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MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 7TH JANUARY, 1980,
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW, COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

Present:

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., Chairman,
Councillors V. Blake, H. Cullen, P. Deering, J. Giff,
F. Hynes, G. A. Jones, L. Kavanagh, T.D., T.J. Keenan,
D. Kinsella, J. Leeson, J. McManus, J. Miley, R. Miley,
A. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney,
G. Timmins, T.D. and Mrs. M. Weadick.

Also in
attendance:

Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,
Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary,
Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer,
Mr. J. Solon, B.E., Chief Assistant County Engineer,
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer,
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer,
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section,
Mr. P.O'Meara, Staff Officer, Housing Section,
Mr. F. O'Toole, Staff Officer, Engineers Section,

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor G. Jones and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Housing Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on the 3rd December, 1979, be confirmed and signed.

ITEM 2 DISPOSAL OF SHOP-CUM-DWELLING AT BALLYWALTRIM, BRAY.

Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, informed the meeting that the Council had advertised and invited tenders. Four tenders were received, only one of which exceeded the specific reserve and that tender was accepted. On the proposal of Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor G. Jones, the Council unanimously agreed to the disposal in accordance with the terms of the Statutory Section 83 Notice circulated.

ITEM 3 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES - PRIORITY LIST.

Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, referred to the list circulated which showed the schemes on hand at present and indicated that the overall position was that an allowance of £20,000 was received from the Department in 1979 and the Council had until the end of January to spend the money. He indicated that the full allocation would be spent.

Councillor V. Blake enquired about the position in relation to a lane at Killinure, the property of Mr. Laurence Dunne, Mr. Brennan stated that there was an objection to the original scheme, which had since been resolved and the scheme could now take up its original position and will be included for 1980.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. indicated that in some County Councils the money was allocated to the Councillors to spend in their own areas on a priority basis. Councillor J. Leeson stated that they would have to be much more specific with the people and not take on schemes unless they could be carried out within a reasonable time. Councillor K. Ryan felt that the Council could not look for more money from the Department when the allocation for 1979 had not been spent, and considered that this money should in fact have been spent in the first six months of 1979, in order to make an impact on the Department. He was of the opinion that far more work would be carried out if schemes were carried out during the summer months.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. enquired if an up-to-date priority list could be drawn up as the present list was dealing with such a long period of time that the priority might in certain cases not be as high as it was on application. He also stated that there was no area breakdown on the list.

The County Engineer stated that last year £12,500 - £13,000 was allocated to the Local Improvement Schemes and this year £20,000 had been allocated. The Chairman indicated that this amount did not seem to be comparable with other counties. Councillor A. Murphy stated that in view of falling money values a realistic increase should be sought in order to get on with the Schemes.

It was agreed that representations in this connection would be made to the Department and the matter brought before the Council again as soon as possible.

ITEM 4 CONTRIBUTION TO IRISH WATER SAFETY ASSOCIATION.

The County Secretary informed the Council that a contribution of £440 had been paid to the Irish Water Safety Association in 1979 and it was felt that this contribution should be increased this year. Further consideration would be given to this item before the Estimates Meeting.

ITEM 5 PUBLIC TOILETS IN AVOCA.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor T. J. Keenan, was considered:-

"I wish to propose that this Council build public toilets in Avoca before next holiday season."

Councillor Keenan stressed the need for the installation of new toilets in Avoca, especially with the large amount of visitors during the summer months. Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E. stated that these toilets were being designed and tenders would be invited as soon as possible.

ITEM 6 REPAIR OF BROKEN WATER PUMP AT LOWER CASTLEMACADAM, AVOCA.

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

"That Wicklow County Council take immediate steps to repair the broken water pump at Lower Castlemacadam, Avoca."

The County Secretary informed the meeting that these repairs had been carried out about three weeks ago.

ITEM 7 PUBLIC LIGHTING AT BALLINABARNEY, WICKLOW.

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

"That Wicklow County Council erect public lighting at Ballinabarny, Wicklow, as there are a number of houses there and the road is very dangerous."

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that there had been some very bad accidents on this road over the Christmas period, he suggested that an accident black spot sign might be erected. Mr. Donovan, B.E. stated that this item included in the schedule of approved Public Lighting Improvements for 1979, and agreed to consider the suggested black spot sign.

ITEM 8 ACQUISITION OF LAND IN ENNISKERRY FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSE BUILDING.

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

"That land be acquired in Enniskerry as soon as possible, for local authority house building."

The County Engineer stated that this matter was currently being investigated. Councillor J. McManus stated that because of the general shortage of land in that area, it was very expensive for the Council to buy land for housing.

He said that it would be tragic if people born in the area would not get to live there.

Councillor J. Leeson supported this motion and said that he would get in contact with Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, with a view to making some suggestions in this case. Councillor A. Murphy also supported this motion and welcomed Councillor Leeson's suggestions. In reply to an enquiry from the Chairman, Mr. McCabe, stated that at present there were from 10-15 applicants for housing in Enniskerry.

ITEM 9 COMPLETION OF SEWERAGE SCHEME AND SEPTIC TANK AT GRACES, STRATNAKELLY.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. McManus, was considered:

"That the Council complete the work started at Graces, Stratnakelly, by the completion of the sewerage scheme and septic tank."

The County Engineer in his report stated that there was no scheme to provide sewerage facilities at Graces, as this is not a Council house.

Councillor McManus stated that his understanding of the situation was that these people were provided with a pump last year, which was not properly connected. The County Engineer agreed to have the matter checked in detail.

ITEM 10 CHANGE IN REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE SALE OF COUNCIL HOUSES CONSIDERED TO BE OF A LOWER STANDARD.

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

"That Wicklow County Council make representations to the Department of the Environment to change the regulations governing the sale of Council houses considered to be of a lower standard."

Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer stated in his report that he had written to the Department of the Environment conveying the representations of the members of the Council but he had not yet had a reply. Councillor McManus asked that the matter be brought before the Council again when the reply comes to hand.

ITEM 11 COMPLETION OF TEMPORARY WATER SUPPLY SCHEME IN ROUNDWOOD.

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

"That the temporary water supply scheme be completed immediately in Roundwood."

Councillor J. McManus enquired if the temporary water supply scheme would be in operation by the summer. The County Engineer stated that the pump had been bought and at present testing of the well was being carried out and application had been made for an E.S.B. connection, which would take about three months. The County Engineer indicated that the water supply was an independent one from the Annamoe Water Supply and was not connected to the Dublin Corporation mains.

ITEM 12 BOUNDARY WALL AT ENNISKERRY.

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

"That a boundary wall be erected between Millfield Estate, Enniskerry and Inis Beag, Bray Road, Enniskerry."

The County Engineer stated that this item was currently being investigated and Councillor McManus asked that it be brought before the Council at the next meeting.

ITEM 13 FEASIBILITY OF EXTENDING THE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM FROM KINGSTON, AVONDALE, RATHDRUM, TO THE MEETINGS, RATHDRUM.

The following Notice of Motion was considered in the name of Councillors H. Cullen and G. Timmins, T.D.:-

"That a report be given on the feasibility of extending the water supply system from Kingston, Avondale, Rathdrum to the Meetings, Rathdrum."

The County Engineer in his report stated that this ^{supply} water/extension can be included in the Garryduff Water Scheme, which is at present in the preliminary stages of investigation.

ITEM 14 SEWERAGE SITUATION IN KILGARRON PARK, ENNISKERRY.

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

"That a report be given to the Council on the sewerage situation in Kilgarron Park, Enniskerry."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that an inspection of the sewerage system in Kilgarron Park had been carried out. It was found that in the general area of the Open Space/the Kilmolin Road most of the main manholes were blocked. Blockages had occurred primarily because of rocks, soil, debris, etc. being thrown into the manholes. He stated that the manholes had recently been cleaned out by the Sewerage Caretaker and there should be an improvement in the flow.

The County Engineer also stated that it was clear that the system was being vandalised. It was very easy for children to lift the manhole covers which are very light (covers measure 26" x 26"). Arrangements are being made to clear domestic rubbish, blocks, stones, debris, etc. which litter the open space, in order to prevent material being thrown into the system, and also to replace six existing manhole covers and frames with heavy duty cast iron covers. From a further inspection of the manhole already cleared, it is apparent that the system is not yet flowing as freely as it should and obviously there is some material still in the pipe network. The network is being cleaned at present using rods and water hosing.

The County Engineer also emphasised in his report that the residents might be reminded that material such as silt, sand, pebbles, etc. can cause blockages, especially in the gully traps.

The estimated cost of carrying out the work is £1,000. Agreed.

ITEM 15 PROVISION OF A WELL AND PUMP FOR THE SUPPLY OF WATER TO TWO COTTAGES AT BALLINACLOUGH, KILBRIDE, WICKLOW (STAFFORD).

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors H. Cullen and G. Timmins, T.D. was considered:-

"That the Council provide a well and pump for the supply of water to two cottages at Ballinacloough, Kilbride, Wicklow. (Stafford). Caravan also on site."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that the cost of sinking a well and providing a pump would be in the region of £2,200. A preliminary investigation of this area for water is being made at present and if this proves satisfactory a further report will be submitted.

ITEM 16 FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING A WATER SUPPLY TO THE HOMES OF MRS. MARY BYRNE, AND MRS. M.L. WHELAN, BALLINAMEESDA, KILBRIDE, WICKLOW.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors H. Cullen and G. Timmins, T.D. was considered:-

"That a report be submitted on the feasibility of providing a water supply to the homes of Mrs. Mary Byrne and Mr. Ml. Whelan, Ballinameesda, Kilbride, Wicklow."

The County Engineer stated that this area is being investigated for water supply at present and a further report will be submitted.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., asked that this report be submitted before the Estimates Meeting.

ITEM 17 HOUSING SITUATION IN BALLYCONNELL.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor T. J. Keenan and J. Sweeney, was considered:-

"That this Council examine the housing situation in Ballyconnell with a view to building some houses."

Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, informed the meeting that there was great difficulty in acquiring land in Ballyconnell. Each landowner in the area had been written to but none of them were prepared to sell land to the Council. He further stated that the Council was now examining the possibility of acquiring suitable building land in the village of Kilquiggan, which was 2-3 miles from Ballyconnell, to meet the needs of this area.

Councillor T. J. Keenan stated that people in Ballyconnell should not be asked to move, even if it is only down the road, and he requested that the land situation at Ballyconnell be further investigated.

ITEM 18 REPAIR METHODS IN USE IN ROCKFIELD PARK.

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

"That the repair methods in use in Rockfield Park be examined in view of the failure of methods presently in use to stop damp penetration of the walls."

The County Engineer, in his report, informed the Council that to date extensive repairs had been carried out to House Nos. 1 to 15 and House No. 19 Rockfield Park and in addition to the repairs listed in this report it was intended to secure the concrete panels adjacent to the front and back doors with rawl bolts to eliminate the possibility of movement. It was also found that most toilet bowls would have to be made more secure. He further stated that repairs to all houses will continue, but it was not possible to say when all repairs would be completed.

Councillor J. McManus thanked the County Engineer for his comprehensive report but said that repairs to some of the houses were less than satisfactory, especially in the case of House No. 4. In this house the damp is not only downstairs but also around the hall door and in the landing. He also asked if there were any other techniques which might prove more effective, as weather conditions so far had not been that bad, but if worsened there could be further problems. Councillor A. Murphy also supported this motion and stated that six years after the scheme was started there are still three houses to be completed. The Chairman asked that copies of the County Engineers report be circulated to the members.

ITEM 19 REPAIR HOUSE OCCUPIED BY MRS. ELIZABETH KELLY, BALLYDOWLING, RATHDRUM.

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

"That Wicklow County Council repair the house occupied by Mrs. Elizabeth Kelly, Ballydowling, Rathdrum, cottage number 3/8. The roof is collapsing. Floorboards are rotten, the wiring is gone and the chimney does not work."

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. asked if this work would be done in the next month and also if there was sufficient staff to deal with repairs. If not what was the possibility of getting in competent contractors. He requested that the money allocated in the Estimates be spent. Councillor H. Cullen also supported this motion and stated that Mrs. Kelly was in terrible hardship.

The County Engineer informed the members that repairs to this cottage would cost £1,000 and that the work would be carried out as soon as possible. Agreed.

ITEM 20 UNTREATED SEWERAGE FLOWING DIRECTLY INTO THE RIVER AT BALTINGLASS.

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

"That Wicklow County Council investigate and resolve the problem of untreated sewerage flowing directly into the river at Baltinglass, as this pollution is causing a health hazard."

The County Engineer in his report informed the meeting that, due to staff shortage, it was not possible to attend to this problem at present but hoped that the problem could be attended to in March.

ITEM 21 PROVISION OF WATER AND SEWERAGE FOR FOUR HOUSES ON BALLYDOWLING/RATHDRUM ROAD."

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

"That Wicklow County Council investigate and report on provision of water and sewerage for four houses on Ballydowling/Rathdrum road, mains water is 150 yds. away from the houses."

The County Engineer stated that surveying of this area will commence shortly to determine if it can be served from the Rathdrum Supply, and if found possible it will be recommended for a Small Water & Sewerage Scheme. It is hoped to have this ready in time for inclusion in the Estimates for 1980.

ITEM 22 RECONNECTION OF WATER SUPPLY TO TEMPLECARRIG, GREYSTONES, AND REPAIR OF THE BURST PUMP AT WINDGATES.

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

"That Wicklow County Council reconnect the water supply to Templecarrig, Greystones, and repair the burst pump at Windgates, the pump is the property of the Council."

The County Engineer informed the members that at present all pumps are working at Templecarrig and Windgates. The water shortage in the Autumn caused some damage to the pumps but they have since been repaired.

ITEM 23 WATER SUPPLY FOR KIRWANS, BALLYBREW, ENNISKERRY - REPAIRS TO HOUSE.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors A. Murphy, G. Jones and J. Leeson was considered:-

"That a water supply be provided for Kirwans, Ballybrew, Enniskerry, and also that the housing repairs be attended to."

The County Engineer indicated that the cost of sinking a well and providing a pump for this house would be approximately £2,200, and no provision had been made in the Small Water and Sewerage Schemes.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that a Mr. Arnold was willing to give a connection to this house. Councillor Leeson indicated that he had seen this woman carry water for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and added that making the connection from Mr. Arnold's with $\frac{1}{2}$ polethene piping would not be a extensive job.

The County Engineer indicated that he would give this item priority.

ITEM 24 TELEPHONE KIOSK AT KILCARRA, ARKLOW:

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

"That Wicklow County Council instruct the Department of Posts & Telegraphs to erect a telephone kiosk at Kilcarra, Arklow, and the Council will guarantee costs."

The County Secretary indicated that the Department had not yet furnished figures for the guaranteed kiosks, but it was hoped to go ahead with this proposal in the near future. A full report would be submitted at next Monday's meeting.

ITEM 25 PROVISION OF SMALL FACTORY UNITS IN THE BRAY AREA:

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

"That this Council and the County Development team provide small factory units in the Bray area."

The members were informed from report of County Development Officer, Mr. Broderick that the question of providing small factory units in Bray area cannot be considered at the present time as the Council does not have land in the area for the purpose of industrial development. The matter can be examined as soon as present negotiations for the acquisition of industrial land in the Bray area are satisfactorily concluded.

Councillor McManus stated that the Council should now commit itself to providing small factory units. The Chairman said that the main difficulty was the shortage of industrial land in the area. Councillor A. Murphy stated that there was a big demand for jobs in this area which was one of the fastest growth areas in the country.

ITEM 26 PROVISION OF PORTION OF THE NINETEEN ACRE ON THE KILLINCARRIG ROAD FOR RECREATIONAL AMENITIES.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Jones and J. Leeson was considered:-

"That the Council at this stage provide portion of the nineteen acres on the Killincarrig road for recreational amenities."

Councillor G. Jones stressed the need for recreational amenities in this area stating that there were a lot of clubs not affiliated to any national organisations, and asked that the Council reconsider the use of the 19 acres. Councillor A. Murphy in supporting the motion stated that while there was an urgent need for housing in Greystones and while the land is expensive, a section of the 19 acres should be allocated for recreational amenities.

In reply to Councillor Miss N. O'Neill Mr. McCabe, Administrative Officer informed the members that the land had been in the Council's possession for five years.

After a lengthy discussion the County Manager agreed to have a further look at the question of allocating a portion of the land for recreational purposes.

The County Engineer informed the members that repairs to this cottage would cost £1,000 and that the work would be carried out as soon as possible.

ITEM 20 UNTREATED SEWAGE FLOWING DIRECTLY INTO THE RIVER AT BALLYMARR:

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

"That Wicklow County Council investigate and resolve the problem of untreated sewage flowing directly into the river at Ballymarr, as this pollution is causing a health hazard."

The County Engineer in his report informed the meeting that, due to staff shortage, it was not possible to attend to this problem at present but hoped that the problem could be attended to in March.

ITEM 21 PROVISION OF WATER AND SEWAGE FOR FOUR HOUSES ON BALLYMARR ROAD, BALLYMARR:

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

"That Wicklow County Council investigate and report on provision of water and sewage for four houses on Ballymarr Road, Ballymarr, as mains water is 120 yds. away from the houses."

The County Engineer stated that surveying of this area will commence shortly to determine if it can be served from the Rathmarr Supply, and if found possible it will be recommended for a Small Water & Sewerage Scheme. It is hoped to have this ready in time for inclusion in the Estimates for 1980.

ITEM 22 RECONNECTION OF WATER SUPPLY TO TEMPLECARRIG, GREYSTONES, AND REPAIR OF WATER PUMP AT WINDGATES:

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

"That Wicklow County Council reconnect the water supply to Templecarraig, Greystones, and repair the water pump at Windgates, the pump is the property of the Council."

The County Engineer informed the members that at present all pumps are working at Greystones and Windgates. The water shortage in the autumn caused some damage to the pumps but they have since been repaired.

ITEM 23 WATER SUPPLY FOR KILMARR, BALLYMARR, BALLYMARR, AND REPAIR TO HOUSE:

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors A. Murphy, G. Jones and J. Leeson was considered:-

"That a water supply be provided for Kilmarr, Ballymarr, Ballymarr, and also that the housing repairs be attended to."

The County Engineer indicated that the cost of sinking a well and providing a pump for this house would be approximately £2,500, and no provision had been made in the Small Water and Sewerage Scheme.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that a Mr. Arnold was willing to give a connection to this house. Councillor Leeson indicated that he had seen this woman carry water for a mile and asked that making the connection from Mr. Arnold's well to the house would not be an extensive job.

The County Engineer indicated that he would give this item priority.

ITEM 27 PROVISION OF PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD BETWEEN KINDLESTOWN PARK AND BELLEVUE HEIGHTS, GREYSTONES.

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

"That pedestrian access be provided on both sides of the road between Kindlestown Park and Bellevue Heights, Greystones."

The County Engineer in his report stated that Bellevue Heights was not in charge of Wicklow County Council and, accordingly, the Council were not at liberty to remove the boundary fence between the two estates.

Councillor J. McManus stated that his resolution was in the form of a compromise. The problem was that there is an access along one side of the front and there is a footpath at the other side. He suggested that portion of the bank be removed in order to have access from Upper Kindlestown Park and Bellevue Heights. The County Secretary referred to the fact that an application had not been received for the taking over of Bellevue Heights and indicated that the Council would have to be satisfied that the Scheme was completed in accordance with the terms of the Planning permission, etc. in the event of one forthcoming.

ITEM 28 PROVISION OF INDUSTRIAL SITE IN DUNLAVIN.

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

"That an Industrial Site be provided in Dunlavin."

Councillor P. Deering stressed the need for an industrial site in Dunlavin, stating that there were 350 pupils in that area who would be looking for jobs and if an effort was not made to provide the opportunity for work they would be forced to go to Dublin.

Mr. Broderick, County Development Officer, in his report, stated that recent effort to purchase a three to four acre site in Dunlavin for industrial development had met with a disappointing response from local landowners. One land owner had agreed to sell a site but the asking price was considered excessive.

Councillor Deering asked that a further effort be made by officials to obtain land for industrial development. Councillor G. Timmins supported the motion stating that unless the Council acquired a site, they would find themselves in the same situation in ten years time. Councillor J. McManus also supported stating that it should be cheaper to provide a job in West Wicklow than in other parts of the County.

The County Manager stated that the prices being asked for land in this area indicated that people did not want to sell and a Compulsory Purchase Order might have to be considered. It was agreed to arrange a meeting between the County Development Officer and the Area Members to discuss the issue further.

ITEM 29 TAKING IN CHARGE OF APPLEWOOD HEIGHTS, GREYSTONES.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors J. McManus, J. Leeson, G. Jones, Miss N. O'Neill and J. Byrne was considered:-

"That Applewood Heights, Greystones, be taken in charge by Council."

Mr. U. McCabe, in his report, informed the members that the developers provided and Insurance Bond in the sum of £11,900 as security for the satisfactory completion of the development works on this estate. The developers did not satisfactorily complete the development works and services and accordingly on 23rd November, 1977 the Council made a formal claim against the Insurance Company involved, the Irish National Insurance Company Limited, in the sum of £5,795, being the then estimated cost of completing the outstanding works.

This work mainly related to defects in water mains, man holes, sewers, ancillary works, street lighting, footpaths, verges and open spaces. An additional claim of £130 has also been made in respect of the rectifying of a defective sewer in the estate.

Mr. McCabe stated that it would be unwise for the Council to take over this estate until such time as either the developer satisfactorily complete the work or the Council has obtained sufficient money from the Insurance Company to arrange to complete the works themselves.

Councillors G. Jones, J. McManus and Miss N. O'Neill expressed their desire to have the matter concluded, as soon as possible, as the formal claim had been made in 1977 and it was dragging on too long. It was agreed that a further report would be made available.

ITEMS 30 & 31 PROVISION OF POUND FOR BRAY.

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

"That Wicklow County Council in conjunction with Bray Urban District Council provide a suitable pound for all stray and wandering animals."

and also

Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. McManus:-

"That Wicklow County Council provide a pound in the Bray Area."

The Chairman stated that this was a very serious problem and the Council would have to comp up with a proposal for the acquisition of a suitable site.

Councillor H. Cullen stated that when passing through a Housing Estate in Kilcoole he had counted 15 wandering horses, who were causing damage and breaking down the trees, while residents in the estate were not allowed to put up fences. Councillor J. McManus stated that the provision of a pound alone would not solve the problem, and that legal penalties would have to be made more severe and he asked that strong representations be made to the Department of Justice, in this connection.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. suggested a central pound for the whole county, while Councillor A. Murphy felt that it would be preferable to site the pound near the Urban areas of Bray and Wicklow as the pound established in Arklow was a success.

Following further discussion it was agreed to re-examine the matter and submit a further report.

ITEM 32 REMOVAL OF BEND ON MAIN KILMACANOGUE/ROUNDWOOD ROAD AT TOP OF LONGHILL.

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

"That Wicklow County Council give priority to removal of bend on Main Kilmacanogue /Roundwood Road at top of Longhill."

The County Engineer stated that this item is to be included for consideration in the 1980 Estimates.

ITEM 33 CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATH FROM BALLYBAWN COTTAGES TO ROCKY VALLEY INTERSECTION.

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

"That Wicklow County Council construct a footpath from Ballybawn Cottages to Rocky Valley intersection."

The County Engineer stated that this item would be included for consideration in the 1980 estimates.

ITEM 34 REMOVAL OF LARGE BOULDER AT TOP OF BALLYBREW LANE.

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

"That Wicklow County Council remove large boulder at top of Ballybrew lane."

The County Engineer stated that this matter is at present having attention.

ITEM 35 FULL-TIME GARDA STATION IN GREYSTONES.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors G. Jones and J. Leeson, was considered:-

"That in view of the large increase in population of the Greystones area that this Council encourage the Minister of Justice to establish a full-time Garda Station in Greystones."

Councillor G. Jones stressed the need for a Garda Station in Greystones, where at present they were depending on Gardai from Bray to cover this large area and he asked that the Department of Justice be informed of the situation. It was agreed that this be done.

ITEM 36 HALTING OF LARGE HOUSING ESTATES IN THE GREYSTONES AREA.

The Following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Jones and J. Leeson was considered:-

"That this Council halts the continued creation of large housing estates in the Greystones area until the necessary amenities such as water and sewerage are made available."

Councillor G. Jones stated that at present there were houses and estates that did not have essential services such as water and sewerage. He felt that services should be provided sufficient to meet the development of schemes and so as to save a re-occurrence of this situation in the 1980's.

The County Manager informed the members that planning permission would not be granted unless the provision of essential services was included.

ITEM 37 REMOVAL OF DANGEROUS BEND AT LEGGETS CROSS, COOLAFANCY, TINAHELY.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor V. Blake was considered:-

"That this Council remove dangerous bend at Leggets Cross, Coolafancy Tinahely."

The County Engineer in his report stated that the vision at this junction is very limited. The view to the right is obstructed by a masonry wall which is very close to a dwelling house. The wall would have to be retreated and the estimated cost of this work would be £2,000. It was not considered that the benefit accruing from this work would be sufficient to justify this level of expenditure. The County Engineer suggested that a 'Stop' Sign might be of some assistance if erected at the junction.

Councillor V. Blake asked that the situation be re-examined with a view to improving the vision at this junction.

ITEM 38 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT AT OAKES CROSS, COOLKENNO, TULLOW/SHILLELAGH ROAD.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor V. Blake was considered:-

"That this Council impose a Speed Limit of 40 miles per hour at Oakes Cross Coolkenno, Tullow/Shillelagh Road."

Councillor V. Blake stated that it was impossible to get across the cross at Coolkenno because of the speed of the heavy articulated lorries which travel this road. Councillor T. Keenan also supported this motion.

It was agreed that the matter be included for consideration at the next meeting of the Technical Committee on Speed Limits.

FLOODING AT QUARRY STREET, SHILLELAGH.

Councillor K. Ryan sought permission from the Chairman to have the question of flooding at Quarry Street, Shillelagh, considered at this point in the meeting in view of its' urgency.

He stated that for the past 8 to 9 years there had been flooding at Quarry Street and on several occasions he has brought this matter to the attention of the Council, asking that the river be widened and cleaned. He indicated that the road was very deceiving and drivers found themselves in the flood without warning. Councillor V. Blake added that the river has not been properly maintained since the 1950's and at present it was full up of timber and other debris resulting in flooding of up to 3 ft. of water on the road.

The County Engineer stated that attempts had been made over the years to clean up the river but that it was a very extensive project, which would prove very expensive. It was agreed that the matter would be further investigated and an estimate submitted of the cost of carrying out works necessary to alleviate flooding on this road.

ITEM 39 LANDSCAPING OF OPEN SPACES.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors F. Hynes, L. Kavanagh, T.D., K. Ryan, H. Cullen, J. Leeson, G. Jones, G. Timmins, T.D., V. Blake, J. Sweeney, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Giff, M. Weadick, D. Kinsella, P. Deering, J. McManus, J. Miley and T. J. Keenan, was considered:-

"That this Council employ a person who will look after landscaping of open spaces, etc."

Mr. U. McCabe, in his report, stated that there would be merit in appointing a person to be responsible for landscaping and tree planting on Council estates and elsewhere as required in the county. The cost of his salary would be chargeable to Parks and Open Spaces and to Housing capital in the case of new Housing Schemes.

Mr. B. Johnston stated that Councillor Hynes and other Councillors had expressed interest in this post previously and following further consideration it was agreed to proceed to appoint the required person.

ITEM 40 ERECTION OF A TELEPHONE KIOSK AT CRAB LANE, COOLKENNO.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor V. Blake and G. Timmins, T.D. was considered:-

"That this Council erect a telephone kiosk at Crab Lane, Coolkenno, to satisfy public demand."

County Secretary informed the members that the kiosk cost was awaited from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs and when received the Agreement could be completed and the telephone kiosk erected.

ITEM 41 PIPE PART OF WATER COURSE BETWEEN DONOGHUES GATE AND OSBURNS GATE AT KNOCKNEE, COOLKENNO.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor V. Blake was considered:-

"That this Council pipe part of water course between Donoghues gate and Osburns Gate at Knocknee, Coolkenno."

The County Engineer stated that this road has a deep gripe at both sides. Cattle walking at the side of the road have weakened the verge to the extent that the road is dangerous. About 200 yards would need to be piped and the estimated cost is £1,000. He indicated that this matter would be included for consideration in the 1980 Roadworks Scheme.

ITEM 42 CONTROL OF PARKING AT THE FISH FARM, WOODENBRIDGE.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor V. Blake was considered:-

"That this Council take some action to control parking at the Fish Farm, Woodenbridge."

The County Engineer stated that this matter was under examination and he would submit a further report to the Council.

ITEM 43 REMOVAL OF BAD BENDS ON THE ROAD FROM TYNERS CROSS TO BALLISLAND BRIDGE.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor V. Blake was considered:-

"That this Council remove the bad bends on the road from Tyners Cross to Ballisland Bridge."

Councillor K. Ryan stated that vision was very bad at this cross and people had to stop coming up to the road as there was no way they could see the signs.

The County Engineer stated that there are two bends on this road at the Yew Tree Ballisland, which have poor sightline. The estimated cost of improving the sightline is £1,000 and £1,850 respectively. One or both proposals could be considered for inclusion in the 1980 Roadworks Scheme. However, he stated that this was a lightly trafficked road and this work would be of a low priority.

ITEM 44 REPAIRS TO THE DAMAGED RETAINING WALL ON THE AVONMORE AT THE ROAD (GLASENARGET, RATHDRUM)

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors H. Cullen and G. Timmins, T. D. was considered:-

"That repairs to the damaged retaining wall on the Avonmore at the road (Glaseenarget, Rathdrum) be effected immediately"

This matter was dealt with at the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 10th December, 1979.

ITEM 45 RE-SURFACING OF MAIN STREET, RATHDRUM.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors H. Cullen and G. Timmins, T. D. was considered:-

"That the Main Street area, Rathdrum, be included in the 1980 re-surfacing programme."

The County Engineer stated that it was proposed to include the re-surfacing of the Main Street, Rathdrum, in the current years Roadworks Scheme.

ITEM 46 DISCONTINUATION OF FIRE SIREN ALARM IN BRAY.

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

"That the fire siren alarm in Bray be discontinued as a matter of urgency."

The Chairman stated that the fire siren alarm caused very bad vibrations and the noise was appalling. Councillor A. Murphy supported and asked that

this old system be dispensed with and replaced by the alerter system.

The County Engineer stated that there were some operational difficulties with the use of the new system in Bray, but these difficulties were being examined and when resolved the use of the fire siren would be dispensed with.

ITEM 47 DREDGING OF THE DARGLE RIVER AT McDONNELL'S

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

"That Wicklow County Council have the Dargle River dredged at McDonnell's sea-side of the Slang."

The County Engineer in his report stated that this section of the river is not in Wicklow County Council's area of jurisdiction and should be referred to the Bray Urban District Council.

ITEM 48 MAINTENANCE OF RIVER WALL IN BRAY.

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

"That an inspection be carried out immediately on the River Wall along by the peoples park in Bray and that remedial steps be taken by way of maintenance."

The County Engineer informed the members that this was not a matter for Wicklow County Council but for Bray Urban District Council. He also informed the members that the Council did not dredge rivers, which was a matter for the Board of Works. It was agreed that this matter be taken up with Bray U.D.C.

ITEM 49 ROADSIDE SPRING AT DARGLE VALE NEAR THE COUNTY BROOK BRIDGE.

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

"That the roadside spring at Dargle Vale near the County Brook Bridge be attended to as a matter of urgency."

The Chairman stated that a stream of water was coming across the road at this point.

The County Engineer stated that it appeared to be a matter for Dublin County Council, but could be re-examined if more specific information was supplied.

ITEM 50 ERECTION OF NAMEPLATE AT KILGARRON PARK, ENNISKERRY.

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

"That suitable nameplates, possibly on local stone, be erected at both entrances to indicate Kilgarron Park, Enniskerry."

The Chairman stated that it would be in keeping with the natural surroundings to have the nameplates erected in the local granite and asked if this could be examined and an estimate obtained. Agreed.

ITEM 51 COMPLETION OF INNER ROADS WITHIN KILGARRON PARK ESTATE.

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

"That inner roads within Kilgarron Park Estate, Enniskerry, be completed and surfaced."

The County Engineer stated that this matter would be included for consideration in the 1980 estimates.

ITEM 52 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

Roads in Greystones.

Councillor G. Jones asked that consideration be given to re-surfacing of roads in the Greystones area in the Road Works Scheme, 1980 as they were in a very bad condition. Agreed that the proposal be included in the Estimates.

Register of Electors.

Councillor J. Leeson expressed dissatisfaction that the draft register of electors for 1980/81 had not been completed and asked that the closing date for claims be extended as a large number of people were not on the register. He stated that for the last three years the printers have not been able to have the registers completed in time. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. and Councillor A. Murphy supported and asked that strong representations be made to the Minister for the Environment to have the printers replaced.

The County Secretary informed the members that the Stationary Office was responsible for the organisation of the printing contract and to date there were still 20 units outstanding. He also stated that the members dissatisfaction would be relayed to the Department. He was of the view that the Statutory dates could not be altered.

Footpaths at Kiladreenan.

Councillor L. Lavanagh, T.D. stated that footpaths had been left in a dreadful condition over the Christmas period, with materials left on the road-side and asked that the work be completed.

