Wicklow County Council request the County Council at Granady as soon as possible, due to the immediate danger to users."

The Council was informed that the footbridge was in need of repair and investigations were being carried out to ascertain the estimated cost of the work. A check was also being made to see if the footbridge was the responsibility of the Council. It was agreed to refer this matter to the Area Meeting for consideration.

ITEM 14 ROAD AT THE TWO LANE, AVCCA

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

"That the Council request the road known as The Two Lane, Avcca."

The Council was informed that the road, Avcca, is not a public road and is not the responsibility of the Council. Consideration was to be given to having the road repaired by means of a local improvement scheme.

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ITEM 10 PIPING OF STREAM AT VARTRY HEIGHTS, ROUNDWOOD

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

"That Wicklow County Council consider piping or fencing off the stream adjacent to Vartry Heights in Roundwood."

The Council was informed that Wicklow County Council had acquired land in this area for housing and the land immediately south of the entrance was privately owned. There was no boundary fence between the Council's property and this land, and children have access to it and the stream. It was proposed by Councillor R. Miley, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne and unanimously agreed:-

"That the Council take the matter up with the owner of the adjoining land to ascertain if a satisfactory arrangement can be made regarding the erection of a fence."

ITEM 11 ROAD SIGNS AT BARBER'S BRIDGE

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors V. Blake, and E. Ryan was considered:-

"That this Council erect road signs at Barber's Bridge on the Mullinacuffe/Shillelagh road."

The Council was informed that this is a crossroads at the intersection of county roads numbers 245 and 246. There is very poor vision for vehicles exiting from the county road 245 onto county road 246. As there are no signs on either road, it was recommended that "Yield" signs be placed on county road number 245 and "Crossroad" signs be placed on county road 246, at an estimated cost of £100. Agreed.

ITEM 12 NUISANCE AT COOLAFANCY SCHOOL

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

"That the surface water nuisance flowing opposite Coolafancy school gates be removed."

The Council was informed that the surface water is a flow from a septic tank on a privately owned premises and that the matter was primarily one for the owner of the premises to rectify. The attention of the Health Inspector had been drawn to this matter. It was agreed that assistance would be given to the owner and a report was awaited.

ITEM 13 ROAD AT FAIRGREEN, TINAHELY

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

"That the Council take over the road in Fairgreen, Tinchely, leading to the Council's sewerage treatment works and that the Department of Posts and Telegraphs be asked to contribute."

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The Council was informed that this road serves the Fairgreen, which is still used for markets. It also serves several local businesses and Council sewerage works and a Posts and Telegraph exchange. The road was recommended for a local improvement scheme in 1974. The estimated cost of gravelling, grading, rolling and surface dressing would be £1,830.00. It was agreed to write to the various parties concerned to see if they would contribute towards the cost of the necessary repairs.

ITEM 14 PUBLIC LIGHTING AT COOLAFANCY

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

"That the E.S.B. lights be established adjacent to the Church at Coolafancy".

The Council was informed that these lights are included in the list of proposals for improvement of public lighting throughout the county. It was agreed that this matter be considered at the Area Meeting to be held on Friday, 17th December, 1976.

ITEM 15 SPECIAL AMENITY AREA ORDER - BALLYMAN VALLEY

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

"That a Special Amenity Order be made on Ballyman Valley, Enniskerry".

The County Manager informed the meeting that a special meeting of the Council was being held in January at which representatives of Dublin County Council would outline their proposals for the Ballyman Valley. It had been agreed between Members at the meeting on the 6th December, to defer consideration of a Special Amenity Area Order until after these discussions, after which the options open to the Council would be clearer.

ITEM 16 BRAY BOUNDARY EXTENSION

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

"That a progress report on the application of Bray Urban District Council for a boundary extension be submitted to the Council Members for their consideration".

The Council was informed that Bray Urban District Council passed a resolution on the 26th June, 1974, making a formal application to Wicklow County Council for an extension of the urban boundary involving an area of 751 acres. The application had come before the Council on the 29th July, 1974, when it was decided to appoint a committee, in accordance with Article 3 of the Urban Districts (Alteration of Boundaries) Regulations, 1937, to hold a local enquiry. Data on the effects, both financial and otherwise to Wicklow County Council and Bray Urban District Council was being collected at present and a full report would be available for presentation to the Council in February. It was understood that the procedures dealing with boundary extensions were being reviewed to facilitate extensions.

