

Wicklow County Council



MINUTES
OF
PROCEEDINGS
OF
MEETING

Held on

MONDAY, 4th JANUARY, 1971

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council to deal with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 4th January, 1971, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, E. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, C. White, John J. Bourke, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Planning Assistant and Staff Officers Housing and Planning Sections were present.

AGENDA:

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

- (a) In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, G. Timmins, K. Ryan and J. Whelan:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Lawrence Keating, for the provision of five houses at Killacloran, Aughrim."

- (b) In the names of Councillors M. Deering, C. White, J. J. Bourke, R. Miley, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Kenneth Matthews, for the provision of a bungalow at Togherbeg, Roundwood."

- (c) In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, William Cleary, James Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, John Sweeney, Kevin Ryan:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Mrs. Bridget Salafia, Sheepwalk, Beech Road, Avoca, for the erection of approximately 225 houses together with shopping facilities on her land at Sheepwalk, Avoca."

- (d) In the names of Councillors C. White, G. Timmins, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Miss N. O'Neill:-

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

- (e) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, T. J. Keenan and J. Gregory:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to John Byrne, to build a bungalow and garage at Annagowlan, County Wicklow."

- (f) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, J. J. Bourke and J. Gregory:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 6 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Tony Grehan, to build a bungalow for his own use at Killafine, Annamoe, Bray, County Wicklow."

- (g) In the names of Councillors C. White, J. Temple, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Miss N. O'Neill:-

"That we, the undersigned, hereby direct the Wicklow Co. Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full Planning Permission for the erection of a bungalow with a septic tank at Monastery, Enniskerry, to Mr. Bernard Berry."

- (h) In the names of Councillors C. White, Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to D. O'Callaghan, for the provision of a house at Monastery."

- (i) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. J. Bourke, C. White, G. Timmins, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, K. Ryan and J. Temple:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Carmel Douglas, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballinahinch Middle, Newtownmountkennedy."

- (j) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, R. Miley, T. J. Keenan and Miss M. Walsh:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael Barnes, 2 Abbey Street, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Moneylittle, Arklow."

- (k) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, J. Gregory, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and R. Miley:-

"That we, the undersigned, hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full Planning Approval for the erection of 13 houses together with septic tanks and ancillary development at Kindestown Upper, Delgany, to Mr. T. Tracey, "Massabielle", Lower Windgates, Greystones, in accordance with plans already lodged."

- (l) In the names of Councillors J. J. Bourke, F. Hynes, S. Costello and B. S. C. Phelan:-

"We, the undersigned, hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full Planning Approval for the erection of a dwellinghouse with a septic tank at Glencormac, Bray, Co. Wicklow, to Mr. P. Power."

- (m) In the names of Councillors C. White, J. Temple and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:-

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

County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Mulligan, for the provision of a house at Killough."

2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of Council held on 7th September and 5th October, 1970.
3. Letter from the Association of Dublin and Wicklow Rural Organisations inviting members of special sub-committees appointed by the Dublin and Wicklow County Councils to study the proposed National Park to attend meeting.
4. Letter from Greystones/Kilcoole Housing Action Association requesting reception of a deputation at the January Meeting to discuss priority of services.
5. Land known as "Bog Meadow" at Enniskerry — Letters from Enniskerry and District Development Association and Enniskerry Citizens' Action Committee.
6. Local Government Planning and Development Act, 1963 — control of development.
7. Proposed disposal of plot of land at Ballydowling, Glenealy — Notice issued to Members under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946.
8. Land at Kilpedder — Report circulated to Members on 10th December, 1970.
9. Local Authority Housing Programme — Letter from Secretary to Minister for Local Government regarding request for reception of deputation.
10. Provision of demountable dwellings.
11. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this Council buy mobile homes for people who are in urgent need of housing."
12. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council build a cottage for the Redmond Family, of Bolinass, Ashford."
13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council appoint Mr. James Thompson, Knockrobin, tenant of his father's cottage at the same address."
14. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors C. White, J. J. Bourke, M. Deering, R. Miley, J. Sweeney and T. J. Keenan:- "That the Council reserve a portion of the "County Plan" affecting certain property in Greystones."
15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. Miley:- "That repairs be carried out to the following cottages:- Mrs. Mary Byrne, 11 Greenane Road, Rathdrum; Mrs. Waterton, 9 Greenane Road, Rathdrum; Mr. Andrew Byrne, Ballintombay, Rathdrum; Mr. A. Manley, Ballygannon, Rathdrum."
16. Repairs carried out to cottages during month of December, 1970, and cottages to be repaired during month of January, 1971.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to Move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:- (a) In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, G. Timmins, K. Ryan and J. Whelan:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning permission under the Local Government (Planning and

Development Act, 1963, to Lawrence Keating, for the provision of Five Houses at Killacloran, Aughrim."

The County Secretary stated that the application in this instance was for the provision of two houses and not five houses at Killacloran, Aughrim. The County Engineer had recommended that permission be refused as the proposed construction of two adjoining bungalows would constitute an intrusion of urban type ribbon development in an area predominantly rural in character which would injure the amenity of the area and prejudice the safety and free flow of traffic on the adjoining main road.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Lawrence Keating, for the provision of two houses at Killacloran, Aughrim.

Passed.

(b) In the names of Councillors M. Deering, C. White, J. J. Bourke, R. Miley, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Kenneth Matthews, for the provision of a Bungalow at Togherbeg, Roundwood."

The County Secretary stated that Permission had been refused for two previous applications on this particular site both being because of the danger of pollution of Roundwood Reservoir. The County Engineer recommended that Permission be refused for this application for the following reasons:—

The proposed septic tank position is within 60 yards of the high water mark of the Dublin Corporation Reservoir at Roundwood. Land drainage from the site is direct to the Reservoir. Therefore a septic tank installation on this site would be likely to pollute the Reservoir with consequent public health hazard.

Councillor G. Timmins referred to the number of sheep and cattle grazing the lands in the vicinity of Blessington and Roundwood Reservoirs and that pollution would arise therefrom and enquired as to the reasons why effluent from one septic tank was considered a serious type of pollution. At the request of Members of the Council Dr. C. F. Warde, County Medical Officer, attended and explained that organisms contained in excrement from livestock were not disease producing but that effluent from septic tanks could produce disease producing organisms and that these organisms could travel distances of anything up to 500 feet. In consequence a septic tank could not be sited within 150 yards of a reservoir. In reply to Councillor Hynes he pointed out that septic tanks could be located only 100 ft. from wells. The Co. Medical Officer pointed out that it was always recommended that the septic tank be at a lower level to the well so that effluent would not drain towards the well. The County Medical Officer pointed out that in the case of public water supplies it was better if the supply were clean before treatment rather than have to depend entirely on the system of treatment. The Council decided to adjourn consideration of the proposal for the purpose of ascertaining whether a suitable site for a septic tank could be located on the lands of the applicant.

(c) In the Names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, William Cleary, James Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan, John Sweeney and Kevin Ryan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Mrs. Bridget Salafia, Sheepwalk, Beech Road, Avoca, for the erection of approximately 225 Houses together with shopping facilities on her land at Sheepwalk, Avoca."

The County Secretary stated that this application had been adjourned from the previous Meeting to allow of an inspection of the site by Members. Councillor Miss Walsh, proposing the Motion, referred to the lengthy report prepared by the County Engineer and Planning staff, and complained that most of the objections were "cooked up", and were in no way relating to planning and development. She stated that the developer was willing to comply with any conditions which might be considered necessary by the Council's Officers. Councillor Whelan stated that this development was a unique one and would suit persons who were about to retire and that there was a very real need for it. Councillor Costello stated that the objections by the Council's Officers to the proposal were the most solid ever put before the Council and were valid objections and that this development must be considered in relation to the economy of the area. Councillor J. Miley referred to a smell which was noticeable when he visited the site and wished to know if it could be assured that this smell would be eliminated before houses were built in the area. The County Manager pointed out that there was no evidence that an adequate and potable supply of water would be available for this large development which would have a population of 1,000 or more. He pointed out that Arklow Urban District Council in order to improve the supply in the Town were considering a scheme to take water from the Gold Mines River which was some miles from the Town and it was doubtful if a proper water supply for a development of this type could be obtained from sunk wells. The provision of proper sewerage facilities for this large development would be difficult and costly. He referred also to the problem of traffic which would arise from this development and to the effect on the existing shopping centre at Arklow of the proposed shopping facilities in the development. In regard to the report of the Planning Staff he felt they deserved commendation for the detailed report which was submitted. The County Engineer also referred to the difficulties in regard to water supply and sewerage services. He pointed out that a supply from wells would require to be tested over a long period to ensure its adequacy. He could not recommend a grant of Permission for the proposal on the basis of the plans submitted.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Mrs. Bridget Salafia, Sheepwalk, Beech Road, Avoca, for the erection of approximately 225 houses together with shopping facilities on her land at Sheepwalk, Avoca, subject to such conditions as are specified by the County Engineer in relation to provision and maintenance of water supply, sewerage services, arrangements for domestic scavenging, public lighting and roads.

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

In Favour: Councillors J. Bourke, W. Cleary, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, R. Miley, B. Phelan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins, T.D., J. Whelan, C. White, Miss M. Walsh — 15.

Against: Councillors E. Byrne, S. Costello and J. Miley—3.

Councillors M. J. O'Neill and Miss N. O'Neill abstained. The Resolution was declared passed by 15 votes in favour to three against.

(d) **In the Names of Councillors C. White, G. Timmins, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Miss N. O'Neill:**—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Ireland, for the provision of a House at Shraghmore, Roundwood."

The County Secretary stated that the applicant had been asked to provide a trial hole on the site at a different location but the Council had not yet been informed that this had been done. The Council decided to adjourn the matter to the next Meeting.

(e) **In the Names of Councillors R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, T. J. Keenan and J. Gregory:**—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to John Byrne, to build a Bungalow and Garage at Annagowlan, County Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer reported that since the County Medical Officer was prepared to allow a septic tank on the site with extra filtration and since there had been an existing Outline Permission for a chalet he recommended that Permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

- (1) The septic tank effluent shall receive double filtration and the drain from the bungalow shall be encased in concrete as far as the side of the drive nearer the septic tank indicated on the plans submitted.
- (2) The well shall be adequately protected and provision shall be made for a satisfactory overflow about two feet above ground level to cater for the occupiers of cottages who carry their water supply from that source.
- (3) Entrance driveway to be from the existing laneway on the eastern side of the site.
- (4) Adequate tree planting to be carried out to screen proposed development.

The Council noted that Permission was being granted, in this case.

(f) **In the Names of Councillors R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, J. J. Bourke and J. Gregory:**—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Tony Grehan, to build a Bungalow for his own use at Killafine, Annamoe, Bray, County Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:-

- (1) The site adjoins the heavily trafficked Wicklow/Laragh road in close proximity to a blind bend. Vehicles entering and leaving the site would tend to give rise to a traffic hazard.

(2) The site is situated in a landscape area of outstanding natural beauty and the erection of a dwellinghouse as proposed would seriously injure amenity in the area by being unduly prominent and by setting a precedent for further ribbon development along main tourist route.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Tony Grehan, to build a bungalow for his own use at Killafine, Annamoe, Bray, Co. Wicklow.

Passed, Councillor Costello abstaining.

(g) **In the names of Councillors C. White, J. Temple, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Miss N. O'Neill:**—"That we, the undersigned, hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full Planning Permission for the erection of a bungalow with a septic tank at Monastery, Ennis-kerry, to Mr. Bernard Berry."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended refusal for the following reasons:-

- (1) The proposed development is contrary to the proper planning and development of the area by being remote from the existing established settlements and remote from necessary public services and from public road.
- (2) The "Access Road" indicated on the plans submitted does not exist at present nor is any indication given as to who will be responsible for the construction and maintenance of the access road across neighbouring property.
- (3) The junction of the "access road" with Main Road T.43 is not satisfactory. A continuous white road centre line extends from the bend up to a point opposite the existing field gate. Because of inadequate visibility on the main road and the type of layout indicated it would be extremely hazardous for traffic to enter or leave this access road.
- (4) The design of the house proposed would not be compatible with the design of bungalow already existing nearby. Therefore, it would form a precedent for the designs of other buildings at present proposed which would not be traditional to the area nor compatible with one another.
- (5) The introduction of further houses on the land in this area would result in low density suburban sprawl which would be to the detriment of this scenic rural area which has a high amenity value.
- (6) The location of the house as indicated would necessitate the removal of the ordnance survey triangulation point.
- (7) The location of the proposed bungalow in close proximity to cliffs would be a source of hazard to the inhabitants of the proposed house and especially to children.

It was

Proposed by Councillor White;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Resolved—That we, the undersigned, hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full Planning Permission for the erection of a bungalow with a

septic tank at Monastery, Enniskerry, to Mr. Bernard Berry, subject to conditions recommended by the County Medical Officer.

Passed, Councillor Costello abstaining.

- (h) In the names of Councillors C. White, Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to D. O'Callaghan, for the provision of a house at Monastery."

The County Secretary stated that this house was located in the vicinity of the house for Mr. Berry which had been dealt with previously. The County Engineer had recommended that Outline Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- (1) The proposed development is contrary to the proper planning and development of the area by being remote from the existing established settlements and remote from necessary public services. It would cost the ratepayer and the taxpayer unnecessarily large amounts of money to provide services for such houses.
- (2) The location of the proposed bungalow in close proximity to cliffs would be a source of hazard to the inhabitants of the proposed house and especially to children.
- (3) The increased traffic on the nearby main road T.43 from the existing gateway and in close proximity to a dangerous bend on that road would be a possible hazard to traffic using the main road. Because of inadequate visibility of the main road and the location at which the "proposed road" would have its junction with the main road vehicular movements of traffic entering or leaving the main road at this point could only be achieved under very hazardous conditions.
- (4) The introduction of further houses on the land in the area would result in low density suburban sprawl which would be to the detriment of this scenic rural area which has a high amenity value.

It was

Proposed by Councillor White;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

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

Passed, Councillor Costello abstaining.

- (i) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. J. Bourke, C. White, G. Timmins, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, K. Ryan and J. Temple:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Carmel Douglas, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballinahinch Middle, Newtownmountkenedy."

The County Secretary stated that no application had yet been received and the Council deferred consideration of the proposal to the next Meeting.

- (j) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, R. Miley, T. J. Keenan, and Miss M. Walsh:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act,

1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael Barnes, 2 Abbey Street, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Moneylittle, Arklow."

The County Secretary stated that no application had yet been received and the Council deferred consideration of the proposal to the next Meeting.

- (k) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, J. Gregory, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and R. Miley:— "That we, the undersigned, hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full Planning Approval for the erection of 13 houses together with septic tanks and ancillary development at Kindlestown Upper, Delgany, to Mr. T. Tracey, "Mas-sabielle," Lower Windgates, Greystones, in accordance with Plans already lodged."