The County Engineer stated that this work was being attended to.

Knockananna Sewerage Scheme.

Councillor V. Blake requested that something be done to improve the sewerage situation in Knockananna. The County Engineer agreed to have the matter attended to.

Public Lighting in Rathnew.

Councillor F. Hynes stated that there was no public lighting to serve the last 24 houses erected in Rathnew and also that there were tiles missing off the gable end of one house allowing the water to come in. He also stated that some man-hole covers had been wrongly fitted. It was agreed that these matters would receive attention.

Barrindarrig Housing Scheme.

Councillor H. Cullen was informed that the advertisement had been placed for this housing scheme.

Bye-Pass Road in Arklow.

Councillor D. Kinsella enquired as to progress with the Arklow Bye-Pass Road and was informed of the position.

Road between the Beehive and Jack Whites.

Councillor D. Kinsella asked if there was any report on the Beehive/Jack Whites road and was informed by the County Engineer that the matter was still under investigation and a report would be submitted for the next meeting.

Taking Over of Houses in Blessington.

Councillor J. Miley enquired when the new houses in Blessington would be handed over. He stated that many of the incoming residents had sold caravans and were without proper accommodation during the Christmas period and he asked that they be handed over as quickly as possible.

Councillor J. Kelly enquired when the new houses in Biscanstown would be handed over. He stated that many of the incoming residents had sold cars and were without proper accommodation during the Christmas period and he asked that they be handed over as quickly as possible.

Councillor B. Kinsella asked if there was any report on the Beehive/Jack Whitehead and was informed by the County Engineer that the matter was still under investigation and a report would be submitted for the next meeting.

Lead between the Beehive and Jack Whitehead.

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Bye-Pass Road in Axlow.

Councillor H. Gaffen was informed that the advertisement had been placed for the housing scheme.

Housing Scheme in Axlow.

Councillor J. Jones stated that there was no public lighting to serve the last 20 houses erected in Axlow and also that there were flies missing off the gates and on horses allowing the water to come in. He also stated that some man-hole covers had been wrongly fitted. It was agreed that these matters would receive attention.

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Improvement of Sewerage Scheme.

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Condition of Footpaths.

The County Secretary informed the members that the Stationery Office was responsible for the organisation of the printing contract and to date there were still 30 units outstanding. He also stated that the members' classification would be relayed to the Department. He was of the view that the Stationery Office could not be altered.

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Roads in Biscanstown.

ITEM 22 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

Refuse Collection.

Councillor K. Ryan stated that refuse had not been collected on Wednesday and there were a lot of places where lorries could not get to with the result that the refuse was left on the roadway. The County Engineer stated that he would have the matter looked into.

C. Murphy
CHAIRMAN
Date: 4/2/80

REPORT ON WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 14TH JANUARY, 1980, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW, COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

Present: Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., Chairman.
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It was proposed by Councillor J. Leeson, seconded by Councillor J. Giff and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on the 10th December, 1979, be confirmed and signed.

ITEM 2 TRAVELLING AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES OF MEMBERS.

The County Secretary outlined the new increases in the travelling expenses and subsistence allowances of Members as set out in Circular Letter G. 4/79 and informed the members that the increases would be effective from 1st September, 1979. It was unanimously agreed that these increases be implemented.

ITEM 3 PROPOSED NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY RELIEF ROAD.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. asked that a map of the proposed route be circulated to the members for their information. He indicated that the Planning Section had turned down a number of planning applications due to this proposal and people were anxious to know the position.

The County Secretary read from the Department's letter stating that there was no objection on engineering grounds to the Council's proposals to accept the line for the route as shown in yellow on the Layout Plan No. 74/138/3 and for proceeding with the detailed planning of the scheme, subject to the satisfactory settlement of the acquisition of any land required.

The County Engineer agreed to have an outline map made available to the members.

ITEM 4 TO FILL VACANCY ON BRAY OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE CAUSED BY RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR A. MURPHY.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that he was unable to continue on the Bray Old Age Pension Sub-Committee and proposed that Mr. Noel Doyle, 10 St. Peter's Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow, take up the vacant position. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. seconded this proposal, which was agreed unanimously.

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ITEM 5 REPORT ON TELEPHONE KIOSKS.

Councillor K. Ryan indicated that a more comprehensive report should be submitted outlining the number of calls per hour/per day and per week made in certain areas in order to ascertain the need for the erection of new telephone kiosks. Councillor J. Leeson enquired as to the criteria the Department were now using when installing telephone kiosks. He felt that the Department should have telephoneskiosks erected in all the new housing estates due to the difficulty and long waiting lists entailed in getting a private telephone.

After general discussion the Chairman suggested that the report on telephone kiosks be gone through in the order they appeared on the report.

Kilcarra, Arklow:

The kiosk cost is awaited from the Department and as soon as this is furnished the Agreement can be completed.

Rockmanor Drive, Kilcoole:

Councillor G. Jones requested that the Department be asked to re-examine their decision of 27th July, 1977, due to the increased number of inhabitants in this area.

Ballyknockan Village:

Councillor J. Miley stressed the need for the erection of a telephone kiosk in Ballyknockan to serve the 40 - 60 houses, as the nearest telephone was in the Post Office three miles away.

Emmet Place, Carnew:

Councillor K. Ryan stated that there was an increased number of houses in this area over the past two years which would warrant the installation of a telephone kiosk and asked that the Department be requested to reappraise the situation. It was indicated that this proposal was the same as Coollattin Row, Carnew.

Merrymecting, Rathnew:

Mr. Kevin Roberts, Staff Officer, stated that a map of the proposed site had been received from the Department and if considered suitable the Department would be requested to submit the Agreement for completion.

Crossbridge, Tinahely:

The members were informed that the final Agreement had been signed in this case and a further letter had been sent to the Department enquiring when the kiosk would be provided and opened for service.

Quarry Street, Shillelagh:

Councillor K. Ryan asked that the Council request the Department to re-examine the need for a kiosk at Quarry Street, Shillelagh.

Killinure:

Councillor V. Blake agreed that the proposal to install a kiosk in Killinure be dropped and that one be provided in Brab Lane, Coolkenno, to serve the needs of both areas

O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy:

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. asked that the Department re-examine the position in this case.

Coolruss, Tinahely

Ballyraheen, Tinahely.

Councillor K. Ryan stated that the provision of kiosks at Coolruss and Ballyraheen was not warranted. It was agreed that the proposal for a kiosk in Ballyraheen be dropped and one erected in Coolruss to serve both areas.

Ballycoogue.

Councillor J. Sweeney stated that although this was an isolated area there was a fair concentration of houses. Councillor T. Keenan supported and asked that the Department of Posts & Telegraphs be requested to re-examine the situation.

Dunlavin - Blessington.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. asked that additional kiosks be erected in each of the areas, Baltinglass, Blessington and Dunlavin. Councillor J. Miley supported. It was agreed to write to the Department again in these cases.

Coolattin, Shillelagh.

Councillor K. Ryan proposed that the Council go ahead with the proposal to erect a telephone kiosk under guarantee at Coolattin. Councillor T. J. Keenan seconded. Agreed.

Kiltegan.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. stated that the only telephone was in the Post Office and asked that the Department be requested to re-examine the situation. The County Secretary stated that this kiosk would come under the guarantee scheme.

Raheengreaney, Clonegal and Ballisland, Shillelagh.

Councillor K. Ryan proposed that one kiosk be provided. Agreed.

Upper Ballynerrin, Wicklow.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that the increased population in this area would warrant the erection of a kiosk and asked that the situation be re-examined.

Parkmore, Baltinglass.

It was agreed that the Department would be asked to review their decision in this case.

Crab Lane, Coolkenno.

Kiosk to be provided under Guarantee Scheme. Agreement to be signed and returned to the Department when the Department indicate the kiosk cost.

Council's Housing Estates at Baltinglass, Blessington and Dunlavin.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. referred to the proposal to provide additional telephone kiosks in each of the above Housing Estates and requested that the Department be asked to re-examine their decision. Agreed.

Councillor F. Hynes stated he felt that the Department were not doing their job. They were there to provide a service for the public and the Council has had to step in and provide telephone kiosks under the Guarantee Scheme. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. asked if the practice of installing telephones in Sub-Post Offices had been stopped. The Chairman indicated that the situation in the northern area was very bad and it is intended to bring in a mobile exchange to allow for 1,000 lines in the Bray Area.

The accounts received from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs for guaranteed kiosks in County Wicklow for the years 1977 and 1978 were also discussed. The County Secretary stated that a sum of £2,097 was due for the two years, 1977 and 1978 and a total sum in the region of £4,000 would bring payments up to date. The County Secretary also informed the members that the Council did not bear the cost of erection but were charged with part of the maintenance costs for the guaranteed kiosks.

ITEM 6 PROGRESS IN PROVIDING A FULL-TIME FIRE SERVICE FOR BRAY AND DISTRICT.

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

"That a report be given on progress in providing a full-time fire service for Bray and District."

The County Secretary stated that this matter was considered in the Review of Fire Services carried out some time ago. The cost of a part-time service was in the region of £30,000, and the relative cost of a full-time brigade based on towns of similar size is £100,000. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that the situation should be looked at having regard to usage and need. Bray was an area which was expanding at a phenomenal rate and it was necessary to have people with an expertise on hand at all times. Councillor A. Murphy stated that he was very disappointed the Department did not sanction the new building and felt that it was absolutely vital to establish a full-time Fire Brigade in Bray especially with the very large scale industries in the area. Councillor J. McManus supported and indicated that this is an essential service and running costs should not be a consideration. Councillor J. Leeson stated that he had cause to call on the Fire Brigade recently and he complimented them on their work.

After extensive discussion, the County Secretary informed the members that Wicklow County Council did not have the legal authority to erect houses specifically for fire brigade personnel and that housing could only be provided within the provisions of the Housing Act, 1966. It was agreed that provision would be made in the 1980 Estimates for a full-time service in Bray.

ITEM 7 REPAIR THE FOOTPATH FROM BEECHWOOD PARK, GREYSTONES, TO BLACKLION AND CUT BACK THE DITCHES.

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

"That Wicklow County Council repair the footpath from Beechwood Park, Greystones, to Blacklion and cut back the ditches to leave room for pedestrians to walk on the path."

The County Engineer stated that this matter had been discussed at the meeting on the 10th December, 1979 and that repairs were going on at the moment. He also added that there was no way that extra room could be created for a proper path. Councillor J. Byrne expressed dissatisfaction that this matter had not been completed and asked that it be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

ITEM 8 ITINERANTS AT KILPEDDER.

The County Secretary informed the members that at the Circuit Court in November, the Court ordered the Council to take all necessary steps to prevent an area of the roadside at Kilpedder from being used in such a manner as to cause nuisance to the adjoining landowner and in addition the Court awarded £2,000 damages to the landowner. The decision of the Circuit Court is being appealed by this Council to the High Court and in the interim the Council propose to institute proceedings against the occupiers of the caravans for trespass on Council's property.

The Chairman stated that the problem of itinerants was a very difficult one to deal with and that housing them within the Councils Housing Schemes would only be touching on the surface of a far bigger involvement by the Local Authority.

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that a serious traffic hazard existed and suggested that the Law Agent be asked for his comments on the course of action open to the County Council. If it is not possible to take action under the Planning Act, he recommended that 'NO PARKING' signs be erected on the dangerous bend at the Woodenbridge Fish Farm.

ITEM 12 REPAIR OF FOOTPATHS LEADING FROM MAIN STREET, RATHDRUM, TO AND INCLUDING GILBERTS ROW, RATHDRUM.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors H. Cullen and L. Kavanagh, T.D. was considered:-

"That this Council make provision to repair the footpaths leading from Main Street, Rathdrum to and including Gilberts Row, Rathdrum."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that a 32 yd. length of footpath between the Main Street, Rathdrum, and Gilberts Row, required replacing and some minor repairs are required to the kerbs and channel both there and on Gilberts Row. He stated that the footpath on Gilberts Row did not need repair at this time and added that the approximate cost of carrying out the necessary work is £400.

It was agreed that the work be put in hands, as soon as possible.

ITEM 13 200 HOUSES AT BLESSINGTON - LENY MCGOUGH & ASSOCIATES.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors P. Deering, G. Timmins, T.D. and J. Miley was considered:-

"That this Council reach agreement with Leny McGough & Associates to enable him to commence the building of the projected 200 houses at Blessington."

The County Secretary stated that the Council by Order dated 1st May, 1975, granted outline planning permission to Mr. T. McGough for the erection of 200 houses at Blessington having obtained the consent of the Minister for Local Government at the time to a material contravention of the County Development Plan to do so. Condition No. 1 of the grant of permission provided that no development of the site would commence until such time as a new sewerage treatment plant would be built in Blessington and until such time as a water supply of adequate capacity to cater for the needs of the proposed development had been provided. As a result of this permission the developers put forward by letter of 7th April, 1977, alternative proposals for providing sewage disposal facilities but maintained that the Council's water supply was adequate to cater for the development. The developers did not, however, satisfy An Bord Pleanála that there was either adequate water or sewage facilities available for the development.

The present position is that the Land Values Reference Committee have appointed and Arbitrator to adjudicate on the claim, and in the meantime the County Manager and the County Engineer have arranged a meeting with the developers.

Councillor J. Miley welcomed this meeting and asked that the three members from the Western Area be present. Agreed.

ITEM 14 C.P.O. ON SITE IN STRATFORD FOR A HEALTH CLINIC.

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

"That this Council make a C.P.O. on site in Stratford for a Health Clinic to serve the need of that area."

Councillor J. Miley proposed that a C.P.O. be made on a site in Stratford for a Health Clinic.

The County Secretary informed the members that Wicklow County Council did not have the authority to make a C.P.O. for a function which was not within its powers and added that the Executive of the Health Board could make such a C.P.O. under the Health Act, 1947.

ITEM 15 INCREASE IN NEXT YEAR'S GRANT TOWARDS THE COST OF RUNNING PRESENTATION COLLEGE SWIMMING POOL.

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

"Owing to the increased cost of oil and electricity, that the Council substantially increase next year's grant towards the cost of running Presentation College Swimming Pool."

Councillor J. Byrne stated that the Presentation College Swimming Pool was forced to close down for a few months this winter owing to the increased cost of oil and electricity and the problems of maintaining the swimming pool. He stated that this was a valuable amenity to County Wicklow and it should be assisted in every way. Councillor A. Murphy stated that the swimming pool catered for a lot of clubs and due to soaring maintenance costs, provision for an increased grant should be made in the Estimates. Councillor L. Kavanagh, supported and said that it was the only all-year-round swimming pool in the county and it was a great pity to see it close this year. He added that the Presentation Brothers have been very helpful in seeing that everyone has full use of the pool. He felt that a much larger contribution should be made by Bray Urban District Council. The Chairman stated it would be impossible for Wicklow County Council to provide such an amenity and accordingly all possible financial help should be given.

It was agreed that this matter be considered again at the Estimates Meeting.

ITEMS 16 & 17 LOCATION OF REGIONAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE IN BRAY.

Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor A. Murphy, G. Jones, J. Leeson, G. Timmins, T.D. and V. Blake:-

"That Wicklow County Council fully supports the campaign of the Bray V.E.C. to have a Regional Technical College located in the town."

and

Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. McManus:-

"That the Wicklow County Council supports the campaign of the Bray V.E.C. to have a Regional Technical College located in the town."

Councillor A. Murphy outlined the position for the members and indicated that the Higher Education Authority had been asked by the Minister to make a recommendation for the setting up of a Regional Technical College in the greater Dublin area. The Bray Vocational Educational Committee had accordingly put forward their proposals (as in report circulated) for the siting of a Regional Technical College in Bray. The recommendation was that the college be located either in Dun Laoghaire, Shankill or Bray and if Bray was successful in obtaining this college it would prove to be very valuable asset to the county.

The Chairman asked for the unanimous support of the members in their efforts to have the college allocated to Bray.

Councillor M. Weadick stated that she did not object to Bray getting the Regional Technical College in any way but she did object to Arklow being used as a statistic in order to bring up population figures for the Bray catchment area. She stated that Arklow had neither a Hospital or an Ambulance Service, and would never have if it continued to be used as a statistic for other towns.

Councillor D. Kinsella also objected strenuously, saying that Arklow could make a similar case if given the chance.

The Chairman again emphasised that it was not a question of pushing cases. Bray was the only town in Wicklow county under consideration and if sited in Bray it would also serve the Arklow area.

After extensive discussion the matter was put to a vote, which was passed 17 - 2 in favour of supporting the location of a Regional Technical College in Bray.

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

Quarry at Ballycoolleen, Avoca.

Councillor M. Woadick asked if planning permission had been granted to have a Quarry operate at Ballycoolleen, Avoca, and if blasting operations were involved. She stated that there were no footpaths at this point and very little was known about the proposed operations.

The County Secretary replied that a planning application had been received on the 18th November, 1979 and an appeal had been lodged against it and the matter would be decided by An Bord Pleanála.

Register of Electors.

Councillor J. Sweeney enquired as to the final date for changes in the draft register. It was indicated that the Revision Courts would run from Monday, 18th February, to Friday, 22nd February, 1980, and applications for amendments to the draft register could be made up to these dates through the Councils' Rate Collectors or direct to the County Council Offices.

Community Grants Scheme.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. and seconded by Councillor P. Deering that £200.00 be allocated to Baltinglass Pitch & Putt Club, under the Community Grants Scheme.

Arts Act, 1979 Grants.

It was agreed that the undermentioned grants be provided in accordance with the Scheme of Assistance adopted by the Council:-

Arklow Majorettes	£140
Greystones Operatic & Dramatic Society	£195
Arklow Musical Festival	£60
Wicklow Musical Society	£230
Carnew Musical Society	£20

Closing of Road - Leinster Motor Club Ltd.

An application for a road closing order for their Hellfire Rally, 1980, to be held on the 23rd February, 1980, was received from the Leinster Motor Club Ltd. It was agreed that this road be closed, subject to the approval of the County Engineer.

CHAIRMAN.

Date:

11/2/80

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 4TH FEBRUARY, 1980. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW, COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

Present:

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., Chairman.
Councillors V. Blake, J. Byrne, H. Cullen, P. Deering,
J. Giff, F. Hynes, G. Jones, L. Kavanagh, T.D.
T. J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, J. Leeson, R. Miley, J. Miley,
A. Murphy, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, M. Weadick and G. Timmins, T.D.

Also

Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,

in

Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary,

Attendance:

Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer,
Mr. J. Solon, B.E. Chief Assistant County Engineer,
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, Housing/Planning,
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, Environmental/Roads,
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section,
Mr. P. O'Meara, Staff Officer, Housing Section.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Housing Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on the 7th January, 1980, be confirmed and signed.

ITEM 2 ERECTION OF BOUNDARY WALL BETWEEN MILLFIELD ESTATE, ENNISKERRY AND INIS BEAG, BRAY ROAD, ENNISKERRY.

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

"That a boundary wall be erected between Millfield Estate, Enniskerry and Inis Beag, Bray Road, Enniskerry."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that instructions were issued by Mr. Conway's Solicitor to have a 4' 6" fence erected along the boundary, and this work has now been carried out. He also added that Mrs. Conway has stated that she does not require a wall and is satisfied with the work that has been carried out.

ITEM 3 SITING OF REGIONAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE AT BRAY.

The County Secretary informed the members that a request had been made by the Chairman to have the siting of Regional Technical College at Bray placed on the Agenda again. The Chairman then stated that while discussing the above matter at the Ordinary Meeting of the Council on the 14th January, 1980, the meeting was in breach of Standing Orders, through overrunning, and he was now bringing the matter to the attention of the members in order to have it rectified.

Councillor K. Ryan objected strenuously and asked if this item would be deleted from the previous minutes. He also proposed that the vote taken at the Ordinary Meeting be taken again. The Chairman then asked the members to vote in favour or against the resolution that was passed at the Ordinary Meeting, i.e.

"That Wicklow County Council supports the campaign of the Bray V.E.C. to have a Regional Technical College located in the town."

The vote was passed 16 - 3 in favour of accepting the resolution.

The Chairman then thanked the members for their appreciation of the matter and added that in future he would endeavour to keep within the terms of the Standing Orders. He also encouraged each member to give greater notice to the Standing Orders, as he himself would do.

ITEM 4 HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT.

Greystones - Riverdale Concrete Products.

Mr. J. Solon, B.E., Chief Assistant County Engineer informed the members that of the 20 House Scheme in Greystones, 12 of the houses had been taken over, with a further 4 being taken over at the week-end and the remaining 4 were awaiting the installation of central heating units which had to be brought from England. Councillor G. Jones stressed the need to have the houses completed as they were already three years behind time. Mr. Solon replied that every pressure was being brought to bear on the Contractors and the houses would be completed as soon as possible.

Redcross - J. O'Toole.

Mr. Solon, B.E., stated that the houses were nearly ready for taking over but that the Contractor had to finish some painting and carpentry work. He also stated that the lay-by near the Estate would have to be properly constructed as it was a danger to passing traffic.

Newcastle - Direct Labour.

The Chairman informed the members that they would receive the Special Committee's report on the Newcastle Housing Site at the next Housing Meeting.

Roundwood - Being completed by Direct Labour.

Mr. Solon stated that all 10 houses had been allocated and taken over. The Chairman asked when the keys would be handed over and Mr. McCabe replied that 6 sets of keys had been given out and the remaining 4 would be given out in a day or so.

Blessington - J. Lynch.

Mr. Solon stated that 12 houses had been taken over and the remaining 12 were almost ready to be taken over.

Aughrim - Being completed by Direct Labour.

Mr. Solon stated that the completion date of 30th June, 1980, should be met, weather permitting. Councillor T. Keenan asked if the first lot of houses could be taken over after completion. Mr. Solon stated that there would be public liability involved, in that the tenants would not be allowed in and out of the Estate while the Contractors were still working.

Rathdrum - To be completed by Direct Labour.

Mr. Solon stated that the specified dates should be met.

Newtownmountkennedy - Direct Labour.

Mr. Solon stated that 6 of the houses would be ready within a week and due to the physical location of the site, could be handed out, while the remaining houses should be ready within the end of the month.

Avoca - Courtown Developments Ltd.

Mr. Solon informed the members that these houses would be about 3 weeks behind the expected completion date of 7th February, 1980. He also stated that the first block of 6 were being cleaned out and would be ready for handing over, with the remaining 10 houses to be completed by the end of the month. Councillor T. Keenan asked if these houses had been advertised for tenants and Mr. McCabe stated that they had.

Baltinglass - Eustace Building Co. Ltd.

Mr. Solon stated that these 8 houses would be completed within a matter of about three months.

Shillelagh - Courtown Developments Ltd.

Mr. Solon stated that these 8 houses were well advanced and that the expected date of completion should be met.

Kirikee - Thomas Myler.

Mr. Solon stated that these 4 houses were roofed and ready for plastering and should be completed before the end of May.

Councillor J. Leeson asked for the absolute cost of the various types of houses being built by the Council, the price of land, etc. as this will have a large bearing on the number of houses that can be completed. Mr. U. McCabe stated that the Council had an allocation of approximately £1.8 million for on-going works and schemes in progress during 1979 and an estimate for 1980 had not yet been submitted.

TENDERS SUBMITTED AND UNDER EXAMINATION:

Greystones 58 Houses - Mr. Solon stated that tenders had been received and were being examined by the Consultant Architect.

TENDERS INVITED:

Kilcoole, Barndarrig, Ballinacash. - Mr. Solon stated that the closing date for receipt of tenders for the above houses was 4th February, 1980 and when opened and signed they would be examined.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS IN PREPARATION:

- Laragh - Mr. Solon stated that they are ready for tender and they should go out within the next few weeks.
- Kiltegan Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. stated that he had asked the Law Agent to speed up the land acquisition and as soon as that is done the Council can proceed with the planning of the houses.
- Ashford Mr. Solon informed the members that a long-term layout scheme was being prepared and the scheme should be opened up by the end of this month or the middle of March.
- Dunlavin Mr. Solon stated that documents were being prepared and he hoped to provide a further 20 houses. Councillor P. Deering expressed concern at a roadway being made from one side of the estate to the other, and asked that a solution be sought before the planning goes into operation. Mr. Solon agreed to have the matter looked into.
- Carnew Councillor K. Ryan enquired as to what stage these documents were at and Mr. Solon stated that there was some difference of opinion as to what these lands should be used for, but this had been resolved and the plans were being completed.

DEVELOPMENT OF PRIVATE SITES:

- Kilbride Sites are at present being allocated, with about 20 suitable applicants to hand.
- Baltinglass Layout, design and estimate to be prepared for services.

ACQUISITION OF LAND:

Johnstown/ Kilpedder	C.P.O. for 5 acres, 3 roads, 25 sq. pers. confirmed. Statutory Notice published. Appeal to High Court.
Baltinglass	Acquisition of site to be investigated.
Ballyconnell/ Kilquiggan	Mr. McCabe stated that there was land under consideration in Ballyconnell for housing and that it was being inspected by Mr. Solon. Councillor K. Ryan stated that he believed there was a suitable site available, with the possibility of an adjoining site as well.
Carnew	C.P.O. confirmed by Minister for the Environment in respect of site for Vocational School.
Kiltegan	Law Agent asked to make arrangements for an exchange of lands.
Ballycoogue	Site of 1.2 acres in final stages of transfer to Council.
Ashford	11 acres approx. purchased. Agreement reached with owners for purchase of two further adjoining lots of 5 acres and 6½ acres respectively which are in course of transfer to Council's ownership.
Valleymount	C.P.O. to be made when C.M.O.'s report on proposed method of sewerage disposal comes to hand and Dublin Corporation have been consulted. Councillor R. Miley stated that the people in this area are very concerned about the lack of housing in the area.
Shillelagh	Acquisition of land due to title difficulties to be effected by C.P.O.
Glenealy	Acquisition of land being investigated.
Kilmacanogue	Acquisition of land being negotiated.
Grangecon	Agreement reached for the purchase of a 3 - 4 acre site, which is in course of transfer.
Bathdrum	C.P.O. for site of 1.6 acres adjoining new housing site confirmed by the Minister for the Environment. Site in course of transfer.
Tinahely	Exchange of land is under active consideration, and hoped to be finalised in the near future.
Thomastown/ Johnstown	A site has been selected at the junction of the two roads and it will have to be acquired by C.P.O.
Dunlavin	C.P.O. confirmed by Minister for the Environment in respect of plot required for housing purposes.
Stratford	Acquisition under negotiation.
Greystones	Acquisition of further land to be investigated.
Blessington	C.P.O. made for 28 acre site for schools, town centre development and further housing. This acquisition is on going at the moment.
Coolboy	Site can not be acquired by agreement. C.P.O. being considered in conjunction with general reviews of suitable sites.
Enniskerry	The selection of a site for acquisition is being investigated.
Laragh	Further negotiations in progress for acquisition of suitable site.

The Chairman expressed his appreciation and that of the members for the progress being made and hoped that it continued for the future.

ITEM 4(a) PROGRESS REPORT ON RAHEENGRANEY WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.

The County Secretary read the report of the County Engineer to the meeting, which stated that main laying is at present in progress and the E.S.B. had been asked for a connection. The solution in this area lies in a regional scheme and mains are being laid with this in mind. He also indicated that using the existing well is only a temporary solution as its output is very restricted.

Councillor K. Ryan stated that he had sought a proper report on the above water supply scheme, but had not received same. He asked if it was not the practice that connections are made while the main is being laid and he emphasised that the people should be notified of the laying of mains so that applications for connections can be made, as it seemed uneconomic to have to go back and dig up the mains to lay connections. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. also supported Councillor Ryan and stated that the people should be notified as a matter of policy, when mains were being laid.

It was agreed that a further report should be submitted on this aspect for the next meeting indicating what steps had been taken to notify persons who might be anxious to connect and how it was proposed to rectify the situation.

ITEM 5 CONSIDERATION TO DISABLED PERSONS AND BLIND PERSONS WHEN PLANNING HOUSING SCHEMES.

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

"That Wicklow County Council take into account the needs of disabled persons and blind persons when planning housing schemes, footpaths, etc. by the provision of ramps, handrails, and other safety devices in the schemes."

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. asked if consideration was given by the County Engineer when planning new housing schemes to facilitate disabled and blind persons and people who may not be disabled at the time of moving into the houses, by providing ramps and hand rails where steep slopes occur and with general consideration to their needs. Councillor J. Sweeney also supported.

Mr. Solon stated that the Council would certainly have regard to this matter and bear it in mind for all future housing schemes. The County Secretary added that special toilets for disabled people were provided in the New County Council Office.

ITEM 6 FINISH BUILDING OF WALL AT BEECHWOOD PARK, KILCOOLE.

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

"That Wicklow County Council finish the work which they have done on the building of the wall at Beechwood Park, Kilcoole."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that this wall had been finished for some time and it was thought that the tenant was satisfied with the wall at the time. Since the building of the wall, the tenant has requested that it be capped with concrete cappings and that the external and internal part of the wall be rendered with a plaster finish. This, the County Engineer stated, was not part of the Council's proposal and since it is costly and time consuming was not thought necessary.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that he understood the wall was built of hollow block and would need covering. He also stated that it was an external wall onto a main road and proposed that the work be done, Councillor J. Byrne seconded this proposal.

ITEM 7 EXTENSION OF WATER SUPPLY AT AVOCA TO TIGRONEY WEST TO SERVE SEVEN COTTAGES.

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

"That Wicklow County Council extend the water supply at Avoca to Tigroney West to serve seven cottages, Kenny's, Doyle's, Hughes, McAuley's, Crinnion, Kearns, and Byrne's."

The County Engineer stated that it was possible to supply the above houses from the Avoca Water Supply Scheme, although water would have to be pumped to two of them. The cost of this scheme would be at least £10,000 and the area will be examined further to see if the Scheme can be extended to further houses if one is undertaken. He also stated that there was no money at present for the carrying out of this work.

Councillor K. Ryan stated that he was of the opinion that these seven cottages would be served under the original scheme and added that this work would have to be considered in the Estimates. Councillor T. J. Keenan also supported.

ITEM 8 WATER CONNECTION FROM COUNCIL SUPPLY AT SWAINS, PLESICA, DUNLAVIN, TO TWO HOUSES NEXT DOOR, KEALY'S AND MURPHY'S.

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

"That Wicklow County Council make provision to have water available for connection from Council supply at Swains, Plesica, Dunlavin, to two houses next door, Kealy's and Murphy's."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that arrangements have been made to have piping extended to the two houses mentioned. Councillor P. Deering expressed his appreciation for having this work carried out.

ITEM 9 CONNECTION OF THREE HOUSES AT MILLTOWN, DUNLAVIN, TO DUNLAVIN SEWERAGE SCHEME.

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

"That Wicklow County Council connect three houses at Milltown, Dunlavin, to Dunlavin Sewerage Scheme."

The County Engineer stated that the cost of undertaking this work is £1,000 and plans have been prepared but no money has been allocated. Councillor P. Deering proposed that this money be made available for the Estimates, and Councillor J. Miley seconded this proposal.

ITEM 10 PROPOSED SELLING OF LAND AT RAMPERE, BALTINGLASS, TO MR. D. KINSELLA.

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

"That the Council sell to D. Kinsella, Rampere, Baltinglass, a portion of land at Rampere to facilitate him in building a house."

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. proposed that a portion of land owned by the Council at Rampere be sold to Mr. D. Kinsella and Councillor P. Deering seconded.

The County Secretary stated that he was not familiar with this piece of land but he would have the matter investigated.

ITEM 11 PROVISION OF WATER AND SEWERAGE FACILITIES FOR PATRICK CUSH, RATH EAST, TULLOW, CO. CARLOW.

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

"That this Council provide water and sewerage facilities for Patrick Cush, Rath East, Tullow."

The County Engineer in his report made provision for a total sum of £3,000 to cover the total cost of providing a well and pump, septic tank and bathroom. The adjacent site, he stated could be serviced using these facilities by enlarging the septic tank for an additional estimated cost of £200. The County Engineer recommended that these services be provided.

Councillor K. Ryan asked when this work would commence and stated that no house should be re-let without being properly serviced. The County Manager stated that this was a very deserving case and would be provided for in the 1980 Estimates, under Housing Maintenance.

ITEM 12 FLOODING AT QUARRY STREET, SHILLELAGH.

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

"That this Council give an up to date report on the investigations which were carried out on the cause of the flooding at Quarry Street, Shillelagh."

The County Engineer stated that a preliminary survey of the problem of flooding in Shillelagh had commenced and a proper drainage scheme for this area would cost in the region of £20,000 - £40,000. Councillor K. Ryan stated that Councillors had been asking to have the situation remedied for the past ten years. The flooding was being caused by dirt caught up in the trees and by a bad bend on the river which needed to be widened. Councillor Ryan then proposed that money be included in the coming year's Estimates for the necessary work to be carried out, Councillor T. Keenan seconded this proposal. Councillor T. Keenan added that at a time of flooding, the roadway is a danger to the people of the area, with nothir but a sea of water on the road.

The County Secretary then asked that the Council go into Committee, as he wanted to discuss a substantial claim which had been lodged in relation to the flooding. The Chairman asked whose responsibility was the maintenance of the river and was informed that the Law Agent is currently examining the entire situation.

Councillor K. Ryan then objected to the matter being discussed in Committee, stating that it was never agreed by the members when suggested by the County Secretary. The Chairman stated that no objection had been made at the outset and that the motion would come before the members again for further discussion.