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The Council was informed that this road serves the Fairgreen, which is still used for markets. It also serves several local businesses and Council reserves works and a Post and Telegraph exchange. The road was recommended for a local improvement scheme in 1974. The estimated cost of graveling, grading, rolling and surface dressing would be £1,830.00. It was agreed to write to the various parties concerned to see if they would contribute towards the cost of the necessary repairs.

ITEM 14 PUBLIC LIGHTING AT COOLINANCY

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

"That the B.S.D. lights be established adjacent to the Church at Coolinancy".

The Council was informed that these lights are included in the list of proposals for improvement of public lighting throughout the county. It was agreed that this matter be considered at the next meeting to be held on Friday, 17th December, 1976.

ITEM 15 SPECIAL AMENITY ORDER - BALLYMAN VALLEY

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

"That a Special Amenity Order be made on Ballyman Valley, Enniskerry".

The County Manager informed the meeting that a special meeting of the Council was being held in January at which representatives of Dublin County Council would be present to discuss proposals for the Ballyman Valley. It was agreed that the Council should meet on the 26th December, to discuss consideration of a Special Amenity Order which will allow the Council to discuss the question open to the Council would be clearer.

ITEM 16 BOUNDARY EXTENSION

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

"That a proposal report on the application of Gray Urban District Council for a boundary extension be submitted to the Council Members for their consideration".

The Council was informed that Gray Urban District Council passed a resolution on the 26th June, 1976, making a formal application to Wicklow County Council for an extension of the urban boundary covering an area of 751 acres. The application had come before the Council on the 28th July, 1976, when it was decided to appoint a committee, in accordance with Article 2 of the Urban Districts (Regulations) Regulations, 1973, to hold a local inquiry. Data on the effects, both financial and otherwise, to Wicklow County Council and Gray Urban District Council was being collected at present and a full report would be available for presentation to the Council in February. It was understood that the procedures dealing with boundary extensions were being reviewed to facilitate extensions.

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ITEM 17 TELEPHONE KIOSK AT KILLINURE LOWER

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

"That a telephone kiosk be provided at Killinure Lower, near the water pump".

It was proposed by Councillor Whelan, seconded by Councillor Blake:-

"That the Department of Posts and Telegraphs be requested to provide a telephone kiosk at Killinure Lower or Crab Lane".

Agreed.

ITEM 18 PUBLIC LIGHTS AT PARKBRIDGE

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

"That lights be provided at Parkbridge Post Office, shop and school".

It was agreed to refer this matter to the Area Meeting when the lighting proposals for 1977 will be considered, which will be held on the 17th December, 1976.

ITEM 19 PUBLIC LIGHTING AT KILLINURE CROSS

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

"That six lights be provided at Killinure Lower and four at Killinure Cross".

It was agreed to refer this matter to the Area Meeting when the lighting proposals for 1977 will be considered, which will be held on the 17th December, 1976.

ITEM 20 FOOTPATH AT ROSANAGH, RATHNEW

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

"That this Council reconstruct the footpath at Mrs. Doyle's cottage at Rosanagh, Rathnew, in order to stop the surface water flowing in her gate and ending up at the front door of her cottage".

The Council was informed that this work would be carried out in the current year at an estimated cost of £300.00. Agreed.

ITEM 21 PUBLIC LIGHTING IN LACKEN

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

"That this Council examine that lights be provided in Lacken to the Catholic Church".

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It was agreed to refer this matter to the Area Meeting when the lighting proposals for 1977 will be considered, which will be held on the 17th December, 1976.

ITEM 22 TAKING OVER OF RIVERSIDE ROAD, ENNISKERRY

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

"That Riverside Road in Enniskerry be taken over by Wicklow County Council".

The Council was informed that Riverside Road is only 8' wide and is, therefore, substandard, and the Council have no statutory authority to spend money on private roads. A local improvement scheme for this road was to be investigated.

ITEM 23 PUBLIC LIGHTING AND CAR PARK AT KILQUIGGAN R.C. CHURCH

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan was considered:-

"That this Council erect public lighting and provide a proper car park at Kilquiggan R.C. Church".