The County Secretary stated that two previous applications for permission for development on these lines had been refused and the first of these had been appealed to the Minister for Local Government but no decision had yet been received. The development had a density of approximately one house per acre. The County Development Plan, however, provided that houses in this zone must have a site curtilage of 2 acres minimum. The development proposed would, therefore, contravene materially the Development Plan and the Council could not decide to grant Permission save with the consent of the Minister. The County Engineer reported that the proposed development would, if permitted, depreciate the values of houses which had recently been built on adjoining land to the west. These latter houses were on sites of over two acres each and so conformed with the provisions of the Development Plan. He recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- (1) The development proposed would materially contravene the density provisions of the Wicklow County Development Plan. New houses in this area are required to have a site curtilage of at least two acres. The development proposed would have a site curtilage of less than one acre/house.
- (2) The proposed development would, if permitted, depreciate the values of the new houses on the adjoining land to the west of this site.
- (3) The proposed septic tank on site No. 1 is located less than 60 ft. from the line of the proposed road realignment on the Delgany/Blacklion Road.
- (4) Inadequate provision of open space around the castle ruins which is a national monument.

The Council decided to adjourn consideration of the matter to allow of an inspection of the site by the Members of the Council and this was arranged to take place on Thursday, 7th January, 1971, at 3.30 p.m.

- (l) In the names of Councillors J. J. Bourke, F. Hynes, S. Costello and B. S. C. Phelan:— "We, the undersigned, hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full Planning Approval for the erection of a dwellinghouse with a septic tank at Glencormac, Bray, Co. Wicklow, to Mr. P. Power."

The County Secretary stated that no complete application had yet been received and the Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the next Meeting.

- (m) In the names of Councillors C. White, J. Temple and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of

the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Mulligan, for the provision of a house at Killough."

The County Secretary stated that a complete application had not yet been received and the Council agreed to defer the matter for consideration to the next Meeting.

Item No. 2—To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of Council held on 7th September and 5th October, 1970.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of Council held on 7th September and 5th October, 1970.

Item No. 3—Letter from the Association of Dublin and Wicklow Rural Organisations inviting Members of Special Sub-Committees appointed by the Dublin and Wicklow County Council to study the proposed National Park to attend Meeting.

The following letter from the Dublin and Wicklow Rural Organisations was submitted:—

DUBLIN AND WICKLOW RURAL ORGANISATIONS

Tinakilly Upper,

Aughrim,

Co. Wicklow.

December 21st, 1970.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,

Dear Sir,

The above Association invites the special sub-committees appointed by the Dublin and Wicklow County Councils to study the proposed National Park, to attend a meeting at Synnott's Hotel, Ashford, on Thursday, January 21st, at 8 p.m. It is considered that consultation and co-operation between all parties concerned would be the best possible approach.

I trust that you will convey this invitation to the individual members, and, with thanks,

I am, yours truly,

JAMES J. NOLAN Hon. Secretary.

Following a discussion on the matter the Council agreed that the Association of Dublin and Wicklow Rural Organisations be informed that as there had not as yet been any meeting of the sub-committees appointed by the Dublin and Wicklow County Councils to study the proposed National Park that it was felt preferable that the meeting with the Association be deferred until after the sub-committees had met, and that the Association be assured that it was the Council's intention to arrange consultations with all the rural organisations in relation to the matter. The Council expressed the view that it would be helpful if prior to the Meeting the rural organisations constituting the Organisations in Co. Wicklow would supply particulars of their views in regard to the proposed National Park and any particular points which in their opinion would need special consideration in the discussions on the matter.

Item No. 4—Letter from Greystones/Kilcoole Housing Action Association requesting reception of a Deputation at the January Meeting to discuss priority of services.

The following letter from the Greystones/Kilcoole Housing Action Association was submitted:—

GREYSTONES/KILCOOLE HOUSING ACTION ASSOCIATION

Little Osborne Cottage,

La Touche Place,

Greystones

20/12/70.

The County Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Cill Mamtain Hill,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

We request that the Wicklow County Council receives a deputation from the above organisation at their January meeting, to discuss priority of services.

Would you kindly notify us of date of the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

JAMES P. KEARNS (Acting Hon. Secretary).

The Council agreed to receive a deputation at their Meeting on the 11th January, 1971, at 4.30 p.m., subject to the usual conditions in regard to the reception of deputations.

Item No. 5—Land known as "Bog Meadow" at Enniskerry—Letter from Enniskerry and District Development Association and Enniskerry Citizens' Action Committee."

The letter of 15th December, 1970, from Enniskerry and District Development Association urging that the Council acquire compulsorily the land in Enniskerry known as the Bog Meadow as a public park had been circulated to the Members of the Council. The County Secretary stated that a deputation had been received from the representatives of the Enniskerry Citizens' Action Committee, the Enniskerry Development Association, the local Football Club and the Womens' Association, who had all stressed the advantages to Enniskerry of this land which had been used for many years for recreation as a playing field and as a children's playground. The Council had recently refused permission for a development on this site. The application was for residential accommodation, a swimming pool and an assembly hall but was for Outline Permission only and details had not been submitted. In reply to Councillor Costello the County Secretary stated that the applicant for Planning Permission had lodged an appeal with the Minister against the refusal of Permission by the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor C. White:

Resolved—That being satisfied that for the proper planning and development of the Enniskerry Area, the land known as the "Bog Meadow" should be available for amenity purposes, we approve of the "Bog Meadow" being acquired by the Council by compulsory purchase. Passed.

Domestic Refuse Collection.

The County Secretary stated that three Tenders had been received in response to public advertisement. Tenders which were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council were as follows:—

Name and Address of Tender	Amount of Tender		
	One Year	Three Year	Five Years
Kevin Cahill, Riverside Cottage, Kilmacanogue	£400	£1,200	£2,000
William P. Gammell, New Road, Kilcoole	£430	£1,290	£2,150
Henry Sutton, Windgates, Bray	£445	—	—

The Council noted the tenders would be referred to the County Engineer for his recommendation.

St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.

Councillor Sweeney asked if arrangements could be made to have the main gates of St. Coleman's Hospital re-opened. The main gates had been kept closed for some time past and this meant that funerals had to pass through the grounds to the exit at St. Kyran's. Councillor R. Miley supported the recommendation. The County Manager stated that the Matron of the Hospital was not in favour of having the main gates opened as this caused difficulties in supervision. It could be arranged that the main gates be opened for funerals and it was agreed that this be done.

Payments in respect of Purchase Type Houses at Kilgarron, Enniskerry.

Councillor Costello enquired whether the tenant purchasers of houses at Kilgarron, Enniskerry, were being asked to pay for a period prior to entering into occupation of the houses. Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer stated that this was not correct and at Mr. Costello's request it was agreed that a full explanation be circulated to the tenant purchasers.

Allowances—Patients at St. Colman's Hospital.

Councillor Keenan referred to a recommendation made by the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area that allowances to Old Age Pensioners in the Hospital be increased and that also some allowance be made to old persons who are not yet in receipt of Pension. Councillor G. Timmins stated that he had made enquiries from the Department as regards the possibility of providing Home Assistance for patients who are not in receipt of an allowance and he understood that this could be done. The County Manager stated that the matter would be examined.

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

In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, J. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill and J. Whelan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Holohan, Arklow, for the provision of a house at Knocknamohill, Avoca."

In the names of Councillors C. White, E. E. Byrne, R. Miley, B. S. C. Pheland and Mrs. Ledwidge:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Julian O'Reilly, Mount Carmel, Wicklow, for the building of a dwellinghouse on his land at Ballintreskin, Co. Wicklow."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— "That this Council (1) Take over and tarmacadam Slieveroe Lane as far as Mr. Dunne's cottage about 250 yards from the Glenealy/Rathdrum Road near Mr. Martin's house at Bahana. (2) Take over Leabeg Lane, Newcastle, and tarmacadam same as it is a connection road; (3) Lay a footpath at Old Village, Rathnew."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council pipe an open drain outside Mrs. Margaret Edward's House, Croneyhorn, as there is a seepage from the drain which is causing dampness to her house."

In the name of Councillor S. Costello:— "That a full report be given to the Council on the Kilpedder lands situation, with particular reference to Captain de Caen's land."

Wicklow County Council



MINUTES
OF
PROCEEDINGS
OF
MEETING

Held on

MONDAY, 11th JANUARY, 1971

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th January, 1971, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, T. J. Keenan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, M. Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, C. White, John J. Bourke, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, R. Miley and B. S. C. Phelan.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Planning Assistant and Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Planning Section, attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:-
 - (a) In the names of Councillors M. Deering, C. White, J. J. Bourke, R. Miley, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Kenneth Matthews, for the provision of a bungalow at Togherbeg, Roundwood."
 - (b) In the name of Councillors C. White, G. Timmins, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Miss N. O'Neill:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Ireland, for the provision of a house at Shraghmore, Roundwood."
 - (c) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. J. Bourke, C. White, G. Timmins, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, K. Ryan and J. Temple:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Carmel Douglas, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballinahinch Middle, Newtownmountkennedy."
 - (d) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, R. Miley, T. J. Keenan and Miss M. Walsh:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael Barnes, 2. Abbey Street, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Moneylittle, Arklow."
 - (e) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, J. Gregory, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and R. Miley:-

"That we, the undersigned, hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management

- Act, to grant full Planning Approval for the erection of 13 houses together with septic tanks and ancillary development at Kindles-town Upper, Delgany, to Mr. T. Tracey, "Massabielle," Lower Wind-gates, Greystones, in accordance with plans already lodged."
- (f) In the names of Councillors J. J. Bourke, F. Hynes, S. Costello and B. S. C. Phelan.
"We the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full Planning Approval for the erection of a dwellinghouse with a septic tank at Glencormac, Bray, County Wicklow, to Mr. P. Power."
- (g) In the names of Councillors C. White, J. Temple and Mrs. M. Led-widge:-
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patk. Mulligan, for the provision of a house at Killough."
- (h) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, M. Deering and G. Timmins:-
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Montgomery for the erection of a house at Crosscoolharbour."
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of Council held on 12th October, 1970, and 9th November, 1970.
 3. Replacement of Bridges on County Roads — Letter dated 18th December, 1970, reference R. 27/1/11 from Department of Local Government and report of County Engineer.
 4. Liffey Bridges — Letter dated 18th December, 1970, reference R. 27/1/11 from Department of Local Government, allocating special grant of £2,000 towards cost of resurfacing, in asphalt Burgage, Humphreystown and Blessington Bridges.
 5. Construction of underpass under Main Road at Blessington.
 6. Holiday Entitlements of Council Workers — Application of Irish Transport and General Workers Union.
 7. Local Improvements Schemes — Report of County Engineer in regard to Schemes for improvement of roads from (1) "Red Pegs" to Glenealy, (2) road at Cronlea, Shillelagh, and (3) road at Bal-intemple, Arklow.
 8. Roadway at Kilcoole — Report of County Engineer.
 9. Revision of Salary Scales for Library Assistants and Assistant Librarians.
 10. Proposed disposal of plot of land at Ballydowling, Glenealy—Notice issued to Members under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946.
 11. Courthouse Accommodation at Wicklow — Letter dated 18th December, 1970 from Department of Justice.
 12. Sites for Halting Places for Itinerants — Address by Minister for Local Government to County Councils' General Council at reception on 9th December, 1970 — Copy circulated to Members.
 13. Wicklow Water Supply — Croneroe Water Works Augmentation

Scheme — Report of County Engineer on documents received from Consulting Engineer for extensions to present filter plant at Croneroe, Ashford.

14. Posts of District Medical Officer in Kiltegan and Tinahely Dis-pensary Districts — Letter dated 8th December, 1970, from De-partment of Health.
15. To receive deputation from Greystones/Kilcoole Housing Action Association regarding priority of services.
16. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors K. Ryan and J. Gregory:- "That this Council take over the road from Tombrean to Donishall."
17. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello and J. Gregory:- "That the members of the public be allowed free access to all future County Council Meetings."
18. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello, J. Temple, K. Ryan and J. Gregory:- "That this Council call upon the Gov-ernment to withdraw the legislation under which it is intended to intern citizens of this State without charge or trial for indefinite periods of time."
19. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Gregory:- "That this Council install a water supply to Belton's, Duffy's, and Doyle's cottages at Killadreenan, Newtownmountkenedy."
20. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council explain the delay in not repairing Peg's Lane under the rural improvements scheme."
21. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council repair the surface of Boley Lane, Shillelagh."
22. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council erect public lighting at Mill Street, Carnew; one at each side of the one already there; (b) That this Council erect street lighting at Main Street, Carnew."
23. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:- "That a full explanation be given to the Council regarding the failure of this Council to acquire the land of the Burnaby Estate as de-cided by this Body including the reasons for entering into litigation."
24. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council (1) Take over and tarmacadam Slieveroe Lane as far as Mr. Dunne's cottage, about 250 yards from the Glenealy/Rathdrum Road near Mr. Martin's house at Bahana. (2) Take over Leabeg Lane, Newcastle and tarmacadam same as it is a connecting road. (3) Lay a footpath at Old Village, Rathnew."
25. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council pipe an open drain outside Mrs. Margaret Edward's house at Cronehorn as there is a seeping from the drain which is causing dampness to her house."
26. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

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

- (a) In the names of Councillors M. Deering, C. White, J. J. Bourke, R. Miley, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "By virtue of the powers con-ferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Plan-

ning and Development) Act, 1963, to Kenneth Matthews, for the provision of a Bungalow at Togherbeg, Roundwood."

The County Secretary stated that this application had been deferred for a further report from the County Medical Officer as to whether a septic tank could be provided at any place on the site which would be acceptable to him. The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had reported that he had re-examined the application and he did not recommend it for the reason stated in previous reports. The site was adjacent to the Dublin Corporation Reservoir and septic tank effluent would be liable to cause pollution of the Reservoir with consequent danger to public health. The Council decided to defer again consideration of the proposal and asked that a report be submitted at the Meeting on 1st February, 1971, as to whether a septic tank to serve a house on this site could be provided on adjoining lands without danger to public health or risk of pollution of water supply. The Council asked that the County Medical Officer be requested to say if he could indicate any manner in which sewerage services could be provided for a house on this site without giving rise to problems.

- (b) In the names of Councillors C. White, G. Timmins, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and M. J. O'Neill:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Ireland, for the provision of a house at Shraghmere, Roundwood."

The County Secretary stated that a reply was still awaited from Mr. Ireland in regard to the provision of an alternative trial hole for a septic tank on the plot at Shraghmere, Roundwood.

- (c) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. J. Bourke, C. White, G. Timmins, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, K. Ryan and J. Temple:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Carmel Douglas, for the provision of a Bungalow at Ballinahinch Middle, Newtownmountkennedy."

The County Secretary stated that no application had yet been received in this case and the Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the next Meeting.

- (d) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, R. Miley, T. J. Keenan and Miss M. Walsh:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael Barnes, 2 Abbey Street, Arklow, for the provision of a Bungalow at Moneylittle, Arklow."

The County Secretary stated that no application had yet been received in this case and the Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the next Meeting.

- (e) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, J. Gregory, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and R. Miley:- "That we, the undersigned, hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant Full Planning Approval for the erection of 13 Houses together with Septic Tanks and Ancillary Development at Kindlestown Upper, Delgany, to Mr. T. Tracey,

"Massabielle," Lower Windgates, Greystones, in accordance with plans already lodged."