ITEM 13 WATER SUPPLY FOR KILBALLYOWEN, AUGHIRM.

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

"That this Council give a progress report on the water supply for Kilballyowen, Aughrim."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that the pumphouse had been completed for some months and pumps and control panels have been purchased. An E.S.B. connection is awaited which has been applied for. Until this connection is available, there is no point in installing the new pump, as this would entail removing the existing hand pump and, therefore, leave these houses without any supply.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. asked how long would it be before the E.S.B. could make the connection. The County Engineer stated that they would be reminded and that the Council were totally in their hands. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., V. Blake and T. Keenan also supported the proposal that the connection be made as quickly as possible.

ITEM 14 PROVISION OF WATER AND SEWERAGE FACILITIES FOR ELLEN KILBRIDE, CRONEYHORN.

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

"That this Council provide water and sewerage facilities for Ellen Kilbride, Croneyhorn, to the demountable dwelling supplied by the Council."

The County Engineer informed the members that the provision of a water supply to the above demountable dwelling and the adjoining vested house would be part of a scheme to supply water to four houses at Croneyhorn. The cost of a septic tank would be £700, which could be provided if the water supply was first installed. He added that it was considered that this matter should be included in the current year's Small Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes.

Councillor K. Ryan recommended that these proposals be proceeded with.

ITEM 15 REPAIRS TO COTTAGE OCCUPIED BY ANDREW GRACE, AT STRATNAKELLY, TINAHELY.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor V. Blake was considered:-

"That this Council carry out necessary repairs to cottage occupied by Andrew Grace, at Stratnakelly, Tinahely."

The County Engineer in his report stated that an inspection of this house would be carried out, in due course, and an estimate of repairs submitted.

ITEM 16 HEAVIER MAN-HOLE COVERS.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes was considered:-

"That this Council in future when building housing estates that the Council specify a heavier man-hole cover. Children are lifting them up and throwing refuse into the sewer causing a lot of disruption and expense in cleaning."

Councillor F. Hynes stressed the need for heavy duty man-hole covers to be used in all future Housing Estates as there was a lot of unnecessary expense and trouble being caused by blocked sewers. Councillor T. J. Keenan stated that in the Housing Scheme in Avoca there were sewers of 8 ft. in depth with light man-hole covers and the children were able to lift them off and with the inherent danger that they might fall into the sewers.

The County Engineer replied that it was agreed that heavier man-hole covers should be installed in Housing Estates, and the difficulty has been experienced at various times in getting heavy man-hole covers from suppliers.

ITEM 17 ROUNDWOOD/CRONEROE WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.

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

"That Wicklow County Council provide details of the completed Roundwood/Croneroe Water Scheme, giving details of the total cost, the maximum daily production of water, the additional production to the earlier scheme, and what plans are there to maintain the old scheme at its optimum output."

The County Engineer informed the members that the Roundwood/Croneroe Water Scheme is practically completed and the total cost is in the region of £90,000. This Scheme will provide for the availability of 600,000 gallons of filtered water per day direct from Roundwood. He stated that the previous supply to Wicklow town was 400,000 and the extra 200,000 should be an ample supply for the Urban area, with part of the existing pipeline being used.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. expressed disappointment and the disappointment of the people in the Urban Area when they heard that this Roundwood/Croneroe Water Scheme was not an additional, but a supplemented water supply scheme. He stated that the present water supply was being pushed to its limit, and would not be sufficient to cater for new housing and industrial development in Wicklow. Councillor J. Giff also expressed disappointment.

The County Engineer again stressed that the 600,000 would be sufficient to supply the area for the next ten years and that an additional reservoir could be built to supply the higher areas in the town as the pressure has not strong enough to allow the water to the higher areas. He also stated that there was a lot of water being wasted through leakages, and that Wicklow used more water per head than any other town in the County.

ITEMS 18 TO 24 WERE DEFERRED TO THE NEXT HOUSING MEETING.

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ITEM 24 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

Closing of Roads - Ulster Automobile Club.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Royal Irish Automobile Club on behalf of the Ulster Automobile Club to have roads in the Blessington area closed on the 1st March, 1980, between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.

Councillor P. Deering stated that conditions laid down by the Council were not always observed in the case of road closings. The Chairman suggested that the members for the area involved should make the final decision, and it was later agreed that this road be closed, subject to the approval of the County Engineer.

E.S.B. Connection for Kenny Family, Ballinaclash.

Councillor T. J. Keenan asked if the Council could get the E.S.B. to make a connection to the mobile home of the Kenny Family, Ballinaclash, as there were four small children in the caravan and a candle was being used, which was very dangerous. It was agreed that the County Engineer would have the matter investigated.

Seating Facilities in the New Council Offices.

Councillor J. Leeson asked that additional seating be provided for the public and elderly people in particular in the Planning Section. The County Secretary informed the members that it was proposed to provide seating in all of the public areas.

Public Lighting in Rathnew.

Councillor F. Hynes stated that the public lights serving the last 20 houses in Rathnew were not lighting and asked that this be rectified.

Letting of Old Offices at Kilmantin Hill and Courthouse, Wicklow.

Councillor F. Hynes asked that a report be brought before the members informing them of how the Old Offices are being disposed of. The County Manager stated that it was not his intention to keep the members in the dark and added that negotiations have been going on for a long time and the members would be informed in full when the negotiations were nearing finalisation.

Canteen Facilities in New Council Offices.

Councillor F. Hynes expressed dissatisfaction at the condition of the offices in the new building, with kettles, tea-pots, biscuits, etc. to be seen in most of them, and asked if the Canteen was not ready to be opened. The County Secretary stated that there had been some delay, but a Canteen Committee had been formed and an advertisement had been placed for a Canteen Attendant and he reassured the members that the matter was being actively pursued.

C. Murphy
CHAIRMAN.

Date: 3/3/80

WICKLOW

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COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON 11th FEBRUARY, 1980, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW, COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

Present: Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., Chairman,
Councillors V. Blake, J. Byrne, H. Cullen, P. Deering,
J. Giff, F. Hynes, G. Jones, L. Kavanagh, T.D., D. Kinsella,
J. Leeson, J. McManus, R. Miley, J. Miley, A. Murphy,
Miss N. O'Neill, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Mrs. M. Weadick and
G. Timmins, T.D.

Also Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,
in Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary,
Attendance: Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E. County Engineer,
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer,
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor H. Cullen and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on the 14th January, 1980, be confirmed and signed.

ITEM 2 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT KILMACULLAGH, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY.

The Council at a previous meeting held on the 10th December, 1979, approved of the disposal of 0.4 acres to Metal Spinners (Ireland) Ltd. but in the meantime the Company has found it necessary to make a slight adjustment in the boundary of the site and have, accordingly, applied to purchase an additional area of approximately .48 of an acre.

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and agreed that this land be disposed of in accordance with the Statutory Notice circulated.

ITEM 3 ABOLITION OF POST OF CLERK/TYPIST AND CREATION OF POST OF CLERICAL OFFICER IN RATES SECTION.

The County Secretary informed the members that following examination of the Clerical Officer nature of the work, the present post of Clerk/Typist would be more correctly filled by the creation of a post of Clerical Officer.

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and agreed that the post of Clerk/Typist be abolished and the post of Clerical Officer be created in the Rates Section.

ITEM 4 VACANCY ON BRAY AREA ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE.

The County Secretary informed the members that representations had been received from the Bray Area Road Safety Committee to have the position formally held by Mr. Charles Keegan filled.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor G. Jones, and agreed that Councillor A. Murphy fill the vacant position on this Committee.

ITEM 5 TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT LUGNASKEA, VALLEYMOUNT.

The County Secretary informed the members that notice had been given in the local press of the intention of Wicklow County Council to declare the road at Luggaskea, Vallemount, a public road.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. and agreed that the road at Luggaskea, Vallemount, be taken over by Wicklow County Council and declared a public road.

ITEM 6 REPAIR OF FOOTPATHS FROM BEECHWOOD PARK, GREYSTONES TO BLACKLION AND CUTTING BACK OF THE DITCHES.

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

"That Wicklow County Council repair the footpaths from Beechwood Park, Greystones, to Blacklion and cut back the ditches to leave room for pedestrians to walk on the path."

The County Engineer stated in his report that there was not sufficient room to provide a proper footpath at the above location and added that the Council had gone as close as possible to the fence.

Councillor J. Byrne expressed dissatisfaction at this report and said that the same report had been given in December. He asked that the County Engineer look at the problem again with a view to cutting back the ditches in the interest of safety, especially with the school nearby and the need for a footpath. Councillor A. Murphy also supported this motion. The County Engineer agreed to cut back the fence as close as possible, and the Chairman asked that this work be put in hand as an interim measure.

ITEM 7 REPAIR OF ROAD SURFACE ON THE AREA BETWEEN THE DUAL CARRIAGEWAY AND THE SHOP AT KILCRONEY.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors A. Murphy, G. Jones, J. Leeson, G. Timmins, T.D., and V. Blake was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council repair the road surface on the area between the dual carriageway and the shop at Kilcroney, as its present state is due to the incorrect flow of water since the drain was blocked at the building of the dual carriageway."

The County Engineer, in his report, informed the members that the above work would be included in the Surface Dressing Programme for 1980.

Councillor A. Murphy welcomed this report and added that there had been a recent accident at this point. He asked if the drain, which is causing the erosion of the surface, would be moved, and the County Engineer replied that there would be some improved drainage in this area.

ITEM 8 REPAIRS TO THE SPINK ROAD, AT KILMAGIG, AVOCA.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors H. Cullen and G. Timmins, T.D. was considered:-

"That this Council include in its Local Improvements Scheme Programme aided by Bord Failte Grants in 1980, repairs to the Spink Road, Conary, Avoca."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that the Spink Road, Conary, was in a very bad state with a surface of approx. 8' side and the distance between the stone boundary walls is served by this road which is 1,700 yds. long. He added that in order to make a reasonable road 15' wide from this track it would be necessary to purchase a strip of land along most of its length. The estimated cost of the work necessary is approximately £68,000. The County Engineer did not recommend that this work be carried out as the expenditure would not be justified by the benefit.

Councillor H. Cullen asked what was the position with regard to obtaining a grant from Bord Failte and stated that the proposed improvements might be more feasible if a less ambitious programme was taken on.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. also added that this area was a very scenic tourist attraction and stated that a 12' road would be more realistic.

Mr. L. Brennan replied that a request could be made to Bord Failte for a grant towards these works, and as a regional body they make the decision depending on their programme. The County Engineer stated that he would have the views of the members examined.

ITEM 9 RAISING OF LEVEL OF A ROAD SIGN ON THE FOOTPATH IN NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor H. Cullen and G. Timmins, T.D. was considered:-

"That the level of a road sign on the footpath in the village of Newtownmountkenny be raised to a safe level. (On left hand side coming from Dublin through village indicating turn off to Kilcoole)."

The County Engineer stated that it is intended to replace this sign as it became badly damaged, and it will be replaced at a safer height for pedestrians.

ITEM 10 EXTENSION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING ON THE SCHOOL ROAD, KILMAGIG, AVOCA.

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

"That this Council extend public lighting on the School Road, at Kilmagig, Avoca."

The County Engineer recommended that two additional public lights and poles on the School Road to extend the public lighting by approximately 120 yards and thus bring lighting just beyond the school be provided. The approximate estimated cost of this work is £510.00.

ITEM 11 REPAIRS TO GARDA STATION AT SHILLELAGH AND TINAHELY.

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

"That this Council request the Minister for Justice to have the necessary repairs carried out on the Garda Station at Shillelagh and Tinahely."

Councillor K. Ryan expressed concern at buildings such as the Garda Station at Shillelagh and Tinahely deteriorating and asked that the necessary repairs be carried out immediately. Councillor V. Blake also supported Councillor Ryan, stating that these were structures of excellent stone and it would be a pity to demolish them.

The Chairman informed the members that the building at Shillelagh was not owned by the Office of Public Works, but by a landlord and the lease would have to be acquired in order to do it up. In the case of Tinahely, the Chairman stated that temporary accommodation would have to be leased while the repairs were being carried out and asked the members to contact the Office of Public Works and the Department of Justice if they knew of suitable temporary accommodation in the Tinahely area.

ITEM 12 LOWERING OF DITCH AT "MARY DOYLE'S CORNER", SHILLELAGH.

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

"That this Council lower the ditch at "Mary Doyle's Corner", Shillelagh."

The County Engineer in his report stated that it was considered that the lowering of the ditch would not give rise to any significant improvement, as the problem at the bend is not lack of vision, but lack of perception of the sharpness of the bend on the part of the drivers approaching from the Carnew direction.

To improve the situation, the bend would have to be eased which implied widening the bridge and this is not an economic proposition. The County Engineer added that the positioning of a chevron sign at the turn last year has apparently improved the situation and the placing of "cats evey" along the continuous white centre line might lead to a further improvement.

Councillor K. Ryan stated that the problem of vision arose when travelling from Carnew and turning right to the Cheshire Homes, the traffic coming from Shillelagh cannot be seen, and he asked if the County Engineer would have another look at the location.

ITEM 13 ERECTION OF TELEPHONE KIOSKS IN CARNEW, BALISLAND AND KILLINURE.

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

ITEM 6 REPAIR ON FOOTPATH FROM BEECHWOOD FARM, DUBLIN TO BLACKLICK
AND CUTTING BACK OF THE DITCHES.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors J. Ryan, and J. Keenan, T.D., was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council repair the footpath from Beechwood Farm, DUBLIN to Blacklick and cut back the ditches to leave room for pedestrians to walk on the path."

The County Engineer stated in his report that there was not sufficient room to provide a proper footpath at the above location and added that the Council had gone as close as possible to the fence.

Councillor J. Ryan expressed dissatisfaction at this report and said that the same report had been given in December. He asked that the County Engineer look at the problem again with a view to cutting back the ditches in the interest of safety, especially with the school nearby and the need for a footpath. Councillor J. Murphy also supported this motion. The County Engineer agreed to cut back the fence as close as possible, and the Chairman asked that this work be put in hand as an interim measure.

ITEM 7 REPAIR OF ROAD SURFACE ON THE AREA BETWEEN THE DUAL CARRIAGEWAY AND THE SHOP AT KILCOOLE.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors A. Murphy, G. Jones, J. Keenan, G. Timmins, T.D., and V. Blake was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council repair the road surface on the area between the dual carriageway and the shop at Kilcoole, as its present state is due to the incorrect flow of water across the drain which is blocked at the building of the dual carriageway."

The County Engineer, in his report, informed the members that the above work would be included in the Road Maintenance Programme for 1980.

Councillor A. Murphy welcomed this report and added that there had been a recent accident at this point. He asked if the drain, which is causing the erosion of the surface, could be moved, and the County Engineer replied that there would be an approved drainage in this area.

ITEM 8 REPAIRS TO THE SPINK ROAD, AT KILMAGIG, AVOCA.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors H. Cullen and G. Timmins, T.D., was considered:-

"That this Council include in its local improvement Scheme Programme aided by Bord Fáilte grants in 1980, repairs to the Spink Road, County, Avoca."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that the Spink Road, County, was in a very bad state with a width of approx. 8' and the distance between the stone boundary walls is approx. 17' wide from this track it would be that in order to make a reasonable road 12' wide along most of its length. The estimated cost of the work necessary is approximately £25,000. The County Engineer did not recommend that this work be carried out as the expenditure would not be justified by the benefit.

Councillor H. Cullen asked what was the reason with regard to obtaining a grant from Bord Fáilte and stated that the proposed improvements might be more feasible if a local initiative programme was taken on.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., also added that there was a very scenic location and stated that a 12' road would be more realistic.

Mr. J. Brennan replied that a request could be made to Bord Fáilte for a grant towards these works, and as a regional body they make the decision depending on their programme. The County Engineer stated that he would have the views of the members examined.

"We request the Department of Posts & Telegraphs to erect telephone kiosks in the following areas: Carnew, Balisland, Killinure."

The members were informed that the provision of kiosks in these areas was included in the General Report on kiosks brought before the Council at Meeting of Council on 14th February, 1980, and that proposals had been sent to the Department of Posts & Telegraphs to have the following kiosks erected:-

- (a) Coolattin Row, Carnew.
- (b) Balisland, Shillelagh/Reheengraney Area.
- (c) Crab Lane to serve Killinure.

ITEM 14 PROVISION OF LIGHTS IN KILLINURE.

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

"That this Council provide lights in Killinure."

The County Engineer stated that there are six scattered houses at this location and six or seven lights would be required. There is no place of public assembly such as a shop, church or school, and therefore, he considered that the provision of public lighting would not be economic.

Councillor J. Sweeney stated that there were several houses in the area and a couple of lights should be provided. It was agreed that an estimate would be obtained from the E.S.B.

ITEM 15 FLOODING IN SHILLELAGH.

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

"That the County Engineer take steps to relieve flooding from the river in Shillelagh."

Councillor J. Sweeney requested that the question as to whose responsibility it was to maintain the correct flow of the river, be resolved and it was indicated that this item would be brought back before the members, the members.

ITEM 16 REMOVAL OF BAD BENDS AT ROSBAWN, TINAHELY.

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

"That the Engineer have bad bends at Rosbawn, Tinahely removed."

The County Engineer stated, in his report, that this item had been included in the 1975 Roadworks Scheme, but was not proceeded with as the landowner involved refused to sell the land. He then added that the possibility of making a C.P.O. would be investigated.

ITEM 17 BUILDING OF WALL ON MERRYMEETING HILL, RATHNEW.

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

The County Engineer stated that instructions have been issued that this wall be repaired.

ITEM 59 APPROACH ROAD TO NEW COUNCIL ESTATE AT MERRYMEETING, RATHNEW.

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

"That this Council do something about the approach road to the new Council Estate at Merrymeeting, Rathnew, on each side of the approach road at Merrymeeting Hill. There is a high embankment with briars and all kinds of weeds growing there. The support walls are collapsing due to the pressure

of the soil at the back of the walls."

Councillor F. Hynes stressed that there was a very high embankment on each side of the approach road to the New Estate, which was very dangerous and the support walls were collapsing and falling out onto the road, as a result of the pressure of the build up behind the walls.

The County Engineer stated that it was intended to repair this wall, and that it would be a major job. He added that when the foliage had been cleaned up it will be looked at again and a report submitted for the Area Estimates Meeting.

ITEM 18 ERECTION OF HAND RAIL AT THE BOTTOM OF THE STEPS NEAR THE RAILWAY BRIDGE AT MERRYMEETING HILL, RATHNEW.

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

"That this Council erect a Hand Rail at the bottom of the steps near the Railway Bridge at Merrymeeting Hill, Rathnew to stop children running out onto the road."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that this rail has been requisitioned and will be erected as soon as it is available.

ITEM 19 ERECTION OF PUBLIC LIGHTS OUTSIDE THE CHURCH AND SCHOOL AT ASHFORD

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes was considered:-

"That this Council erect public lights outside the Church and School at Ashford as it is impossible for people to find their way to their cars at evening mass during the winter months."

The County Engineer stated that at the present there is one light outside the parochial house which is adjacent to the Church and there is another pole nearby which it is felt could accommodate a light. He felt that if the overall plan for lighting was adopted for Ashford, it would eliminate the requests for lighting one or two poles at a time. He added that it has been noted that it can be more expensive in the long run to light one pole at a time, since the E.S.B. have to alter the switching network to accommodate each new demand in many cases. Councillor F. Hynes stated that the light provided was very far off the road and was not sufficient.

The County Engineer further indicated that the E.S.B. had been asked to submit a quotation for one light outside the Church and also said that this item would be brought up again at the Area Meeting.

ITEM 20 BUILDING OF NEW FIRE PREMISES AT BLESSINGTON.

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

"I or some member move that this Council move for me that the new fire premises be built at Blessington with the money provided in the estimate three years ago on the Council's own land."

Councillor J. Miley stated strongly that representations had been made for the last three years to have a Fire Station built in Blessington, but to no avail. He asked that the Fire Station be built in conjunction with the Housing Estate on the 40 acres of land owned by the Council in this area. He also emphasised that the cost of construction had gone up since the money for the Fire Station was allocated and asked that steps be taken to expedite the provision of a site, especially with the expanding industries in the town, which would need the services of a fully equipped Fire Station.

Councillor P. Deering supported Councillor Miley and stressed that it was a very important facility to the area. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. also supported the motion and asked if site maps were available for the proposed sites. He suggested that a site be decided upon at the next Area Meeting in Blessington.

It was agreed to have the maps made available at the forthcoming Area Meeting, with a view to reaching a final decision as to the siting of the Fire Station at Blessington.

ITEM 21 EXTENSION OF LIGHTING AT KNOCKIERAN, BLESSINGTON.

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

"I or some member move for me at the next meeting include in the estimate provision for extending the lighting at Knockierne, Blessington."

The County Engineer stated that new bungalows had been constructed to the north of junction Blessington Bridge, which were not served by public lighting. He stated that to extend public lighting from Council Houses to junction and to the new bungalow would involve approximately 6 No. new poles at an overall cost of £2,250 and added that a quotation will be obtained from the E.S.B. and submitted in due course. He recommended that this work be carried out, providing the money was available.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor P. Deering and agreed that this public lighting be provided.

ITEM 22 ERECTION OF FOUR LIGHTS AT CONARY.

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

"That Wicklow County Council request the E.S.B. to erect four lights at Conary."

The County Engineer stated that the buildings in this area were few and widely spread and the proposed expenditure on public lighting would not be justified by the benefit. He added that the approximate cost would be £1,000.

Councillor J. Giff informed the meeting that provision had been made some years ago for lighting in Conary and said that there was a definite need for same. The Chairman stated that this matter would be examined further in the Area Estimates.

ITEM 23 ERECTION OF SPEED LIMIT SIGNS AT SCHOOL ROAD, TINAHELY.

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

"That the Council recommend erecting speed limit signs on School Road, Tinahely."

The County Engineer stated that the road could be brought into the 30 M.P.H. speed limit by providing one sign at the south-east end of the road and a sign on the road from Ballinglen outside Morris's shop. There is a school, a factory and some houses on this road, but it is not densely built up. Also it is a short stretch of road so that drivers would generally not exceed 30 M.P.H. There are official School Crossing Signs. There were advisory signs on the road of the form 'SLOW SCHOOL ENTRANCE AHEAD'. These were covered over by surface dressing but could be replaced.

The County Engineer considered that this matter should be referred to the Technical Committee on Speed Limits.

ITEM 24 PROVISION OF PROPER DRAINS ON SCHOOL ROAD, TINAHELY.

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

"That the Council provide proper drains on School Road, Tinahely to eliminate flooding of houses on that road."

The County Engineer stated that blockage of drains at the entrance to the Industrial Estate has led to flooding of the road during heavy rain. Remedial action is being taken. The footpath presently being constructed will eliminate any possibility of flooding of the houses. He also added that the

E.S.B. are currently erecting further lights along this road, and no further lighting will be necessary.

ITEM 25 PROVISION OF LIGHT AT BARNISKERY CHAPEL GATE.

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

"That a light be provided at Barniskey Chapel Gate."

The County Engineer stated, in his report, that it is recommended that one light be provided on the existing pole at Barniskey Chapel Gate. A quotation is being sought for the provision of this extra light.

ITEM 26 PROVISION OF NARROW PATH IN FRONT OF HOUSES ON SOUTH SIDE OF DUBLIN ROAD AT TEMPLERAINEY.

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

"That this Council provide a narrow path in front of the houses on South Side of Dublin Road at Templeraíney."

Councillor J. Sweeney stated that the above houses have no protection from the traffic and asked that a footpath be provided to prevent the traffic going so near to the gates.

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that a path in front of the houses on the south side of the Dublin Road at Templeraíney would be 226m long, an average 1.25m wide. The estimated cost is £3,250. However, he stated the path would be isolated from any other path on the same side, and would be useful only for people travelling between the houses concerned. In addition, he stated that it would tend to throw traffic towards the centre of what is already a narrow road (each carriageway is only 3.5m) (11' 6" wide). It is also felt that there are other kerbing jobs in Arklow that are more deserving of attention.

It was agreed to give this matter further consideration at the Estimates Meeting.

ITEM 27 TARRING OF RED ROAD, AVOCA.

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

"That Wicklow County Council continue the tarring of Red Road, Avoca, as far as Merrigans House, as the landowner is prepared to contribute towards the cost."

The County Engineer stated that the length of road is 930 yards and is sufficiently wide to allow for a 12' road and drainage. Assuming that the Mining Company co-operates to remove the danger of rock falls, it is estimated that the proposed work would cost approximately £13,000.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. asked what would be the contribution of the local landowners or Avoca Mines Limited, and Councillor V. Blake suggested that Avoca Mines Limited be approached with a view to making a contribution.

It was proposed that this item be referred to the Area Estimates Meeting.

ITEM 28 ERECTION OF A 'SLOW' SIGN AT THE POINT WHERE THE OLD AND NEW ROADS MEET AT ANNAMOE.

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

"That Wicklow County Council erect a 'Slow' sign at the point where the old and new roads meet at Annamoe."

The County Engineer stated that arrangements are being made to have a Road 'NARROWS' Sign erected at this location.

ITEMS 29 AND 30

The members were informed that the Assistant County Engineer in Blessington, Mr. Charles Egan, was absent on Sick Leave and therefore there were no reports on the above items. The best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mr. Egan were conveyed by the members.

ITEM 31 PUBLIC LIGHTING ALONG THE ENTRANCE TO BALLYMORRIS HOUSE, BRAY.

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

"That the Council provide public lighting along the entrance to Ballymorris House, Bray."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that the E.S.B. have recently moved the portion of poles along the entrance lane to Ballymorris House. If it is possible it would be advantageous to have a light erected on a pole which is half-way down the entrance lane. He added that the E.S.B. have been asked to submit a quotation for the erection of one light.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor A. Murphy, and agreed that this work be continued with.

ITEM 32 REVIEW OF PROHIBITION OF SALE OF ELECTRICITY BY ANYBODY SAVE E.S.B.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors J. Leeson, G. Jones and A. Murphy was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council request Department of Transport and Power to review the prohibition of sale of electricity by anybody save E.S.B."

Councillor J. Leeson stated that several farmers and individuals were thinking of harnessing water from the streams and rivers of the county to generate electricity, and where there was not sufficient power in the flow of water, the people could get together and install a generator. He enquired if the E.S.B. would have any objection to the people providing their own electricity,

Councillor A. Murphy stated that wind, water and solar power were going to be the means by which this country would survive because of the diminishing sources of energy available.

Councillor J. McManus objected to the break-up of the national network, where the E.S.B. would only supply those people who did not have a source of supply on their own land. He agreed that some arrangement could be made with the E.S.B. for the use of the resources available.

Councillor Leeson replied that he was not suggesting that the generating of electricity be thrown open to the public, but that the people with the resources readily available to them, should be allowed to use and sell same.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. also supported the resolution and added that the E.S.B. have indicated that they are going to have difficulty in meeting the demand for electricity and stated that the number of locations geographically viable for the generation of electricity would be limited.

Following extensive discussion, Councillor J. Leeson put the resolution to the meeting. The resolution was carried 15 - 4, and it was agreed to have the matter brought before the Department of Transport and Power.

ITEMS 33 AND 34 COMPLETION OF WORKS INCLUDED IN THE 1979 ESTIMATES.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors F. Hynes, L. Kavanagh, T.D. J. Sweeney, T. Keenan, Miss N. O'Neill, A. Murphy, J. Leeson, G. Jones, H. Cullen, J. Byrne and K. Ryan was considered:-

"That this Council complete all works started and works not started that money was allowed for in the 1979 Estimates. That all this work be completed in the first months of 1980."

and

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors F. Hynes, L. Kavanagh, T.D., J. Byrne, H. Cullen, J. Leeson, G. Jones, A. Murphy, J. Sweeney, K. Ryan, J. McManus, J. Giff and G. Timmins, T.D. was considered:-

"That where works are not finished or started in the year 1979, where money was allowed in the 1979 Estimates, that this money be carried forward into 1980 and the works not finished or started, be started and finished in the first months of 1980."

The County Engineer stated that all works started in 1979 are being completed and the money allocated is being used in full.

ITEM 35 ESTABLISHMENT OF URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR GREYSTONES.

The following Notice of Motion in the name G. Jones, A. Murphy and J. Leeson was considered:-

"That this Council fully support the request of the Greystones Civic Association for the establishment of an Urban District Council for Greystones and in the short term that Greystones be granted a Town Commissionship."

Councillor G. Jones asked for the support of the members to the request from the people of Greystones to have an Urban Council established for the Greystones area. He stated that over the last number of years Greystones had become one of the worst effected areas in the county, with bad road maintenance, lack of housing etc. and was being treated as a "rural village" by Wicklow County Council. Councillor Jones asked that the Council and Officials quicken up the programme in having an Urban Council for Greystones and in the short term grant a Town Commissionship. Councillors J. Byrne and Miss N. O'Neill also supported this motion and Councillor J. McManus emphasised that the Urban Council would not be a place to air all the problems of the area. Councillor J. Miley enquired what effect the setting up of an Urban Council would have on the distribution of monies in the Estimates. The County Manager replied that they would have their own rate based within the County rate, and added that the major problem would be the shortage of finance.

The County Secretary informed the members that a detailed study was being made on this substantial application and a report would be submitted giving an outline of the implications involved.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. also supported the resolution and stated that the establishment of an Urban Council would allow people of the area to discuss the needs of their own area and they would be in a position to voice their problems more clearly. Councillor F. Hynes expressed caution, especially with three urban areas already established and asked the advise be sought in setting up another.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. stated that Greystones would have to become a Town Commissionship first and then an Urban Council and added that Greystones was in no way being neglected. Last year alone, he stated, 25% of the money in the Estimates went to Greystones, which covered only 11% of the people of the County.

After extensive discussion it was agreed that a further report would be brought before the members, giving a full and comprehensive account of all the proposals involved in establishing an Urban Council for Greystones.

ITEM 36 ERECTION OF PUBLIC TELEPHONE KIOSKS AT KILGARRON PARK AND MILLFIELD ESTATE, ENNISKERRY.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors J. Leeson, G. Jones and A. Murphy, was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council request Department of Posts & Telegraphs to erect public telephone kiosks at Kilgarron Park, and Millfield Estate, Enniskerry."

Councillor J. Leeson proposed that telephone kiosks be erected in both Kilgarron Park and Millfield Estate, Enniskerry, to serve the large number of people in these areas.

It was agreed that the matter be taken up with the Department of Posts & Telegraphs.

ITEM 37 ERECTION OF EXTRA LIGHTS AT KILMOLIN, ENNISKERRY.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors J. Leeson, G. Jones and A. Murphy, was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council erect extra lights at Kilmolin, Enniskerry."

The County Engineer stated in his report that it was recommended that three extra lights be provided at Kilmolin, Enniskerry. He added that the E.S.B. had been asked for the cost of providing these extra lights, and the quotation would be forwarded for approval, when received.

ITEM 38 PREVENTION OF WATER FLOWING INTO THE BACKS OF THE HOUSES AT VARTRY HEIGHTS, ROUNDWOOD.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors A. Murphy, G. Jones and J. Leeson was considered:-

"That steps be taken to prevent the water flowing into the backs of the houses at Vartry Heights, Roundwood."

The County Engineer in his report stated that arrangements were being made to have this matter rectified.

ITEM 39 LIST OF OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS FOR LAND WHERE ROAD WORKS HAVE TAKEN PLACE.

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

"I or some member move for me that this Council supply the members with an up-to date list of outstanding payments for land where road works have taken place together with the list of names from our Law Agent."

The County Secretary informed the members that he had received notification from the Law Agent's Office stating that there was a considerable amount of work required in producing this report and at the time of writing the Circuit Court was in session and they were busy with Court work incidental thereto. It was agreed that this matter would receive further attention at a later date.

ITEM 40 REMOVAL OF DANGEROUS BENDS AT PARKMORE LANE, CARNEW.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor V. Blake and G. Timmins T.D. was considered:-

"That this Council remove dangerous bends at Parkmore, Lane, Carnew."

The County Engineer informed the members that this matter was included in the 1979 Roadworks Scheme and one bend was removed. Difficulties with a landowner and lack of funds prevented the easing of a second bend. This will be included in the 1980 Roadworks Scheme.

ITEM 41 REMOVAL OF TWO BAD BENDS AT RYDER'S MILKING PARLOUR, GLENCORMACK SOUTH KILMACANOGUE.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors A. Murphy, G. Jones and J. Leeson was considered:-

"That the two bad corners at Ryder's Milking Parlour, Glencormack South, Kilmacanogue, be removed."

Councillor A. Murphy urged that these bends be removed without delay as they were very dangerous.

The County Engineer stated that an estimate will be prepared for consideration at the Area Meeting in connection with the 1980 Roadworks Scheme.

ITEM 42 REVIEW OF OPERATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS IN BRAY TOWN.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor A. Murphy, G. Jones and J. Leeson and G. Timmins T.D. was considered:-

"That this Council review the operation of the Traffic Lights and traffic movements in Bray Town."