It was agreed to consider the erection of public lighting at the Area Meeting to be held on 17th December, 1976.

The Council was informed that there is parking at Kilquiggan Church for about 20 cars. Cars parking north of the Church where the road is narrow and on a bend, create difficulty. Ground conditions are poor and the cost of providing a car park would be of the order of £4,000. It was agreed to consider this proposal in conjunction with the other roads proposals at the Area Meeting.

ITEM 24 PUBLIC LIGHTING AND CAR PARK AT COOLAFANCY CHURCH

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan was considered:-

"That this Council provide public lighting and a car park at Coolafancy Church".

The Council was informed that a sum of £4,000 was included in the proposed road works scheme for 1977. It was agreed to consider provision of public lighting and a car park at the Area Meeting to be held on the 17th December, 1976.

ITEM 25 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AT BALLYTESKIN CROSSROADS

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

"That Wicklow County Council improve sightline at Ballyteskin Crossroads and at the Kilbride end of Gormanstown Lane".

The Council was informed that it was recommended that the sightlines at both ends of the Gormanstown Lane be improved. It was agreed to refer this matter to the Wicklow Area Meeting, to be held on 22nd December, 1976.

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CORRESPONDENCE & OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Register of Electors

It was agreed that the street and house number and "walking order" arrangements be implemented in the register in all villages and towns throughout the county. The County Manager stated that it would not be possible to have this change made in the register at present being compiled. Councillors expressed dissatisfaction at the delay in having the draft register prepared. The County Manager stated that the contractors are selected by the Department.

House at Tiglin, Newcastle

The Council were given full details leading up to the eviction order made by the District Court. The Manager's action on this matter was fully supported.

Vote of Sympathy

On the proposal of the Chairman, J. Miley, the Council passed a resolution expressing their sympathy with Councillor E. Miley on the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. Patrick Nolan. The County Manager associated himself with the vote of sympathy on behalf of the staff.

Movement for Peace

It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and unanimously resolved:-

"That Wicklow County Council at our Meeting here today, hereby acknowledge the contribution towards the achievement of peace made by the Peace Movement, and in recommending its aims and ideals to the entire community we urge all who can do so to help forward its aims and ideals."

The Chairman extended his good wishes to Councillor F. Hynes who was at present ill. He also extended seasonal wishes to the Members and the staff of the Council.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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CHAIRMAN

DATE:

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It was agreed to refer this matter to the Area Meeting when the lighting proposals for 1977 will be considered, which will be held on the 17th December, 1976.

ITEM 22: TALKING OVER OF RIVERSIDE ROAD, ENNISKERRY

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

"That Riverside Road in Enniserry be taken over by Wicklow County Council."

The Council was informed that Riverside Road is only 8' wide and is, therefore, unsuitable, and the Council have no statutory authority to spend money on private roads. A local improvement scheme for this road was to be investigated.

ITEM 23: PUBLIC LIGHTING AND CAR PARK AT KILCHUGGAN R.C. CHURCH

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor E. Hynes was considered:-

"That this Council erect public lighting and provide a proper car park at Kilchuggan R.C. Church."

It was agreed to consider the erection of public lighting at the Area Meeting to be held on 17th December, 1976.

The Council was informed that there is parking at Kilchuggan Church for about 25 cars. Cars parking north of the Church where the road is narrow and on a bend, create difficulty. Ground conditions are poor and the cost of providing a car park would be of the order of £4,000. It was agreed to consider this proposal in conjunction with the other roads proposals at the Area Meeting.

ITEM 24: PUBLIC LIGHTING AND CAR PARK AT COOLRANCY CHURCH

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor E. Hynes was considered:-

"That this Council provide public lighting and a car park at Coolrancy Church."

The Council was informed that a sum of £4,000 was included in the proposed road works scheme for 1977. It was agreed to consider provision of public lighting and a car park at the Area Meeting to be held on the 17th December, 1976.

ITEM 25: ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AT BALLYTESLIN CROSSROADS

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

"That Wicklow County Council approve signage at Ballyteslin Crossroads and at the Ballyteslin end of Gormanstown Lane."

The Council was informed that it was recommended that the signposts at both ends of the Gormanstown Lane be improved. It was agreed to refer this matter to the Wicklow Area Meeting to be held on 22nd December, 1976.

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