The County Secretary stated that this proposal had been deferred from the previous Meeting to allow of an inspection of the site by Members of the Council. The report of 4th January, 1971, of the Chief Planning Assistant as approved by the County Engineer was again submitted to the Council. The County Secretary pointed out that two previous applications for development of this site had been refused and the first application had been appealed to the Minister for Local Government but no decision had yet been given on the appeal. Permission was refused for the reasons that the development would materially contravene the density provisions of the County Development Plan and it would depreciate the values of new houses on the adjoining land to the west of the site and the proposed septic tank on site No. 1 was located less than 60 feet from the line of the proposed road realignment on the Delgany/Blacklion Road and there was inadequate provision of open space around the castle ruins which was a national monument.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. White;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we, the undersigned, hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full Planning Approval for the erection of 13 houses together with septic tanks and ancillary development at Kindlestown Upper, Delgany, to Mr. T. Tracey, "Massabielle," Lower Windgates, Greystones, in accordance with plans already lodged.

Passed.

The County Secretary pointed out that since the proposal would materially contravene the County Development Plan the Council could not issue a decision to grant Permission until the consent of the Minister had first been obtained and it would be necessary to apply for his consent after giving the prescribed public notice.

- (f) In the names of Councillors J. J. Bourke, F. Hynes, S. Costelloe and B. S. C. Phelan:- "We the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full Planning Approval for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Glencormac, Bray, County Wicklow, to Mr. P. Power."

The County Secretary stated that no application had yet been received in this case and the Council decided to defer consideration of the proposal to the next Meeting.

- (g) In the names of Councillors C. White, J. Temple and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Mulligan, for the provision of a house at Killough."

The County Secretary stated that a previous application for Permission in respect of this site had been refused but it had been indicated to the applicant that the Council would consider granting Planning Permission for a site on his father's holding at Killough. Permission was subsequently granted to Mr. Mulligan for a house on a site at Killough. It appeared that Mr. Mulligan was unable to obtain ownership of the site at Killough which was owned by another member of

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the family and, accordingly, has reapplied for Permission to build on the original site. The County Engineer recommended that Planning Permission be refused on the grounds of traffic hazard as the site adjoined the main Kilmacanogue/Roundwood Road at a point where sight distances and alignment were inadequate; The site was situated in a landscape area of outstanding natural beauty and recreational amenity and a dwelling erected on it would be prominent in view of the Sugarloaf Mountain from nearby roads and would be contrary to proper planning and development of the area.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. White;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

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

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that should the Council decide to grant Permission that eight conditions as set out in report of the Planning Assistant as submitted to the Meeting be attached and details of the conditions were read to the Council. The Council agreed to embody in the Resolution the words "subject to the conditions recommended by the County Engineer." The Motion as amended was passed.

(h) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, M. Deering and G. Timmins:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Montgomery, for the erection of a house at Crosscoolharbour."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that Permission be refused as the proposed development would give rise to a further entrance onto the main road with consequent increase in traffic hazard and the probability of accidents. The addition of yet another access point onto this road would reduce the capacity of the road with consequent loss of development potential in the area of South West Wicklow.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Montgomery, for the erection of a house at Crosscoolharbour.

Passed.

Item No. 2—To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of Council held on 12th October, 1970, and 9th November, 1970.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

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Resolved—That we confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of Council held on 12th October, 1970, and 9th November, 1970.

Date for Estimates Meeting of the Council.

The County Secretary stated that it was usual to hold the annual Estimates Meeting of the Council on the fourth Monday in February, which in that year would fall on 22nd February. The Council agreed that the Estimates Meeting of the Council for the year 1971/'72 be held on Monday, 22nd February, 1971.

Item No. 3—Replacement of Bridges on County Roads — Letter dated 18th December, 1970, reference R.27/1/11 from Department of Local Government and Report of County Engineer.

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

Department of Local Government,
O'Connell Bridge House,
Dublin 2.

R. 27/1/11

18 Nollaig 1970.

The Secretary

Wicklow County Council

Kilmantin Hill

Wicklow

A Chara

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to previous correspondence regarding the replacement of bridges on county roads in County Wicklow which were damaged by floods, to the inspection of the sites of four such bridges by this Department's Assistant Chief Engineering Adviser on 7th October, 1970 accompanied by the County Engineer, and to subsequent discussions between those two officers.

It would appear from the inspection and discussions referred to that in the interests of safety the bridges concerned should be replaced with permanent structures in the following order of priority: 1, Ballinglen; 2, Ballard; 3, Stratford and 4, Ballisland. Accordingly, I am to suggest that the Council should give urgent consideration to the preparation of a progressive programme for the replacement of these bridges, beginning with Ballinglen. In this connection I am to refer to this Department's letter of 4 Bealtaine, 1970 and to state that the financing of the replacement programme should follow the lines indicated therein.

I am also to suggest that as a temporary measure in the interests of safety, the Council should arrange for the manufacturers to assess and report on the condition of the bailey bridges in use at these four sites, with particular regard to the risk of fatigue failure and should also consider the general question of reducing the extent of the suspended spans of the bridges by erecting props in the rivers. With regard to your letter of 5th November, 1970, and previous correspondence, seeking a special grant of 75 per cent. of the cost of reconstructing Davidstown Bridge and re-aligning the approach road, I am to refer again to the Department's letter of 4 Bealtaine, 1970, concerning the financing of the replacement of bridges damaged by floods from which it will be seen that a special grant cannot be allocated for work of this nature. In the circumstances, it is regretted that a

special grant cannot be made available as requested in respect of part of the cost of the work at Davidstown Bridge.

A copy of this letter is attached for the County Engineer.

Mise, le meas,

The County Secretary stated that Davidstown Bridge had been replaced by the Council at a cost of approximately £12,500 and the Council had expected that a grant of 75% of the cost would have been available. The replacement of four bridges at Ballinglen, Ballard, Stratford and Ballisland would cost about £80,000. Members of the Council expressed concern that no grants were being made available by the Department towards the cost of replacing these bridges which had been washed away in floods in 1967. Councillor G. Timmins suggested that if the Department were unable to make a special grant available towards the cost of the work that the Council should seek a substantial increase in the County Road Improvement Grant for the coming year and to assigning part of such grant towards the cost of replacing the bridges. On the proposal of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., the Council agreed that the Department be asked to receive a deputation in the matter and appointed the following Members of the Council to act on the deputation.— Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., T. J. Keenan, J. Gregory, J. Miley, together with the Chairman, Councillor J. Whelan.

Item No. 4—Liffey Bridges—Letter dated 18th December, 1970, reference R.27/1/11, from Department of Local Government, allocating Special Grant of £2,000 towards the cost of resurfacing, in Asphalt, Burgence, Humphreystown and Blessington Bridges.

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

Department of Local Government,
O'Connell Bridge House,
Dublin 2.

R. 27/1/11
18 Nollaig 1970.
The Secretary
Wicklow County Council
Kilmartin Hill
Wicklow

LIFFEY BRIDGES

A Chara

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to the County Engineer's letter of the 7th August, 1970 and previous correspondence regarding the Liffey Bridges and to state that as an entirely exceptional measure, a special grant of £2,000 is hereby allocated towards the cost of resurfacing in asphalt Burgence, Humphreystown and Blessington Bridges.

A copy of this letter is attached for the County Engineer.

Mise, le meas,

E. V. Malone

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the amount of Grant would meet in full the cost of the works proposed. The County Secretary stated that the Council had agreed to accept responsibility for maintaining the road surface over these bridges but were not responsible for the repair and maintenance

of expansion joints, the foundations of the bridges or the waterway under or on either side of the bridge. The Council agreed to the acceptance of the Grant and for proceeding with the work.

Item No. 5—Construction of Underpass under Main Road at Blessington.

The County Secretary stated that Roadstone Limited had requested permission to construct an underpass under the Main Road at Blessington in order to bring gravel from the west side of the road to the east side. As the road would be realigned in about two years time they wished to proceed with the construction of the underpass so that the new road would cross over and to do this pointed out that it would be desirable to close a section of the present main road and to build a short bypass road on their property. The Company were prepared to build and maintain this bypass road at their own expense until the new road was constructed. The work would be done to the satisfaction of the County Engineer. The County Engineer had indicated that he saw no objection to the proposal and that the scheme might be approved in principle. On the proposal of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan, seconded by Councillor J. Miley, the Council approved of the construction of an underpass and the building of a short bypass road.

Item No. 6—Holiday entitlements of Council Workers—Application of Irish Transport and General Workers' Union.

The County Secretary stated that representations had been made by the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union on behalf of employees of the Council that Church Holidays should be granted as an entitlement instead of as a concession and that consequently when a Church Holiday fell on a non-working day employees should be allowed a day in lieu thereof. In reply to Members of the Council the County Secretary stated that most other County Councils had already agreed to the arrangement sought by the Union.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Ryan;

Resolved—That having considered report of discussion with Irish Transport and General Workers Union we agree that as from 1st January, 1971, when a Church Holiday falls on a Saturday or a Sunday one day's leave with pay in lieu thereof shall be allowed to Council employees and that the qualifications of employees for payment for a Church Holiday shall be that applying in relation to public holidays under the Holidays (Employees) Act.

Passed.

Item No. 7—Local Improvements Scheme—Report of County Engineer in regard to Schemes for improvement of Roads from (1) "Red Peg's" to Glenealy, (2) Road at Cronlea, Shillelagh, and (3) Road at Ballintemple.

(1) Road from "Red Peg's" to Glenealy.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,

Wicklow.

9th December, 1970.

County Secretary

Re: Local Improvements Schemes: No. 10 Road from
"Red Pegs" to Glenealy.

A Chara,

Referring to previous correspondence, I now forward, for your in-

formation, copy of letter dated 28 Deireadh Fomhair, 1970, from the Land Commission, stating that the Commission would be prepared to make a contribution of £1,100 towards this scheme, on the understanding that Wicklow County Council take over and maintain the road as a public road.

As you are aware, the Department of Lands, Forestry Division, has agreed to make a contribution of £1,100 on the same conditions.

The estimated cost of the improvements required, including the Council's administration charge of 12½ per cent. is about £5,500. Deducting the subventions from the Department of Lands, and the Land Commission, leaves a balance of £3,300 to be found from the Local Improvements Scheme Grant, and local contributions. The local contribution required by the regulations, calculated by reference to the average valuations of the persons served by the road, is 30 per cent. or £990. I am informed, however, that not more than £300 may be expected to be collected from the local farmers. There are two long branches on this road, one of which leads to Kilcandra, and is not included in the proposed improvement. A number of farmers with large valuations are along this portion of the road. They are, however, served to some degree by the road from "Red Pegs" to Glenealy.

As already indicated, the road served as an accommodation road for eight County Council cottages. I, therefore, suggest that the balance of the local contribution might be made up by the County Council in the sum of £690, as an improvement for the cottage approach road.

The approval of the Council would need to be secured to:

- (a) Taking over the road as a public road when improved.
- (b) Subvention of £690 from the Rates towards the local contribution for improvement of the road as a cottage approach road.

Since this road will be an obvious important amenity in the neighbourhood, when it has been improved, I recommend that the Council take it over as a public road, and pay the subvention required to put the road in a proper state of repair.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. Donovan,

County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor Hynes:

Resolved—That having considered report of County Engineer we approve his recommendation that the Council contribute a sum of £690 towards the local contribution for the improvement of the road from Red Peg's to Glenealy and hereby approve of the appropriate provision being made in the Estimates for the coming financial year to defray the cost of this contribution.

Passed.

(2) Road at Cronlea, Shillelagh.

The County Secretary submitted report of the County Engineer on a proposed Local Improvements Scheme for improving the road at Cronlea, Shillelagh. As the road served Shillelagh Waterworks and was used by the Council in that connection the County Engineer recommended that the Council contribute £149 as part of the local contribution towards the total cost of the Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh:

Resolved—That having considered the recommendation of the County

Engineer we approve of the payment of a contribution of £149 as part of the local contribution towards a scheme under the Local Improvements Scheme for the improvement of the road at Cronlea, Shillelagh, and approve of the appropriate provision being made in the Estimates for the coming financial year to defray the cost of such contribution.

(3) Road at Ballintemple, Arklow.

The County Secretary stated that the Scheme for the improvement of the road at Ballintemple was estimated to cost £1,406 and it appeared that the Scheme would serve one farm and that the only one other landowner had lands served by the road. The County Engineer had reported that the road served a cemetery at Ballintemple but this cemetery had not been in use for many years and it did not appear that the Council would be justified in making any contribution towards the cost of the Scheme. Councillor T. J. Keenan stated the road in question was also used by the Forestry Division of the Department of Lands and the Council agreed to defer the matter and asked that enquiries be made as to whether the Forestry Division would be prepared to contribute towards the cost of the proposed Scheme.

Item No. 8—Roadway at Kilcoole—Report of County Engineer.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,

Wicklow.

1st January, 1970.

Secretary,

Sanitary Services Section.

Re: The Green at Kilcoole: Surfacing of Road.

A Chara,

Reference yours of the 29th ultimo (KR/LO'C).

The present road leads directly from the Main Street to the Hall at the upper end of The Green. I estimate the cost of widening the track, reshaping with gravel, and surface dressing at £250.

As stated in my report of the 26th October, the section of road marked 'A — B' on the map, submitted by the Local Residents' Association, is too narrow for farm machinery or lorries. There is a difference of level of approximately 3 ft. between the road and the gar- dens adjoining it on one side. The road is gradually collapsing and as the watermain is laid along the edge of the road, there is danger of causing considerable damage should the road be used by heavy machinery. The Local Residents' Association stated that Mr. Behan whose property adjoins the road on the other side is prepared to give some ground to widen the road on condition that the Council replace the wall and give him extra land on the other side of his house. I estimated the cost of this work at £350 and I would advise that this be carried out before any attempt is made to surface the section of road in question.

Requests have also been made to provide fencing on The Green. It will be necessary to provide gates for access both for machinery and for pedestrians, and I estimate the cost of fencing and gates at £175. This makes the total estimated cost £775.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. Donovan,

County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;
Seconded by Councillor Costello:

Resolved—That we approve of the works recommended by the County Engineer for the Green at Kilcoole, and of the provision of £75 being made in the Estimates for 1971/72 to defray the cost of the works.
Passed.

In regard to representations made by the Kilcoole Residents' Association concerning the pathway connecting the Lower Green at the Rock with Lott Lane, the County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that this pathway was a short-cut from Lott Lane to Kilcoole Village, the upper portion of which was used for access to houses. The lower section was only suitable for use by pedestrians and was very steep and irregular and it would not be possible to provide a concrete path as suggested and the only way it could be improved would be by constructing concrete steps and landings. The cost of such work would be in the region of £500 and he did not consider that the expenditure would be justified. The Council noted the terms of the County Engineer's report on the matter. The County Secretary stated that representations had also been received for the taking over and surfacing of two roads at Kilcoole giving access from the Main Street to houses on the Lower Green. The County Engineer reported that the roads in question were 87 lin. yards and 127 lin. yds. in length and that the estimated cost of preparation, re-shaping with gravel and surface dressing was £250. The Council agreed that provision be made in the Estimates for submission to the Members of the Council for the coming financial year for the taking over of these roads.

In reply to Members of the Council the County Secretary stated that there are derelict buildings at the Green, Kilcoole, owned by Mr. David Gahan, and another derelict building at the entrance to the Green owned by a Mr. John Kelly. There is also a derelict building at Sea Road, Kilcoole, which had not yet been entirely demolished and this was owned by Mr. P. McCullagh of Dublin. Members of the Council stated that there was a derelict building in the ownership of the Council at the junction of the Sea Road at Kilcoole and that this should be examined.