- (1) Councillor A. Murphy stated that he was glad to see this Filter Right signal in operation before Christmas.
- (2) It was indicated there tends to be a build up of traffic at these areas, which does not allow the traffic to flow freely.
- (3) Councillor Murphy stated that the lines had become indistinct and needed repainting.
- (4) The receipt of this estimate was welcomed.
- (5) Councillor Murphy asked that the Gardai be requested to investigate this matter.
- (6) The County Engineer informed Councillor Murphy that this matter was being investigated, and instructions had been issued to have this work carried out when the filter signal at Herbert Road was being altered.

ITEM 43 PROGRAMME TO ERASE THE GRAFFITTI ON WALLS AND OTHER PROPERTIES.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors G. Jones and J. Leeson was considered:-

"That this Council be given a progress report on the works completed following the passing of Motion No. 40 on the Agenda of the Council Meeting held on 8th Oct. '79."

Councillor G. Jones stated that none of the walls in question had been touched in the Bray Area since October and he asked if the Council were going to remove the graffiti. Councillor J. McManus expressed concern and said that the graffiti was offensive to some people and should be erased without further delay.

The Chairman proposed that money be made available at the Estimates Meeting for the carrying out of this work, and urged that this offensive graffiti be removed without delay.

ITEM 44 AND 67 COMPLETION OF SHANKILL/BRAY BYE-PASS IN ONE STAGE RATHER THAN IN TWO

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

"That urgent representations be made to the Dublin County Council and the Minister for the Environment to have the Shankill/Bray Bye-Pass completed in one stage rather than two stages."

and

"That the Council send a deputation to both the Dublin County Council and the Minister for the Environment in order to ensure that the proposed Shankill Bye-Pass is extended to St. Valery's bridge and that the bye-pass be completed in one phase."

Councillor McManus urges that a deputation be sent to meet the South Dublin Committee of Dublin County Council. He stressed that the problem of a bottle-neck of traffic would effect those people living further down the county than those in Bray. He proposed that a strong plea be made to the Minister to have the Bye-Pass finished in one stage as far as Loughlinstown. Councillors J. Miley and A. Murphy also supported this resolution and Councillor Murphy stated that the work had to be completed by Dublin County Council and caution should be taken to ensure that the Minister does not decide to carry out these works at the expense of the Roads Funds for Wicklow. Councillor Leeson stated that it would be totally illogical to push the bottle-neck of traffic in Shankill further up the road to Bray.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to seek a deputation with Dublin County Council.

ITEM 45 TRANSFER OF LAND AT THE NATIONAL SCHOOL, CARNEW.

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

"That this Council transfer land to enable an extension to be built at the National School, Carnew."

The County Engineer stated in his report that he recommended that 1.13 acres be sold to Rev. Sean MacCartaigh, P.P., Carnew, to facilitate the extension of the school playground. He added that the addition of this land to the school playground will have the effect of squaring up the site and facilitating the better utilisation of the existing school playground. It was agreed to proceed with this disposal.

ITEM 46 ERECTION OF NEW WOODEN FENCE AT JOE O'BRIEN'S CORNER IN BALLYGANNON, RATHDRUM.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors R. Miley and J. Giff was considered:-

"That the Council will erect a new wooden fence at Joe O'Brien's Corner in Ballygannon, Rathdrum, as the old fence there is very bad and cars knock it down nearly every week."

The County Engineer stated, in his report, that Mr. Joe O'Brien's cottage was vested on 1st July, 1964 and the road is surfaced right up to the timber boundary fence and it was imagined that vehicles regularly damage this fence. He stated that any fence erected by the Council would, therefore, be just as liable to be damaged and probably much more difficult to patch up. He recommended that the Council do not carry out this work, which is estimated to cost £250, as this is a vested cottage.

ITEM 47 RESTORATION OF SOME OF THE TURF BOG ROADS.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors J. Leeson, G. Jones and A. Murphy, was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council investigate possibility of restoring some of the Turf Bog Roads in order to encourage people to provide their own fuel."

The County Engineer stated that the Turf Bog Roads were on private property and Wicklow County Council have no authority to spend money on them. Also, fees are charged by the landowners for the privilege of cutting turf and it would be in the interest of these landowners to reinstate the roads and bridges from their profits if there are any.

Councillor J. Leeson stated that this year the Dublin County Council had repaired the roads on the Fethard Mountain and last year alone there had been a couple of hundred applicants and if no roads are provided the people will have to carry the turf out in bags. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. stated that if the roads were improved the people would be able to provide their own fuel in the mountainous areas. He added that he had written to the Forestry Department, who indicated that the Council can carry out these improvements under Section 12 of the Rural Improvements.

ITEMS 48 TO 75 WERE DEFERRED TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

ITEM 76 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

Application for Use of Council's Crest by the Co. Wicklow Federation of Gun Clubs.

The County Secretary informed the members that an application had been received from the Co. Wicklow Federation of Gun Clubs for permission to use the Council's Crest on their headed notepaper. Members requested that additional information be made available re. other societies, etc. who had obtained the Council's approval.

Release of Names, Addresses and Telephone Numbers of Members.

The County Secretary informed the members that requests had been made on numerous occasions to have the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the members released to the public.

Following some varied opinions, it was decided to vote on the matter, and it was passed 9 - 6 in favour of supplying the names, addresses and telephone numbers to those seeking same.

Mooney's Coalyard

Councillor G. Jones indicated that he had been seeking a report for some time on this without success and now indicated that the matter should receive urgent attention.

Harbour Wall in Greystones

Councillor Jones informed the members that there was a hole in the Harbour Wall in Greystones and asked that proposals to have it repaired be expedited.

Trading Services Limited.

The Council was asked, in Committee, by Councillor J. McManus if they had any dealings with Trading Services Limited, and he was informed that the Council had no direct trading with this company, but one of the members of that company may be involved in a particular planning application.

National Housing and Town Planning Conference in Harrogate.

Councillor J. McManus asked that the members be supplied with a report on the above conference, which took place in Harrogate last year.

Flooding at Shillelagh.

Councillor K. Ryan requested that something be done to relieve the flooding in Shillelagh.

THAT CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

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Date: *10/3/80*

WICKLOW

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COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 3RD MARCH, 1980, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

Present:

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., Chairman.
Councillors V. Blake, J. Byrne, H. Cullen, P. Deering,
J. Giff, F. Hynes, G. Jones, L. Kavanagh, T.D.,
T. Keenan, D. Kinsella, J. Leeson, J. McManus, J. Miley,
A. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney,
G. Timmins, T.D., and Mrs. M. Weadick.

Also in Attendance:

Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,
Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary,
Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer,
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, Housing/Planning,
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, Roads/Environmental,
Mr. J. Solon, B.E. Chief Assistant County Engineer,
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

It was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on the 11th February, 1980, be confirmed and signed.

ITEM 2 SUB-COMMITTEE ON ITINERANTS.

The County Secretary informed the meeting that a letter had been received from the Town Clerk of Wicklow Urban District Council stating that the members of the Urban Council had asked to have a representative from each of the Urban District Councils included on the recently formed Sub-Committee on Itinerants.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, stated that this issue had been discussed at length at the above meeting and added that it had specific relevance to the Urban District of Wicklow, with the encampment of Itinerants at the Ball Alley since Christmas.

It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor G. Jones and unanimously agreed that a representative from each of the Urban District Councils be included on the Sub-Committee of Wicklow County Council dealing with Itinerants.

ITEM 3 GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES.

A Draft Policy and Scheme of Assistance for Group Water Supply Schemes was circulated to the members and the Chairman asked Mr. L. Brennan to go through the proposals for the members information.

Mr. Brennan stated that it will be the policy of the Council to foster, promote and encourage the participation of individuals in Group Water Supply Schemes within the County and to render assistance to such Groups within the "Scheme of Assistance" as agreed by this Council.

In some areas he stated the provision of a source presents a problem and in this instance the Council will assist in providing a bored well, and in doing this the Council recognises the need to provide pumps and they will continue to permit proposed Groups to avail of existing pumps as sources for Group Schemes, where the water is found to be satisfactory in both quality and quantity. The Council will also consider special aid to a Group who may find the cost of a bore excessive and they will permit a Group Scheme to take connections from the Council existing mains free of charge. Mr. Brennan also stated that the Council may request a Group to increase the size of their pipes in order to facilitate the Council's long term plans for that location, and would consider an application to assist in the cost of the increased pipe sizes. In the event of any major rock excavation or in the use of Fire Fighting Equipment being necessary, the Council will consider financial assistance.

Mr. Brennan also stressed that any assistance given under this Scheme is in accordance with the provisions of Section 26 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948, and is subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment.

Assistance in the organising and administration of a Group, by meeting the Organisers and helping to set up meetings, arrange for administrative facilities co-ordinate the various activities and if necessary assist the Group in the various secretarial matters, will be given through the Environmental Services Section. Mr. Brennan stressed that the Council recognises the voluntary input into such schemes and would not in any way infringe on the fundamental independence of a local organisation.

Councillor J. Leeson supported the recommendations laid down in the Draft Policy and Scheme of Assistance and urged that the Council do everything within its power to have its implications carried out, as this would prove to be much quicker for the people concerned and much more economic for the Council.

Councillor K. Ryan asked that a pump be provided for the carrying out of yield tests on the water for bacteria, as in many cases the water being provided is not fit for consumption.

Following extensive discussion it was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan, and agreed that the Draft Policy and Scheme of Assistance for Group Water Supply Schemes, be accepted.

ITEM 4 RAHEENGRANEY WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., stated that people in the Raheenegrane Area should have been notified when the water main was being laid so that they would have time to apply for a connection. He said that this connection would cost £15 if the connection was left, but if the Council had to come back and re-open the main the fee would be £30. Councillor T. J. Keenan asked if an Engineer could be sent around prior to the mains being laid to get a list of those interested in making a connection, in order to save time and money.

The County Engineer stated that surely the people would be aware of water mains being laid and added that they would be asked to sign a form and pay a deposit and the connection would be left for them.

The Chairman concluded by saying that he hoped the public would be accommodated in every way when water mains were being laid.

ITEM 5 ROUNDWOOD/CRONEROE WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

The County Engineer informed the members that the supply of water from the Roundwood/Croneroe Scheme is to provide for 600,000 gallons of water per day and he stated that this should be an ample supply to meet the demands of Wicklow Urban and its environs for a number of years.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. again asked if this was an additional or a supplementary supply, as he was of the understanding that this was to be an additional supply to the previously existing supply. He added that the development plan of the village of Glenealy and other areas had been held up due to lack of water supply. Councillor Kavanagh also emphasised that he would not like to see a repetition of what had happened last year, when water supplies were totally unsatisfactory.

ITEM 6 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN COVENTRY ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND CONTROL.

Following consideration of this Conference it was agreed that 4 members should attend and recommended that an official should accompany the members. Councillor McManus requested that those attending should report back to the Council on their return. It was agreed that the names of the members nominated would be conveyed to the County Secretary.

ITEM 6A SETTING UP OF MEMBERS ASSOCIATION OF ALL LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

Permission was sought to introduce this extra item on the Agenda and the members were informed that a Meeting was being held in the Prince of Wales Hotel, Athlone, on Saturday, 8th March, 1980, at 2.30 p.m. with a view to forming a Members Association of all Local Authorities in the Country.

It was proposed by Councillor T. Keenan, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, and agreed that Councillor J. Miley attend and the Members would contribute £1 each towards his travelling and subsistence.

ITEM 7 PROVISION OF A CLEAN WATER SUPPLY TO THE KILLADREENAN AREA OF NEWTOWN.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors J. Sweeney and J. Giff was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council take immediate steps to provide a clean water supply to the Killadreenan area of Newtown, where the water has been polluted for the past three months."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that the water in the Killadreenan Area of Newtownmountkennedy comes from Dublin Corporation mains and experience over the past year shows that there is a lot of rust in the local fountain. He indicated that instructions had been issued that the mains be flushed out to see if this will cure the problem, and added that the water is not bad bacteriologically, but the rust problem interferes with clothes washing.

When asked when this work would be carried out, the County Engineer replied that it would be completed without delay.

ITEM 8 PROVISION OF PUMP ON THE WELL AT PATRICK KAVANAGH'S, BALLYROGAN.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors J. Sweeney and J. Giff was considered:-

"That this Council provide a pump on the well at Patrick Kavanagh's, Ballyrogan, We understand the well was sunk two years ago."

The County Engineer, in reply, stated that a public pump had been ordered and would be provided as soon as possible.

ITEM 9 GRANT-IN-AID TO THE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF COMMUNITY GAMES.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors A. Murphy, G. Jones and J. Leeson was considered:-

"That this Council ask the Minister for the Environment to allow the Council to legally make a grant-in-aid to the County Committee of Community Games."

The County Secretary stated that Wicklow County Council did not have the legal authority to give a grant to the Community Games.

Councillor A. Murphy proposed that this matter be taken up with the Minister catering for sport in the country, and stated that there were a lot of people on the Committee who gave every effort to this onerous and time consuming work and in view of the legal stringencies some small amount of money would help in a general way. Councillors J. Leeson, J. Miley and T. J. Keenan also supported Councillor Murphy in his request and the Chairman agreed that the proposal be forwarded to the Minister for consideration.

ITEM 10 BUILDING OF HOUSE FOR MR. MOORE, TOMBREAN, CARNEW.

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

"That this Council build a house for Mr. Moore, Tombrean, Carnew."

Mr. U. McCabe, in his report, stated that the site on which the house is to be built for Mr. Moore is in the process of transfer to the Council and the County Engineer has been requested to commence the preparation of plans.

Mr. McCabe added that the plans were now ready and it would be advertised soon.

ITEM 11 PROGRESS REPORT ON SHELTERED HOUSING SCHEME AT ST. COLMANS HOSPITAL, RATHDRUM.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors H. Cullen and G. Timmins, T.D. was considered:-

"That a report be given on the progress made towards the provision of a sheltered housing scheme at St. Colmans Hospital, Rathdrum."

Mr. U. McCabe, in his report, informed the members that the Council are still negotiating with the Eastern Health Board for the purchase of a 5.7 acre site at St. Colmans Hospital, Rathdrum, and the Board on their part are willing to sell to the Council and at present the purchase price is in the final stages of negotiation. Mr. McCabe assured the members that final agreement should be reached within a few days.

ITEM 12 PIPING OF WATER FROM TOP OF BALLINDAYLE HILL, RATHDRUM TO JOIN A WATER COURSE SOME 200 YDS. DOWNHILL.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors H. Cullen and G. Timmins, T.D. was considered:-

"That provision be made for the piping of water from a point at the top of Ballindayle Hill, Rathdrum, to join a water course (small river) some 200 yds. downhill."

The County Engineer stated that a culvert at the top of this hill is partly blocked and this has caused a large quantity of water to flow down the road causing damage. This, he added is now being cleaned and it is recommended that we wait to see if the situation is then satisfactory before deciding on further work. The estimated cost of the piping proposed is £4,000.

Councillor H. Cullen stated that even when the drain is clear the water flows into a nearby farmers field, which was being flooded. The Chairman agreed to have this matter further considered at the Area Meeting.

ITEM 13 REVIVAL OF SCHEME OF GRANTS ON HOUSES UP TO £15 VALUATION.

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

"That as a result of the decision of the Government to abolish House Improvement Grants, Wicklow County Council revive its scheme of grants which formerly operated for the repair and reconstruction or extension of houses up to £15 valuation."

Councillor F. Hynes asked that the Council pass a resolution to have new Regulations allowing for the payment of Grants, as empowered by the Housing Act, 1979, and Councillor L. Kavanagh, added that the Council were obliged to pay these grants. Councillor J. McManus stated that clarification of the regulations should be sought immediately as not only are the people being restricted but also the small builders have to wait until the grant is paid over to them before they can carry out repairs, etc.

It was pointed out to the members that the Council was not now authorised to pay reconstruction grants and that at present it was not proposed to make regulations for this purpose as empowered by the Housing Act, 1979, but that Grants under the old scheme would still be payable in cases where application was made before the date set for discontinuance of that scheme. The members were also informed that it was understood that the regulations governing the payment of reconstruction loans under the 1979 Act would soon be made and that a draft revised loan scheme would be put before them.

ITEM 14 THAT THIS COUNCIL TAKE LEGAL STEPS AGAINST THE BUILDING CONTRACTOR WHO BUILT THE LAST HOUSES IN MERRYMEETING.

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

"That this Council take legal steps against the Building Contractor who built the last houses in Merrymeeting as these houses are in dire need of faults being put right under the conditions of the Contract."

The County Engineer stated in his report that the maintenance period for this Scheme expires on 1st March, 1980 and the question of repairs has been taken up with the Contractor, who has received a complete list indicating the repairs required before the retention monies are released. Mr. Donovan further stated that normally the maintenance period has to elapse before any action can be taken against the Contractor, and he assured the members that pressure was being brought to bear to have all faults rectified.

ITEM 15 ORGANISATION OF SCHEME OF SMALL FAMILY UNITS FOR THE GREATER BRAY AREA.

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

"That a Scheme of small family units be organised immediately for the greater Bray Area."

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. stated that he was acutely aware of the number of single-parent families in the Bray Area, who were being allocated three bedroomed houses and stated that there was a vital need for the provision of a Scheme of Small Family Units. He stated that the Bray Urban District Council had a Scheme of 94 houses at the final phase of planning with no provision being made for small units. Councillor Murphy suggested that where there was any surplus ground on private sites, a scheme of four or five houses might be erected.

Councillor J. Leeson stated that it would not be socially acceptable to have people qualifying for these small family units crowded together, but suggested that some of these units should be erected on every Scheme and also in the other areas of the county.

Councillor J. McManus stated that because of the pressure on housing in Bray, some of the small family units had to be given to married families. Councillor McManus also asked if it was too late to have some of the small family units integrated into the new Scheme for Kilbride/Ballywaltrim, but the County Engineer replied that the foundations had already been laid.

Councillor K. Ryan suggested that a survey should be carried out to ascertain if these people would be willing to move into a smaller type house within some of the Housing Schemes already completed. He added that this type of housing has worked very well elsewhere.

Councillor A. Murphy also strongly supported this resolution and stated that he would not like to see the Small Family Unit denoting a certain class of people but asked that these type of houses be integrated, especially in the case of old people who would appreciate the company of a mixed community.

The question of cost of construction was also considered and the County Engineer informed the members that it would cost nearly as much to install plumbing, electricity, etc. in these smaller houses as it would in a larger house. Following further discussion it was agreed that this type of housing would be considered for all future planning of Housing Schemes in the county.

ITEM 16 WATER SUPPLY SITUATION AT KNOCKRAHEEN, ROUNDWOOD.

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

"That a report be given to the Council on the Water Supply situation at Knockraheen, Roundwood."

The County Engineer, in his report stated that the supply pipes from the spring to the pump have been giving trouble and before it was decided to lay a new main, bacteriological tests were done on the water and these have not been found to be of the desired standard. The County Engineer recommended that a new well be sunk in the area and a pump installed. The cost of this work would be in the region of £2,500.

It was agreed that this matter be brought before the Area Meeting.

ITEM 17 COMPLETION OF OUTSTANDING WORK AT THE 1st PHASE PRIVATE SITE DEVELOPMENT AT BEECHBROOK, DELGANY.

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

"That the Council be informed as to the target date for the completion of outstanding work at the 1st phase private site development at Beechbrook, Delgany."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that the following is the state of services at Beechbrook, Delgany:-

- Water Supply:** All private sites are serviced with Wicklow County Council mains. Dublin Corporation are due to connect into the Wicklow from their 5" dia. main at the entrance to the Beechbrook sites.
- Foul Sewer:** Work on the foul sewer is almost complete. One manhole remains to be constructed.
- Surface Water Sewer:** Work is continuing on the installation of the surface water sewer. Manholes are to be constructed. It was necessary to lay this sewer through the Riversdale site as it was incomplete.
- E.S.B. Cable Ducting:** This is finished to the satisfaction of the E.S.B.
- P & T Cables:** All ducts have been laid. Surface boxes are to be constructed. Target date is 1st April, 1980.

It was agreed that the report of the County Engineer be circulated to each Northern Area Councillor.

ITEM 18 PROVISION OF A MOBILE HOME FOR THOMAS ARCHIBALD, CHURCH TERRACE, DUNLAVI

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors P. Deering and G. Timmins T.D., was considered:-

"That this Council provide Thomas Archibald, Church Terrace, Dunlavin, Co. Wicklow with a mobile home."

Councillor U. McCabe stated that the Chief Medical Officer has been requested to submit a report and recommendation in this case, and this report was awaited. It was agreed to have this matter repeated on the Agenda when this report comes to hand.

ITEM 19 BUILDING OF HOUSE FOR PATRICK FOGARTY AT BAWNOCUE, BALTINGLASS.

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

"That the Council build a house for Patrick Fogarty at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, on a site provided by his mother."

Mr. McCabe informed the members that the Chief Medical Officer had again been asked to submit his report and recommendation and this matter would be repeated.

ITEM 20 POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING SOLID FUEL CENTRAL HEATING IN LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSES.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors J. Sweeney and J. Giff was considered:-

"That the possibility of providing solid fuel central heating in Local Authority Houses be examined."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that this matter has been investigated and it is estimated that the additional cost of providing solid fuel central heating in Local Authority Houses would be of the order of £700.00 per house at present day prices. This price, he stated, is based on the use of a 23,000 B.T.U. wrap around boiler.

Councillor J. Sweeney proposed that this solid fuel central heating be provided and that a back-boiler, at the additional cost of £300, be incorporated which would do away with a lot of condensation.

It was agreed that this matter be considered further at the appropriate time for future houses.

ITEM 21 WATER CONNECTION TO THE COTTAGE OF MRS. MCCABE, KILMAGIG, AVOCA.

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

"That this Council make the promised water connection to the cottage of Mrs. McCabe, Kilmagig, Avoca, without any more delay."

The County Engineer stated that there was a matter of a question of a capital contribution involved in this case. It was proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney and agreed that this water connection be made.

ITEMS 22 & 31 TAKING IN CHARGE OF THE CARRIGOONA WATER SCHEME.

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

"That the Council consider the taking in charge of the Carrigoona Water Scheme on a phased basis as each section is technically cleared."

and

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors J. Leeson, A. Murphy and G. Jones, was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council take over the Carrigoona Water Scheme in stages, as the stages through Powerscourt and Killough are certified for take over and the transfer of tank at the Commons may take a considerable length of time."

The County Engineer recommended in his report that the Group Scheme in this area be taken over when the Law Agent is satisfied with the transfer of land and wayleaves and, in addition, the clauses regarding fencing, etc. already agreed with the Group should apply.

It was agreed that this item be repeated as the Scheme advances.

ITEM 23 EXTENSION OF WATER SUPPLY FROM BALLYHOOK TO FRYANSTOWN AND TYNTE PARK, DUNLAVIN.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors P. Deering and G. Timmins was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council extend water supply from Ballyhook to Fryanstown, and Tynite Park, Dunlavin."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that the cost of extending the water to Fryanstown is £3,500 and it would be a desirable Scheme to be done out of the Small Water and Sewerage Schemes. He also stated that the cost of an extension to Tynte Park would be £20,000 (including above) and he considered that it should not be undertaken until the full capacity of the new source at Fryanstown is tested.

Councillor P. Deering asked that this item be taken up again at the Local Area Meeting.

ITEMS 24 & 35 REPAIRS TO FAULTY ROOFS IN KINDLESTOWN PARK, GREYSTONES.

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

"That Wicklow County Council ask-felt the roofs of the houses numbered 41, 43, 45 and 47 Kindlestown Park, Greystones, as agreed two years ago."

and

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

"That an urgent programme of repairs is carried out on the faulty roofs in Kindlestown Park, Greystones, and that work commence on Block 41 - 47."

In his report, the County Engineer stated that approval had been received for the carrying out of the work in question and specification and tender documents are being prepared for the carrying out of the work.

The County Secretary stated that this work would have to be done on a phased basis having regard to its cost and Councillor J. McManus asked that the particular houses numbered in the Notices of Motion be repaired first.

ITEM 25 EXTENSION OF REFUSE COLLECTION IN THE BALTINGLASS/CARRIGEEN AREA.

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

"That Wicklow County Council in agreement with Kildare County Council, extend the refuse collection in the Baltinglass/Carrigeen Area, as the truck has to pass some houses in the Carrigeen area to continue on its normal route."

The County Engineer stated that it was not possible to extend the refuse collection service in the Western Area, but the matter, including the provision of a new dump is being investigated at present.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. stated that he had gone to some of the local landowners in the Baltinglass/Carrigeen area and there were two people who said they would be prepared to let the Council in on their land. Councillor Timmins expressed dissatisfaction at the transportation of refuse from West Wicklow to the dump at Aughrim, a distance of 20 miles, especially with the fuel situation. Councillor J. Miley also supported this motion.

It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, that a dump be provided in West Wicklow to serve the surrounding area. The Chairman asked if the County Engineer would return to the meeting when agreement has been reached with regard to obtaining site for dump.

ITEM 26 EXTENSION OF REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE TO THE BRITTONSTOWN/POULAPHOUCA AREA.

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

"That Wicklow County Council extend the refuse collection service to the Brittonstown/Poulaphouca Area."

The County Engineer stated that at present it is not possible to extend the refuse collection service in the Western Area, but the matter is presently being investigated.

ITEM 27 SALE OF ONE ACRE OF LAND AT BOLEY, SHILLELAGH, TO GEORGE HICKEY, CLONLEA, SHILLELAGH.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor V. Blake was considered:-

"That this Council negotiate the sale of one acre of land at Boley, Shillelagh, to George Hickey, Cronlea, Shillelagh."

Mr. U. McCabe, in his report, stated that the plot at Cronlea, Shillelagh, comprises 1 acre and 29 sq. perches and although narrow and steep, could conceivably be used for housing although it is unlikely that it will. He added that should it be decided to sell the plot, it is considered that it should be either sold by Auction, Public Tender or directly to Mr. Hickey at a price to be determined by an independent valuer.

Councillor V. Blake stated that this plot of ground had been vacant for years and asked that it be sold to Mr. Hickey. It was agreed that this land be disposed of to Mr. Hickey and the Chairman asked that the necessary Statutory Notice be brought before the members when price was determined, etc.

ITEM 28 BUILDING OF BATHROOM AND TOILET TO HOUSE OF MR. SEAMUS BUSER, BALLINDERRY ROAD, RATHDRUM.

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

"That Wicklow County Council build a bathroom and toilet on the house occupied by Mr. Seamus Buser, Ballinderry Road, Rathdrum, as his small daughter has heart disease and there is no sanitation facilities in the house."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that there is at present an outside Toilet about 30 yards from the door of the cottage. He added that to build a new bathroom/toilet extension would cost approx £2,900.

The Chairman asked that this item be further investigated and that it be brought before the Council at their next Meeting.

ITEM 29 HOUSING NEEDS IN THE BALTINGLASS AREA.

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

"That Wicklow County Council will not sell any private sites in Baltinglass until they investigate local housing needs in the area, and that they keep sufficient land to build a minimum of 40 houses which will be needed over the next 10 years and that Council houses will be integrated with private sites."

Mr. U. McCabe informed the members in his report that the Council owns a site of approximately two acres in Baltinglass, which was acquired from the Vocational Education Committee some time ago for development as private sites. He stated that it is not intended to actually sell any of the sites until the Councils objective of acquiring further land for Local Authority housing in Baltinglass has been attained. He added that this matter is at present under active consideration.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. expressed satisfaction at this report and Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. also stated that he would like to see the Council go ahead and secure land for housing in this area.

ITEM 30 BUILDING OF COUNCIL HOUSES ON THE REMAINDER OF THE SITES AT BALLYWALTRIM.

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

"That Council houses be built on the remainder of the sites at Ballywaltrim to relieve the serious housing situation in North Wicklow."

Mr. U. McCabe, in his report, stated that there are 49 sites in all in the Ballywaltrim Scheme and it is intended to allocate 20 of these in the very near future and there are also a considerable number of other applicants being processed at present. He also stated that the allocation of these 20 sites will result in the return to Wicklow County Council of four Council houses and to Bray U.D.C. of five Council houses. In addition two persons on the housing list are being catered for. In all a total of eleven persons out of the twenty benefit the housing list by direct or indirect reduction.

It was agreed that this matter be brought forward for the Bray Area Meeting, and Councillor J. McManus asked that it be placed on the Agenda subsequent to this meeting.

ITEM 32 BUILDING OF HOUSE FOR JOHN DAWSON, COOLNARRIG, TUCKMILL, BALTINGLASS.

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

"That the Council build a house for John Dawson, on a site provided by his mother at Coolnarrig, Tuckmill, Baltinglass."

The members were informed that the Chief Medical Officer had been requested to submit a report and recommendation on this item and this would be brought before the meeting again as soon as his report comes to hand.

ITEM 33 EXTENSION OF BIN COLLECTION TO THE FOUR HOUSES ON THE BALLYGANNON ROAD, KILCOOLE.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors G. Jones, J. Leeson and A. Murphy, was considered:-

"That the Council extend the bin collection to the four houses on the Ballygannon Road, Kilcoole."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that the lane in question is too narrow for the Refuse Collection Vehicle to collect the refuse, as it is not possible to turn.

Councillor G. Jones asked that this matter be reviewed again and a further report submitted.

ITEM 34 SUPPLY OF WATER TO GRANGECON VILLAGE AND SURROUNDING AREAS.

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

"That Wicklow County Council supply water to Grangecon Village and surrounding areas from a supply now available in Ballyhook."

The County Engineer stated that it is possible to supply Grangecon from the reservoir at Ballyhook which has recently been constructed and the number of houses that would be served by a new scheme would be 35. He added that the cost of the Scheme would be approximately £30,000, which would mean that the cost of this Scheme would be expensive per house. The County Engineer also stated that it would be preferable if this Scheme could be deferred until after we have a dry summer because as yet the full capacity of the Freynestown Scheme is not known.

It was agreed that this matter would be further considered at the local area meeting.

ITEM 36 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

Clearing of Housing Site in Shillelagh.

Councillor K Ryan asked that arrangements be made to have the building site at Shillelagh cleared of materials, etc. left by the Contractors, as the people of the Estate were complaining that they could not get in and out of their houses.

Mr. J. Solon, C.A.C.E., replied that he had asked the Contractors to open accesses for the school children on this Estate and he stated that he would get in contact with the Contractors again with a view to clearing up the area.

Mount Usher Gardens, Ashford, Co. Wicklow.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., paid tribute to the former owners of the Mount Usher Gardens and Estate at Ashford, Co. Wicklow, and stated that it was a very valuable amenity to the tourism trade of County Wicklow. Councillor Kavanagh also asked that no planning permission allowing any change in the use of the property be permitted and recommended that it be retained in its present state. He suggested that the Local Authority should consider the acquisition and maintenance of this great amenity, should the new owners or the Government not wish to maintain it.

The Chairman indicated that negotiations were at an advanced stage as regards satisfactory future ownership.

Public Lighting in Baltinglass.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., referred to the failure of some of the public lighting in Baltinglass and asked that the E.S.B. be approached with a view to maintaining same.

Extension to County Library at Greystones.

Councillor J. Miley and F. Hynes expressed concern at a planning permission which had been received by the Council which might interfere with the Library Committee's attempts to acquire land for an extension to the existing Library.

Chairman Murphy
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MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 10TH MARCH, 1980, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW, COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

Present:

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. Chairman.
Councillors, V. Blake, J. Byrne, H. Cullen, P. Deering,
F. Hynes, G. Jones, T. J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, J. Leeson,
J. McManus, J. Miley, R. Miley, A. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill,
K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D., and M. Weadick.

Also

Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,

in

Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary,

Attendance:

Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer,
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, Roads/Environmental.
Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer, Motor Taxation Section.
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on the 11th February, 1980, be confirmed and signed.

ITEM 2 GUARANTEE ON LOAN OF £60,000 TO WICKLOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS.

After some discussion, it was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney and resolved that in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 of the Harbours Act, 1947, the Wicklow County Council agree to assist Wicklow Harbour Commissioners by guaranteeing the repayment of a loan of £60,000 repayable over a period of 30 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 of £60,000 at such rates or rate 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 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 3 RAISING OF LOAN FOR PURCHASE OF TWO NEW FIRE APPLIANCES.

The members were informed that the total loan involved is £90,000 and that the expected date of delivery of the two new fire appliances will be about April.

Councillor J. Leeson stated that with the growth in and around the larger towns of the county, difficulties are beginning to arise with the names of townlands, and delays are being experienced by the Fire Brigade in reaching the location of fires. He suggested that briefing sessions and maps should be made available to the Fire Brigade personnel, as a delay of 10 minutes could cost a lot of money, especially in a built up area.

Councillor J. Sweeney also stated that radio alerter systems should be provided for each new fire appliance in the county as when the Fire Brigade is out on a call in Arklow there is no way of contacting the crew if another fire occurs in the meantime once they have left the base.

The Chairman also supported the views of Councillor Leeson in the provision of better maps and suggested that the redeployment of the service should be considered.

Councillor F. Hynes expressed dissatisfaction at the absence of the Chief Fire Officer at this meeting when such matters were being discussed and failed to understand why the need for these maps, etc. had not been seen by him.

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MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 10TH MARCH, 1980, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW, COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

Present: Councillors C. Murphy, T.D., Chairman; V. Blake, J. Byrne, N. Cullen, P. Deering, F. Hynes, G. Jones, T. J. Keenan, G. Kinneally, J. Leeson, J. McManus, J. Riley, A. Murphy, Miss M. O'Neill, M. Ryan, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D., and N. Woodcock.

Also Present: Mr. J. Hayes, County Manager; Mr. S. Johnston, County Secretary; Mr. T. J. Donovan, M.E., County Engineer; Mr. J. Brennan, Administrative Officer, Roads/Environment; Mr. J. Mahon, Staff Officer, Motor Taxation Section; Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on the 15th February, 1980, be confirmed and signed.

GUARANTEE ON LOAN OF £60,000 TO WICKLOW HARBOR COMMISSIONERS

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney and resolved that in accordance with the provisions of the Harbours Act, 1954, the Wicklow County Council agree to assist Wicklow Harbour Commissioners by guaranteeing the repayment of a loan of £60,000 to the Commissioners for a period of 20 years intended to be borrowed from the Government of Ireland in respect of the improvement works at the County of Wicklow Harbour. It was further resolved that the interest on the loan shall be paid by the County Council and that the County Council shall be responsible for the repayment of the loan. It was further resolved that the County Council shall be responsible for the repayment of the loan. It was further resolved that the County Council shall be responsible for the repayment of the loan.

RAISING A FUND FOR PURCHASE OF TWO NEW FIRE APPLIANCES

The members were informed that the total loan involved is £20,000 and that the expected date of delivery of the two new fire appliances will be about April.

Councillor J. Leeson stated that the growth in and around the larger towns in the county, difficulties in obtaining to arise with the names of townlands, and delays in getting the five bridges in reaching the location of the bridges. He suggested that the five bridges should be made available to the five bridges personnel, as a matter of 10 minutes could cost a lot of money, especially in a built-up area.

Councillor J. Sweeney also stated that the fire appliances should be provided for each new fire appliance in the county. He stated that the fire bridge is out on a hill in Arklow there is no way of contacting the fire if another fire occurs in the mountain once they have left the base.

The Chairman also supported the views of Councillor Leeson in the provision of better maps and suggested that the redrawing of the maps should be considered.

Councillor F. Hynes expressed dissatisfaction at the absence of the Chief Fire Officer at this meeting when such matters were being discussed and failed to understand why the need for these maps, etc., had not been seen by him.

ITEM 4 STEERING GROUP ON IRISH IN THE LOCAL SERVICES - LIST OF SUGGESTIONS.

The members were circulated with a letter received from Liam O Murchu, Cathaoir-leach, Grupa Stiurtha I gComhar Le Bord Na Gaeilge, which contained a Note on Formation of Irish Language Steering Group and some suggestions for the Use of Irish in the Local Services.

The Chairmen welcomed the views of the members on this matter and himself stated that there should be a greater use of the Irish language in our everyday lives, in order to keep our national heritage alive. He added that people may be a bit shy of using the little Irish they have, but if it was used during social activities these barriers could be broken down. He also said that, as well as being a matter for the Council, it was also a matter for each individual themselves, and asked if the Social Club for Wicklow County Council and Eastern Health Board would be informed of the efforts of the Steering Group.

Councillor G. Jones stated that he did not wish to see the meetings turning into a "lip service to the language". Councillor J. McManus stated that if the public wish to converse in Irish in their dealings with the Council they should be allowed to do so. While Councillor P. Deering was of the opinion that the manner in which Irish is taught in the Schools is not conducive to popularising the language. The Chairmen concluded this item by stating that he would have the item repeated on the Agenda in a few months for further consideration.

ITEM 5 TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT BALLYMANUS LAND, GLENEALY.

The members were informed that the necessary notice informing the public of the intention of Wicklow County Council to take over the road at Ballymanus Lane which leads from the Glenealy/Ashford Road at Glenealy No. 2 School to the entrance to Forestry, had been placed in the local and national press.

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney and agreed that the road at Ballymanus Lane, Glenealy, be taken over by Wicklow County Council.

ITEM 6 SAFETY MEASURES AT RIVER WHICH ADJOINS THE PARKMORE HOUSING ESTATE, BALTINGLASS.

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

"That Wicklow County Council take immediate steps to implement safety measures at the river which adjoins the Parkmore Housing Estate, Baltinglass, by the erection of fences."

The County Engineer in his report stated that this matter is under investigation and a report will be submitted for the next Meeting.

ITEM 7 PUBLIC LIGHTING ON ROAD FROM BALTINGLASS TO THE HOSPITAL AND TO THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. suggested that, as Deputy L. Kavanagh, T.D. was absent this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

ITEM 8 CREATION OF POST OF COUNTY FINANCE OFFICER AND ABOLITION OF POST OF COUNTY ACCOUNTANT.

The County Secretary stated that a communication was expected from the Department of the Environment on the above matter, but had not been received. It was agreed that this item be placed on the Agenda again when the required information comes to hand.

ITEM 9 OPENING TIMES FOR ENNISKERRY LIBRARY.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors J. Leeson, G. Jones and A. Murphy, was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council investigate the possibility of opening Enniskerry Library on one afternoon per week to facilitate school children and also brighten up same."

The County Secretary read from the report of the County Librarian, which stated that as and from 3rd March, 1980, the Library in Enniskerry will be open to the public on:-

Monday	3 - 5 p.m.	and	7 - 9 p.m.
Wednesday	3 - 5 p.m.		
Friday	7 - 9 p.m.		
Saturday	3 - 5 p.m.		

The County Librarian also stated that provision will be made for floor-covering and shelving and two gas heaters and four fluorescent light fittings will also be installed. He added that Enniskerry will receive priority in the matter of repairs to Branch Libraries during the current year.

ITEM 10 CLEANING UP OF HALF MOON, KILRUDDERY AND WATERCOURSES BETWEEN SAME AND WINDGATES.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors J. Leeson, G. Jones and A. Murphy, was considered:-

"That County Council clean up Half Moon, Kilruddery and clean up watercourses between same and Windgates."

The County Engineer, in his report stated that arrangements are being made to have these areas tidied up.

ITEM 11 EMPLOYMENT OF HANDICAPPED PERSONS BY THIS COUNCIL.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. Keenan Miss N. O'Neill, J. Giff and R. Miley, was considered:-

"Would the County Manager tell this Council what steps are taken to employ handicapped persons who would qualify for employment by this Council."

The County Manager stated that Wicklow County Council had no objection to employing handicapped persons in suitable positions as long as they were able to carry out their duties.

ITEM 12 REMOVAL OF MACHINE AND TIDYING UP OF THE AREA SURROUNDING BARRY'S BRIDGE, DRUMMIN, DELGANY.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors G. Jones, A. Murphy and J. Leeson, was considered:-

"That this Council remove the machine and tidy up the area surrounding Barry's Bridge, Drummin, Delgany."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that the owner of this machine was written to and requested to remove this machine and a verbal promise was received on the 4th inst. that this machine would be removed.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill stated that this area was in a disastrous state and again asked that it be cleaned up without delay.

ITEM 13 PROVISION OF A NEW LIBRARY AT BALTINGLASS.

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

"That a new Library be provided at Baltinglass."

The County Librarian stated in his report that Baltinglass is now the largest town in County Wicklow without adequate library accommodation. The present service has operated from a small room in the Courthouse since 1971 and this room is less than 200 sq. ft. in area. He added that the Library Advisory Committee has also agreed to provide a purpose-built library for Baltinglass.

but to date it has not been possible to obtain a suitable site for such a building. The County Librarian recommended that a permanent or prefabricated building be erected in Baltinglass with floor area of 800 sq. ft. for library purposes, but stated that no provision has been made in Library Estimates, 1980, for such a project.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Miley that the Council should go ahead with the necessary plans for a new Library in Baltinglass.

ITEM 14 NATIONAL FIRE REGULATION.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor A. Murphy, G. Jones, and J. Leeson was considered:-

"That this Council make strong representations to the Department of the Environment to have a set of National Fire Regulations instituted."

In his report, the Chief Fire Officer stated that this matter had been brought up at National level by the Chief Fire Officers' Association for several years. Mr. Moran stated that too often an individual Officer is left to set his own standards for the area in which he serves and is open, on one hand, to the criticism that his requirements are too severe, and on the other, that he is guilty of laxity. Mr. Moran added that unified National codes on matters relating to time and quality of attendance at fires, to building regulations (still only in draft form) to the transport, storage and use of hazardous chemicals, to public water supplies and new legislation to give effect to such codes and resolve the anomalies of the existing 1940 Act, would be most desirable.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that he was glad to see the Chief Fire Officers report on this matter and he said that the Draft document on Emergency Services had, also never come into effect. Councillor Murphy asked that the Council strongly press the Department on the provision of National Fire Regulations, and that a resolution also be sent from the General Council of County Councils.

Councillor J. McManus also supported this motion and stated that a set of regulations is urgently needed as the present fire regulations are simply governed by the views of the Fire Officer.

ITEM 15 REDUCTION OF SPEED OF MOTOR VEHICLES THROUGH KILMACANOGUE VILLAGE.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors A. Murphy, G. Jones and J. Leeson, was considered:-

"That this Council seek to reduce the speed of motor vehicles through Kilmacanogue village (in advance of the Traffic Lights and dual-carriageway extension) by a comprehensive and methodical roadmarking and streamlined road traffic sign provision that will integrate with the traffic lights when provided."

Councillor A. Murphy expressed his dissatisfaction at the exclusion of the Traffic Lights for Kilmacanogue Village in the Road Grants for 1980, and asked the County Engineer if this meant that the lights would not be provided this year. He also asked if an application had been made to the Department for funds for this project. Councillors G. Jones and J. McManus also expressed concern and added that there had been a number of fatal accidents in this village.

The County Engineer stated there had been various communications with the Department and that they had certain lists of works to be carried out. On the suggestion of Councillor J. Leeson it was considered that money could be taken out of the Block Grants to finance the Traffic Lights.

Councillor A. Murphy proposed that the County Engineer present to the next Ordinary Meeting a full report of what was proposed to be done with these traffic lights, etc.

ITEM 16 PROVISION OF REGULAR ROAD MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME FOR THE KILMACANOGUE AREA.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors A. Murphy, G. Jones and J. Leeson, was considered:-

"That a regular road maintenance programme be provided for the Kilmacanogue Area."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that finance is being included in the current years' Estimates for this purpose and said that the matter should be considered at the Area Meeting.

ITEM 17 TAKING OF LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THE DIRECTORS OF WICKLOW CORN COMPANY.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, K. Ryan, D. Kinsella and G. Jones was considered:-

"That this Council take legal action against the Directors of Wicklow Corn Company for not complying with the conditions of the planning permission that was granted for the building of stores, etc. at Merrymeeing, Rathnew."

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Councillor H. Cullen asked if this flow of water would be sufficient to serve the hydrant and requested that a further report be submitted for the Local Area Meeting.

ITEM 21 PROVISION OF EXTRA FACILITIES IN THE MOTOR TAXATION OFFICE.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors H. Cullen and G. Timmins, WAS considered:-

"That the Council management take immediate action to relieve the congestion for the public in the Motor Taxation Office either in the provision of extra facilities or the extension of opening hours."

Councillor H. Cullen expressed dissatisfaction at the accommodation given to the Motor Taxation Section and stated that on most occasions the public are crowded out into the entrance hall.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that Bray catered for an extensive amount of the work load in the Motor Taxation Section and suggested that if a Sub-Office was set up in Bray to cater for that area it would relieve the situation as well as helping to conserve energy for those having to travel to and from Wicklow. He added that Wicklow would remain the central office and would house the back-up filing system for the County.

The County Secretary informed the members that he was not at liberty to increase the number of staff in the Motor Taxation Section. He added that at present the total number of staff in Motor Tax was 9, while the Department only made provision for 7 established posts. He said that on the question of accommodation, he was trying to rectify this matter and that a second counter had been opened permanently to deal with driving licences only. Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer, Motor Taxation Section, informed the members that of all the applications made to his department $\frac{1}{3}$ of them had to be returned and less than 50% of them could be dealt with on the spot.

Following some further discussion on the matter the Chairman agreed that the whole aspect of the Motor Taxation Department would be reviewed again in due course.

ITEMS 22 & 63 TAKING IN CHARGE OF RATHDOWN PARK, GREYSTONES.

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

"That Rathdown Park, Greystones, be taken in charge by the Council."

and

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors A. Murphy, J. Leeson and G. Jones, was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council make it clear that there is no intention to close up the existing entrance to Rathdown Park, Greystones."

In his report Mr. U. McCabe, stated that this Scheme has been completed since 1973 and all financial conditions are paid in full. He also stated that the bond held as security for the satisfactory completion of the services expired in 1974 and it would seem that the Estate should be taken in charge after the surface water fault is corrected.

The County Engineer stated that he would check with the Developers again to ensure that all faults were rectified on this Estate before taking it in charge. The Chairman asked that this item be repeated on next months Agenda.

ITEM 23 IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NATIONAL PRIMARY ROUTE.

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

"That the Council be informed as to whether a known line exists for improvements to the National Primary Route through the jurisdiction of the Authority."

Councillor C. Murphy stated that he would like to see improvement works on the National Primary Route carried out on a phased basis with a specific lay-out of the work being done. He also stated that the plans and maps for the Newtownmountkennedy Road had been submitted to the Department, but had not yet been approved.

The County Engineer stated the problem with road realignment was that most of the money made available was being used on buying up the land and added that there was also a lot of time involved in the legal transfer of land. It was agreed that as the alignment become available the Members would be informed.

ITEM 24. PROVISION OF TRAFFIC BARRIER OUTSIDE THE HOME OF MRS. GRANT, BARNDARRIG, KILBRIDE, WICKLOW.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors H. Cullen and G. Timmins T. D. was considered:-

"That a further report be submitted on the proposal to provide protection for houses at Kilboy, Barndarrig (N.O.M. Mrs. Grant) i.e. traffic barriers."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that it was considered that a traffic barrier at the above location would not prevent accidents. The problem is that the line of the road is not well defined to an oncoming driver. This could be improved by erecting a line of delineator posts on both sides of the road and also by placing a solid white line along the centre rather than the broken one which exists at present. In addition, the signs indicating that there is a bend ahead could be made more prominent.

Councillor G. Timmins, T. D. stated that this was a very dangerous stretch of road and felt that the barriers should be provided. Councillor J. Leeson suggested that if a bank of soil was put at the top of the lay-bye, it would partly solve the problem. Councillor H. Cullen proposed that the works suggested by the County Engineer in his report be carried out. Agreed.

ITEM 25 RE-INSTATING OF ROADS WITH ORIGINAL MATERIALS.

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

"Where cuttings are made in public roads that the road be re-instated with the same material as the original road."

Councillor J. Sweeney stated that the problem arises with the use of different materials on the road surface, resulting in the break-up of the surface.

Councillor G. Timmins, T. D. also said that problems arose with the laying of water mains when drains of up to 2' 4" were opened along the roads. He asked that those people who could afford to pay for these water connections, should be asked for a larger contribution, in order to have the roads re-instated. Councillor Timmins also stated that repairs, water connections, etc. should be completed as quickly as possible and the roads maintained in their original material.

ITEM 26 PROPOSED MEETING WITH ONE OF THE NORTH OF IRELAND LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

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

"That Wicklow County Council investigate and negotiate with the North of Ireland Local Authorities with a view to a meeting with one of the above Councils to discuss matters of general concern and interest."

Councillor P. Deering stated that this was a very difficult and delicate item to speak on. He said that he himself had many relatives in Northern Ireland and there seemed to be a strained relationship between them in recent years. He said that they belonged to the minority community and they were afraid of the people in Government in Northern Ireland, while the majority were afraid of the British withdrawing from the North. Councillor Deering stated that all political leaders in the South should work towards the common good in achieving a peaceful settlement and he proposed that a meeting be arranged between Wicklow County Council and one of the Northern Councils with a view to discussing everyday matters of a common interest.

Councillor J. McManus seconded the proposal and asked that this matter be explored as it was long overdue. He added that it would be a very good thing to see this Council meet some of the Northern Councils with a view to expressing concern and discussing matters of mutual interest.

The Chairman stated that at the moment North East Region and Donegal have a cross-border connection with Northern Ireland due to their proximity. He added that "Sense of Ireland" and other cultural groups encourage cross-border participation under their normal terms of reference. He said that the Council would have to select one particular Council with which to converse and he considered one with which we would share our basic problems and interests, i.e. water supply, development etc.

Councillor D. Kinsella also supported this motion and stated that as a member of the Library Committee he had the pleasure of attending a Library Advisory Conference in Coleraine. He asked for the wholehearted co-operation of the Members and complimented Councillor Deering on raising the matter before the Council.

The County Secretary stated that even though the objectives of the Members were very laudable, his experience would suggest that they might not be made welcome in all of the Northern Ireland Local Authority areas.

Furthermore many of the powers regarding local services in Northern Ireland were vested directly in the Department of the Environment and the District Councils did not possess authority or power similar to County Councils in the South.

On the recommendation of the Chairman it was agreed to examine the proposal further to ascertain the position re: clearance from the Department of Foreign Affairs etc. and to report back to the Council in due course.

ITEM 27. FLOODING AT GRANGE CON.

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

"That further steps be taken to relieve flooding at Grange Con."

The County Engineer stated, in his report, that a Scheme was completed last July to relieve flooding at the above location, which performs satisfactorily except in very severe weather conditions. A drainage scheme will be constructed in the near future in the Lowtown area which will relieve the present flooding problem at Grange Con.

Councillor G. Timmins, T. D. asked that further consideration of this item be referred to the Local Area Meeting.

ITEM 28 TAKING OVER OF ACCESS ROAD AT STRATFORD CHURCH.

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

"That access road at Stratford Church be taken over and improved by the Council."

The County Engineer in his report gave the following information:-

Length and Width of Road	- 136 yds. x 4 yds.
Cost of repairing Road (Incl. surface dressing)	- £1,200
Number of Houses on Road	- 3
Number of Users of Road	- 13 regulars, plus additional 20 approx. on Sundays.
Annual Maintenance of Road	- £50.00 per annum.

The County Engineer recommended that this road be taken over and repaired.

ITEM 29 IMPROVING OF BAD BENDS ON MAIN ROAD FROM BALTINGLASS TO THE HOSPITAL

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

"That bad bends on Main Road from Baltinglass to the Hospital be improved."

The County Engineer informed the members, in his report, that a sum of £7,000 is being included in the 1980 Roadworks Scheme for consideration, for the realignment of the road from Kiltegan to Baltinglass. The Council have now acquired the land for the Industrial Estate and it will, therefore, be possible to proceed with a modified form of the road alignment at Lathleer. The County Engineer added that this work should be given priority over the realignment from Newtownsaunders to Bortgranite, as the bends at Lathleer are sharper.

ITEM 30 PROVISION OF PUBLIC TELEPHONES AT (A) KILPEDDER VILLAGE (B) BALLYWALTRIM, BRAY.

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

"That public telephones be provided in (a) Kilpedder Village (b) Ballywaltrim, Bray."

Kilpedder Village: The County Engineer stated that there was no objection from a Roads/Engineering point of view, and Councillor J. McManus asked that quotations be sought in relation to this telephone.

Ballywaltrim, Bray: The County Engineer stated that this is a matter for Bray Urban District Council and suggested that it be brought up at a meeting of this Council.

ITEM 31 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KENNY REPORT ON BUILDING LAND.

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

"That Wicklow County Council seek a deputation with the Minister of the Environment to push for the implementation of the Kenny Report on Building land."

Councillor J. McManus stated that in 1971 the then Minister, Mr. G. Molloy, TD., set up a Committee to investigate land for the building of houses, which was chaired by Justice Kenny. They produced a report which dealt in detail with the price of building land, growth of population coupled with

demand for housing in urban areas. The report stated that development land outside urban areas was not being serviced and they suggested that if the Local Authority were to service more land, the price of development land would drop. Another suggestion was that the Local Authority would buy plots of land and rent them out to local developers. Councillor McManus stated that this report had been on the Minister's desk for the past 5 years and has not yet been acted upon, even though it was of great importance and its provisions might require a change in the Constitution. Councillor McManus also mentioned a case where the Council was selling 4.2 acres of land and had to be restrictive in their selling price because of the fear of inflating the price of adjoining land which they hoped to acquire.

Councillor A. Murphy said that there were certainly some good provisions within the Kenny Report especially for those who were going to be faced with the increasing problem of providing housing from within their own means.

The Chairman stated that this was a very intensive report and a lot of pressure has been brought to bear on its implementation. He suggested that the best thing the Council could do would be to put the Council's views in writing before the Minister and he proposed that this be done.

ITEM 32 REFORM OF THE TAX SYSTEM.

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

"That we call upon the Government to institute immediate reform of the tax system so as to ensure that all sections of the community pay their fair share of taxation according to their means. Such reform, in particular, should also index tax allowances against inflation, eliminate differential treatment of marriage partners and involve an anti-tax evasion and avoidance campaign by the State. Furthermore, forms of taxation should be introduced which ensure an adequate contribution to public revenue by those who are especially well off."

Councillor J. McManus stated that he had hoped to see this item come before the Members before the Budget. He called on the members to look for a fairer system of taxation right across the board and he proposed that the Council pass the above resolution. Councillor McManus informed the members that 70% of the population of the County were paying 87% of the total income tax collected.

Councillor P. Deering welcomed the fact that this years Budget had made some concessions to the tax payer, but he still maintained that it was the under-privileged and persons in the lower income bracket that was bearing the brunt of the taxation system.

Councillor A. Murphy expressed disappointment at the current approaches in relation to an equitable taxation system. Councillor J. Leeson outlined what he considered would be the fair and equitable system.

Councillor J. Byrne stated that the ordinary working class were very angry with the tax situation as they were losing one days pay on the tax per week and felt that the higher income brackets and self employed were not paying their fair share.

Councillor K. Ryan questioned the right for any Local Authority to stop tax out of the Superannuation of people who have worked on the roads all their lives and who have paid to a Pension Scheme down through the years.

The County Secretary indicated the actual ~~proportion~~ ^{position}.

Following further discussion on the taxation system the Members were unanimous in expressing support for the introduction of a more equitable taxation system.

ITEMS 33 TO 68 WERE DEFERRED TO THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

ITEM 69 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

Vacant House in Tinahely.

Councillor K. Ryan drew attention to a vacant house in Tinahely and asked if there was any hope of having it given out before it become occupied by squatters, and he was assured that the matter would be taken up with the Chief Medical Officer as a matter of priority.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Chairman
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Date: 21/4/80

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MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 14TH APRIL, 1980, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW, COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

Present:

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., Chairman,
Councillors V. Blake, J. Byrne, H. Cullen, P. Deering,
F. Hynes, G. Jones, T. J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, J. Leeson,
J. McManus, J. Miley, R. Miley, A. Murphy, N. O'Neill,
K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D. and M. Weadick.

Also

Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,
Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer,
Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary,
Mr. J. Solon, B.E., Chief Assistant County Engineer,
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, Housing/Planning,
Mr. A. Fidgeon, County Accountant,
Mr. P. O'Meara, Staff Officer, Housing Section,
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, Environmental/Roads.
Mr. J. Madigan, Assistant Staff Officer, Environmental Section.
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.
Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer, Motor Taxation Section.

Attendance:

Councillor F. Hynes requested permission to suspend items 1 to 10 on the Agenda in order to deal with the Housing Progress Report. He pointed out that a very serious situation had arisen, in that it was proposed to build 144 houses in the county and that the Council had not received an allocation from the Department to have these houses started. He asked that the matter be dealt with in detail with a view to sending a deputation to the Minister without delay.

Councillor A. Murphy seconded and added that the Council could not afford to lose Contractors who were ready to start building.

The Chairman agreed that Item 11 would be taken when the Minutes of the last Housing Meeting had been confirmed and signed.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Housing Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on the 10th March, 1980, be confirmed and signed.

ITEM 11 HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT:

Councillor F. Hynes expressed grave concern at the non-availability of an allocation for new starts. The period May to September covers the five best months of the year for construction work and time lost in the beginning of the year would create a back-log in the housing programme. Councillor Hynes requested that the Minister be asked to receive a deputation immediately with a view to getting the new starts underway.

Councillor A. Murphy seconded this proposal stating that the allocation of £1.47m was totally inadequate to meet the housing needs of the county. He said that over the last 12 to 18 months the number of people seeking help from the local authority had increased greatly. Councillor J. Leeson, K. Ryan, J. Byrne and P. Deering supported Councillor Murphy on this matter. The Chairman pointed out that £1.8m had been sought for on-going commitments, while an allocation of £1.47m had been granted.

Mr. U. McCabe stated that a further written request had been sent to the Department of the Environment indicating the need for an allocation to go ahead with those schemes for which tenders have been accepted. He added that no indication had yet been received as to the allocation which would be made available on the foot of the Council's application for .89m for new starts.

Mr. McCabe informed the members that an Assessment of Housing Needs was in the course of completion and should be ready within the next few months. In reply to Councillor K. Ryan, Mr. McCabe indicated that there were a number of schemes ready for advertising and between 50 and 60 houses could be advertised immediately.

Tenders accepted - Contract to be signed in near future.

Rural Cottage, Knockers Hill (Fleming).

Mr. U. McCabe stated that subject to some modifications, he expected that the Contract would be signed very soon and he hoped it would be cleared by the Department within a month or so.

Tenders Accepted and Awaiting Capital Allocation to enable Contracts to be signed.

In reply to Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, the County Engineer informed the meeting that the cost of the houses to be erected in Greystones would be in the region of £17,000 per house.

Tenders under Examination:

Barndarrig: The lowest tender has withdrawn and these houses will have to be re-advertised.

Acquisition of Land:

Johnstown/Bilbedder. Mr. McCabe stated that the High Court case is pending in connection with the making of the C.P.O.

Ballinglass Acquisition of site to be investigated.

Ballyconnell/Kilquigan. In reply to Councillor V. Blake, Mr. McCabe indicated that the land in question is in the ownership of a German, who does not reside on the property. He further stated that it was unlikely that land could be acquired by agreement, and that a C.P.O. would probably have to be made.

Kiltegan The Law Agent is in the process of finalising the transfer of land in this case.

Ballycoogue Site of 1.2 acres in final stages of transfer to Council.

Ashford 11 acres approx. purchased. Agreement reached with owners for purchase of two further adjoining lots of 5 acres and 6½ acres respectively which are in course of transfer to Council's ownership.

Valleymount Councillor J. Miley expressed dissatisfaction at the lack of progress in securing land in Valleymount. Mr. McCabe stated that since the last Housing Meeting a report has been submitted on the matter and a further report would be made in the near future.

Shillelagh Mr. McCabe stated that a C.P.O. was about to be made on the land at the rear of the Garda Barracks in Shillelagh.

Glenealy Mr. McCabe stated that all possibilities for acquiring land in Glenealy were being investigated.

Kilmacanogue The members were informed that the acquisition of a 5 acre site adjoining the Kilmacanogue Housing Scheme was being negotiated.

Grangecon Agreement has been reached for purchase of site which is in course of transfer.

Rathdrum Site in course of transfer.

Finabely Agreement has been reached for the acquisition of a site.

Thomastown/Johnstown Acquisition to be effected by C.P.O. this week.

Dunleavin C.P.O. confirmed by Minister in respect of plot required for housing purposes.

Stratford Not possible to acquire land by agreement, C.P.O. will have to be made.

Greystones: Acquisition of further land to be investigated.

Blessington: The County Engineer stated that there had been a revision in the proposed development. A Consultant had been employed for Blessington and the C.P.O. will be proceeded with.

Coolboy Council unable to acquire a plot of land. Councillor V. Blake stated that there was a landowner prepared to negotiate with the Council.

Kniskerry Selection of site for acquisition being investigated.

Laragh Negotiations in progress and agreement should be reached.

ITEM 2 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT ROCKYPOOL, BLESSINGTON.

Councillor J. Miley stated that he considered the disposal of this land by way of a 20 year lease at an annual rent of £250.00 was far too high and that when the Scouts Group were seeking a site they were told that they would be only charged a nominal fee. There was no way they could afford to pay £250.00. Councillor Miley stated that this land was situated in a sandpit and would not be suitable for any other purpose and he asked that the County Manager reconsider the rental sought.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. and P. Deering supported and stated that the Council had already given land to people in similar circumstances for a lot less.

After further discussion it was agreed that the County Manager would meet with the 7th Wicklow (Blessington) Scout Group, with a view to reaching a compromise figure and that a further Statutory Notice would be re-circulated at a later date.

ITEM 3 RAISING OF LOAN OF £1,000,000.00 FROM THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING ADVANCES UNDER SECTION 39 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1966.

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan and unanimously resolved that, subject to the sanction from the Minister for the Environment, Wicklow County Council raise a loan of £1,000,000.00 from the Office of Public Works, for the purpose of making advances under Section 39 of the Housing Act, 1966.

ITEM 4 RAISING OF LOAN OF £1,000,000.00 FROM THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR PROVISION OF HOUSING UNDER SECTION 56 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1966.

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne and unanimously resolved that, subject to the sanction from the Minister for the Environment, Wicklow County Council raise a loan of £1,000,000.00 from the Office of Public Works, for provision of housing under Section 56 of the Housing Act, 1966.

ITEM 5 RAISING OF A LOAN OF £29,940 FOR SMALL WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE SCHEMES, 1980.

Councillor K. Ryan stated that the allocation of £29,940 for the Small Water & Sewerage Schemes, 1980 Programme seemed very little and asked how the money would be spent.

Mr. L. Brennan informed the members that in addition to the capital allocation of £29,940 the Council has also provided £75,000 in its Estimates, which gave a total of £104,940 available for work on Small Schemes, in 1980. He added that the allocation of £29,940 was borrowed from the Local Loans Fund through the Office of Public Works and the loan charges were 50% recoupable.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. seconded by Councillor J. Miley and unanimously agreed that Wicklow County Council raise a loan of £29,940 from the Office of Public Works for the Council's Small Water Supply & Sewerage Schemes for 1980.

ITEM 6 MAJOR WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES, 1980.

The members were informed that the Capital Allocation for Major Water and Sewerage Schemes was £250,000 which was double the 1979 allocation. Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, stated that the Filcoole Scheme would take the bulk of the allocation, but there was also retention money for the Wicklow Scheme completed last year. If necessary the Council would go back to the Department for an additional allocation.

ITEM 7 PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF OLD NATIONAL SCHOOL AT VALLEYMOUNT.

The County Secretary read from the report of Mr. McCabe, Administrative Officer, stating that some members of the Council proposed that the Old National School at Valleymount be converted to provide 3 old persons housing units. The County Engineer reported that this could be done at an estimated cost of £8,000 per unit. As a result of this the Parish Priest and the Board of Works were contacted for the purpose of preventing the demolition of the old school as authorised by the planning permission for the construction of the new school at Valleymount. Ultimately it transpired that the Board of Works had the final say in the matter and following the Council's approach to them, they have written saying that they consider the demolition of the old school essential to provide adequate surroundings and soft play space for the new school. They have also stated that the matter has been raised and examined on numerous occasions over the last few years and that it is their intention to proceed with the demolition in accordance with the planning permission obtained.

Councillor J. Miley, P. Deering and G. Timmins, T.D. were unanimous in the view that a building of such fine Wicklow granite should be maintained in its present state. Councillor Deering stated that this building would be ideal for conversion into a couple of small units for old people. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. requested that the Board of Works be contacted and asked to receive a deputation and added that there was a very active local committee in this area looking after the elderly.

It was agreed that the Board of Works be asked to receive a deputation from the Council in this connection.

ITEM 8 TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION PASSED BY BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 59 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1955, IN RELATION TO THE ACQUISITION OF LANDS IN THE TOWNLAND OF OLDCOURT DEMESNE, BRAY.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. McManus and agreed that in accordance with the provisions of Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955, Wicklow County Council agree to the request of Bray Urban District Council, contained in resolution passed at a meeting of Bray U.D.C. on Tuesday, 1st April, 1980, that Wicklow County Council carry out the acquisition of land in the townland of Oldcourt Demesne by Compulsory Purchase Order for the purpose of road widening and realignment at Boghall Road, Bray.

ITEM 9 CIRCULAR LETTER H 14/80 FROM DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT - RENTS OF LOCAL AUTHORITY DWELLINGS.

At the request of the Chairman, Mr. McCabe, Administrative Officer, outlined the main changes in the New Rents Scheme for Local Authority Dwellings.

Councillor J. Leeson asked if the increase in rent would be going into the Central Fund for repairs and maintenance charges, as it seemed the Council should be entitled to keep this money. In reply Mr. McCabe stated that the Council was allowed keep all rents and 45% of Cottage Purchase Annuities.

The Chairman indicated that the only function of the members was to note the implementation of this new Rents Scheme.

Noted.

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ITEM 12 CIRCULAR LETTER H 6/80 FROM DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT - ENERGY CONSERVATION.

The County Secretary brought to the attention of the members the various efforts being made to implement a greater awareness of Energy Conservation.

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ITEM 13 ERECTION OF BATHROOM AND TOILET IN HOUSE OCCUPIED BY MR. SEAMUS BUSHER, BALLINDERRY ROAD, RATHDRUM.

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ITEMS 15 TO 42 WERE DEFERRED TO THE NEXT HOUSING MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

ITEM 43 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

Unpaid Water Rates:

Councillor J. Miley asked if he could be supplied with the names of people who had not paid their Water Rates in the Blessington Area.

Blessington Water Supply Scheme:

Councillor J. Miley stated that one of the Caretakers on the Blessington Water Supply Scheme was nearly gassed with an escape of chlorine and he asked that corrective measures be taken to prevent a re-occurrence of this kind.