Item No. 9—Revision of Salary Scales for Library Assistants and Assistant Librarians.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss O'Neill;
Seconded by Councillor Hynes:

Resolved—That having noted the recommendation under the scheme for Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers we approve of the application of the following revised salary scales for the post of Library Assistants and Assistant Librarians with effect from 1st April, 1970, both scales being exclusive of the 12th Round:—

Library Assistants Salary:—

£600 x £75—£975 x £55—£1,030 x £50—£1,180 x £45—£1,315 x £40—£1,395.

Assistant Librarians:—

£1,395 x £50—£1,545 x £45—£1,590.

We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the application of the revised salary scales.

Passed.

The County Secretary stated that the proposed revised salary scales were subject to acceptance by the Irish Local Government Officials' Union. The cost of applying the scales for one year was £275.

Item No. 10—Proposed disposal of Plot of Land at Ballydowling, Glenealy—Notice issued to Members under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946.

The County Secretary stated that a Notice in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, had been issued to the Members of the Council. It was proposed to dispose of this plot of land to Mr. Dempsey, Junior, of Ballydowling, Glenealy, to erect a bungalow thereon. Councillor F. Hynes stated that the Council had acquired this plot from Mr. Dempsey, Senior, for the sum of £1 and that the land should be disposed of to his son on the same terms, that is by way of sale on payment of the sum of £1.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hynes;
Seconded by Councillor Gregory:

Resolved—That we approve of the disposal of the plot of land at Ballydowling, Glenealy, containing 1 rood approximately, being part of land acquired by the Council from Mr. Dempsey, Senior, to Mr. Michael Dempsey, Junior, Ballydowling, to enable him to erect a bungalow thereon; the disposal to be by way of sale on payment of £1 and subject otherwise to the terms indicated in the notice issued to the Members of the Council in pursuance of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended by Section 83 of the Housing Act, 1966.
Passed.

Item No. 11—Courthouse accommodation at Wicklow — Letter dated 18th December, 1970, from Department of Justice.

The following letter from the Department of Justice was submitted:

Roinn Dli Agus Cirt,
72-76 Faiche Stiabhna,
Baile Atha Cliath, 2.

18 Nollaig, 1970.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Justice to refer to this Department's letter of 20 Samhain regarding improvements in Courthouse accommodation at Wicklow and to state that, in the event of the additional seating being provided and the new covered way being satisfactorily completed before the next Circuit Court Sittings at Wicklow which are due to commence on 4th February, 1971, the Minister will be prepared to defer temporarily his direction to have the jurors' room attached to the Record Court vacated and returned for use for Court purposes.

I am to add that while the Minister, in the circumstances set out above, will be prepared to defer for the present his direction regarding the vacation of the jurors' room, he reserves his right to insist on this direction being carried out at some future date when the return of the room for Court use can no longer be deferred.

Mise, le meas,

R. A. Tunny

County Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmartin Hill,
Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that no reply had yet been received

from the Department of Justice in regard to the suggestions made by the Council that Court sittings be re-arranged so that the Criminal Court could be used for all such sittings and the Record Court made available for other purposes, and so effect a saving in cost and obviate the need for the provision of a jury room connected to the Record Court. Members of the Council again expressed the view that Court-house should be the responsibility of the Department of Justice and not be a charge against Rates. The County Manager stated that the Department of Justice should provide premises for the administration of justice which was not the responsibility of the Council.

Item No. 12—Sites for Halting Places for Itinerants—Address by Minister for Local Government to County Councils' General Council at Reception on 9th December, 1970—Copy circulated to Members.

A copy of the address delivered by the Minister for Local Government to the County Councils' General Council on the 9th December, 1970, had been circulated to Members of the Council. The County Secretary stated that the Council had been unable to acquire a site for a halting place at Kilmacanogue but the County Engineer was to meet the local Residents' Association who had indicated that they might be in a position to suggest sites. Councillor Phelan suggested that the Council should establish one halting place and use it for one year and then report on the experience of its use. Councillor S. Costello pointed out that the Council had already agreed to proceed with the provision of halting places on the sites recommended by the County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Cleary;

Resolved—That the County Engineer proceed with the provision of halting places where the necessary services can be provided.

Passed.

Councillor J. Miley seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill proposed that a report be submitted in regard to sites at present used by itinerants. The Chairman ruled that since the Council had decided at a previous Meeting to proceed with the sites recommended by the County Engineer he would put Councillor Costello's proposal to the Meeting. A vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR Councillors W. Cleary, S. Costello, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Miss M. Walsh—9.

AGAINST Councillors J. Burke, M. Deering, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, J. Whelan—5.

Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, K. Ryan and J. Sweeney did not vote. Councillor C. White was not present when the vote was being taken. The resolution was declared passed by 9 votes in favour to 5 against. As it was 4.30 p.m. the Council decided to proceed with Item No. 15 as the deputation was present.

The deputation consisted of Mrs. Kelleher and Mrs. Kelly, and Mrs. Kelleher addressed the Council. She stated that the deputation represented the homeless in the Greystones and Kilcoole area and referred to people who suffered from insecurity, anxiety and fear. She claimed that the Members of Council had not assessed the housing demand realistically and criticised the Council for not receiving deputations. She urged that the Council press for changes in the law to expedite the provision of housing. Mrs. Kelleher then protested against

the behaviour of Councillor B. Phelan and said that he would prove his lack of integrity should he continue to retain land at Kilpedder which the Council considered purchasing for building, but that he could withdraw and right this wrong. At this stage Councillor Phelan protested against the statements made and pointed out that the deputation had asked to attend to speak on the subject of priority of services. Councillor M. J. O'Neill also protested against an attack being made on a Member of the Council. When Mrs. Kelleher finished speaking Councillor Costello indicated that he wished to comment on some of the points made by the deputation. Councillor J. Miley rose to speak on a point of order but Councillor Costello continued to speak and claimed that he was entitled to continue. Councillor J. Whelan pointed out that Mr. Miley wished to speak on a point of order and was entitled to be heard and as Councillor Costello continued to speak the Chairman ruled that he was out of order and as Councillor Costello, Councillor Phelan and Councillor Miley were standing and speaking the Chairman adjourned the Meeting.

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

In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, Miss M. Walsh, G. Timmins and W. Cleary:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to George O'Toole, Sea Road, Arklow, for the provision of seven houses at Raheen, Arklow."

In the names of Councillors E. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill and C. White:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Dunleavy, c/o H. Johnston, Kilruddery, Bray, for the provision of a bungalow for his own use at Coyne's Cross, Ashford, as plans submitted."

In the name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:— "That this Council tell us at the next Housing Meeting when it intends to start building houses for John Dillon, William Byrne and Richard Kenny which it has been agreed to build."

In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Whelan:— "That the County Council build a cottage for Mr. Michael O'Brien on site offered to County Council by Anthony Moules, Rednagh Road, Ashrim, who lives in a vested cottage and is willing to give part of his plot."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council erect public lighting from the Courthouse corner, Shillelagh, to Ardeen Cheshire Home gates."

In the name of Councillor W. Cleary:— "That we request the Minister to amend the legislation concerning free bus services in the rural areas for school children where when a child reaches 10 years old he cannot travel on the bus and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the General Council of County Councils for consideration at their next Meeting."

Wicklow County Council



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MEETING

Held on

MONDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1971

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 1st February, 1971, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman.

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

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

AGENDA:

1. Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:-
 - (a) In the names of Councillors M. Deering, C. White, J. J. Bourke, R. Miley, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Kenneth Matthews, for the provision of a bungalow at Togherbeg, Roundwood."

- (b) In the names of Councillors C. White, G. Timmins, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Miss N. O'Neill:-

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

- (c) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. J. Bourke, C. White, G. Timmins, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, K. Ryan and J. Temple:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Carmel Douglas, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballinahinch Middle, Newtownmountkennedy."

- (d) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, R. Miley, T. J. Keenan and Miss M. Walsh:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael Barnes, 2 Abbey Street, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Moneylittle, Arklow."

- (e) In the names of Councillors J. J. Bourke, F. Hynes, S. Costello and B. S. C. Phelan:-

"We, the undersigned, hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full Planning Approval for the erection of a dwellinghouse with a septic tank at Glencormac, Bray, Co. Wicklow, to Mr. P. Power."

- (f) In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, J. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill and J. Whelan:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Holohan, Arklow, for the provision of a house at Knocknamohill, Avoca."

- (g) In the names of Councillors C. White, E. E. Byrne, R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Julian O'Reilly, Mount Carmel, Wicklow, for the building of a dwellinghouse on his land at Ballintreskin, Co. Wicklow."

- (h) In the names of Councillors J. Temple, Miss N. O'Neill, C. White, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Gregory and K. Ryan:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Louis O'Sullivan, 22 Carysfort Park, Blackrock, for the erection of a house at Templecarrig, Greystones."

- (i) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, Miss M. Walsh, G. Timmins and W. Cleary:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to George O'Toole, Sea Road, Arklow, for the provision of seven houses at Raheen, Arklow."

- (j) In the names of Councillors E. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill and C. White:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 to Mr. William Dunleavy, c/o H. Johnson, Kilruddery, Bray, for the provision of a bungalow for his own use at Coyne's Cross, Ashford, as plans submitted."

- (k) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, C. White, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley and E. E. Byrne:-

"We, the undersigned, hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant Planning Approval for the erection of 178 houses together with all ancillary development at Blacklion, Kindlestown Lower, Greystones, to Douglas Taylor, Esq., Blacklion, Greystones, in accordance with Plans, Specifications and details lodged."

2. That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting of Council held on 2nd November, 1970.
3. Local Government Planning and Development Act, 1963—Control of development.
4. Roadside Development — Traffic and Safety on Arterial Roads — Letter from Department of Local Government.

5. Local Authority Housing Programme — Letter from Secretary to Minister for Local Government regarding request for reception of deputation.

6. Provision of demountable dwellings.

7. Application for consent to sale of vested cottage at Dunlavin.

- 7 (a) Proposed disposal of land at Lugduff, Tinahely.

8. Application from cottage tenant to be absent from cottage for period of six months.

9. Application for reception of deputations (i) from Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee and (ii) from National Farmers' Association, Wicklow Branch, at Estimates' Meeting.

10. Land at Kilpedder — Report circulated to Members on 10th December, 1970.

11. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this Council buy mobile homes for people who are in urgent need of housing."

12. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council build a cottage for the Redmond Family of Bolinass, Ashford."

13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council appoint Mr. James Thomson, Knockrobin, tenant of his father's cottage at the same address."

14. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors C. White, J. J. Bourke, M. Deering, R. Miley, J. Sweeney and T. J. Keenan:- "That the Council rescind portion of the "County Plan" affecting certain property in Greystones."

15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. Miley:- "That repairs be carried out to the following cottages:- "Mrs. Mary Byrne, 11 Greenane Road, Rathdrum; Mrs. Waterton, 9 Greenane Road, Rathdrum; Mr. Andrew Byrne, Ballintombay, Rathdrum; Mr. A. Manley, Ballygannon, Rathdrum."

16. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Gregory:- "That this Council instal a water supply to Belton's, Duffy's and Doyle's cottages at Killadreenan."

17. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:- "That a full explanation be given to the Council regarding the failure of this Council to acquire the land of the Burnaby Estate as decided by this Body including the reasons for entering into litigation."

18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:- "That a full report be given to the Council on the Kilpedder land situation with particular reference to Captain de Caen's land."

19. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:- "That this Council tell us at next Housing Meeting when it intends to start building houses for John Dillon, William Byrne and Richard Kenny, which it has been agreed to build."

20. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Whelan:- "That County Council build a cottage for Mr. Michael O'Brien on site offered to the County Council by Anthony Moules, Rednagh Road, Aughrim, who lives in a vested cottage and is willing to give part of his plot."

21. Houses repaired during month of January and to be repaired during the month of February, 1971.

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

- (a) In the names of Councillors M. Deering, C. White, J. J. Bourke, R. Miley, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Kenneth Matthews, for the provision of a bungalow at Togherbeg, Roundwood."

The County Secretary stated that this application had been deferred from the previous Meeting with a request that the County Medical Officer report as to whether there was any manner in which sewerage services could be provided for a house on this site which would not give rise to any risk of pollution of the water supply. The matter had been examined by the County Medical Officer who reported that it would be possible to connect the effluent from a septic tank on the site with the Roundwood Sewerage Works but the cost would be prohibitive. The effluent would have to be pumped and piped and way-leaves would have to be obtained from Dublin Corporation. The distance would be approximately 500 yards. The Council decided that the applicant be informed of the suggestion of the County Medical Officer. The County Secretary having pointed out that it would be necessary to issue a decision on the application within the week the Council agreed that the present application be refused and that the applicant could submit a further application if he was agreeable to provide the sewerage facilities in the manner suggested by the County Medical Officer.

- (b) In the names of Councillors C. White, G. Timmins, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Miss N. O'Neill:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Ireland, for the provision of a house at Shraghmore, Roundwood."

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been deferred to enable the applicant to provide another trial hole on the site for the purposes of a septic tank. The Council had been informed only that morning that the trial hole was ready for inspection. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the Meeting on the following Monday.

- (c) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. J. Bourke, C. White, G. Timmins, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, K. Ryan and J. Temple:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Carmel Douglas, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballinahinch Middle, Newtownmountkennedy."

The County Secretary stated that while plans had been submitted in this case the applicant had not submitted either copy of an advertisement giving public notice of the application or copy of a notice on the site and it was necessary that evidence of having given public notice be submitted before the application could be regarded as complete. Councillor Bourke stated that Miss Douglas had put a notice on the site when she made the previous application. The County Secretary stated that if someone on behalf of Miss Douglas submitted a

copy of the notice indicating that it was now displayed on the site the application could then be considered. It was noted that Miss Douglas was resident in England and due to the postal strike might not have received the last letter addressed to her by the Council asking for a copy of the public notice and for photographs as required by the Council in respect of notices of intention to move Resolutions under Section 4.

- (d) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, R. Miley, T. J. Keenan and Miss M. Walsh:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael Barnes, 2, Abbey Street, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Moneylittle, Arklow."

The County Secretary stated that the site of the proposal adjoined the National Primary Route south of Arklow at a point where sight distances were inadequate. The proposed development would be in conflict with the County Development Plan and the Minister's recent circular regarding access to main roads, in which he indicated that new entrances should be granted only to the farming community. The County Engineer had recommended that Planning Permission be refused as the creation of a new access as proposed and the increase in traffic entering onto the road at this point would give rise to a serious traffic hazard and would be in conflict with the provisions of the County Development Plan and the Minister's recommendations in this regard. The County Medical Officer had reported that the site was a vested cottage plot owned by Mrs. Barnes, mother of the applicant, and the septic tank was to be placed on land outside the proposed site but that there was no objection provided that the septic tank was of adequate size to serve both houses. Councillor Sweeney pointed out that the existing entrance to the vested cottage would also be used by the new applicant and that no new entrance was being provided.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Sweeney;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael Barnes, 2, Abbey Street, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Moneylittle, Arklow.

Passed. Councillor Costello abstaining. The Council agreed that a condition be imposed that the existing entrance be used for both houses.

- (d) In the names of Councillors J. J. Bourke, F. Hynes, S. Costello and B. S. C. Phelan:- "We the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant Full Planning Approval for the erection of a dwellinghouse with a septic tank at Glencormac, Bray, County Wicklow, to Mr. P. Power."