The County Engineer assured the members that steps were being taken to ensure that this would not happen again.

Pump at Kilballyowen:

Councillor V. Blake enquired as to the delay in providing a pump at Kilballyowen, and asked that a report be submitted for the next meeting of the Council.

Increase in Interest Rates:

Councillor J. McManus drew attention to the recent increase in interest rates and asked if the Council would be recouped the extra amounts paid on loan charges as a result of these increases.

The County Manager stated that interest rates would not change on the existing loans which are fixed. He further stated that all house loans were fully recoupable from the Department, while loan charges on water and sewerage schemes are 50% recoupable by the Department.

Sewer in Millfield Estate, Enniskerry.

Councillor J. Leeson drew attention to a sewer in Millfield Estate on the Open Space, which needed attention and the County Engineer agreed to have the matter looked into.

Vandalism at Parnell Park, Rathdrum.

Councillor H. Cullen expressed concern at vandalism which occurred some time ago at Grace's of Parnell Park, Rathdrum.

Car Park, Newtownmountkennedy.

Councillor F. Hynes asked if it was within a persons rights to park a School Bus in the Car Park at Newtownmountkennedy. Councillor H. Cullen asked that a notice be placed in the Car Park giving details of the open hours, etc.

Chairman Murphy
CHAIRMAN.
Date: 5/5/80

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 21ST APRIL, 1980, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW, COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

Present:

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., Chairman,
Councillors V. Blake, J. Byrne, H. Cullen, P. Deering,
J. Giff, F. Hynes, G. Jones, L. Kavanagh, T.D.,
T. J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, J. Leeson, J. McManus,
J. Miley, R. Miley, A. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill, K. Ryan,
J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D., and Mrs. M. Weadick.

Also

Mr. B. Johnston, Deputy County Manager.

in

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

Attendance:

Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, Housing/Planning,

Mr. P. O'Meara, Staff Officer, Housing Section.

Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, Environmental/Roads,

Mr. J. Madigan, Asst. Staff Officer, Environmental Section.

Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.

The Chairman expressed deepest sympathy on the tragic death of Privates Griffin, Smallhorn and Barrett, while in the service of the United Nations Peace Keeping Forces in the Lebanon. He stated that the Irish Forces had carried out a very effective peace keeping role for some 20 years, solely as a peace keeping force, and called upon those people with influence to use same with the forces of Major Haddad, to cease their unjustifiable attacks.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. also joined in expressing sympathy to the families, children and relatives of the three soldiers who were brutally murdered, and said that they had done international service and have paid a high price. He called on the officials of the U.N. Forces to take whatever steps are necessary to insure the safety of the U.N.I.F.I.L. Forces in the Lebanon. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. also asked to be associated with the remarks made, together with all other Councillors.

Mr. B. Johnston, Deputy County Manager also expressed sympathy to the families of the three soldiers on behalf of the staff of Wicklow County Council. A minutes silent prayer was observed by all present as a mark of respect to the three soldiers killed.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

It was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on the 10th March, 1980, be confirmed and signed.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. asked that the members discuss the proposed camping site at Laragh, Glendalough, as early as possible on the Agenda.

The Chairman agreed to suspend the Agenda in order to discuss the difficult situation arising in Laragh with the proposal to have a camping site placed at this location. He stated that the Local Committee were very concerned about the impact of this proposal on the area. The camp area would cater for 400 people, 300 mobile campers and 100 hikers and would extend over quite a large area and would be central to the village of Laragh. The Chairman also stated that he had met with the Local Committee who had asked that their views be echoed at Council level.

Councillor R. Miley stated that there had been a lot of objections to the locating of the Camp Site in Laragh, saying that Camp Sites of this nature catered for some very nice people, but they also attracted the wrong types, etc. and there had been instances in Laragh of cars being broken into and valuables taken out of them.

He also attended the meeting held, where Bord Failte maintained that they would not be prepared to accept any other site only this one. Councillor Miley also stated that no application has been made as yet to the Council for planning permission, and recommended that same should be rejected.

Councillor H. Cullen also stated that he attended the meeting held and indicated that the 100 - 150 attendance were unanimous in rejecting the proposed Camp Site.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that when he was invited to this meeting he knew nothing of its background and he expressed dismay that in his role as public representative he had not received any information officially about such an important issue as this.

Councillor F. Hynes asked if planning permission had been sought or if the Sanitary Inspector had examined the proposed plot. He stated that it was wrong and unfair that this proposal was not brought to the attention of the members, and said that it reflected the manner in which the powers of the County Council were being eroded.

Mr. B. Johnston, Deputy Co. Manager, stated that the Council had only recently become aware of this proposed development, and no planning application had, as yet, been submitted.

Councillor A. Murphy stressed that it was imperative that there be the fullest consultation on this matter, and as the Council's representative on the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation had seen Bord Failte and the Department of the Forestry & Fisheries work hand in hand in similar instances, i.e. the Glendalough Study. He understood the concern of the local people, as there had been some unfortunate incidents with day-trippers in Laragh. Councillor Murphy asked that the Council contact Bord Failte and the Department of Forestry & Fisheries with a view to getting all the up to date information available.

Councillor J. Leeson stated that there was no doubt but that a camping site was needed in or around this area and stated that it was imperative that the members get their information on such matters straight from the Department or from the Council Officials rather than having to act on the word of local people, who were acting as vigilantes for their own cause.

Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, confirmed that there had been no planning application received for the siting of a Caravan Park in Laragh and stated that the only contact made had been some informal talks with a Planning Assistant. In reply to a question raised with regard to the felling of trees in the wood in question, Mr. McCabe stated that it would only be necessary to acquire planning permission when there would be a material change involved in the use of the land, Forestry division do not require a felling licence.

Following some further discussion it was agreed that as much information as possible be obtained and that the matter be brought before the Council for consideration prior to any decisions.

The Chairman thanked the members for their consideration of a situation that may have been somewhat vague to them and assured the people of Laragh of the Council's immediate attention to this matter.

ITEM 2 APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEE - IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

Mr. B. Johnston informed the members that Wicklow County Council is a member of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. and were entitled to appoint a member to attend the General Meetings of this Company. He added that Mrs. M. Ledwidge had acted on this Body during 1979 and asked for the members nominee.

It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor P. Deering and unanimously agreed that Councillor G. Jones should represent the Council at the Fifty-fourth General Meeting of the Company, to take place on 5th June, 1980.

ITEM 3 TO FIX DATES FOR LOCAL ELECTORAL AREA MEETINGS.

It was agreed that the Local Area Meetings would take place as follows:-

Northern Area Meeting: 28th April, 1980, at 3.30 in the New Council Chamber.

Western Area Meeting: 2nd May, 1980, at 11.00 in the Downshire Hotel, Blessington

Southern Area Meeting: 9th May, 1980, at 2.30 in the New Council Chamber.

Eastern Area Meeting: 13th May, 1980, at 10.00 in the New Council Chamber.

ITEM 4 SALARY REVISION - COUNTY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER.

Mr. B. Johnston informed the members that sanction had been received from the Department of the Environment in connection with the Local Government Staff Negotiations Boards' recommendation to the implementation of a revised salary scale for County Development Officers and the members approval was being sought in accordance with the 1955 County Management Act.

It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.O., and unanimously agreed that the revised salary scale for the County Development Officer retrospective to 1st July, 1978, be implemented.

ITEM 5 CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING, 1980.

Councillor J. McManus stated that he was informed that some local authorities had already received their allocation for new starts, together with their capital allocation for ongoing commitments. He asked if the Minister realised that in the north of the county there was enormous pressure in relation to housing and added that it would be more reasonable to receive the allocation for new starts in May.

The Chairman informed the members that tenders had been accepted for the erection of 144 houses; Greystones 58, Kilcoole 42, Ballinaclesh 12 and Ashford 32. Councillor K. Ryan asked if these were the only starts that were going to be made this year, while Councillor L. Kavanagh, asked what plans were with the Department for housing in county Wicklow. In reply Mr. U. McCabe stated that there were other schemes proposed for Laragh, Dunlavin, Carnew, Roundwood, Rathnew, Ballycoogue and possibly Donard.

On the question of the actual allocation, Councillor A. Murphy stated that he did not understand why Dublin City & County Council should get their allocation and added that counties such as Kildare and Meath were experiencing similar difficulties as Wicklow and expressed dissatisfaction that these counties should have to suffer under the shadow of Dublin.

On the question of Contracts ready for signing, Councillor H. Cullen asked what was the situation with the 12 houses for Barndarrig. In reply Mr. U. McCabe stated that the tenderer had made a mistake when submitting his tender and these houses may have to be readvertised. Councillor J. McManus asked for an assurance that the normal procedures of bringing a Scheme to the tender stage would not be departed from. Mr. McCabe stated that it was never intended to depart from normal procedures and said that the new starts would be likely to commence before the 1st July, 1980.

ITEM 6 NATIONAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION - BRIGHTON, 1980.

Mr. B. Johnston, Deputy Co. Manager informed the members that the National Housing & Town Planning Council were holding their National Conference and Exhibition in Brighton this year, the programme for which is not yet finalised.

It was agreed that this matter would receive further attention at a later date.

ITEM 7 I.F.H.P. CONGRESS - JERUSALEM.

The Deputy Co. Manager informed the members that the 35th World Congress of the I.F.H.P. was being held this year from 9th to 16th November, in Jerusalem. It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.O., seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and agreed that this item be deferred to a later date.

ITEM 8 TO CONSIDER THE RE-ORGANISATION OF THE EXISTING ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF STRUCTURE.

Mr. B. Johnston, Deputy Co. Manager informed the members that there was a situation arising which gave opportunity to the suppression of one post of Grade VII and one post of Grade V to be replaced by the creation of two posts of Grade VI. He stated that this re-organisation would insure that there will be a reasonable amount of opportunity for promotion to existing Grade V's within the Council. Following further discussion and clarification on the matter it was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor J. Leeson and unanimously agreed that one post of Grade VII and one post of Grade V be suppressed and be replaced with two posts of Grade VI.

ITEM 9 TO CONSIDER LETTER FROM LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION.

The Minutes of the first Meeting of the Local Authority Members' Association were circulated to the members. Councillor A. Murphy stated that the setting up of the members committee was a most important step for County Councils and said that some Councillors, because of their positions, would not be able to offer themselves for inclusion on such committees. He stressed that the County Council need to provide proper facilities for the local authority members and said that his fellow Councillors were selling themselves short as public representatives.

Councillor J. Leeson also supported the setting up of this body and said it was the function of the Local Authorities Members' Association to make the role of public representative more effective, and welcomed the proposals outlined by the Association.

Councillor P. Deering complimented Councillor Miley on his contribution to the Association on behalf of the Council and said that he could understand how some members could be out of pocket to the tune of £20 per week.

Councillor J. McManus drew attention to the amount of money spent on telephone calls, postage, and stationery and said that the time had come when the Council would have to give serious consideration to the professionalism of the public representative.

Following extensive discussion the Chairman complimented the Local Authority Members' Association on its efforts and assured them of the continued support and interest of Wicklow County Council.

ITEM 10 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEME ALLOCATION, 1980.

This item was deferred to the May Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

ITEM 11 TO CONSIDER PASSING RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 26 (3) (b) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) ACT, 1963, - MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN - PLANNING APPLICATION REF. 4887/80 - LARCH HILL ESTATES LTD., RATHDOWN ROAD, GREYSTONES.

The Chairman called on Mr. McCabe, Administrative Officer to outline the background of this item.

Mr. McCabe informed the members that a planning application had been received for the erection of 331 houses, 94 of which are to be detached bungalows and the remainder semi-detached two storey houses, on a site of 34.43 acres. He stated that an existing permission for 102 houses and 6 shops on part of the site (29.5 acres thereof) for which the Minister's permission to materially contravene the County Development Plan was obtained under 157/74. He added that the 331 houses now proposed give a density of 9.7 homes per acre, while under the existing County Development Plan the zoning for this land is generally 1 home per acre, which would result in only about 70 houses being permissible.

Mr. McCabe also brought to the attention of the members the following special features which would apply to this application:-

- (1) Pedestrian access to the beach.
- (2) Erection of walls, required by C.I.E. to prevent trespass on the Railway Lines.

- (3) Culverting of stream on North Boundary and part of that on South Boundary.
- (4) Lands required for extension to Redford Cemetery are not included in the application.
- (5) No provision for hammerhead in adjoining Cul-de-sac Council Estate.
- (6) Wayleaves stated to be available.
- (7) Provision of road access to Rathdown Park in future if desired.

Finally, Mr. McCabe stated that there had been no objections to the new application, but before planning permission could be granted it would have to be in accordance with Section 26 (3) (b) of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963 and hence the reason for bringing the matter before the Council.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill stated that the Ennis Lane was not a public right-of-way and that a pedestrian access would have to be provided to the nearby beach and asked that this be included as a condition.

Councillor G. Jones expressed concern at the lack of an up to date overall plan for the Greystones Area. He stated that he would not be opposed to future development in this area, but said that his main concern would be to see the lack of amenities, i.e. recreational, public transport, schools, etc. improved. Councillor Jones also stated that there would have to be a guarantee that there would be sufficient water and sewerage services to cater for the proposed development of such a magnitude.

Councillor J. Leeson asked that before this Resolution is put before the Council they should be given the benefit of considering and looking into all future proposals for the Greystones area. He added that he would support this type of building in Greystones, especially from the point of view of employment for those people involved in the construction industry in Wicklow.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., stated that it was obvious that the Council was not able to produce the amount of houses needed to meet the high demand, especially in the Greystones area. He believed that a higher density of housing would produce a cheaper house and suggested that a change be made in the condition laid down in the County Development Plan.

Councillor J. McManus also supported this development and stated that there had been no housing of this type built over the past 3 years. He also stated that the population of this area had doubled over the past 10 years, with the resultant need for housing. He stated that assurances would have to be sought from the County Engineer with regard to servicing this development.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that the reality of the situation was that people cannot afford the cost of housing. He added that this particular builders, Larch Hill Estates Ltd. had an excellent record and were the kind of builders that should be promoted within the County.

It was agreed that a full and comprehensive report should be submitted on the impact of this proposed development on the services available in the area, namely;- schools, open spaces, roads, churches. Moreover, it was agreed that a categorical assurance should be given that the proposed development would not adversely effect the existing level of water and sewerage services. Further clarification was also required on the present position in relation to the purchase of land for the proposed new Cemetery and as to whether or not the proposed new Estate would have a vehicular link with the adjoining Rathdown Park, and in addition clarification as to whether the stream on the northern boundary would be culverted.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,
5TH MAY, 1980, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW

PRESENT:

Councillor C. Murphy, T. D. (Chairman).
Councillors V. Blake, J. Byrne, H. Cullen, P. Deering,
J. Giff, F. Hynes, G. A. Jones, L. Kavanagh, T. D.,
T. J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, J. H. Leeson, J. McManus,
J. Miley, A. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney,
G. Timmins, T. D., and Mrs. M. Weadick.

ALSO

Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager.

IN

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

ATTENDANCE:-

Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary.

Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, Environmental/Roads,

Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, Housing/Planning.

Mr. P. O'Meara, Staff Officer, Housing Section.

Mr. J. Madigan, Asst. Staff Officer, Environmental Section.

Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

It was proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan, seconded by Councillor V. Blake and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Housing Meeting of Wicklow County Council, held on the 14th April, 1980, be confirmed and signed.

ITEM 3 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES PROGRAMME, 1980.

The Members were informed that the Department of the Environment had allocated £75,000 towards the Environmental Improvement Schemes for 1980. The County Secretary indicated that the members would recall that earlier in the year the Council had decided as far as possible, to confine its Schemes to 1 or 2 in each electoral area.

Councillor J. McManus expressed disappointment at this allocation, stating that there was a drop of £24,000 from the previous years allocation. He added that he realised that 1 or 2 schemes for each area had been agreed to, but said that there were schemes commenced in the Northern Area which were not finished and he asked that these be completed before embarking on new schemes. Councillor McManus also stated that a more realistic assessment of the needs of each area should be made, and the allocation figures should be re-adjusted according to population.

Councillor K. Ryan indicated that when the allocation was broken down the southern area were not getting a fair deal. While Councillor H. Cullen enquired if the Council were proposing to employ a Horticulturalist, whom he stated would be of immense value on these schemes.

The Chairman indicated that over the past 2 years Wicklow County Council had not spent their full allocation. Mr. L. Brennan stated that the position this year was that the allocation had dropped from £99,000 to £75,000. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T. D. also expressed his concern and stated that the Council could not justify the matter of not spending their full allocation, he asked that the Council make a decision this year to spend all monies and not allow a similar situation to arise. Councillor J. Leeson asked that (a) the schemes started last year be completed and (b) that the best possible value for money be attained. Councillor A. Murphy stated that the Council should clearly indicate to the Department that there was a 40% drop in their allocation for 1980 and ensure that the full allocation was spent this year.

Councillor J. Sweeney asked what areas the allocation was given to last year and also where the money was not spent, and if money could not be transferred from one area to another.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY,
5TH MAY, 1980, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW

PRESENT: Councillor C. Murphy, T. D. (Chairman).
Councillors V. Blake, J. Byrne, H. Cullen, P. Deering,
J. Giff, F. Hynes, G. A. Jones, L. Kavanagh, T. D.,
T. J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, J. H. Leeson, J. McManus,
J. Miley, A. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney,
G. Timmins, T. D., and Mrs. M. Weadick.

ALSO Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager.
IN Mr. T. J. Donovan, B. E. County Engineer.
ATTENDANCE:- Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary.
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, Environmental/Roads,
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, Housing/Planning.
Mr. P. O'Meara, Staff Officer, Housing Section.
Mr. J. Madigan, Asst. Staff Officer, Environmental Section.
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

It was proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan, seconded by Councillor V. Blake and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Housing Meeting of Wicklow County Council, held on the 14th April, 1980, be confirmed and signed.

ITEM 3 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES PROGRAMME, 1980.

The Members were informed that the Department of the Environment had allocated £75,000 towards the Environmental Improvement Schemes for 1980. The County Secretary indicated that the members would recall that earlier in the year the Council had decided as far as possible, to confine its Schemes to 1 or 2 in each electoral area.

Councillor J. McManus expressed disappointment at this allocation, stating that there was a drop of £24,000 from the previous years allocation. He added that he realised that 1 or 2 schemes for each area had been agreed to, but said that there were schemes commenced in the Northern Area which were not finished and he asked that these be completed before embarking on new schemes. Councillor McManus also stated that a more realistic assessment of the needs of each area should be made, and the allocation figures should be re-adjusted according to population.

Councillor K. Ryan indicated that when the allocation was broken down the southern area were not getting a fair deal. While Councillor H. Cullen enquired if the Council were proposing to employ a Horticulturalist, whom he stated would be of immense value on these schemes.

The Chairman indicated that over the past 2 years Wicklow County Council had not spent their full allocation. Mr. L. Brennan stated that the position this year was that the allocation had dropped from £99,000 to £75,000. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T. D. also expressed his concern and stated that the Council could not justify the matter of not spending their full allocation, he asked that the Council make a decision this year to spend all monies and not allow a similar situation to arise. Councillor J. Leeson asked that (a) the schemes started last year be completed and (b) that the best possible value for money be attained. Councillor A. Murphy stated that the Council should clearly indicate to the Department that there was a 40% drop in their allocation for 1980 and ensure that the full allocation was spent this year.

Councillor J. Sweeney asked what areas the allocation was given to last year and also where the money was not spent, and if money could not be transferred from one area to another.

Mr. L. Brennan stated that there were some 25 to 30 Small Schemes in the County, the problems relating to which had been gone through in detail at the Local Area Meetings. Councillor F. Hynes indicated that this scheme was given over to four Area Engineers to be spent efficiently in their area, but he now suggested that consideration be given to the appointment of one Engineer to this scheme, to be left on same until the full allocation of £75,000 has been spent. The County Engineer replied that a lot of difficulties arose with the acquisition of land and the organisation of the individual schemes and said that the Council's own surface dressing schemes, etc. had to receive priority.

A lengthy discussion took place on the break-up of the allocation and a vote was taken on maintaining the 40/20/20/20 ratio between the four electoral areas. This proposal was passed 9 in favour, 8 against, with Councillors Miss N. O'Neill and J. Giff abstaining.

Councillor J. McManus expressed dissatisfaction with the allocation to Bray Urban whom he stated accounted for 3 of the population of the northern area.

Mr. L. Brennan indicated that Urban areas would be informed of their allocations and that the schemes would be commenced as early as possible. It was agreed that the Council would have a review of the situation at their Housing Meeting in October.

ITEM 2 PROGRESS REPORT ON MAJOR WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE SCHEMES

A progress report showing the up-to-date position of each Major Water Supply & Sewerage Scheme was submitted by Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, Environmental Section, and the members proceeded to examine this report:-

Blessington Sewerage Scheme - ESS/20/39.

Councillor J. Miley asked if the water situation in Blessington had been investigated and also if there was a Consultant employed in connection with the Blessington Water Supply Scheme and what stage this scheme was at. Councillor Miley proposed that the Council get on with the provision of its own water supply in Blessington.

The County Engineer stated that there was a Consultant employed in conjunction with Dublin County Council and that various schemes have been investigated, but final investigations were not completed to date.

Councillor J. Miley also referred to the proposed new housing for Blessington, and proposed that a Consultant be employed forthwith. This proposal was seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T. D. and agreed.

Carnew Sewerage Scheme - ESS/20/27.

Councillor K. Ryan indicated that sanction to the Preliminary Report had been received since June, 1979, and asked when it could be expected to see the Scheme commenced. It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan that the Council get in touch with Mr. O'Sullivan, Contractor, and get him to submit the Contract documents. The Chairman asked that the Council be notified prior to the documents being submitted to the Department.

Greystones Sewerage Scheme Stage 2 - ESS/20/5

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill asked if the members could have a look at these Contract documents, as she wished to know how Greystones was being divided north and south. Councillor A. Murphy asked the County Engineer when it would be expected to have this scheme ready for tender. The County Engineer replied that he would do his best to have this scheme ready to submit within the next month.

Wicklow Town Sewerage Scheme - ESS/20/5

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T. D., enquired what was holding up this Scheme as it had been going on for years.

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 25TH MAY, 1980, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW.

COUNCIL: Councillor E. Murphy, T. D. (Chairman), Councillors V. Blake, J. Hynes, M. Cullen, B. Dooling, J. Giff, T. Hynes, G. A. Jones, L. Kavanagh, T. D., T. J. Keenan, D. Kilmalee, J. H. Lannon, J. McManus, J. Miley, G. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T. D., and Mrs. R. Woodcock.

AGENDA: Mr. S. Hayes, County Engineer, Mr. T. J. O'Donnell, B. E. County Engineer, Mr. E. Johnston, County Secretary, Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, Environmental/Assets, Mr. U. McCann, Administrative Officer, Housing/Planning, Mr. G. O'Hare, Staff Officer, Housing Section, Mr. J. Padgett, Staff Officer, Environmental Section, Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purpose Section.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: It was proposed by Councillor T. J. Keenan, seconded by Councillor V. Blake and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Housing Meeting of Wicklow County Council, held on the 14th April, 1980, be confirmed and signed.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES PROGRAMME, 1980: The Members were informed that the Department of the Environment had allocated £75,000 towards the Environmental Improvement Schemes for 1980. The County Engineer indicated that the members would recall that earlier in the year the Council had decided as far as possible, to confine its Schemes to 1 or 2 each electoral area.

Councillor J. Miley expressed disappointment at this allocation, stating that there was a drop of £1,000 from the previous year's allocation. He added that he realised that 1 or 2 schemes for each area had been agreed to, but said that there was a problem in the northern area which was not finished and he asked that the Council should consider the possibility of new schemes. Councillor Miley also stated that the Council should be aware of the needs of each area should be made, and the allocation figures should be re-adjusted according to population.

Councillor K. Ryan indicated that when the allocation was broken down the southern area was getting a fair deal. While Councillor M. Cullen enquired if the Council were proposing to employ a North-Southist, whom he stated would be of immense value on the schemes.

The Chairman indicated that over the past 3 years Wicklow County Council had not spent their full allocation. Mr. L. Brennan stated that the position this year was that the allocation had dropped from £80,000 to £75,000. Councillor V. Blake, T. D. also expressed concern and stated that the Council could not justify the matter of not spending their full allocation. He asked that the Council make a decision into whether all money was not to be allocated to areas to arise. Councillor J. Miley stated that (a) the schemes started last year in completed and (b) that the best value for money be obtained. Councillor A. Murphy stated that the Council had clearly indicated to the Department that there was a big drop in the allocation for 1980 and enquired that the full allocation was spent this year.

Councillor J. Sweeney asked what stage the allocation was given to last year and also where the money was not spent, and if money could not be transferred from one area to another.

Enniskerry Sewerage Scheme - ESS/20/30

The Chairman asked if this scheme was being linked up with the Bray Town Sewerage Scheme. Councillor J. Leeson commented that the need to appoint consultant Engineers. The County Engineer stated that the majority of more experienced engineers appeared to transfer to the private sector, while the Council were left with young and inexperienced Engineers.

Tinahely/Carnew Regional Water Supply Scheme - ESS/24/157

Councillor V. Blake indicated that the Objector referred to had stated that he was prepared to withdraw his objection. Councillor Blake was asked to arrange that this withdrawal could be forwarded in writing.

Carlow North Regional Water Supply Scheme - ESS/24/177

Mr. Brennan stated that a public enquiry was held by the Department in 1978 but the result of same was not as yet available. Councillor V. Blake indicated that there were a lot of objections to this scheme.

West Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme - ESS/20/176

The Chairman referred to Priority No. 13 Blessington Water Supply Scheme and asked if the same Consultant could be employed for both of these schemes.

Roundwood Water Supply Improvement Scheme - ESS/24/168

Mr. Brennan stated that a temporary well is being sunk in this area and the attention of the E.S.B. is awaited to make the connection.

Newtownmountkenedy Sewerage Scheme - ESS/20/21

Mr. Brennan stated that Mr. C.C. O'Sullivan has been appointed as Consulting Engineer for this scheme. Deputy L. Kavanagh T. D., enquired what had happened to the Timore Water Scheme and asked why it was not proceeded with. The County Engineer stated that he would write to the Deputy letting him know the present position.

Baltinglass Sewerage Scheme - ESS/20/12

The Council agreed in December, 1978 to appoint a Consulting Engineer to examine this Scheme.

South-East Water Supply Scheme - ESS/24/175

In relation to water supply at Brittas Bay, Councillor L. Kavanagh T. D., indicated that there was an urgent need for a water supply in the Brittas Bay Area as there are large numbers of houses going up in this area that required services.

North-East Regional Water Supply Scheme - ESS/24/173

It was indicated that this Scheme would be completed by September, 1980. In reply to Councillor McManus the County Engineer stated that there would be no question of rationing of water in this area in the coming summer.

Kilcoole Sewerage Scheme Stage 2 - ESS/20/30/A

The Members were informed that the Consulting Engineers on this Scheme are Messrs. J. B. Barry & Co. who have not, as yet, submitted their final report.

ITEM 4 EXTENSION TO COTTAGE OCCUPIED BY MRS. MARGARET McDONALD, 15, KILLADREENAN NEWTOWNMOUNTKENEDY.

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

"That Wicklow County Council provide an extension to the cottage occupied by Mrs. Margaret McDonald, 15, Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy, as the house is over-crowded with 12 persons living there. Doctors certificate supporting this attached."

The County Engineer in his report stated that it was understood that the cottage occupied by Mrs. Margaret McDonald, 15, Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy, has been vested to the occupiers since 1965 and so does not qualify for additional works to be carried out by the Council. However, he indicated that it was understood that a member of the family is disabled and that the Housing Section has informed the occupiers of the possibility of qualifying for a Disabled Persons Grant.

Deputy Kavanagh, T. D. asked that every possible assistance be given to Mrs. McDonald and the County Secretary stated that the Council would be in touch with Mrs. McDonald again.

ITEM 5 HIRE OF REFUSE TRUCKS.

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

"That Wicklow County Council give complete details to the members of the number of occasions refuse trucks have been hired during 1979, the cost and the amount paid to each owner of these vehicles."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that the amount of money spent on the hiring of refuse vehicles from July, to December, 1979 was £13,543.52. This results from the fact that additional trucks had to be hired due to break-down of the Council's refuse trucks.

Councillor F. Hynes expressed concern that the Council were still hiring refuse trucks and enquired the price of buying a new truck. In reply the County Engineer stated that a new truck would cost in the region of £30,000. Councillor Hynes then proposed that the Council buy an additional truck, taking into account the sort of expenditure being paid on the hire of these trucks.

Councillor K. Ryan asked for a full and comprehensive report on the refuse collection service and stated that in his own area a Council lorry had to be sent for every second week and added that there must be something very wrong with the trucks the Council are buying as they do not appear to be giving the service they should.

Councillor V. Blake stated that in the Ballyconnell/Shillelagh/Tinahely area no collection had been made for at least three weeks, and recommended that the Council advertise for a new truck.

General concern was expressed at the efficiency of the present refuse service in the county and Councillor K. Ryan proposed that a detailed report be submitted for the Ordinary Meeting of the Council on the 12th May, 1980.

ITEM 6 PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY FOR KAVANAGH'S COTTAGE AT BARNISKEY, AVOCA.

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

"That this Council provide a water supply for Kavanagh's Cottage at Barniskey, Avoca".

The County Engineer, in his report stated that there is no piped water supply scheme in this Area, nor is it intended that there will be one in the foreseeable future. It will be necessary, therefore, to sink a bore well to supply this cottage. However, as the cottage is vested, this would be a matter for the tenant of the cottage.

Councillor D. Kinsella indicated that it was agreed earlier that a pump be installed adjacent to this house. It was agreed that the matter would be further investigated.

ITEM 7 PROVISION OF SHELTERED HOUSING AT THE DISTRICT HOSPITAL, BALTINGLASS.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors G. Timmins, T. D. and Councillor P. Deering was considered:-

"That the Council provide sheltered housing at the District Hospital, Baltinglass."

It was indicated to the members that the County Engineer recommended that part of the lands which were appropriated from the grounds of the District Hospital in Baltinglass some years ago and which are presently used as a Council depot should be used to provide sheltered housing but to do so an access to the lands in question would have to be obtained from the Eastern Health Board through the grounds of the District Hospital rather than through the existing depot. It was also indicated that the matter has been followed up with the Eastern Health Board but as already indicated the land is available for the project as soon as the question of the entrance has been clarified.

ITEM 8 EXTENSION OF REFUSE COLLECTION TO THE NEW HOUSES IN RATHDANGAN.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors G. Timmins, T. D. and Councillor P. Deering was considered:-

"That the refuse collection be extended to the New Houses in Rathdangan."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that arrangements are being made to have the refuse from these houses collected each Thursday. This will increase the amount of overtime already being worked on the refuse collection. Deputy Timmins, T. D. stated that a lot of money on overtime would be saved if the Council were to acquire their own dump at Baltinglass. It was agreed that this should be finalised promptly and a report be brought back to the Council.

ITEM 9 EXTENSION OF WATER SUPPLY TO THREE HOUSES AT GOREY ROAD, CARNEW, TWO KINSELLA'S AND AUSTIN.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors V. Blake and G. Timmins, T. D., was considered:-

"That this Council extend water supply to three houses at Gorey Road, Carnew, two Kinsella's and Austin."

The County Engineer indicated, in his report, that this area of Carnew is supplied by a pump which is incapable of supplying further houses. Until the new Regional Water Supply is available this area of Carnew will have difficulty in its supply. The position regarding a new Pump will be examined, and if this is found possible, consideration could then be given to extending the water supply to serve the above three houses. No money, however, has been made available in the Estimates for such work.

ITEM 10 PIPING OF WATER AT NO. 1 AND NO. 2 LOWER KILMAGIG, AVOCA.

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

"I wish to propose that the Council pipe the water which is coming from the road, across the top of the gardens of No. 1 and No. 2 Lower Kilmagig, Avoca, which is flooding the houses there."

The County Engineer stated, in his report, that both of these cottages were vested in 1965. A continuous flow of water flows from the open drain of a private road along the eastern side of the County Road for approximately 30 yards. then crosses the road and discharges into an open drain which runs along the back garden fences of the two cottages.

The invert level of the drain is at garden ground level and an embankment approximately 18" high forms the drain. The gardens slope steeply down to the bungalows from the back fences. The drain discharges from the garden of House No. 1 into a 12" pipe across part of his garden and it is possible, as a result, that in very wet weather this 8" pipe cannot take the full flow and causes the water to overflow into that garden.

A cutting in the back boundary fence of No. 1 allowed the road surface water to discharge into the drain, but this was blocked up recently by the cottage owner, thus causing this surface water to flow down both the road to the Village and the road fronting these cottages. If the owner of House No. 1 had used 12" pipes instead of 8" or if he had maintained the open drain there would be no problem.

The cost of piping the drain across both gardens would be approximately £420.00. The County Engineer finally stated that as the cottages are vested, it is not recommended that the Council carry out this work as they would not have any responsibility in this matter.

Councillor T. J. Keenan asked that the Council further examine this item to see what can be done.

ITEMS 11 to 57 WERE DEFERRED TO THE NEXT HOUSING MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

ITEM 58 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Library at Maritime Museum.