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had reported that the proposal in regard to the water supply was not acceptable as it was from an existing bored well between two battery poultry units, less than 100 feet from the proposed site of the septic tank. There was rock at the site of the trial hole for the septic tank and the ground was unsuitable for septic tank drainage. The site of the

house was less than 100 feet from the poultry houses. The application was not recommended and it was recommended that a revised layout plan be submitted to overcome the objections and that a further trial hole be opened for inspection. The County Engineer had recommended that subject to the requirements of the County Medical Officer being complied with, that Permission might be granted with the conditions that the external walls be rendered white or grey and roof tiles be slate grey or blue black.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Bourke;

Resolved—We, the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant full Planning Approval for the erection of a dwellinghouse with a septic tank at Glencormac, Bray, County Wicklow, to Mr. P. Power.

Passed.

(f) In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, J. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill and J. Whelan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Holohan, Arklow, for the provision of a house at Knocknamohill, Avoca."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that the application be refused as the proposed development would be isolated from existing settlements and community facilities and services and accordingly would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area and, if permitted would be very prominent in views of and would detract from the value of this area of great natural beauty. It was also pointed out that the development, if permitted would set a precedent for further similar isolated development.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor Phelan;

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

Passed. Councillor Costello abstaining.

(g) In the names of Councillors C. White, E. E. Byrne, R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Julian O'Reilly, Mount Carmel, Wicklow, for the building of a dwellinghouse on his land at Ballintreskin, Co. Wicklow."

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

The site is situated on top of a local hill adjoining the Old Long Hill Road at Ballintreskin and the erection of the proposed dwelling would materially contravene the provisions of the County Development Plan.

(a) In that it would be out of character with the area;

(b) Unduly prominent: be of undue size (floor area 3,350 sq. ft. front wall of 44 ft. long) the traditional Irish Cottage has floor area of 800 sq. ft. approx). The proposed house would diminish the recreational utility of the adjoining Longhill Commons by altering the rural fabric of the area. (See Page 51 County Development Plan).

(1) The site is prominently situated on the northern boundary of the Old Long Hill Commons and adjoining a main tourist road. The erection of the proposed dwelling on this site would seriously injure amenity in this area of outstanding natural beauty of the County Development Plan by:—

(a) Being unduly prominent in views to the area from the adjoining Old Long Hill Road and from Main Glenree/Enniskerry road at Curtiestown;

(b) By being seriously out of character with development traditional to the area.

(c) By limiting public enjoyment of open spaces immediately to the south of the proposal.

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had indicated that there was no objection on public health grounds subject to a satisfactory water supply being provided. He pointed out that as the ground sloped steeply from the house position to the septic tank position it was recommended that drop manholes be provided to retard the drainage flow.

It was

Proposed by Councillor White;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the Co. Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Julian O'Reilly, Mount Carmel, Wicklow, for the building of a dwellinghouse on his land at Ballintreskin, Co. Wicklow.

Passed. Councillor Costello opposing and Councillors M. J. O'Neill and J. Whelan abstaining.

(h) In the names of Councillors J. Temple, Miss N. O'Neill, C. White, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Gregory and K. Ryan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission in full under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Louis O'Sullivan, 22, Carysfort Park, Blackrock, for the erection of a house at Templecarrig, Greystones."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that Planning Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

(1) The site which is outside the extensive Greystones/Delgany development area is situated in an area which is one of great natural beauty. The site has no public road frontage and is connected to the public road by means of a long narrow access way 1,000 feet long. The development of such a site for residential purposes would

be in serious conflict with the proper planning and development of the area by giving rise to haphazard development by setting a precedent for further development of a similar nature thus leading to further serious erosion of amenity in the area.

- (2) Access from the site onto the public road is located at a point where entrances from a number of houses are already concentrated. Visibility and road alignment at this point are inadequate and the additional traffic generated by the proposal would tend to create a traffic hazard.

The County Secretary stated that if the Members decided to direct that permission be granted the County Engineer had recommended that a condition be attached that the Permission be for a single storey dwelling with a single "A" type roof, the external walls should be rendered white or grey and the roof tiles be blue black in colour. The County Engineer had pointed out that a two storey dwelling as proposed would be unduly prominent on this site. The Council decided to defer consideration of the proposal to the Meeting on the following week and asked that in the meantime an enquiry be made from the applicant if he was prepared to agree to erect a single storey dwelling.

- (i) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, Miss M. Walsh, G. Timmins and W. Cleary:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to George O'Toole, Sea Road, Arklow, for the provision of seven houses at Raheen, Arklow."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported as follows:-

The site is prominently situated in Raheen, overlooking the town of Arklow. The proposal would also give rise to a multiplicity of septic tanks and bored wells in close proximity to each other and would injure amenity of and depreciate the value of existing dwellings in the area.

Recommend that Outline Permission be refused for the following reasons:-

- (1) The proposal would result in a multiplicity of septic tanks and bored wells in too close proximity to each other and would thus be prejudicial to public health. There are existing houses on either side of the proposed site which should have been shown on the plans submitted together with the location of the wells and septic tanks.
- (2) The proposal would seriously injure amenity in the rural area by being unduly prominent in views to the area from:-
- The Vale Road at Arklow;
 - Coolgreaney Road;
 - The arterial road at the Bridge across the river.
- (3) The proposal would result in a density of development inappropriate to a rural area and would give rise to a demand for public services which would be costly to provide.

- (4) Vehicular traffic generated by the proposal would obstruct road users and give rise to a traffic hazard along the Beach road.

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had pointed out that the development was too intense having regard to the fact that each house has its own septic tank and well. In five of the cases the well and septic tank were not 100 feet apart. The County Medical Officer recommended refusal on the grounds of the undesirability, from a public health point of view, of having a multiplicity of wells and septic tanks grouped close together. There were existing houses on either side of the proposed site which should have been shown on the plans submitted together with the location of the wells and septic tanks. Members of the Council suggested that the difficulty mentioned by the County Medical Officer could be overcome if the water supply were from a single bored well.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Sweeney;

Seconded by Councillor Hynes:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to George O'Toole, Sea Road, Arklow, for the provision of seven houses at Raheen, Arklow, subject to the condition that the water supply for the development be from a single source and that a revised plan indicating the site of the well and of the septic tanks be submitted.

Passed, Councillor Costello objecting.

- (j) In the names of Councillors E. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill and C. White:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. William Dunleavy, c/o H. Johnson, Kilruddery, Bray, for the provision of a bungalow for his own use at Coyne's Cross, Ashford, as plans submitted."

Councillor E. E. Byrne stated that the notice of intention to move this Resolution was withdrawn.

- (k) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, C. White, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley and E. E. Byrne:- "We, the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant Planning Approval for the erection of 178 houses together with all ancillary development at Blacklion, Greystones, in accordance with Plans, Specification and Details lodged."

The County Manager stated that a Section 4 in this case appeared to be premature as the Council had asked for further information in regard to roads, water, sewerage and layout. It was proposed to grant Planning Permission but Permission would be subject to a number of conditions. He drew attention to two important points, these being the arranging of security for the provision of roads and other services and the second, the matter of contributions towards the cost of public ser-

vices. He pointed out that consequent on Dublin Corporation having indicated that they could not continue to supply water for new developments in the area the Council had found it necessary to arrange for the provision of a new water supply from the River Dargle which was estimated to cost in the region of £250,000. If it were not for the Council undertaking to embark on such a scheme water supplies could not have been made available for this development. In regard to sewerage he pointed out that the Council had had plans prepared for a new sewerage scheme for Greystones, to cater for new development and which was estimated to cost over £300,000. It was considered that it would be only equitable that a contribution towards the cost of these services should be required from the developers. The Greystones Civic Association had suggested that the Council should impose a charge of £100 per house and it seemed that a figure of £240 or £250 per house would not be unreasonable. Councillor Temple suggested that the matter be deferred to the next Housing Meeting of the Council and in the meantime the application be considered by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral area, at a Meeting at which the applicant and his architect should attend. The Council agreed that the matter be deferred for consideration by the Members of the Council for Bray Electoral Area at a Meeting to be held at the Town Hall, Bray, on 9th February, 1971, and that the matter be considered again at the next Housing Meeting. It was agreed that representatives of the Greystones Civic Association might attend the Meeting if they so desired.

Item No. 2—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting of Council held on 2nd November, 1970.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Keenan:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting of Council held on 2nd November, 1970.

Passed.

At this stage Councillor Phelan indicated he wished to raise a point of order and then proceeded to make a statement in relation to maintenance of order at County Council Meetings. This led to exchanges between Councillor Phelan and Councillor Costello and because of the many interruptions and the inability to carry on with the business on the Agenda, the Chairman declared the Meeting adjourned.

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

In the names of Councillors E. Byrne, J. Temple and C. White:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick J. Concannon, 14, Scott Park, Bray, for the provision of a bungalow at Templecarrig, Delgany, as plans submitted, for his own use."

In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney and M. J. O'Neill:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we

direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission for one house to Mr. Kelly, Ballymerrigan, on his father's farm."

In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney and G. Timmins:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Quin, The Rectory, Redcross, Co. Wicklow, for the provision of 17 bungalows at Coolmore, Arklow, Co. Wicklow."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That dangerous bend at the bottom of the Old Military Road near Mrs. Esther Fallon's house at Aughavannagh, be removed."

In the names of Councillors K. Ryan and J. Whelan:- "That this Council build two houses in Coolboy, for Mr. Dick Doyle and Edward Sheridan (Jnr.) both men are in very bad need of housing."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council lay pipes through the Council plots at Croneyhorn, Carnew, as it is causing flooding in two gardens lower down; the present drain is unable to take the water."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council remove the water main a further distance from Mr. Jim Hollingsworth's cottage, The Bank, Rathnew, to enable him to build an extension to his cottage as he has a very large family."

Wicklow County Council



MINUTES
OF
PROCEEDINGS
OF
MEETING

Held on

MONDAY, 8th FEBRUARY, 1971

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 8th February, 1971, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman;

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, Mark Deering, M. J. O'Neill, James Miley, G. Timmins, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, C. White, John J. Bourke, James Gregory, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Planning Assistant, and Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Planning Section, attended.

AGENDA:

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

(a) In the names of Councillors C. White, G. Timmins, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Miss N. O'Neill:-

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

(b) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. J. Bourke, C. White, G. Timmins, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, K. Ryan and J. Temple:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Carmel Douglas, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballinahinch Middle, Newtownmountkennedy."

(c) In the names of Councillors J. Temple, Miss N. O'Neill, C. White, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Gregory and K. Ryan:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Louis O'Sullivan, 22 Carysfort Park, Blackrock, for the erection of a house at Templecarrig, Greystones."

(d) In the names of Councillors E. Byrne, J. Temple and C. White:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick J. Concannon, 14 Scott Park, Bray, for the provision of a bungalow at Templecarrig, Delgany, as plans submitted, for his own use."

- (e) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney and M. J. O'Neill:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission for one house to Mr. Kelly, Ballymerrigan, on his father's farm."

- (f) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney and G. Timmins:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Quin, Esq., The Rectory, Redcross, Co. Wicklow, for the provision of 17 bungalows at Coolmore, Arklow, Co. Wicklow."

2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting of Council held on 14th September, 1970.
3. Local Committees for Health Boards — Letter from Department of Health forwarding draft regulations in relation to Local Committees under Health Act, 1970 (Copy circulated to Members).
4. Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1967 — To consider waiving of condition in Section 7 (1) of the Act.
5. Application for reception of deputations (1) from National Farmers' Association, Wicklow Branch (at Estimates' Meeting); (2) from Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee.
6. Wicklow Water Supply — Cronroe Water Works Augmentation Scheme — Report of County Engineer on documents received from Consulting Engineer for extensions to present filter plant at Cronroe, Ashford."
7. Sanitary Services Schemes — (a) Extension of Water Supply to Killoughter and Ballinapark Areas in Ashford; (b) Water Supply and sewerage extension to 14 houses at Ballinafinchogue (Ash-town), Roundwood; (c) Provision of water supply to serve three cottages at Ballymorris, Aughrim; (d) Hollywood Water Supply.
8. Proposed disposal of land at Lugduff, Tinahely.
9. Provision of demountable dwellings.
10. Supplementary Water Supply and Sewerage Grants — to authorise borrowing.
11. Applications for consent to sale of vested cottages.
12. Cottage Repairs — To authorise additional expenditure.
13. Application from cottage tenant to be absent from cottage for period of six months.
14. Roadside Development — Traffic and safety on Arterial Roads — Letter from Department of Local Government.

15. Development Plan Reviews and Planning Control — Letter from Department of Local Government (copy circulated to Members).
16. Proposed National Park in Dublin and Wicklow Mountains — Letter from Dublin and Wicklow Rural Associations.
17. Public Lighting at Sea Road, Kilcoole—Report of County Engineer.
18. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors K. Ryan and J. Gregory:- "That this Council take over the road from Tombrean to Donishall."
19. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello and J. Gregory:- "That the members of the public be allowed free access to all future County Council Meetings."
20. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello, J. Temple, K. Ryan and J. Gregory:- "That this Council call upon the Government to withdraw legislation under which it is intended to intern citizens of this State without charge or trial for indefinite periods of time."
21. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Gregory:- "That this Council instal a water supply to Belton's, Duffy's and Doyle's cottages at Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy."
22. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council repair the surface of Boley Lane, Shillelagh."
23. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council erect public lighting at Mill Street, Carnew; one at each side of the one already there; (b) that this Council erect street lighting at Main Street, Carnew."
24. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:- "That a full explanation be given to the Council regarding the failure of this Council to acquire the land of the Burnaby Estate as decided by this Body including the reasons for entering into litigation."
25. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council (1) take over and tarmacadam Slieveroe Lane as far as Mr. Dunne's cottage, about 250 yards from the Glenealy/Rathdrum Road near Mr. Martin's house at Bahana; (2) take over Leabeg Lane, Newcastle, and tarmacadam same as it is a connecting road; (3) lay a footpath at Old Village, Rathnew."
26. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council pipe an open drain outside Mrs. Margaret Edward's house at Croneyhorn as there is a seepage from the drain which is causing dampness in her house."
27. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council erect public lighting from the Courthouse corner, Shillelagh to Ardeen Cheshire Home gates."
28. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor W. Cleary:- "That we request the Minister to amend the legislation concerning free bus services in the rural areas for school children as when children reach ten years of age they cannot travel on the bus; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the General Council of County Councils for consideration at their next Meeting."

29. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That the dangerous bend at the bottom of the Old Military Road near Mrs. Esther Fallon's house at Aughavannagh be removed."

30. Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:- (a) In the names of Councillors C. White, G. Timmins, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Miss N. O'Neill:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Ireland, for the provision of a house at Shraghmore, Roundwood."

The County Secretary stated that the applicant in this case had been asked to provide a second trial hole on the site as the first had not proved satisfactory. He had now done so and the County Engineer recommended that Outline Permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

- (1) The existing hedgerow, trees and vegetation on the boundaries of the site to be retained, except as required to make a safe entrance and to be augmented by further tree and shrub planting.
- (2) The entrance to the proposed site to be a minimum distance of 180 feet away from the junction of County Road No. 36 with L 161.
- (3) The septic tank shall be installed not less than 60 feet from the boundary to the south.

It was

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

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Ireland, for the provision of a house at Shraghmore, Roundwood, subject to the conditions recommended by the County Engineer.

Passed.

Councillor Costello stated that it appeared that in this case, following the submission of a notice of intention to move a Resolution under Section 4, consultations had taken place with the applicant, and the County Engineer had now recommended the grant of Permission, although the previous application had been refused. He expressed the view that if applicants were consulted in all cases where there were difficulties, many of such difficulties could be overcome and Permission granted, and so avoid the necessity for moving Resolutions under Section 4 of the 1955 Act. Councillor Temple, agreeing with Councillor Costello referred to the circular issued by the Department of Local Government in 1967 in regard to flexibility in planning and contended that if the views expressed by the Minister in that circular had been followed, there would have been few if any occasions, when

the Council would have had to direct the grant of Planning Permission under Section 4. He referred to the circular letter from the Department of Local Government in regard to Development Plan Reviews and Planning Control, a copy of which had been circulated to the Members, and stated that this circular merited a special Meeting of the Council with a view to the appointment of a Committee in connection with Planning as suggested by the Minister in the circular.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That a special Meeting of the Council be held to consider the Circular Letter of the Department of Local Government in relation to Development Plan Reviews and Planning Control.

Passed.

Councillor Temple suggested that the special Meeting be held on the following Monday, 15th February, 1971, but the County Manager having pointed out that he and the staff would be engaged on the Estimates during the week, the Council agreed that a special Meeting be held on Monday, 15th March, 1971.

(b) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. J. Bourke, C. White, G. Timmins, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, K. Ryan and J. Temple:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Carmel Douglas, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballinahinch Middle, Newtownmountkennedy."

The County Secretary stated that a complete application had not yet been received in this instance, and the Council deferred the matter to the next Meeting.

(c) In the names of Councillors J. Temple, Miss N. O'Neill, C. White, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Gregory and K. Ryan:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission in full under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Louis O'Sullivan, 22 Carysfort Park, Blackrock, for the erection of a house at Templecarrig, Greystones."

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been before the previous Meeting of the Council at which the County Engineer's recommendation that Planning Permission be refused had been submitted. As the County Engineer had indicated that should the Members direct that Permission be granted, a condition should be attached that Planning Permission be for a single storey dwelling with a single A type roof and with external walls rendered white or grey and roof tiles blue/black in colour, the Council had deferred the matter to ascertain if the applicant was prepared to accept such a condition. The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the applicant stating that he sought Planning Permission for a single storey dwelling complying with the conditions suggested by the County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission in full under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Louis O'Sullivan, 22 Carysfort Park, Blackrock, for the erection of a house at Templecarrig, Greystones, subject to the conditions recommended by the Co. Engineer and accepted by the applicant.

Passed — Councillor Costello dissenting.

(d) In the names of Councillors E. Byrne, J. Temple and C. White:—
“By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick J. Concannon, 14 Scott Park, Bray, for the provision of a bungalow at Templecarrig, Delgany, as plans submitted, for his own use.”

At the request of Councillor Temple, it was agreed to defer consideration of this motion to the next Meeting of the Council.

(e) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney and M. J. O'Neill:— “By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission for one house to Mr. Kelly, Ballymerrigan, on his father's farm.”

The County Secretary stated that the site of this application adjoined land in respect of which Outline Permission in pursuance of a Resolution under Section 4 had been granted for four bungalows in November, 1970, to Mr. David Maharry. That Outline Permission was at present the subject of an Appeal lodged by Bord Failte Eireann. The County Engineer had recommended that Planning Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- (1) The proposed development taken in conjunction with other housing development proposals in the vicinity would constitute undesirable ribbon development in a rural area and would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area which requires that residential development of the type proposed should be associated with existing centres where community services are available, where interference with the safety and free flow of traffic on an important main road is controlled and where unnecessary injury to the visual amenities of the rural landscape is avoided.
- (2) The proposed house would be seriously out of character with development traditional to the area, and would be unsatisfactory from the point of view of appearance of the building.

Councillor B. S. C. Phelan stated that this house was for the son of a farmer and the site was on his father's farm, and had no relationship to the adjoining site for which Outline Planning Permission had been granted and which was now under Appeal.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission for one house to Mr. Kelly, Ballymerrigan, on his father's farm.

Passed.

(f) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney and G. Timmins:— “By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Quin, Esq., The Rectory, Redcross, Co. Wicklow, for the provision of 17 bungalows at Coolmore, Arklow, County Wicklow.”

The County Secretary stated that this application was for the erection of 17 bungalows at Coolmore, Arklow, on a site located between the Rathnew/Arklow section of the National Primary Route and the Coast Road between Brittas Bay and Arklow. The County Engineer had recommended that Planning Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- (1) There are no public services available in the area and sewerage disposal by means of septic tanks would be unsatisfactory and undesirable from a public health view point in a development of this scale.
- (2) There is no evidence that an adequate water supply would be available to serve the proposal.
- (3) The site is remote from existing centres of population, where existing services could be availed of. The development of such a site for residential purposes would be in serious conflict with proper planning and development because:—
 - (a) It is inappropriately located.
 - (b) Public services could not economically be provided.
 - (c) Traffic generated by the proposal would place an unnecessary burden on the existing road network and cause serious obstruction of road users.
 - (d) Adequate water supply for fire fighting purposes would not be available.

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had also reported on the application and had indicated that the layout plan was not acceptable from a public health point of view and that the application was not recommended. In regard to water supply, he stated that proof was required of adequate and potable supply being made available, and this should be given by an Engineer of Consultant

status. It was doubtful if the proposed septic tanks would be of adequate size and he pointed out that a large amount of ground would be required for disposal of effluent. Trial holes would need to be dug to test the soakage qualities of the soil. In regard to the maintenance of the septic tanks, the County Medical Officer did not approve of several houses being drained with a common septic tank and pointed out that if nuisance arose, there would be a question as to who would be responsible. He pointed out also that effluent should not be permitted into the stream directly under any circumstances. Councillor B. S. C. Phelan argued that this development was a very suitable one and would fill a need for a particular type of housing in the area. He stated that the applicant was prepared to comply with all requirements of the County Engineer or County Medical Officer and suggested that a water supply might be from a single source and sewerage services be provided to the requirements of the County Engineer and County Medical Officer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Quin, Esq., The Rectory, Redcross, Co. Wicklow, for the provision of 17 bungalows at Coolmore, Arklow, Co. Wicklow.

Councillor Temple suggested that it would be desirable that the Members of the Council have an opportunity of inspecting the site in this case as there were 17 houses involved. He proposed that the consideration of the proposal be deferred to allow time for such inspection, and his proposal was seconded by Councillor Costello. Following a discussion on the matter, the Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal and arranged for an inspection of the site by the Members of the Council on Thursday, 11th February, 1971, at 4.30 p.m.

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, referred to the number of Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, appearing on Agendas for Meetings of the Council and the amount of time which was being devoted to these Resolutions. He stated that in consequence other matters had to be deferred. Councillor Whelan suggested that in future Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the 1955 Act be dealt with at only one Meeting in each month. The Council agreed to this suggestion.

Item No. 2—To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting of Council held on 14th September, 1970.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting of the Council held on 14th September, 1970.

Passed.

Item No. 3—Local Committees for Health Boards—Letter from Department of Health forwarding Draft Regulations in relation to Local Committees under Health Act, 1970 (copy circulated to Members).

The County Secretary stated that the Local Health Committee would be comprised of a total of 28 Members, of whom 15 would be Members of the Council. The Members of the Council would be elected as set out in the draft Regulations, i.e., three Members for each County Electoral Area and a further three Members appointed successively from among the Members of the Council. The County Manager, the Medical Officer, discharging duties of the post of County Medical Officer, and the resident Medical Superintendent of a District Mental Hospital serving the County, would also be on the Committee and the Committee would include a Consultant in a general hospital in the County, two other registered Medical Practitioners practicing in the County, a Psychiatric Nurse, a Public Health Nurse, a Dentist and a Pharmaceutical Chemist or a Dispensing Chemist, all of whom would be appointed by the Health Board on the nomination of bodies representative of these categories of persons. The Superintendent Assistance Officer for the County and two persons not being County Councillors who were associated with voluntary organisations in the sphere of social services appointed by the Health Board would make up the remainder of the Committee.

At this point the proceedings of the Council were interrupted by persons who entered the Council Chamber. In consequence of the intrusion and interruption of Council business Councillors J. Whelan, Chairman, adjourned the Meeting.

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

In the names of Councillors J. Whelan, T. J. Keenan, R. Miley, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, J. J. Bourke, J. Sweeney and W. Cleary:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael Doyle, Ballymoyle, Arklow, for the building of five bungalows on site 3 and 5 on location map submitted."

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, M. J. O'Neill, M. Deering and G. Timmins:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Hugh Fleming, to erect a house at Butterhill."

In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. Whelan, B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment)

Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Duignan, Ashford, for the erection of a bungalow on his lands at Ballymacahara, Ashford."

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney, M. J. O'Neill, M. Deering and G. Timmins:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Thomas A. Hand, and Nicholas M. Cantwell, to erect one house each at Crosscoolharbour."

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney, M. Deering and G. Timmins:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Brian Mahon, Blackrock, for the erection of a bungalow."

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney, G. Timmins:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Gerald Francis Rawson, to erect a dwellinghouse at Crosscoolharbour."

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney, M. Deering and G. Timmins:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Christopher Twoomey, at Granamore."

In the names of Councillors C. White, Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to W. J. Jermy, Glencree, Enniskerry, for the provision of a house at Glencree."

In the names of Councillors C. White, Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Rita Dunne, Ballyorney, for the provision of a house at Carrigoonna, Enniskerry."

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this Council take over and tarmacadam the road that joins Red Pig's Lane and leads out to Kilnamanagh, Genealy. The work can be carried out in conjunction with Red Peg's Lane."

In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Whelan:- "That the road from the Spink to Cronebane be taken over and repaired."

In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Whelan:- "That the entrance gate to Ballycoogue graveyard be moved to the centre of the road boundary and a path be left approximately 7 feet wide up through the centre of the graveyard."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council widen a bend at Kenny's of Kennystown as passing vehicles are damaging the side of the house."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council take over the laneway to Fitzpatrick's of "The Rock," Coollattin. This laneway is a part of the right of way to the Rock quarry."

In the name of Councillor C. White:- "That a fire service be had at Enniskerry."

Wicklow County Council



MINUTES

OF

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OF

MEETING

Held on

Monday, 22nd February, 1971

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m., on Monday, 22nd February, 1971.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman,

Councillors W. Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, C. White, John J. Bourke, James Gregory, F. Hynes, Roger Miley and Basil S. C. Phelan.

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

The Table Explanatory of the Estimates together with the County Manager's Statement in relation to the Estimates had been circulated to each Member.

APPLICATION FOR RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION

Councillor Costello referred to an application which had been made by the Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee for the reception of a deputation by the Council and proposed that a deputation be received at the next Meeting, being the adjourned Estimates Meeting, as he presumed the Council would not complete the examination of the Estimates on that day. Councillor Costello's proposal was seconded by Councillor Ryan. The Council agreed to receive the deputation from the Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee at the Meeting on the 1st March, 1971.

DEPUTATION FROM WICKLOW COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF THE NATIONAL FARMERS' ASSOCIATION

The Deputation was comprised of the following persons:—

Mr. R. T. Woods, Chairman;

Mr. V. Gleeson, Vice-Chairman;

Mr. E. F. Day, Press Officer;

Mr. D. Kelly, Hon. Secretary, Ashford Branch, N.F.A.;

Mr. James Nolan, Hon. Secretary.

Mr. J. Nolan, Secretary, addressed the Members of the Council and thanked the Members for receiving the deputation. He stated that the pressures and restrictions on the Council in dealing with the Estimates were understood but in view of the very high increase in the rate proposed in the Estimates a drastic cut-back was required. He referred to the difficult position of the farming community and pointed out that in regard to milk suppliers many, were in receipt of lesser incomes. He referred also to the need for preparation for entry into the European Economic Community and pointed out that agriculture was the pivot of the economy and that it was essential that the agricultural community should be able to prepare for such entry. In view of the substantial increases sought in the Estimates he felt that savings could not be achieved by cheese-paring and suggested that there should be a wholesale slowing down in expenditure on County Roads apart from

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the minor roads which served the farming community. He referred also to the high cost of maintenance of patients in hospital and the increasing costs of drugs and felt there was scope for economy in relation to these charges. In relation to housing he drew attention to the high loan charges and suggested that some economy should be sought in this regard. Mr. Nolan also criticised the system of collecting of rates by Rate Collectors and expressed the view that collection could be achieved from the office and considerable savings effected. He referred to the system of rate collection and of rating generally as being one designed for the 19th century and altogether outmoded. Councillor Costello, referring to Mr. Nolan's remarks, disagreed with his comments in regard to housing and stated that the housing of the homeless was regarded by him as of high priority.

The Council decided to proceed to examine the Estimates in detail.

HEALTH SERVICES

The County Manager pointed out that it had not been possible to give an exact figure for Health Grant in the Estimates as circulated to the Members. The amount of Health Grant as shown in the Estimates was equivalent to 54 per cent. of the net Health expenditure which was the proportion which had been received in previous years but in the last year an additional sum by way of Health Grant had been made available which had the effect of reducing the increase in the Rates for Health for 1970/71 to a figure of 2/-d. over that which had applied in 1969/70. No indication had, however, been received from the Department of Health as to whether any additional grant would be available towards the cost of Health Services for 1971/72 and consequently, no additional provision had been made in the Estimates. On the proposal of Councillor G. Timmins, seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh, the Council agreed that the Minister for Health be requested to indicate what additional Health Grant would be available towards the cost of Health Services for the year 1971/72 and that the Minister be informed that it was the view of the Members that an additional grant should be made available which would be sufficient to off-set any increase in the Rates for Health Services over that levied in the current year 1970/71.

ROADS

The County Manager drew attention to the increase in costs which had occurred in the current year and which had had a particular effect on the Estimates for Roads and for Health Services. In the case of Roads, wages of Road Workers had increased by 33½ per cent. since 1st April, 1970, and materials had increased by 10 per cent and plant costs by 24½ per cent. At the time the Estimates were being prepared the amount of the increases in remuneration to be granted under the 12th Round had not been determined and consequently the provisions made in the Estimates for increases in remuneration had been found insufficient and this had resulted in a substantial debit balance on the Roads account. He pointed out that decisions in the matter of rates of remuneration were not controlled by the Council and, in fact, such decisions were taken elsewhere, usually in Dublin. In regard to grants for County Roads the County Manager pointed out that 96 per cent. of County Roads

had now been reconstructed and that it was presumably on this account that the amount of grant made available from the Road Fund towards improvement of County Roads had been reduced in recent years. On the proposal of Councillor G. Timmins, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, the Council agreed that the Minister for Local Government be requested to provide increased grants for improvement of Main and County Roads.

On the proposal of Councillor Timmins, seconded by Councillor Keenan it was agreed also that in view of the increased traffic on County Roads that the Minister for Local Government should be asked to allocate a grant towards the cost of maintenance of such roads. In reply to enquiries by Members of the Council the County Engineer confirmed that heavy traffic by commercial vehicles was causing damage to County Roads which had not been constructed to accommodate such traffic. Councillor Gregory urged that provision be made for repairs and improvement of the road at Kilpedder to Kilquade which was being damaged by heavy traffic from Roadstone quarries and it was agreed that Local Committee Meetings of Members of the Council for the respective areas be arranged to consider the County Engineer's proposals for road works in the respective areas. In regard to the Kilpedder/Kilquade Road it was agreed that Roadstone Limited be asked for a contribution towards the cost of works on the road. Councillor J. Temple drew attention to the need for proper restoration of roads and footpaths in Bray which had been affected by the laying of sewers for the new Sewerage Scheme. He asked that it be ensured that the Contractor carry out restoration of roads and footpaths affected to the satisfaction of the County Engineer.