Councillor J. Sweeney asked if the visitors to the Museum would be allowed to use the toilets there and asked if the Caretaker could be provided with a key. It was agreed to have the position examined.

Dangerous Building in Tinahely.

Councillor V. Blake referred to a very dangerous building at Tinahely and asked that it be examined.

Register of Electors.

Councillor A. Murphy requested a full report on the Register of Electors and expressed dissatisfaction at the fact that the Register was to be finished on 1st April, 1980 and has not yet been completed.

Footpaths from Rathnew to Ashford.

Councillor F. Hynes referred to the footpaths from Rathnew to Ashford which were in bad repair and needed attention. And also to briars and shrubbery growing across the road.

Light at Parnell Park, Rathdrum.

Councillor H. Cullen indicated that there was a light at Parnell Park, Rathdrum, which the E.S.B. indicated would be repaired but it has not yet been done and asked if the E.S.B. would be contacted again.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

Chairman
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Date: *9 June 80*

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 12TH MAY, 1980 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW, COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillor C. Murphy (Chairman).
Councillors V. Blake, J. Byrne, P. Deering, J. Giff,
F. Hynes, G. A. Jones, L. Kavanagh, T. D., J. Keenan,
D. Kinsella, John A. Leeson, J. McManus, J. Miley,
A. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, G.
Timmins, T. D., and Mrs. M. Wheadick.

ALSO

Mr. B. Johnston, Deputy County Manager.

IN

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

ATTENDANCE:-

Mr. A. Fidgeon, A/County Secretary.
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, Housing/Planning.
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, Environmental/Roads.
Mr. P. O'Meara, Staff Officer, Housing Section.
Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer, Motor Taxation Section.
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor J. Giff and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Wicklow County Council held on the 21st April, 1980, be confirmed and signed.

ITEM 2 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT MAIN STREET, CARNEW.

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor V. Blake and agreed that this land, 4 acres 2 roods and 27 sq. perches, be disposed of to the County Wicklow Vocational Educational Committee, in accordance with the Statutory Notice circulated.

ITEM 3 REVISION OF REMUNERATION - GENERAL OPERATIVES.

Mr. A. Fidgeon, A/County Secretary drew attention to Circular Letter EL 7/80 from the Department of the Environment referring to recent central negotiations between the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board and a group of unions under the aegis of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions on a claim for a pay increase and for the rationalisation of pay rates for local authority and health board general worker grades. He added that this increase, which incorporates a thirteen point incremental wage scale over a service period of 11½ years, will replace all existing service pay, now subsumed into the incremental scale.

It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T. D., seconded by Councillor F. Hynes and unanimously agreed that the revision of remuneration of general operatives and non-nursing personnel employed in local authorities, as set out in letter dated 30th November, 1979, from the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board, be accepted.

Councillor J. Leeson appealed that on occasions such as this, which involved deferred payments or payments over a period of time, that the members should be notified in writing prior to the meeting. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill asked when these increases would be payable from and in reply the Deputy County Manager stated that it would be payable in two instalments:- £3.80 as from 1st August, 1979, and the balance, i.e. less service pay, as from 1st January, 1980.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T. D. enquired if provision had been made for the payment of this money in the Estimates, as negotiations had been going on for a long time. In reply, Mr. Johnston stated that even though these negotiations had been going on for some time, the Manager had a 10% limitation on increasing the rate and it would be hoped that some of the money would be recoupable on grant jobs.

The Chairman indicated that the Members were aware that Councillor R. Miley was involved in a recent road accident and asked them to join with him in extending good wishes to Councillor Miley for a speedy recovery in the hope that he will return to his duty fairly speedily.

ITEM 4 ARBITRATION REPORT NO. 042 ON CLERICAL OFFICER SALARY SCALES.

The A/County Secretary outlined the proposals of the Arbitration Report No. 042 on a claim submitted by the Local Government and Public Services Union on behalf of Clerical Officers employed by the Local Authorities, and stated that it is recommended that in the case of members of the claimant grade who served in the period 31st December, 1975 to 30th June, 1977, they shall be paid a gratuity equivalent to the amount of additional scale salary which they would have received in that period if marriage-differentiation had been eliminated on 31st December, 1975. Mr. Fidgeon also indicated that this claim will affect single men and women in the Clerical Officer Grade.

It was proposed by Councillor D. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor A. Murphy and unanimously agreed that the recommendation outlined in Arbitration Report No. 042 be implemented.

ITEM 5 TO CONSIDER PASSING RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 26 (3) (b) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) ACT, 1963 - MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN - PLANNING APPLICATION REF. 4887/80 LARCH HILL ESTATES LIMITED, RATHDOWN ROAD, GREYSTONES.

Councillor G. Jones indicated that he had requested a report on the water supply, sewerage and recreational facilities in the Greystones area, which had not come to hand, and he asked that this item be deferred.

Councillor J. McManus stated that there were a number of points which concerned him. He said that when one considers that this Developer is in a position to make a considerable amount of money through the provision of the services given by the Council, the least the Council could do would be to get the 3 acres of land at a reasonable amount. He also noticed that the proposed new zoning for that area is for 8 houses per acre, whereas 9.7 houses per acre was proposed. He asked for assurance from the Planners as to whether the density as proposed per acre was acceptable.

The County Engineer stated that it was a question of making the best use of the land available and added that investigations are not fully completed yet into seeing how the existing water and sewerage supply will cater for this new development.

The Chairman stated that this would come as a bit of a shock to most members, who would have expected that the North East Water Supply Scheme would be able to provide the necessary water. The County Engineer reiterated by saying that this was a large density development and he wanted to make sure that the pipe sizes would be adequate.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that two weeks ago this item was included on the Agenda and he would have felt that an indepth investigation would have been done by the Engineering Department. He asked if this development is going to materially effect the running of the services in Greystones Area, stating that the letter circulated was not specific enough and asked for a more detailed report on the effect this development will have on the Greystones area with regard to water and sewerage.

In reply to Councillor McManus, Mr. U. McCabe stated that this density would be acceptable in a planning area such as Greystones, where there is a large expansion of population, provided that adequate open space can be provided in the lay out.

Councillor G. Timmins, T. D., stated that the Council was in an awkward position in that the only thing remaining to be done would be to find out how long it would be before the County Engineer would submit the required information and ask the Developer to withdraw his planning application, to submit it again at a later date.

thereby giving the Council more time.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill enquired as to the access to the beach and indicated that there was a deep gully gouged out under the railway line and asked if it was possible to put down a hedge.

The Chairman stated that the Developer would have to put in a pedestrian way onto the beach and asked the Planning Officials if the Council were obliged to go back to the Developer to seek an extension of time.

Mr. U. McCabe stated that the County Council were obliged under the 1976 Act, sub-section E to take a decision within a period of 2 months from the date of publication of the notice in the newspaper, culminating on the 26th May, 1980.

The Chairman asked if it would be feasible to have a Special Meeting of the Council called, in order to consider the County Engineer's report and echoed the feelings of the members when he stated that they required some realistic answers on what the effect on the services will be. He agreed that it did not seem fair to either the Developer, who has spent a lot of time and finance, or the prospective land users involved. Councillor A. Murphy asked if the technical reports would be ready for this meeting and asked why the material contravention was advertised on the 2nd March, 1980, if the Council did not have the full technical details it required.

Mr. B. Johnston indicated that the County Engineer has had difficulty with the amount of research that has to be done and indicated that the Council would have to either go back to the Developer and ask him to re-submit his application or alternatively look to some method whereby the Council would defer their decision on the application until the County Engineer is in a position to submit his required report.

Councillor J. McManus asked if the Council's decision could be overridden by the Planning Appeals Board. While Councillor T. Keenan asked if the planning permission would be attained by default if the Council failed to make a decision on it before the 26th May, 1980. He added that the Council could surely look for further information from the Developer, thereby giving the Council more time.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T. D., stated that the whole problem seemed to revolve around the provision of water and sewerage facilities. He referred to Condition 16 which gave £99,600 as the figure to be contributed by the Developer and said that some investigation must have been done to arrive at this figure.

The County Engineer again stated that there was certain doubt about the water supply as the consumption in this particular area was very high and unless something is done to correct this, there could be a shortage. The Chairman said that the members had been told to look to the North East Water Supply Scheme that has finally been completed within the Greystones Area as the solution to the water problem in this area. On the basis of this the present situation was most unsatisfactory.

Following some further discussion, Mr. McCabe indicated that a decision as regards the permission would have to be made on or before the 26th May, 1980.

It was agreed that the Council would hold a Special Meeting on Friday, 23rd May, 1980 at 2.30 p.m. to consider the report of the County Engineer and to finalise this planning application.

ITEM 6 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES ALLOCATION, 1980.

Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, informed the Members that the Local Improvements Scheme Allocation for 1980 was £15,000. He indicated that in 1979 there were five schemes undertaken, three of which were finished and the remaining two in Coolafancy and Tomacork have still to be surface dressed. Mr. Brennan also stated that there were to be five schemes undertaken in 1980 and that the Area Engineers are to provide up to date Estimates for these works. He added that these Schemes won't be completed until after the Council's main surface dressing programme has been completed and that he would return to the Members on this item later in the year.

Councillor J. McManus enquired if the Council had a priority list for these local schemes. While Councillor L. Kavanagh, T. D., stated that the total allocation for this country was £2m. and on a county average Wicklow should have got much more than £15,000. He also said that the Leinster counties had done very badly and asked that the Minister be written to pointing out the necessity of increasing this allocation. He quoted allocations to other counties as follows:-

Kerry	£230,000	Leitrim	£207,000	Cavan	£196,000
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Councillor Kavanagh stated that, as a tourist county, Wicklow had done very badly and is being left behind under this heading.

Councillor K. Ryan enquired if the Main Street, Tinahely, was included as a Scheme for the current year, and he was told that this would be checked out.

Councillor J. Leeson indicated that it would appear that anyone on the list of priorities could hope to get their roads maintained in about 10 years time. He stated that if a small amount of money is all the Council is going to get then we should judge the necessitous nature of each scheme under a different criteria.

Councillor G. Timmins, T. D., stated that he was very disappointed to hear that Mr. Brennan made no reference to the recommendation, which was made at the Western Area Meeting, that £1,000 be allocated to the restoration of the Hollywood to Toor Bog Road.

The Chairman also asked what had happened to the balance of last years allocation, which had not been spent entirely and said that he was not sure if the Department will allow the Council to carry on last years allocation and asked what the actual allocation was. Mr. L. Brennan replied that the allocation for 1979 was £18,600 £13,163 of which was spent with a remaining £5,400 unspent. He explained that two of the proposed schemes were not surface dressed, as it was late in the year when they were started, i.e. in one case the contribution was not paid until the 18th December, 1979. The Chairman also stated that the 12 Western counties use this allocation as a main source of employment and emphasised that Wicklow should be spending their full allocation and be looking for more money, thereby using this Scheme as an employment factor as well.

The Chairman informed the members that a recent Dail question asked about the number of Engineers employed in Local Authorities throughout the country, and it appeared that Wicklow were well placed in this regard. Councillor J. McManus expressed concern at the level of work being done by the Engineering Section of the Council. While Councillor J. Miley proposed that all Engineers from the relevant areas should attend the Council Meetings, this proposal was seconded by Councillor K. Ryan.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that the Local Improvements Scheme was the second scheme on which the Council had not spent its full allocation, and added that if the Engineers were to be lined up at the meetings there would be less work done. Mr. L. Brennan stated that he felt that if the County Council were to go ahead with its schemes, the Department would allocate more money. Adding that the 8 schemes proposed would adequately cater for the £15,000. Councillor A. Murphy then proposed that the Council take and process the first 10 schemes on its Priority list.

Councillor G. Timmins, T. D. asked again if the £1,000 could be taken from last years money and enquired if the Hollywood to Toor Bog was a private roadway. He stated that this was a very important matter for the people involved as the roadway in question was washed away last August. Mr. L. Brennan stated that he would have the position examined and report back. Councillor G. Timmins stated that this work would have to be done immediately and asked the County Engineer if this could be done.

Following specific requests from several members, Mr. B. Johnston indicated that in addition to the County Engineer and Chief Fire Officer the Engineering establishment of Wicklow County Council is 7 Chief Assistant County Engineer posts, 1 Chief Planning Assistant, 16, Assistant County Engineers and 2 Planning Assistants. At present 20 Engineering posts are filled in a permanent capacity with 5 others filled on a temporary basis. He added that the re-organisation of the whole Engineering Staff Structure is at an advanced stage and would be coming before the members for consideration in the near future.

The County Engineer indicated that the work load in the Engineering Section had increased considerably and added that a lot of the existing Assistant County Engineers were young and inexperienced.

Following extensive discussion of the Engineering situation, the Chairman drew attention to the huge number of Notices of Motion on the Agenda and asked that Members might seek replies straight from the administration, thereby giving more time to discuss the wider aspects of general policy at the meetings.

ITEM 7 REPORT ON WATER SUPPLY FROM DUBLIN CORPORATION.

The County Engineer informed the Members that at present there was 1 million gallons of water being used per day in the Greystones/Delgany Area, whereas the amount being used should be only 400,000 gallons.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill stated that there was a leak in the supply at the bottom of the new road between the Orchard Inn and the Delgany/Killincarrig Road.

Councillor A. Murphy asked the following questions:-

- (a) How was the figure of 400,000 gallons arrived at
- (b) How does the usage of 1 million gallons compare with the amount being used in the Bray area.
- (c) Did the Corporation mention the question of rationing of water supplies over the coming months.

Councillor G. Timmins, T. D. stated that the Dublin Corporation are having difficulties themselves with wayleaves, etc. and he said that it is essential that the Wicklow County Council should ensure that they are given a satisfactory supply. Councillor J. McManus stated that Bray is using in the region of 1 million gallons a day and the number of houses in this area would be much larger than in the Greystones area. Councillor G. Jones stated that he found it very hard to believe the figures given as there was no apparent wastage of water nor any substantial visible leaks which would contribute to this 1 million gallons.

The County Engineer stated that this figure for Greystones/Delgany was given over the phone and stated that this was a very complicated distribution system, etc. to control and monitor.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T. D., asked if the Council had a Consultant on the North/East Regional Scheme and also asked how many water meters are installed in this area. The Chairman asked that the County Engineer have the full matter attended to and that the Council be informed of the up to date situation, as soon as possible.

ITEM 8 REFUSE TRUCKS.

It was agreed that this item be relisted for the next meeting of the Council.

ITEM 9 REGISTER OF ELECTORS 1980/81

Mr. K. Roberts, informed the members that out of 67 units, 55 final units have been received. He added that constant representations are being made and it is hoped to have the remaining 12 units in the near future.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that it was not good enough that our Register should

come now in the middle of May when it should have been available from the 1st April, and asked if consideration could be given to printing our own Register.

Mr. B. Johnston stated that the printing of the Register of Electors was at present on contract to the Stationery Office, but assured the members that the overall situation of the printing of the Register will be examined in full.

ITEM 10 CARNEW SEWERAGE SCHEME.

The County Engineer stated that the Contract Documents have been prepared and are being sent to the Department. It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor V. Blake that this item be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.

ITEM 11 COAST EROSION - ARKLOW.

The members were informed that the report on Coastal Erosion in Arklow had been received and would be circulated. It was also indicated that reports for other areas were being completed and would also be circulated on receipt.

The Chairman welcomed this report and asked that this item be repeated, in order to give the members sufficient time to consider same.

ITEM 12 ATTENDANCE OF PRESS - COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

The A/County Secretary informed the members that a letter had been received on the 5th March, 1980, from the County Librarian indicating that the County Library Advisory Committee proposed at their meeting that the local press attend their quarterly meetings.

The Chairman stressed that this is an Advisory Committee and many of the members give freely of their time and expertise and may not like to be under the scrutiny of the press. Councillor F. Hynes stated that the idea of this proposal was to make known the hard work that is going on within the Committee and he did not see any reason why the press should not attend, as this proposal was an unanimous decision of the Library Advisory Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Jones, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, and agreed that the local press should attend the quarterly meetings of the County Library Advisory Committee.

ITEMS 13 TO 63 WERE DEFERRED TO THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

ITEM 64 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

Shankill/Bray Bye Pass.

Mr. A. Fidgeon A/County Secretary informed the members that Dublin County Council had suggested Wednesday, 21st May, 1980 for a meeting on the above road. Following some discussion Councillor J. Miley proposed that this meeting be postponed due to the non-availability of some of the Northern Area Members, and that Dublin County Council be written to seeking an alternative date for the meeting.

International Conference - Coventry, May 28 - 31, 1980.

The A/County Secretary informed the members that it had been agreed that four Councillors should attend this Conference. He stated that, to date, only two nominations had been given, Councillor K. Ryan and Councillor A. Murphy. It was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor J. Miley that Councillor T. Keenan should attend, and the Chairman indicated that a fourth nomination would be submitted.

Tinahely/Arklow Bus Service.

Councillor G. Timmins, T. D. and Councillor V. Blake stated that they had asked that C.I.E. be contacted with a view to postponing the cancellation of the Tinahely/Arklow Bus Service, at least until the end of the School Term. The Deputy County

Manager stated that C.I.E. had been contacted following Deputy Timmins' previous representations and a Mr. T. Byrne of C.I.E. had indicated that since the service was extended to Tinahely it has not paid and there was no alternative but to discontinue it. He further indicated that the School Bus Service will operate from Ballinglen to Aughrim to Arklow and pupils from Tinahely will be obliged to make their own arrangements for linking up with this.

It was proposed by Councillor V. Blake, seconded by Councillor M. Weadick that C.I.E. be asked to receive a deputation to discuss the travel facilities and service in this area.

Employment within the County.

Councillor G. Timmins, T. D. stated that it was hoped by the Council that there would be a number of Advance Factories set up within the County e.g. Carnew, Baltinglass. He proposed that the I.D.A. be asked what its proposals were with regard to such development within the County.

The Chairman stated that the County Development Team had asked the I.D.A. to meet with them and he said that he would ensure that this item was included for discussion.

Woodside Estate, Rathnew.

Councillor F. Hynes stated that the residents of Woodside Estate, Rathnew are anxious that the Council would get the roads, footpaths and lights fixed. The Deputy County Manager stated that this was a private estate and the application for taking over would have to come from the Developer. The Council as of now are not empowered to do any work on this Estate.

Dump at Magheramore.

Councillor Hynes raised the question of Magheramore dump and was informed that the position had been referred to the County Engineer for attention.

Conditions for Agricultural/Horticultural Scholarships

Councillor J. Leeson objected strongly to conditions laid down for qualification for Agricultural/Horticultural Scholarships, saying that they were one example of class discrimination, as a large portion of the qualifying marks were attained on whether the applicant was a farmer's son or came from a farming background, with a farm to return to on completion of the studies. Councillor Leeson stated that the members should be circulated with the conditions of scholarships and asked that the matter be discussed in full at the next meeting of the Council.

Notices of Motion.

Councillor J. McManus indicated that he would be prepared to accept written replies to the number of Notices he had already submitted.

Carson Murphy
CHAIRMAN.

Date: 16/6/80

WICKLOW

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COUNCIL

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THE 23RD MAY, 1980, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW, COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

Present:-

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. (Chairman),
Councillors V. Blake, J. Byrne, H. Cullen, P. Deering,
F. Hynes, G. A. Jones, L. Kavanagh, T.D., D. Kinsella,
J. Leeson, J. Miley, A. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill, K. Ryan,
J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D. and Mrs. M. Weadick.

Also

Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,
Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer.

Attendance:

Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary,
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, Housing/Planning,
Mr. P. O'Meara, Staff Officer, Housing Section,
Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer, Motor Taxation Section,
Mr. J. Madigan, Assistant Staff Officer, Environmental Section.

The Chairman apologised on behalf of Deputy L. Kavanagh, T.D., who had been delayed in Strasburg and stated that he hoped to get to the meeting at some stage. He also indicated that Councillor Keenan sent an apology that he might not be able to attend the meeting.

ITEM 1

TO CONSIDER PASSING RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 26 (3)(b) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) ACT, 1963 - MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN - PLANNING APPLICATION REF. 4887/80 LARCH HILL ESTATES LTD., RATHDOWN ROAD, GREYSTONES.

The Chairman called on the County Secretary to read the report submitted by the County Engineer to the meeting. The members then proceeded to discuss this item under the following headings:-

Water Services:-

The County Engineer indicated that the Developer would have to put in pipes of agreed diameter. In reply to the Chairman on the adequacy of the North East Regional Supply Scheme to cater for this development, the County Engineer stated that the Dublin Corporation had control of the supply source and they have agreed to supply us with an adequate supply. He added that the Consultant Engineer had made provision for adequate sized pipes to meet present and future demands.

Councillor G. Jones asked if there was any further report on the over-usage of water by 600,000 in the Greystones Area. The County Engineer stated that this matter has been taken up with Dublin Corporation who have been asked to attend to the leaks.

Councillor A. Murphy asked the County Engineer if he could find it conceivable that this amount of water could be lost through leaks. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill stated that the leak at the Orchard Inn on the Delgany/Killincarrig Road would account for quite an amount of water, and indicated that Dublin Corporation did not seem to have the personnel to follow up this work.

Councillor G. Jones asked if the Council kept a watch on developments which may be using an excess amount of water. Councillor J. Leeson stated that it seemed very strange that this amount of water should be wasted when the Dublin Corporation were urging people to be conservative in their usage and were reducing pressure in the Dublin area.

Mr. J. Holohan informed the meeting that in 1979 Wicklow paid £12,000 in total for water for the North-East Area and in 1980 the Estimate was £30,000 which would include the additional Wicklow/Cronerroe Supply Scheme.

Councillor Deering indicated that surely it was the duty of the Council to inform the Dublin Corporation Manager of the situation, as nobody seemed to be doing anything about this wastage, which would effect the people of Dublin very badly in the long term. The Chairman stated that it would be desirable that the Council get together with Dublin and resolve this matter in the public interest. Councillor A. Murphy also stated that if the Council can be reasonably sure that this supply is there, there should be enough to cater for the new development. Councillor F. Hynes asked if the County Engineer would undertake to maintain leaks within the Northern Area and asked if the £12,000 paid to Dublin Corporation in 1979 was recoupable. In reply Mr. Holohan stated that around £10,000 was collected in water charges in this area, with a deficit of £2,000. It was agreed that the matter would again be brought to the attention of Dublin Corporation.

Sewerage Services:-

Councillor A. Murphy asked if the Treatment Works for the North Beach was of a lower standard due to sea outfall and enquired what population this would service. The County Engineer stated that these treatment works should cater for in the region of 9,000 houses. Councillor J. Leeson stated that it would be wrong of the Council to accept anything but the highest standard of sewerage treatment, and said that if satisfactorily designed, its capacity should not be stretched. The Chairman asked if there was a likelihood of a back-wash of sewerage. The County Engineer stated that the level of effluent changes depending on the occupancy of the houses, but that at 4,000 there is the required factor of safety. He indicated that Stage 2 of the North East Regional Supply Scheme would cost in the region of £1½ - £2 million and would cater for 4,000 extra population and would take the effluent from the old works and pump it into the new treatment works. Councillor A. Murphy asked if the Council could be reasonably assured that the new treatment works will not lead to any difficulties in a year or two.

The Chairman summarised by saying that the Stage 2 of Greystones was being subdivided and that the old works were being done away with by putting in a pumphouse and submitting that as a priority to the Department. Stage 2 in total would cater for a population of 8,000 in the North Beach area and 12,000 in the South Beach.

Councillor A. Murphy proposed that all proposals be submitted to the Department, with priority to be given to the North Beach, as soon as possible.

Roads and Other Services:-

Councillor G. Jones asked if there had been an overall plan drawn up for the Bray/Greystones Road, which was to include the acquisition of a certain amount of ground for the widening and improving of bends, etc. The County Engineer replied that there had been such a plan drawn up some five to six years ago. Councillor Jones proposed that this plan be taken out and reactivated. Councillor A. Murphy stated that he would prefer to see the existing roads in the Greystones area brought up to standard and asked what kind of maintenance the Council could expect to get done within the next two years. The County Engineer stated that the allocation would have to be double the finance being given at the moment for maintenance alone, as inflation was running near enough to 26%, bitumen alone had gone up by 60% in the last year.

Other Services:-

The Chairman, Councillor C. Murphy stated that as a Council they wanted at least 9 acres from this 19 acre site to be put aside for sports and recreational facilities for the Greystones area, and asked for the agreement of the Management to this proposal. Deputy Murphy indicated that this proposal reflected the wishes of the local people and stated that the members were very conscious of the needs of the area.

The County Secretary stated that having regard to previous considerations, the Council had been working on the availability of 4 acres, and added that matter such as; amount of existing open space; development of population; amount of open space at the new Estate; availability of other land at Greystones, etc. should be considered also.

Councillor A. Murphy proposed that 10 acres be given over to open spaces and stated that the 4 acres mentioned was just not sufficient. While Deputy Murphy stressed that this 9 - 10 acres reflected the requests of the population of the area. This new development would add considerable pressure for recreational facilities. Councillor J. Leeson stated that they would be talking in terms of years and years of value and usage of the land and he supported the Northern Area Councillors in their bid for the 9 - 10 acres. Councillor G. Jones stated that there was a tremendous amount of voluntary work being done in the Greystones Area.

Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager indicated that he was always guided by the majority wish of the Council and even though this land had been earmarked for housing, one can appreciate that if the Council draw up a composite plan for the whole of the 19 acres. The proposal was seconded by Councillor J. Byrne. Agreed.

Recommendation:-

Councillor G. Jones enquired as to the position regarding the 16 roomed school being built, which will be opened in September and which had no water or sewerage facilities. This Scheme should have been started some time ago in conjunction with the Housing Scheme. The County Engineer replied that the sewerage scheme was part of the contract and tenders had not been approved for this scheme and stated that the only option left open would be to put up a temporary septic tank which the Council will pick up with its mains water. He also stated that the whole scheme was advertised with the sewers and the houses being composite plans of the same Contract. Councillor G. Jones asked if the Council would be in a position to waive the cost of making the connection to the Council's main (£200) when the permanent service becomes available. There was some misunderstanding as to whether a sum of £200 had been paid to the Council and in whose name it had been paid and it was agreed that this be checked out.

Land for Cemetery:-

Mr. U. McCabe informed the members that the Developer had written indicating that he would sell 3 to 4 acres for Redford Cemetery and stated, in committee, that the figure of £6,000 was given verbally as the price. Councillor O'Neill stated that there was no car park serving the Cemetery at the moment and the County Engineer added that if the cars were allowed to park on each side of the road the sightline would not be as good as it should be. It was agreed that the question of parking facilities at Redford Cemetery be investigated and reported on. Some Councillors expressed the fact that too much time was being spent on this individual item and Councillor Ryan stated that this Special Meeting was turning into a meeting dealing with Greystones and said that "we all should have a Special Meeting for our own areas".

Mr. U. McCabe informed the members that it is proposed to add a further condition to the schedule of conditions and read the condition to the meeting. This condition made provision for only 100 houses to be built in the first year, 1980, 100 houses next year 1981, with no further houses built until the Treatment Works have been enlarged. He stated that it was not envisaged that the Developer would be in a position to build any more than 100 houses in a given year. The Chairman asked if the Developer would be requested to submit a plan of which set of houses are to be built first.

It was proposed by Councillor H. Cullen, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes and unanimously agreed that the Council pass the Resolution under Section 26 (3) (b) of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963 - Material Contravention of the County Development Plan - Planning Application Ref. 4887/80 Larch Hill Estates Ltd., Rathdown Road, Greystones.

The Chairman thanked the staff for the amount of time and research put into this planning application and assured the Councillors from the other areas that they would get equal treatment should the need arise.

The County Manager thanked the members for the responsible and thorough manner in which the members had dealt with this application and wished to record his compliments to the members.

Finally Councillor Miss N. O'Neill asked for assurances that there would be no through road through Rathdown Park. The Chairman indicated that the Council had already passed a resolution stating that there would be no vehicular link-up between Rathdown Park and Larch Hill Estate.

ITEM 54 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

Fixing of Date for Annual Meeting of Council.

It was agreed that Friday, 4th July, 1980, at 2.30 p.m. would be the date for the Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council.

Meeting of General Council of County Councils.

Councillor A. Murphy informed the meeting that he would be unable to attend the next meeting of the General Council of County Councils and asked for a nominee. It was proposed that Councillor V. Blake should attend.

Cleaning up of Upper St. Joseph's Road, Newtownmountkennedy.

Councillor F. Hynes indicated that the annual procession for Corpus Christi was being held at Upper St. Joseph's Road, Newtownmountkennedy and asked that the road be cleaned up and an abandoned car removed. The County Engineer replied that the roads in Newtownmountkennedy were cleaned up every year for this occasion.

School Bus Service within the County.

Councillor J. Leeson referred to the proposed change in the school bus service within the county and stated that if money is being withdrawn from these services it should be examined to ascertain if there is any other way of running this service more efficiently. He added that the Council should be slow to concede any reduction in the service, and asked that they should make a plea to the Minister for Education to ask him to reconsider his decision, as this reduction would have detrimental effects on the rural population.

Water Meter Readings in Blessington.

Councillor J. Miley made representations on behalf of a Mr. Hugh Fiedegan, who was not satisfied with the result of a meter reading taken on his water usage. It was agreed that the meter would be rechecked.

Blessington Road.

Councillor J. Miley referred to the present condition of the Blessington Road and expressed concern at the materials being used. Councillor Deering also asked the County Engineer if anything could be done about this road. The County Engineer replied that this road is subject to very heavy traffic on route to and from Dublin and he stated that there was a further stage construction to go on top of that road, which should make it a good driving surface.

Reference was also made to the road at Monaspeck, which had not been completed over the last 6 years and which needed strengthening.

Receipt of Deputations.

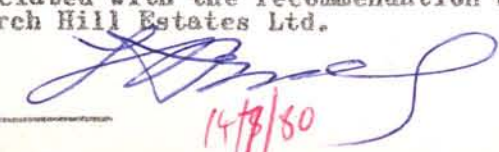
Cross Chapel Road Safety & Action Committee. It was agreed that this committee should meet with the Blessington Area Members at their next area meeting.

Barndarrig Parish Council. It was agreed that this deputation would be received at the meeting of the Wicklow Electoral Area Members to be held on Monday, 9th June, 1980, at 11.00 a.m. in the Council Chamber.

Apology:-

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. apologised for his arriving late to the meeting, which he stated was unavoidable, and asked to be associated with the recommendation made in relation to the granting of permission to Larch Hill Estates Ltd.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.


14/7/80

CONFIRMED AND SIGNED AT HOUSING MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THE
7TH JULY, 1980.

WICKLOW

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COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 9TH JUNE,
1980, IN THE COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW, COMMENCING AT
2.30 P.M.

Present:-

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. (Chairman).
Councillors V. Blake, J. Byrne, H. Cullen, P. Deering,
J. Giff, F. Hynes, G. Jones, L. Kavanagh, T.D.,
T. J. Keenan, J. Leeson, J. McManus, J. Miley, R. Miley,
A. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney,
G. Timmins, T.D. and Mrs. M. Weadick.

Also
in

Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,
Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Manager,
Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary,
Mr. J. Solon, B.E., Chief Assistant Co. Engineer,
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, Housing/Planning.
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, Environmental/Roads.
Mr. J. Halohan, Staff Officer, Motor Taxation Section.
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section

Attendance:-

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

It was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan, and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Housing Meeting of the Council, held on the 5th May, 1980, be confirmed and signed.

Councillor R. Miley expressed his thanks to the Members and to the County Manager and his Staff for their good wishes on his recovery.

ITEM 2 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT 3 KINDLESTOWN LOWER, GREYSTONES.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill asked that the legal title to the land in question be checked and rectified if necessary.

It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor G. Jones and unanimously agreed that this land be disposed of in accordance with the Statutory Notice circulated.

ITEM 3 REVISION OF REMUNERATION - RURAL ROAD OVERSEERS.

The County Secretary informed the members that there has been ongoing negotiations between the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board and the Congress of Trade Unions in relation to a claim for a pay increase on behalf of Rural Road Overseers, which had now been accepted.

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan, and unanimously agreed that the revised rates of pay for Rural Road Overseers, as indicated in Circular Letter EL 8/80, be implemented.

ITEM 4 HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. indicated that it had been promised that the Council would be informed as to the position relating to the allocation for new starts. He stated that there was a growing need to proceed with schemes and quite a few of the Direct Labour Schemes in the East should have been started earlier in the year in order to keep Operatives on the job.

The County Manager stated that Council Officials had contacted the Department of the Environment in relation to the Scheme at Ashford, where it is intended to switch the Direct Labour force and were informed that the Council would be notified of its allocation in July.

Councillor K. Ryan indicated that he understood that the allocation for New Starts would be made in May and now they were being informed that it would be July, by which time the days would be getting shorter coupled with worsening weather conditions, resulting in less value for money.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that everyone was aware of the growing number of people in need of housing in the Northern Area and added that it was the lower paid sector of the community that was being hurt. Councillor F. Hynes asked that the 32 House Scheme in Ashford and the 12 House Scheme in Barndarrig be commenced as soon as possible. The Co. Manager again stated that verbal notification had been received for the commencement of the Ashford Scheme and added that the Scheme would be commenced with the Council's own money, until the allocation came through.