TOURIST ROADS

Councillor J. Miley stated that the Electricity Supply Board were prepared to make land available for the provision of car parks at Humphreystown and Poulaphouca and he asked that the Council press for a further grant for the completion of the road around the Lake at Blessington, as the section through Valleymount and Baltyboys was still to be improved. On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor Timmins it was agreed to ask the Department of Local Government for a grant for this purpose.

On the matter of tourist roads Councillor Phelan urged that a grant be sought for improvement of the road from Brittas to Arklow.

On the proposal of Councillor Keenan, seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh it was agreed that the Department be again requested to make a special tourist grant available for the Spink Road.

ROAD VERGE AT EDEN ROAD, GREYSTONES.

Councillor Miss O'Neill asked that the matter of providing a car park at this place be taken up with C.I.E. who claimed to be the owners of the land.

TEMPORARY ROAD BRIDGES

Arising out of the provision in the Estimates for loan charges for replacing temporary bridges with new bridges Members of the Council asked that warning signs indicating limitation on loads be erected at these bridges where considered necessary by the County

Engineer.

The Council completed the examination in detail of the Estimates for Road Services including the details of the County Engineer's report thereon.

The Council decided to hold the adjourned Estimates Meeting on Monday, 1st March, 1971, and to defer the Housing Meeting of the Council which would normally have been held on that day to 8th March, 1971.

The County Secretary stated that there were some urgent matters in relation to the Eastern Health Board which required to be determined before the next meeting of the Health Board and the Council agreed that these matters might be included as special items to be dealt with at the Meeting of the Council on 1st March, 1971.

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

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. J. O'Neill and M. Deering:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to A. Black, to erect a bungalow at Hempstown."

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. Deering and M. J. O'Neill:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Walsh to erect a house at Golden Hill, Manor Kilbride."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council take immediate legal steps to recover possession of a Council Cottage in the name of Reps. of Thomas Wolohan, Cornagower, Dungans-town."

The adjourned Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 1st March, 1971, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman,

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, M. Deering, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, E. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Temple, C. White, John J. Bourke, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, R. Miley, and B. S. C. Phelan.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, County Accountant and Staff Officers Housing and Sanitary Services Section attended.

The Council had agreed to receive a deputation from the Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee and to consider the following matters in relation to the Eastern Health Board:—

- (1) Draft Regulations for Local Committees for Health Boards.
- (2) Administration of Public Assistance—proposed agreement with Health Board for administration of Public Assistance.
- (3) Transfer of Officers to Eastern Health Board.
- (4) Transitional arrangements for operation of Health Services.

DEPUTATION FROM KILMACANOGUE HOUSING ACTION COMMITTEE

A deputation of five persons representing the Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee attended the Meeting and Mr. J. O'Brien and Mrs. K. Walsh addressed the Council. Mr. O'Brien expressed concern that there appeared to have been no progress in regard to the erection of houses at Kilmacanogue and stated they had no evidence that any progress had been made by the Council towards providing the houses. He asked for information as to the present position in the matter. Mrs. K. Walsh supported Mr. O'Brien in requesting information concerning the provision of housing and referred also to an application by a Mrs. Byrne of Kilmacanogue for a water supply which so far had not been agreed, and to the matter of the Main Road at Kilmacanogue and the need for a speed limit in the interests of children crossing the road. Councillor Costello pointed out that the information sought by the applicants had been given to the Members of the Council in a recent report and urged that this information be supplied by the Secretary to the Members of the Deputation.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Gregory:

Resolved—That a report be given to this Meeting of the position in regard to housing at Kilmacanogue.

Passed.

The Council having agreed that a report be given, the County Secretary stated that the Council had paid a deposit in respect of the acquisition of a site for housing at Kilmacanogue and this had been accepted, but that the formal Transfer in respect of the land had not yet been completed. In regard to the access to the site there had been negotiations with the Parish Priest and also with the owner of the licensed premises in regard to small areas of land required for improving the access and tentative agreements had been reached with both parties. The Council was awaiting a formal decision from the directors of the company owning the licensed premises and plans concerning the areas of lands required were being prepared for the purposes of Agreements. Councillor Costelloe urged that the legal Agreements for the acquisition of the necessary lands be completed as soon as possible. The County Secretary also stated that the Council was awaiting the sanction of the Minister to the engagement of a Consultant Architect to prepare the layout plan for the housing development. Councillor Costello noted that the application for sanction had been submitted to the Department several months previously, and as sanction was still awaited he suggested that the Council should consider the appointment of a whole-time Architect. Alternatively, he suggested that the Council's own staff should be instructed to give priority to the preparation of plans for the houses at Kilmacanogue. The County Engineer pointed out that to assign a member of his staff to this work would mean withdrawing an Engineer from another service with adverse effects on that service.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Gregory:

Resolved—That an Engineer of the Council's staff on Roads be assigned to prepare a layout plan for Kilmacanogue.

Passed.

Councillor Costello also enquired as to the position regarding the acquisition of other lands for housing at Kilmacanogue, and Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, stated that it had not been possible to reach agreement with Mr. Whyte for the acquisition of a part of his land which it had been proposed to acquire. Councillor Costello asked that the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order for this land at Kilmacanogue be included on the Agenda for the next Housing Meeting of the Council. Councillor J. Temple referred to the delay which occurred while the Council was awaiting sanction to the appointment of Consultants, and on the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh, the Council agreed that a letter be addressed to the Minister for Local Government in regard to the Council's previous request for the reception of a deputation and asking that immediate arrangements be made for the reception by the Minister of a deputation from the Council.

The County Secretary stated that plans were being prepared by the Acting Chief Assistant County Engineer on housing for a house to be built as an extension to Mrs. Giles' house at Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue, for Mrs. K. Walsh. This had been arranged following consultations with the Department's Inspector. In regard to the application of Mrs. Byrne, Kilmacanogue, for a water supply, the County Secretary stated that this matter would be looked into and a reply sent to the Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee. The matter of a speed limit at Kilmacanogue had been considered on previous occasions by The Technical Committee in relation to speed limits and the matter will be brought before the Committee again. Councillor

Costello asked that the Secretary of the Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee be informed of any development in future in regard to the provision of houses at Kilmacanogue.

ESTIMATES—HEALTH SERVICES

The Council proceeded to consider the Estimates for Health Services. The County Manager informed the Members that, following the previous Monday's Meeting, a letter had been addressed to the Department of Health conveying the Council's request that information in regard to the amount of grant to be made available towards the cost of Health Services be supplied for the information of the Council at the adjourned Estimates Meeting, and the Council's view that the grant to be made available should be sufficient to ensure that there would be no increase in the rate in the pound for the Health Service for the coming financial year over that adopted for the current year. The County Secretary had also been in touch with the Department by telephone and had been informed that it was hoped to have the information available during the coming week as to the amount of Health Grant to be allocated towards the cost of Health Services for the coming financial year. In the absence of this information the Council would be unable to determine finally any estimate for Health Services on that day. The Council noted the position in the matter and proceeded to consider the Estimates in detail.

Medicines.

Commenting on the increase of £13,660 in the estimated cost of medicines

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Cleary:

Resolved—That we recommend to the Minister for Health and to the General Council of County Councils that a State body be set up to produce medicines and drugs to be made available to Health Authorities at cost of production.

Passed.

DISPENSARY, CLINIC OR HEALTH CENTRE EXPENSES

Councillor J. Miley handed in a letter from Dr. P. K. Joyce, District Medical Officer, Blessington, in regard to the need for a proper dispensary or clinic at Blessington and

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That the Health Authority set up a clinic or dispensary at Blessington.

Passed.

At the request of Councillor J. Miley, the Council agreed that a copy of the Resolution be sent to the Department of Health.

In regard to Bray Clinic, Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge pointed out that improvements were required. The County Manager stated that the work was at present in progress by direct labour for the provision of toilets at the dispensary, but that no allocation had been made for improvements. He pointed out that priority was being given to the provision of facilities for Care of the Aged at Bray. The matter of providing cushions for the seating in the dispensary would be

looked into. Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, drew attention to his request at the previous Estimates Meeting that suitable screening be provided at local dispensaries so that patients would have adequate privacy. It was agreed that this matter be examined again.

ST. COLMAN'S HOSPITAL, RATHDRUM

Councillor Costello enquired as to number of persons who had been accommodated in St. Colman's, Rathdrum, during the previous year as a result of housing problems. He asked that a report on the matter with details be available for the next Meeting of the Council. Councillor Hynes drew attention to the difficulties experienced by the Matron by reason of no Garda being on duty at Rathdrum after 5 p.m.

MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

Councillor Miss Walsh expressed regret that there appeared to be no provision in the Estimates in respect of Mentally Handicapped Children. The County Manager stated that provision for the cost of maintenance of Mentally Handicapped Children in institutions was made under the heading "Homes for Mental Defectives—Deaf and Dumb, etc." Councillor Miss Walsh pointed out that the parents of these children would prefer to have the children residing at home if they could receive the necessary training in an institution in Co. Wicklow, and while the Council had agreed to make a site available for a residential school at Newcastle, she felt the Council might also assist financially. Councillor G. Timmins stated that he understood that the Wicklow Association for Mentally Handicapped Children had been asked by the Department of Education to supply details of the present position regarding the numbers of children who would avail of this school if provided in County Wicklow, in order that the request for approval to the provision of a residential school might be reconsidered.

MENTAL HOSPITALS

The County Manager gave particulars of the number of patients at present in the hospital at Newcastle and the number in Dublin Health Authority Hospitals and pointed out that a substantial reduction had been made in the numbers being treated in institutions since the Council had set up their own Mental Hospital at Newcastle.

The Council decided to adjourn further consideration of the Estimates to a Meeting to be held on 8th March, 1971, and agreed that on that day also an ordinary Meeting of the Council would be held the Agenda for which would include the matters in relation to the Eastern Health Board and other matters requiring urgent consideration. The Council agreed that Notices of Intention to propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in relation to Planning be deferred for consideration at a Special Meeting of the Council in relation to Planning which had been arranged for the 15th March, 1971.

The County Secretary pointed out that it would be necessary for the Council to complete consideration of the Estimates before the end of the following week and the Council noted that it might be necessary to arrange a further Special Meeting during the week commencing 8th March, 1971, if it were not possible to complete consideration of the Estimates at the Meeting to be held on 8th March, 1971.

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

In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan and William Cleary:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James Dunne, Upper Main Street, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballyduff, Arklow."

In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, William Cleary and Basil S. C. Phelan:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to give full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Bracken, Upper Main Street, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballyduff."

In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, William Cleary, J. Sweeney and R. Miley:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Edward McNabb for the erection of six dwellinghouses on his lands at Rossanna Upper, Co. Wicklow."

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Christopher Keogh, Ballyknocken, Valley Mount, to erect a house."

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael McCormack, Athgrany, Hollywood, to erect a house."

In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, J. J. Bourke and J. Miley:—"By virtue of the powers vested in us under the County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to L. G. Murch, Kilmacullagh, Newtownmountkennedy, to erect a dwelling at the above address."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council build a cottage for Patrick Cullen, Blainroe, on his sister's land."

The adjourned Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 8th, March, 1971, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman,

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, K. Ryan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, John Temple, C. White, John J. Bourke, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, Roger Miley and B. S. C. Phelan.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, County Accountant, and Staff Officer, Health Services, attended.

The Council proceeded with the Examination of the Estimates for Health Services.

MENTAL HEALTH

In reply to enquiries from Members the County Manager stated that improvements in the Mental Health Services were under consideration and these included improved arrangements for rehabilitation of patients. In this regard a proposal that a hostel for patients be provided in Bray had been examined, but having regard to the difficulty and delay in obtaining a building suited for this purpose it had been decided to investigate a boarding-out arrangement for patients. The matter of providing a Day Centre in Bray had also been under consideration and it had been proposed that such a Day Centre would be provided in the grounds attached to the present Clinic. Difficulties had arisen in regard to this proposal as the new 40-bed Home for the Aged was being provided on the Clinic grounds and adequate parking space would be required, and it seemed that this would involve moving the building provided by the Bray Old Folks' Association in which services and facilities for old persons were provided. The Old Folks' Association had indicated also that they intended to expand their services and wished to extend their accommodation. The County Manager submitted a plan showing the locations of the various proposals. In regard to the buildings at Newcastle, the County Manager pointed out that the main building which had been originally designed as a Tuberculosis Hospital was in many ways unsuitable for the purpose of mental patients and the Nurses' Home, while a more modern building presented difficulties in converting to suitably sized rooms. He reminded the Members of the works which had had to be carried out at Newcastle since the Council established the Mental Hospital there and of the extent of the expenditure which had to be incurred on the roof of the nurses' home, and referred also to the works which were necessary on the main buildings. Councillors Costello and Gregory urged that a Special Meeting of the Council be held at Newcastle at an early date and that a full report on the recommendations of the Medical Staff for improvements in the services be submitted. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., and other Members pointed out that as from 1st April, 1971, the Eastern Health Board will be responsible for the Health Services in Co. Wicklow and for arranging for any new works and that these matters could be considered by the Local Committee which would be appointed under the Health Act, 1970, at a later date. Members of the Council enquired as to the position regarding the balance of the sum of £100,000 due to the Council in respect of the Council's share in the assets of the former Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board, and the Council asked that the Chief Executive Officer of the Eastern Health

Board be informed that it was the view of the Council that the capital sum remaining be reserved for allocation against the cost of any capital expenditure to be incurred by the Eastern Health Board in respect of improvements to the Mental Health Services in Co. Wicklow.

HEALTH GRANT

In reply to enquiries by Members of the Council the County Manager stated that no information had yet been received from the Department of Health as to the amount of Health Grant which would be allocated towards the cost of Health Services for the year 1971/'72. He pointed out that under the provisions of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, the Council could adjourn the Estimates Meeting as often as they wished provided that it was not adjourned to a date exceeding 21 days after the date of the first Estimates Meeting. In consequence it appeared that the Council would be required to complete the examination of the Estimates and the determination of the Rate in the Pound within the week commencing on that date. The Council decided to proceed with the examination of the Estimates in relation to Health Services and then adjourn further consideration of the Estimates to a Special Meeting to be held on Thursday, 11th March, 1971, at 2.30 p.m., at which Meeting it was intended to complete consideration of the Estimates and the determination of the Rate in the Pound.

TRANSPORT OF PATIENTS

The Council asked that the matter of providing a minibus service to the clinics in Dublin from West Wicklow be examined and a report submitted to the Council at a later date.

CHRONIC ILLNESSES

Councillor J. Miley referred to the arrangement under which patients suffering from diabetes are supplied with insulin free of charge and urged that a similar arrangement should apply in the case of patients suffering from chronic arthritis or asthma or other chronic ailments. Councillor Mis Walsh, seconding the proposal, stated that patients suffering from chronic illnesses are involved in heavy payments weekly in respect of essential drugs. The Council agreed that representations be made to the Department of Health for the introduction of a scheme for the provision of drugs in such cases free of charge as in the case of patients suffering from diabetes.