Councillor J. McManus indicated that it was clear from Dail Debates that there was no money outside the Greater Dublin Area for New Starts. He added that he did not think this money would come through and that it would be impossible to start these Schemes this year. Councillor McManus stated that this was one of a number of disguise cuts implemented by the Government since the Budget and seconded the proposal to call for a Deputation to be received in this connection.

Councillor H. Cullen referred to the 12 House Scheme for Barndarrig, assurances for the commencement of which had been given to the Barndarrig Parish Council.

Councillor J. Leeson enquired how long tenders already submitted would hold good and what price variation clause was included in the tender documents, having regard to the present rate of inflation in building materials. He stated that he would like to be assured as a public representative that everything possible was being done to secure housing for the county and added that it should be forcibly brought home to the Minister the necessity to have the Schemes started in the immediate future, as the number of low cost Housing Schemes in the county was drying up.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. indicated that every member of the Council was unhappy with the present situation. He said that a target of 200 houses was set for each year, but this year with the delay in receiving the allocation for new starts work would not begin until the end of the year. Councillor Timmins, T.D. stressed that the Council should press on with their plans for housing and also with the purchase of land for housing.

Councillor J. Miley also supported the request for a deputation and enquired if money had been made available for the building of a house for 'Flemings'. In reply Mr. McCabe stated that there was money available for the erection of a house for Flemings, but that the Contractor had still to sign the Contract Documents and there had been some minor adjustments made to the plans, which would have to be re-submitted to the Minister.

The County Engineer stated that 3 Housing Schemes had been prepared, but that no firm commitment had been entered into as yet. In reply to Councillor Leeson the Co. Engineer stated that all Contractors were safeguarded by the Price Variation Clause.

HOUSES IN PROGRESS:

Bray - Durkan Bros.

The County Engineer stated that this Scheme was making very good progress and should meet the completion date.

Councillor A. Murphy indicated that it would seem that this Contractor has advanced quite remarkably. Councillor J. Byrne noted that around 14 - 15 houses were practically completed at the moment, and stated that this was one of the Contractors who had progressed very rapidly.

The County Engineer indicated that he hoped that some of these houses would be ready by July, while Mr. McCabe stated that he was meeting with the County Medical Officer in the near future in order to have a priority list ready for the letting of the houses.

Greystones - Riversdale Concrete Products.

Mr. Solon, B.E. stated that the bricks have been delivered to the site and more Bricklayers are being employed to speed up the job.

Newcastle - Direct Labour.

Mr. Solon, B.E. indicated that there was no reason why the completion dates, i.e. 30/6/80 (20) and 30/9/80 (10) would not be met and the first 20 should be ready by the end of this month, depending on how quickly an electricity supply can be installed by the E.S.B.

Blessington - J. Lynch.

Mr. Solon, B.E. stated that he was not that happy with the Contractor on this Scheme and he has been keeping pressure on to him. He stated that the Contractor has been having problems with labour and its' supervision, but he hoped that the completion date of 31st July, 1980, would be met.

Aughrim - Being completed by Direct Labour.

It was indicated by Mr. Solon, B.E. that this scheme is virtually finished. In reply to Councillor Keenan, Mr. McCabe stated that these houses have been advertised and the processing of the applications is at a very advanced stage.

Rathdrum - To be completed by Direct Labour.

Mr. Solon stated that this Scheme was going well and the completion dates should be met.

Avoca - Courtown Developments Ltd.

Mr. Solon stated that the Scheme is virtually finished and some tidying up and some floor tiling remained to be completed. Councillor T. J. Keenan asked if it was intended to go ahead with any more houses for this area and also if there were any more sites available. Mr. McCabe indicated that there was room for more sites and said that this would come up in the next Housing Progress Report.

Baltinglass - Eustace Building Co. Ltd.

Mr. Solon, B.E. indicated that there was no doubt but that the completion date, 30th September, 1980, would be met.

Shillelagh - Courtown Developments Ltd.

Councillor V. Blake asked if these 8 houses had been allocated as yet. In reply Mr. McCabe stated that recommendations would be available in the near future.

Kirikee - Thomas Myler.

Mr. Solon, B.E., indicated that the E.S.B. were coming in shortly to service these houses and it was hoped that the completion date would be met.

Ashford - Direct Labour.

Mr. Solon, B.E. stated that this site had just been opened.

TENDERS ACCEPTED: CONTRACT TO BE SIGNED AND WORK TO COMMENCE IN NEAR FUTURE.

Rural Cottage - Kioxters Hill (Fleming) - As indicated previously work on this cottage will commence in the near future.

Barndarrig (12) - In reply to Councillor H. Cullen the County Manager indicated that it was intended to start the Barndarrig Scheme in the latter part of this year, but, as of now, no allocation had been received for the Scheme.

TENDERS ACCEPTED AND AWAITING CAPITAL ALLOCATION TO ENABLE CONTRACTS TO BE SIGNED.

Greystones	58
Kilcoole,	42
Ballinaclash	12

It was agreed that the Minister for the Environment be asked to receive a Deputation to ascertain when monies would be forthcoming for these new starts.

TENDERS UNDER EXAMINATION:

Rural Cottages	Ballymaghroe (O'Neill)
	Tomnafinchogue (Gehan)
	Newtown Saunders (Valentine)

TENDERS TO BE RE-INVITED:

The County Engineer stated that it was very hard to get Contractors to build houses in isolated areas, due to the extra expenses involved. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. stated that he knew of Contractors who would be prepared to build houses of this type and stated that he would bring these to the attention of Mr. McCabe. Councillor Keenan stated that he was of the opinion that most of the smaller Contractors were under the misunderstanding that these private houses would have to be completed without financial help from the Council at the different stages of work. The County Engineer reassured him that payments are made on a phased basis, provided the work is completed to the satisfaction of the Council.

Rathdangan:-

Councillor J. Miley indicated that he had been informed that the houses in Rathdangan had been completed, whereas in fact only 4 of the 8 houses were occupied at the present time. He stated that complaints had been received from these tenants to the effect that they have to park their cars on the road, a considerable distance from their houses. Councillor Miley asked if the wooden fences between the houses could be removed in order that the people could take their cars right up to their houses, and proposed that these tenants be given permission to take up these fences, which they would be prepared to do at their own expense. The Chairman stated that he had also received representations in this regard and was informed that there was a lot of pilfering of petrol taking place. In reply Mr. McCabe stated that permission would have to be obtained and that the Council would look into the matter.

On the question of the 2 remaining houses, Mr. McCabe indicated that the houses would be occupied within the next two weeks and in reply to an enquiry from Councillor Miley stated that there were six applicants for these two houses.

Private Housing Site at Ballywaltrim, Bray:-

In relation to the Council's Private Housing Site at Ballywaltrim, Bray, the Chairman asked that a guideline plan be prepared and made available to those people interested. On the question of planning permission Councillor A. Murphy indicated that the Wicklow County Council could make a joint application in respect of all the houses, which would save people putting separate advertisements in the newspapers. Councillor A. Murphy indicated that most of the people involved see the point of having a common house type, i.e. standard facade with alterations to the interior design, and they would be more than pleased to obtain quick permission, in order to get on with the building. Mr. McCabe agreed that it might be quicker in the long run to have a guide-type house plan available. Agreed.

ACQUISITION OF LAND:

Johnstown/ Kilpedder	C.P.O. for 5 acres, 3 roods, 25 sq. pers. confirmed. Appeal to High Court. Case is due for hearing in the next Sesssion.
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Baltinglass	It was indicated that it was unlikely that the Council could obtain this land by Agreement. C.P.O. may have to be made but further investigations are under way.
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Ballyconnell/
Kilquiggan

Acquisition under investigation at Ballyconnell Village, and negotiations opened for purchase of site at Kilquiggan.

Kiltegan

Law Agent making arrangements for an exchange of lands.

Ballycoogue

Site of 1.2 acres in final stages of transfer to Council.

Ashford

11 acres approx. purchased. Agreement reached with owners for purchase of two further adjoining lots of 5 acres and 6½ acres respectively which are in course of transfer to Council's ownership.

Valleymount

Demand for housing investigated. Further investigation into satisfactory method of sewage disposal on this difficult site to be carried out before C.P.O. can be made. The members discussed the sewage situation for Valleymount and it was indicated that Dublin Corporation had been written to in relation to standards of sewage treatment, but no reply had been received to date. It was agreed that further investigations would have to be carried out.

Shillelagh

Acquisition of land to be effected by C.P.O. due to title difficulties. C.P.O. will be made in the near future.

Glenealy

Acquisition of land under negotiation - 3 acres approx. in the Village.

Kilmacanogue

Acquisition of land being negotiated - 5 acres.

Grangecon

Agreement reached for purchase of site of 12 acres. Being transferred into the Council's ownership at the moment.

Rathdrum

Site in course of transfer by C.P.O.

Tinahely

In reply to Councillor V. Blake, Mr. McCabe indicated that there was 2.5 acres involved in this transfer.

Thomastown/
Johnstown

C.P.O. made to acquire site at Thomastown.

Dunlavin

C.P.O. confirmed by Minister in respect of plot required for housing purposes.

Stratford

Mr. McCabe informed the members that the land situation at Stratford was under active consideration and recent communications with the owners indicated that a C.P.O. may have to be made.

Greystones

Mr. McCabe stated that investigations for acquisition of land in this case had not commenced but would receive early attention.

Blessington

Councillor J. Miley stated that the Council should meet with the V.E.C. and give them the necessary land in order that they can put their plans before the Department.

Coolboy

Councillor K. Ryan stated that progress was very slow in acquiring land in Coolboy. Mr. McCabe indicated that there was a review of suitable land under way and a further report would be made as quickly as possible.

Enniskerry

5 - 10 acre site selected - negotiations to be opened soon for purchase.

Laragh

Agreement reached to acquire site which is now in course of transfer to Council - 6 acres.

The County Secretary informed the members that Wednesday, 18th June, 1980, at 2.00 p.m. had been suggested as a date to receive a Deputation in relation to the Shankill/Bray Bye-Pass Road.

The Chairman asked for nominations and suggested that there be strong representation from the Northern and Eastern areas of the County. The following members were appointed to attend:-

Councillor J. McManus	Councillor K. Ryan
Councillor Miss N. O'Neill	Deputy L. Kavanagh, T.D.
Councillor A. Murphy	Councillor J. Sweeney
Councillor G. Jones	Councillor J. Byrne
Councillor J. Leeson	Councillor J. Miley
Councillor M. Weadick	

Councillor J. McManus stated that a similar Deputation had been received from Bray Urban District Council.

It was agreed on the suggestion of the Chairman that the County Engineer would make some data available for the information of the members of the Deputation prior to the meeting.

Slurry Tanker:

Councillor J. Leeson indicated that the Dublin County Council have a very useful service for emptying septic tanks.

The County Engineer replied that some time ago this matter had been raised and as a result the Council had purchased a Slurry Tanker for this purpose.

Visit to Newtownmountkennedy Housing Scheme.

Councillor F. Hynes asked if the members of the Council would undertake to visit the newly completed Housing Scheme in Newtownmountkennedy, which was deserving of the highest credit. Councillor A. Murphy enquired if this Housing Scheme could be formally opened, with the tenants being invited along. The members were unanimous in the appreciation of the high standard of workmanship in same. Following some discussion it was agreed that the Councillors should meet at Newtownmountkennedy at 2.00 p.m. prior to the Ordinary Meeting of the Council on the 16th June, 1980, and the commencement time of the Ordinary Meeting was put back until 3.00 p.m.

ITEM 6 FIXING OF DATE FOR MEETING OF BALTINGLASS ELECTORAL AREA.

It was agreed that an Area Meeting for the Baltinglass Electoral Area should be held on Thursday, 12th June, 1980, commencing at 11.00 a.m. in the Downshire Hotel, Blessington. It was also agreed that the Members for this area should receive a Deputation from the Cross Chapel Road Safety & Action Association at 12.00 noon.

ITEMS 7 TO 58 WERE DEFERRED TO THE NEXT HOUSING MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

ITEM 59 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

Sheep Dipping Bath at Newtown Saunders.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. indicated that a wall of the Sheep Dipping Bath at Newtown Saunders had been demolished and the County Engineer stated that this matter would be attended to in the near future.

Closing of Tourist Office at Arklow.

Councillor H. Cullen informed the members that the Tourist Office in Arklow was being closed to the public. He stated that this would be a tremendous loss to the whole area, as in 1978 there had been in the region of 6,500 enquiries, with 7,000 in 1979, which indicated the urgent necessity of keeping the office open. Councillor J. Sweeney also expressed his dissatisfaction at the closure, which he stated was also due for discussion by the Urban District Council in Arklow.

Train Fares from Kilcoole to Greystones.

Councillor G. Jones referred to an increase in train fares when travelling from the train halt in Kilcoole to the Greystones Station and he asked that the matter be taken up with C.I.E. The Chairman stated that the re-opening of this line is only on a trial basis and added that it was the wish of each Councillor that this service would be extended. It was agreed that C.I.E. would be contacted with a view to having the fare structure examined.

Hedge Cutting in Co. Wicklow.

Councillor Jones asked if some type of Hedge Cutting could be carried out in North County Wicklow. In reply the Co. Engineer stated that this work would be carried out as in previous years to the extent of the limited machinery available.

Ellen Kilbride, Croneyhorn.

Councillor K. Ryan indicated that Ms. Ellen Kilbride, Croneyhorn, Carnew, had been given a demountable dwelling which did not have a water supply and asked if the Council could do something about it. It was indicated that it was intended to supply a couple of adjoining houses with the one supply, but that this work had not been selected for this years programme.

Refuse Collection at Toberbeg.

Councillor P. Deering referred to the collection point at Toberbeg and asked if the Officials could change it from its present location and investigate the possibility of locating it elsewhere. It was agreed that this matter would be further considered at the next local area meeting.

Chimney - Michael Bolger, Aughrim.

Councillor T. J. Keenan referred to the crack in the chimney of the house owned by Mr. Micheal Bolger, Aughrim. He stated that there were other such complaints in this area and only a fortnight ago a fire occurred, during which a lot of brick, etc. came down and carpets and furniture were ruined. Councillor Keenan requested that something be done finally to rectify these chimneys. It was agreed that the Co. Engineer would further examine the situation.

Seminar for Elected Members of Local Authorities.

The County Secretary informed the Members that the Institute of Public Administration was holding a Seminar for Elected Members of Local Authorities on Tuesday, 24th June, 1980, in Dun Laoire, and the subject matter is Planning & Development. Should any Member wish to participate he should indicate so to the Co. Secretary and arrangements would be made.

Meeting of Local Authority Members Association.

The meeting was also informed that there was a Meeting of the Local Authority Members Association to be held on Saturday, 14th June, 1980. It was proposed by Councillor H. Cullen, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.O. that Councillor J. Miley should attend. Agreed.

Wicklow County Council

Votes of Sympathy:-

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to the relations of the late former Councillor Paul Keogh, who he stated had given many years of service to the Wicklow County Council. Councillor J. Miley indicated he wished to be associated with the remarks passed, stating that Mr. Keogh had served for many years on the Council with him and added that he was a man who had worked very hard for his local area and was very active and concerned with the progress of West Wicklow.

Deputy G. Timmins, T.D. also extended his sympathies to Mr. Keogh's wife and family and said that his brothers and father before him had given excellent service to Wicklow County Council. He stated that the Keogh family have been with the Council since the inception of the State and they were prepared to neglect their own business in order to give service to the County. The members were unanimous in their expressions of sympathy to the family of Mr. Keogh.

The Members also passed a vote of sympathy to Mr. Kevin Roberts, whose brother died recently.

A minutes silence was observed by the Members.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

CHAIRMAN.

Date:

7/7/80

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 16TH JUNE, 1980, IN THE COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW, COMMENCING AT 3.00 P.M.

Present:-

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., (Chairman).
Councillors V. Blake, J. Byrne, H. Cullen, P. Deering,
J. Giff, G. Jones, T. J. Keenan, D. Kinsella, J. Leeson,
J. McManus, J. Miley, R. Miley, A. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill,
K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D. and M. Weadick.

Also

in
Attendance:-

Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,
Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer,
Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary,
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, Environmental/Roads,
Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer, Motor Taxation Section,
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section,
Mr. P. O'Meara, Staff Officer, Housing Section.

The Chairman referred to the 12 House Scheme completed in Newtownmountkenny, which the members had just visited and expressed congratulations to the County Engineer, Staff, and especially to the implementation of the Direct Labour Scheme on these houses. He stated that the 12 houses were a credit and the people are delighted with their standard and are looking forward to moving in.

It was indicated that the keys of these houses would be made available tomorrow.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

It was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor V. Blake and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 12th May, 1980, be confirmed and signed.

ITEM 2 CONFIRMING RESOLUTION - GUARANTEEING OF LOAN RAISED BY WICKLOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS.

The County Secretary indicated that the original resolution had been passed in March, in accordance with the Harbours Act, 1947 and the Council was now required to make a confirmation resolution.

It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. and unanimously agreed that Wicklow County Council confirm the resolution passed by them on the 10th March, 1980, in connection with the borrowing of £60,000 from the Local Loans Fund.

ITEM 3 SALARY REVISION - STOREKEEPER.

The County Secretary indicated that the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board have had negotiations with the Local Government and Public Services Union in relation to revision of salary for Storekeepers. All upgradings take effect from 1st September, 1979, and assimilation to the new scales will be on the basis of service in the grade.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Miley, and unanimously agreed that the salary revision for the Storekeeper be implemented.

Greystones & District Civic Association.

The Chairman informed the meeting that a request had been received from Greystones & District Civic Association for receipt of a Deputation by the Council. The Chairman stated that it was usual that the Area Members should meet the deputation and it was agreed to fix a date for the Northern Electoral Area at the end of the meeting.

ITEM 4 REFUSE TRUCKS.

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

"That Wicklow County Council give complete details to the members of the number of occasions refuse trucks have been hired during 1979, the cost and amount paid to each owner of these vehicles."

In reply to Councillor K. Ryan, the County Engineer stated that the Council had 5 Refuse Trucks on the road at the moment. While Councillor J. Sweeney asked if the purchase of a new Refuse Truck would facilitate one truck being left aside as a spare. Councillor J. McManus enquired if an extra truck would cover extensions throughout the county.

The County Engineer indicated that no further extensions could be catered for with the provision of one extra truck, as at the present overtime, hire of refuse vehicles and use of the Council's own lorries had to be dealt with.

It was agreed that, as neither of the Councillors who submitted this Notice of Motion, i.e. Councillors Hynes and Kavanagh, T.D. were present, this Item be placed on the Agenda again for the next Meeting. Councillor J. McManus asked that the members be circulated with a report on this item before it comes up for discussion again.

ITEM 5 CARNEW SEWERAGE SCHEME.

The County Engineer stated that the Contract Documents have now been received and they will be forwarded to the Department this week for sanctioning.

Councillor K. Ryan enquired if there was any idea of how long it would be before work could commence. Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, stated that Carnew Sewerage Scheme was No. 2 on the Priority List, and as a result of the Contract Documents being available it should be a point ahead on the planning of the scheme. The Chairman indicated that the Council had now got over a big hurdle, and the scheme was now at the final stages of completion for submission, with only 12 months elapsing since the Department sanctioned the Preliminary Report.

It was proposed by Councillor V. Blake, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan that a resolution be sent to the Minister asking that the matter be expedited as soon as possible.

ITEM 6 SELECTION OF DEPUTATION TO C.I.E. RE. TINAHELY/ARKLOW BUS SERVICE.

The County Secretary informed the members that notification had been received from C.I.E. stating that they would be in a position to meet with the County Council on Friday next, 20th June, 1980, at 2.30p.m.

As this did not suit a number of the members the Chairman proposed that the representatives of C.I.E. be asked to come down to the next Housing Meeting of the Council to be held on the 7th July, 1980, at 2.00 p.m. prior to the commencement of the monthly Housing Meeting, and to meet with the members from the Southern Electoral Area.

ITEM 7 COAST EROSION.

The Co. Secretary informed the meeting that the Consultants Report on Coast Erosion in Arklow had already been circulated and indicated that the Preliminary Report on Coast Erosion at Bray had now come to hand.

The Chairman proposed that the report be circulated to all members of the Council and that a copy be sent to the Commissioners of Public Works for consideration under the Coast Protection Act.

The County Secretary added that this report would be forwarded to the Commissioners of Public Works if it is approved by the Council. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., asked if approval could be given to the report at this stage in order that it could be submitted to the Office of Public Works. The County Secretary proceeded to read from the relevant Section 2(3)(a) of the Coast Protection Act, 1963, to effect that "Where a report is submitted under subsection (2) of this section to the council of a county, the council, if satisfied that land within the county is being progressively damaged by the continuing encroachment of the sea, as distinct from occasional or abnormal storms, and that the encroachment is liable to endanger the safety of a harbour, the buildings or amenities of a residential area or other valuable property, may declare that the promotion of a coast protection scheme is expedient and that the Commissioners should be asked to carry out a preliminary examination".

Councillor J. McManus indicated that there seemed to be an urgent need to commence Phase 1 of the Scheme proposed by the Consulting Engineers before the winter months and was very anxious that this work should start immediately. Councillor K. Ryan enquired where the £48,500 for Phase 1 would come from. In reply the County Secretary indicated that there is a distinction between new works and maintenance works and Phase 1 would appear to be an accumulation of maintenance work rather than new works. The County Manager indicated that this was an urgent job and it would have to be established whether or not this was an accumulation of repairs or if it was a form of capital scheme, in order to arrange for financing of same.

Councillor A. Murphy asked that this matter be clarified and a resolution sent to the Office of Public Works, as quickly as possible. Councillor A. Murphy also proposed that the Council accept the County Engineer's recommendation, this proposal was seconded by Councillor J. Byrne.

Councillor D. Kinsella objected to a discussion taking place on Coast Erosion in Bray, when Coast Erosion at Arklow had been listed for discussion. Councillor Kinsella drew attention to 5 Factories who were in danger of encroachment by the sea and indicated that this matter would have to receive urgent attention.

The Chairman clarified to the meeting that the Council had asked for a report on the full coastline and it just happened that the report on Coast Erosion at Bray had come to hand before the meeting and there was no question of singling out any particular area, instead the Council hoped to deal with each area simultaneously. The Chairman then asked that the meeting proceed to discuss Coast Erosion at Arklow.

Councillor J. Sweeney stated that, while recognising the necessity to carry out works on the North Beach, he could not accept that the dredging of Arklow bar for NET traffic since 1960, was causing the erosion. The Roadstone Jetty and the groyne put on the South side of the Jetty have been very good with minimal dredging, as there was no protection at this location until Roadstone build the groyne. On the alternative suggestion made by the Consulting Engineers of 3,000m flow rubble rock filled mound laid on light chain link galvanised mesh, Councillor J. Sweeney enquired what effect this will have on the amenity aspect of the beach and if it would prevent people from using the beach, and also if the timber groyning system would not be more effective. Councillor Sweeney emphasised that the timber groynes had been on the South Beach for the last 100 years without any maintenance and they had not prevented people from using or swimming on the beach.

The County Engineer indicated that timber groynes were not as economic and not as permanent and can become dangerous for swimmers, whereas the low mount rubble rock construction would eventually be covered with sand and infilled between dunes and mound.

Councillor D. Kinsella indicated that ^{Co. Wick} South County Council have implemented Coast Protection with a similar rock construction which has proved very successful. Councillor K. Ryan enquired if the galvanised would not rust, but the County Engineer replied that it would be covered with low rubble rock, ~~thus preventing its corrosion~~. Councillor Kinsella also enquired how it was intended to finance this work and if it would be eligible for an E.E.C. Grant. The Co. Secretary stated that financing for a Capital Scheme would be split on a 50/50 basis between the Office of Public Works and the County Council, but there was no question of getting a grant from the E.E.C., as all such grants are obtained through the State. *select Dept. of Agriculture*

Councillor J. Sweeney stated that there had been a previous report made by the Commissioners of Public Works on the East Coast for which an application had been made under the Coast Protection Act, and he asked that this report be ~~reconsidered~~.

It was proposed by Councillor D. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor M. Weadick, that the alternative method of coast protection should be used (i.e. low rubble rock filled mound laid on light chain link galvanised mesh with a high faggot fence erected on crest of dunes). Councillor J. Sweeney also supported "provided that it did not affect the amenity value of the area".

ITEM 8 AGRICULTURAL/HORTICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIPS.

The General Conditions of Award of Agricultural and Horticultural Scholarships, together with other particulars were circulated to the members on the request of Councillor Leeson.

Councillor Leeson indicated that these Scholarships were implemented by the Co. Committee of Agriculture ~~under the auspices of the County Council~~ and he wished to bring to light serious irregularities in the operation of the rules governing the Scheme. He stated that the general conditions have got to the stage that they prevent people who do not own land, or people who are not directly in line to receive land, from attaining Scholarships to Agricultural or Horticultural Colleges, and this to his mind is totally wrong. He added that it is the only instance of class discrimination, where a vast number of marks were attained by a holder of land, as against people from Urban areas of the county whose parents may have worked on farms all their lives. Councillor Leeson stated that the Grant of £16,000 made by the Department towards these Scholarships has been ~~whittled down~~ to £11,000. He said that these grants should be valued according to means, and suggested that the Department should use the same schedule of grading as used in the Higher Education Grants Scheme Award.

Councillor H. Cullen stated that no one could be satisfied that justice was being done. *While Councillor K. Ryan stated that he would take seriously the fact that people are barred because of the occupation of their parents.* Councillor A. Murphy asked that strong representations be made to the Minister for Agriculture that the rules governing the granting of the Scholarships be changed to remove this discrimination. Councillor J. McManus stated that in a democracy, scholarships should be open to everybody alike and if high ownership of land has been made a condition of entry then surely this must be a ~~regressive~~ *backward* step.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. also supported Councillor Leeson, stating that the terms of entry were not satisfactory, but revealed instances of discrimination and asked that the conditions be sent to the Department. He referred to Condition 6 of the General Conditions, whereby applicants for Scholarships must on the 1st October, 1980, be at least 16 years of age and be under 30 years of age. However the minimum age for entry to a State Agricultural College is 17 years of age on 1st October, 1980 and asked that this aspect be taken up with the Department.

The Chairman stressed that there has been no irregularity in the administration of the Scheme, and it was agreed that the Department should be approached with a view to reviewing the conditions of qualification for Agricultural/Horticultural Scholarships.

ITEM 9 SURFACE DRESSING FAILURE N11.

The County Secretary asked that this item be taken in Committee, pending the Court Cases in relation to same. Councillor G. Kinsella asked, on a procedure of Standing Orders, if the Council was bound to take this item in Committee. It was proposed by Councillor P. Deering, seconded by Councillor J. Leeson, that the item be taken in Committee. *relates to the question of Standing Orders.*

The Co. Engineer indicated to the meeting that the incident occurred in the week commencing 27th August, 1979, on the Main Rathnew/Arklow Road N11 whereby the tarmacadam lifted from the road. This he stated was due to the very inclement weather and a drop in temperatures on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of that week, together with very intense heavy traffic and the men had trouble trying to slow down motorists. He also stated that the Council were subject due to the fact that this incident happened over a very busy week, and, which gave rise to a lot of adverse publicity. *all the material there*

Councillor K. Ryan enquired if there had been any such instances in other counties and added that it was useless discussing the matter until the Court Case came up. Councillor J. McManus stated that it was quite true that in the summer months it was technically more desirable to surface dress these roads, but asked if it would not be possible to get the work on major trafficked routes done before or after the peak summer months. He asked if there was any way we could change the sort of materials being used and if it would be possible to use them in cold weather, as it was evident that this was a very expensive failure for the Council.

Councillor G. Timmins, I.D. enquired of the difference in providing tarmacadam carpeting on this major route, and stated that it would be false economy to provide anything but the best with regard to the amount of traffic using this road.

The Co. Engineer stated that in very cold weather the binder will bind quickly, with a result the surface will crack and the stones will move out from the binder. In reply to Deputy Timmins, he stated that the carpet would cost about ten times as much, but in future it was intended to pre-coat the chips to prolong their life.

Councillor H. Cullen stated that a considerable amount of public money was involved, and it should be put to the best possible use. *Considered*

It was agreed that this matter would be taken up again at a later date.

ITEM 10 MR. MICHAEL BYRNE - RATE COLLECTOR.

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

"I or some member move for me at the next Council Meeting pass resolution recommendation to Department of Environment to giving credit for years worked by Michael Byrne, who served this Council as Rate Collector - such credit has been accepted in the past."

The County Secretary stated that every effort has been made to facilitate Mr. Byrne but nothing further could be done in this matter.

Councillor Miley proposed that the Council pass a resolution calling on the Minister to look at this situation in the light that other people have received such credit for similar service. Councillor G. Timmins, I.D. and Councillor P. Deering also supported this item and asked that it be resubmitted to the Minister for further consideration.

ITEM 11 Building OF ADVANCE FACTORY AT BLESSINGTON.

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

"I or some member move for me that this Council accept the plans that County Manager and Offici ls inspected at Mullingar and that we proceed with the building of the Advance Factory at Blessington."

The County Engineer indicated that some levels had been taken, but final investigations will have to be carried out.

Councillor J. Miley stated that this factory has been on the Agenda for three or four years and money has been made available. He said that there were five factories already on the site and there should not be any necessity for levels to be taken.

Councillor P. Deering said that it was essential from an employment point of view that this factory be provided.

Councillor G. Timmins, T. D., asked the County Engineer if he could say when the factory might be proceeded with and in reply the County Engineer stated that it should be advertised by this week or next week.

ITEM 12 FLOODING AT JOHN DOYLE'S AND JAMES CASHIN'S AT CREHELP, DUNLAVIN

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors P. Deering and G. Timmins, T. D., was considered:-

"That immediate steps be taken to stop flooding at John Doyle's and James Cashin's at Crehelp, Dunlavin."

The County Engineer in his report, stated that the matter is being investigated at present and a report will be submitted in time for the next Meeting of the Council.

Councillor P. Deering indicated that the present situation was that the flooding had stopped. He stated that an allocation of £16,000 to £17,000 had been provided for. He also suggested that a further report be obtained in connection with this flooding and he said that to his mind this man had a genuine complaint.

The County Engineer said that there had been flooding which had now disappeared and said that the Council would have to wait until the water levels rose again to re-investigate this flooding.

The County Manager stated that last Monday the question of Treatment Works at Valley Mount arose when the meeting was informed that Dublin Corporation had not replied to the Council in relation to the acceptability of effluent from the Treatment Works. In fact Dublin Corporation had replied, but an official of the Council had made an error. The County Manager said that no harm had been done. *arranged to be filed in regard to the Corporation's reply to the Council's letter of 10th Nov. 1979. The Corporation's reply was received on 12th Nov. 1979. The Corporation's reply was filed in the Council's records on 13th Nov. 1979.*

ITEMS 13 AND 14 WERE DEFERRED TO THE NEXT HOUSING MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

ITEM 15 PUBLIC TOILETS AT GLENDALOUGH.

Councillor R. Miley stated that this had been going on since the early 1960's and there was an urgent need for proper toilet facilities in Glendalough as this was one of the major tourist attractions of the Country and the present facilities were appalling.

Mr. Louis Brennan, Administrative Officer, informed the meeting that the public convenience is being funded by the Council itself. He added that in 1979 it was decided that the Council would look after the upper part of the area, while Bord Failte, the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation and the Department of Land would look after the lower end, and the toilets would be the Council's contribution. Mr. Brennan stated that the Treasurer is approaching financial institutions to ascertain the possibility of obtaining this money and he would return to the Council with a report on the same. *done*
Councillor K. Ryan stated that £90,000 was far too exorbitant a price to pay. He stated that when the Council was asked to build a public convenience in every town, it was not envisaged that they would cost £90,000.

Councillor Leeson also questioned this amount of money being spent on these toilets.

Mr. Brennan said that the Council takes pride in what it provides and this figure would include overheads and supervision costs, etc. Mr. Brennan also stated that the Council were seeking to complete investigations of the terms of the loan and they would return to the Members with their findings.

ITEMS 16 to 80 WERE DEFERRED TO THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

ITEM 81 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

Tourist Office, Arklow.

Councillor J. Sweeney said that there was a forthcoming meeting in Arklow to discuss the setting up of a Tourist Office in the town and asked if the Council would have any sort of a prefab to facilitate same. The County Engineer referred Councillor Sweeney to the Urban Council who may be able to help. *Under if they had to of answer*

Enforcing of 35 m.p.h. Speed Limit for Articulated Vehicles.

Councillor Sweeney asked that a resolution be forwarded to the General Council of County Councils asking that the speed limit of 35 m.p.h. for Articulated Vehicles be enforced. The Members were unanimous in their support of this matter.

Fee for Provisional Licences.

Councillor K. Ryan brought to the meetings attention the fact that some provisional licences still stated £2, which caused a lot of delay and inconvenience to the public and asked that this be rectified. The County Secretary stated that there may still be some old forms in circulation in Garda Stations, Post Offices etc. but stated that he would have the matter rectified by placing an advertisement in the Local newspaper.

Northern Area Meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Jones and agreed that the Northern Electoral Area Meeting should be held on Monday 30th June, 1980, in the County Buildings and to receive a Deputation from the Greystones District and Civic Association at this meeting. The Itenerant Sub-Committee Meeting should follow this meeting.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Done
14/6/80