CHILD HEALTH SERVICE

The County Secretary referred to the provision made in the Estimates in relation to the new Child Health Service which involves the creation of an additional post of Assistant County Medical Officer and an additional Clerical Officer and Clerk/Typist, and asked if the Council would approve of the creation of these posts.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Resolved—That having noted report of the County Medical Officer in regard to the new Child Health Service, we approve of the creation of the following additional posts:—

- 1 Post of Assistant County Medical Officer;
- 1 post of Clerical Officer;
- 1 post of Clerk/Typist.

Passed.

Councillor Miss Walsh referred to the need for the employment of a Psychologist, particularly in relation to the assessment of children, and

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan:

Resolved—That we approve of the creation of a post of Psychologist.

Passed.

The County Manager stated that this matter would be one which would have to be considered by the Eastern Health Board, but that the Council's recommendation would be conveyed to the Chief Executive Officer of the Board.

Having completed the examination of the Estimates for Health Services, the Council deferred further consideration of the Estimates to the Meeting to be held on 11th March, 1971, and proceeded with the Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of the Council, arranged to be held on that date.

The adjourned Estimates Meeting of the Council was resumed at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m., on Thursday, 11th March, 1971.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, T. J. Keenan, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, John Temple, C. White, J. J. Bourke, F. Hynes, R. Miley and B. S. C. Phelan.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Accountant attended.

The Council resumed consideration of the Estimates.

Health Grant

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TOILET AND LAVATORY ADJACENT TO COUNCIL CHAMBER IN COURTHOUSE

Councillor Costello complained that the door at the top of the stairs leading from the County Registrar's offices was now locked during Council meetings and that Members, consequently, had no longer access to the wash-hand basin in the lavatory at the top of those stairs. The Council noted that it had been found necessary to have this door locked while Council Meetings were in progress, but agreed that the County Engineer be asked to arrange for the provision of a wash-hand basin in the toilet to which Members had access.

ESTIMATES

The County Secretary stated that information as to the amount of Health Grant to be made available towards the cost of Health Services for the year 1971/72 had not yet been obtained from the Department of Health, and on enquiry by telephone that morning he had been informed that the information was not at that time available, but that if it could be supplied during the afternoon the Department would get in touch by telephone. The Council asked that the County Accountant telephone the Department of Health and inform them that the Council was in session dealing with the Estimates and ask again if the information regarding the Health Grant was now available. In the meantime, the Council agreed to proceed with the examination of the details of the Estimates for the remaining Services, and proceeded with the examination of the Estimates for Public Assistance, Sanitary Services, Housing and General Purposes.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

The Council approved of the provision made in the Estimates for Public Assistance.

SANITARY SERVICES

Refuse Disposal

Members of the Council referred to the number of old cars which were being dumped alongside roads and in fields in parts of the County and also of the dumping of rubbish on the sides of roads, particularly on the mountain roads which were not used by tourists. Councillor J. Miley also referred to the placing of builder's rubble on Council dumping grounds, and Councillor Keenan referred to material from large-scale excavation having been put on the dump at Aughrim. The County Manager agreed that refuse disposal was becoming a considerable problem, and in regard to old cars stated that a suggestion had

been made that a levy should be placed on all cars sold so as to defray the cost of disposal of scrapped cars. The County Manager stated that a report on the problem of refuse disposal would be prepared and submitted to the Council.

Cemeteries

Councillor Ryan having been informed that the land required for a cemetery at Carnew had been acquired by the Council, suggested that the matter of using a site at Tomacork instead for the purpose of a burial ground be re-examined and pointed out that a burial ground at Tomacork would be more central in the area and would serve both Carnew and Shillelagh. It was agreed that this matter be included on the Agenda for the next Council Meeting.

Bray Cemetery

Glendalough Burial Ground.

Councillor R. Miley again urged that the Council move back the fence at the Glendalough Burial Ground so as to allow for two extra lines of graves. He stated that since the Preservation Order had been made in relation to the plot of ground adjoining the present burial grounds no archaeological examination of the plot had been carried out. The County Manager referred to previous extensions which had been made to the Glendalough Burial Ground and to the decision of the Commissioners of Public Works on the last occasion when an extension was sought to make a Preservation Order on the land adjoining the present burial ground. The Council was, consequently, prohibited from extending the burial ground into this plot.

Burgage Cemetery

Councillor J. Miley stated that numbered markers for the graves were required and asked that these be supplied to the caretaker.

WATER SUPPLIES

Glenealy Water Supply

Arising out of the complaint made at the previous Meeting in regard to the water supply at Glenealy, the County Manager submitted the report received from the Health Inspector in which he stated that there was no evidence of pollution of the water supply, but that it appeared that some persons had been interfering with the water course. Councillor Costello stated that he and other Members had inspected the water supply on the morning of the day on which the Health Inspector had carried out his inspection and had removed some silt or sediment which had been in the trap of the manhole and that this explained the reference made by the Health Inspector in his report. The Council asked that an analysis of the silt or sediment in the trap be obtained.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

Councillor J. Temple asked that public lighting be extended on Beggall Road, Bray. Members of the Council referred to time switches being out of order in certain areas with the result that electric lamps remained lighting during daytime. The County Manager pointed out that this did not involve any extra cost to the Council, but that any complaints in this regard would be brought to the notice of the Electricity Supply Board.

MAINTENANCE OF OPEN SPACES

Councillor Keenan stated that persons were parking cars and lorries on the grassed areas attached to the housing scheme in Aughrim and asked that action be taken to prevent this occurring. He stated that the persons living in the houses were not responsible for the parking of these vehicles.

DERELICT SITES

In reply to an enquiry regarding a derelict site at the corner of Lott Lane, Kilcoole, the County Secretary stated that this site was not in the ownership of the Council. It was agreed that the matter be examined and the Secretary of the Kilcoole Development Association be informed of the position.

SANITARY CONVENIENCES

Councillor R. Miley stated that the owner of the Hotel at Glendalough was prepared to make a site available at the Hotel for a sanitary convenience. The County Manager pointed out that the sanitary convenience should be associated with a car park and it was agreed that this matter be examined and a report submitted to the Council.

HOUSING

Purchase Scheme

Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, urged that a purchase scheme for all new houses be prepared and submitted as soon as possible. The County Manager stated that the scheme was in course of preparation and it was hoped to have it available at an early date.

Cottage Repairs

Councillor Costello expressed disagreement with the figure of £15,000 provided for cottage repairs which he considered inadequate and proposed that the sum be increased to £30,000. The Council agreed that the County Engineer be asked to report as to what sum would be required to put all houses in a satisfactory state of repair in order that the Council might consider raising a loan for this purpose. The Council noted that it was intended to advertise during the month for contractors for cottage repairs for the coming year and at the request of the Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area it was agreed that contractors would not be sought for this area where repairs were being carried out satisfactorily by direct labour.

List of Housing Applicants

Councillor Costello referred to the decision of the Council at a previous Meeting that a list of housing applicants be maintained and complained that this was not being adhered to. On the proposal of Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor Temple, the Council agreed that a list of housing applicants be prepared and circulated to Members once in each year.

Advertising of Lands for Grazing

Councillor Keenan and other Members expressed concern at advertisements issued by the Council inviting tenders for the letting of lands on the 11 months system where such lands had been acquired for housing schemes. The County Secretary stated that where lands which were likely to be required for housing schemes were let by the

Council, it was provided in the Agreement that the Council could re-enter on the lands at one month's notice. This arrangement would ensure that the lands would be available immediately for any housing scheme was ready to proceed.

The Council completed the examination of the Estimates for Sanitary Services and Housing Services and of the Estimates of Expenditure under General Purposes.

The County Accountant informed the Council that he had been in touch with the Department of Health by telephone and had been informed that information in regard to the Health Grant was not yet available, but if received the Department would inform the Council by telephone.

In reply to enquiries from Members of the Council, the County Manager stated that the Council's Solicitor had advised that the Council should arrange a further Meeting not later than Saturday, 13th March, in order to complete the Estimates and determine the Rate in the pound within the period of 21 days from the date of the first Estimates Meeting in that year. Members of the Council, however, felt that in the absence of information as to the amount of the Health Grant which would be made it was not possible for the Members to adopt the Estimates and determine Rates in the pound and that there was no assurance that this information would necessarily be available on Saturday 13th. As there was a Meeting of the Council already arranged for Monday, 15th March, 1971, the Council decided to adjourn the Estimates Meeting to that date and to complete the Estimates and then continue with the Special Meeting in relation to Planning which had been arranged for 15th March.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Hynes:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Limited, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter ending 31st March, 1971, shall not exceed £350,000.

Passed.

The Meeting then terminated.

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

In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, J. Whelan, K. Ryan and Miss M. Walsh:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Annie Butler, School Heights, Carnew, for the erection of a porch."

In the names of Councillors W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, R. Miley, Miss M. Walsh, G. Timmins, M. Deering, C. White, K. Ryan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Basil S. C. Phelan and F. Hynes:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Byrne, Bolinaskey, Rathdrum, for the provision of a dwelling on his site at Ballinafinchogue."

In the names of Councillors R. Miley, F. Hynes and J. Miley:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mervyn Hill, to build a bungalow at Tiglin, Ashford, on his land."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That the proposed Sewerage Scheme for Avoca, for which plans and estimate have been prepared, should be proceeded with without any further delay."

In the name of Councillor J. Whelan:—"I or someone for me will move that a house be erected for John Byrne, Shamrock, Knockannana, and also for Seamus Dunne, Ardinaaboy, Knockannana."

The adjourned Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 15th March, 1971, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman,

Councillors William Cleary, T. J. Keenan, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, Edward Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, C. White, J. Gregory, John Bourke, F. Hynes, R. Miley and B. S. C. Phelan.

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

Health Grant

The following letter received from the Department of Health had been circulated to the Members of the Council:—

AN ROINN SLAINTE,
Teach An Chustaim,
Baile Atha Cliath 1.
12 Marta, 1971.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Health to state that he has had under consideration the amount of grant which can be paid to your authority towards its net health expenditure in respect of the year 1971/72, including the statutory grant of 50 per cent.

As you were notified on 11th February, 1970, the Minister undertook to pay to your authority towards its net health expenditure as then estimated in respect of the year 1970/71, a specific grant in relief of the health rate in addition to the statutory grant of 50 per cent., and a supplementary grant of 4.0 per cent. Health expenditure, however, increased during the year to an unprecedented degree, mainly due to increased salaries and wages and improved conditions of employment, and in order to cushion health authorities from the effect of this quite exceptional development the Minister, with the concurrence of the Minister for Finance, has decided to meet the increase in the current year in full by way of additional grant. This will involve the assumption of an added liability on the Exchequer of more than £5 million. Were it not for this exceptional provision, rating authorities would have to carry forward into 1971/72 debit balances which, on average, would amount to 3/-d. in the pound on the rates. Payment on foot of this increase will be made subject to the passage of the Supplementary Estimate by Dail Eireann before 31st instant.

As regards the year 1971/72, the revised estimate of nett health expenditure notified by you to this Department in November/December last, when information was available to you on all major elements affecting expenditure in the year in question, after adjustment in Department after consultation with you, was £1,317,000. The Minister has decided that health grant payable to your authority in respect of the year 1971/72 should be £711,000, made up of a basic grant of 50 per cent. and a supplementary grant at the same percentage rate as was notified in the letter of 11th February, 1970, already referred to, the grants in each case being based on the revised estimate above as adjusted.

It is regretted that it was not possible to convey this information to you at an earlier date.

Manager,
Wicklow County Council.

Mise, le meas,
P. P. HARGADON.

The following statement had been prepared by the County Manager and was circulated to the Members of the Council at the Meeting.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Kilmantin Hill,

Wicklow.

TO: THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF
WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

15th March, 1971.

Annual Estimates—Year 1971/72—Health Grant

Dear Councillor,

In a letter of 12th March, 1971, the Department of Health has indicated that the amount of Health Grant for Wicklow County Council for 1971/72 will be £711,000. It must immediately be made clear that this Grant of £711,000 is much less than the amount which had been taken credit for in the Estimates which at present are under consideration by you. The amount of Grant included in the Estimates for the coming year was £761,767. Consequently it would seem that the amount now notified by the Department of Health falls short of the provision included in the Estimates by £50,767.

The Grant for the coming year which has now been notified will not serve to reduce the Rate for Health for the coming year which was set out in the Estimates as 37/6.78 (£1.87826) and showed an increase of 7/1.78 (£0.35743) over the present year, 1970/71. Whilst the Grant, as notified, shows an increase of £39,285 over the present year the expenditure for which provision was being made in the Estimates for 1971/72 showed an increase of £223,665. The Estimates presented to you, moreover, take into account recent trends in expenditure and the consequent provision which would have to be made for the coming year.

In order to restrict the increase in the Rate for Health to one of 7/1.78 (£0.35743) it will be necessary to reduce the provision included for Extern Institutions. In the Estimates allowance was being made for an increase in the charge for treatment in Extern Institutions. These were estimated at £496,410. It now will be necessary to reduce this provision by £50,767 in order to relate expenditure to an unexpected reduction in Health Grant. The adjustments are being made by way of the following reductions:—

General Hospitals	..	..	..	..	£32,050
Maternity Hospitals	£6,250
Tuberculosis Hospitals	£6,250
Fever Hospitals	£6,217
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					£50,767

It should be mentioned that last year in the Estimates provision was included for an increase of 10 per cent. in the charges for treatment in Extern Hospitals. This was reduced to 7½ per cent. increase so as to conform with the amount of Health Grant being made available for 1970/71, but in April, 1970, the Council was informed that the charge in Extern (Voluntary) Hospitals would be increased by amounts equivalent to 10 per cent. It will be seen, consequently, that the original provision was in line with actual requirements. It seems that in some other Counties the outcome in the present year had resulted in expenditure being in excess of the provision actually made

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in Estimates and the Minister for Health now has decided to meet such excess outlay in the current year by way of additional Grant. But in County Wicklow due to the close correspondence of actual with estimated expenditure a deficit in the Health Account does not arise and no additional grant to meet a debit balance will be required. But if the experience of past years is to be repeated in 1971/72, and if Voluntary Hospitals are to show an increase in their charges, then it can be expected that there will be a deficit by the end of 1971/72, and this could not be regarded as good budgetary practice.

It also seems that in the case of many other Health Authorities any additional Grant being made available to them will merely serve to keep the increase in the Rate for Health at somewhere about the same level as would obtain in County Wicklow, viz., about 7/- in the pound.

Yours sincerely,

M. FLANNERY,

County Manager.

In reference to the figure of £1,317,000 referred to in the Department's letter as being the revised estimate of net Health expenditure notified by the Department in November/December last after adjustment in the Department, the County Manager stated that the Estimate as submitted to the Council varied slightly from the preliminary estimate which had been prepared in November, 1970. The Department of Health had indicated to the County Accountant by telephone that adjustments were being made by the Department in the Estimate as submitted and that these involved substantial reductions in the provision for Extern Hospitals, together with adjustments under other headings which had not been accepted by the Council, and he pointed out that no confirmation in writing in regard to the adjustments had been received from the Department. Following a discussion on the matter it was proposed by Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor Timmins and agreed by the Council, that the Estimates as submitted be adjusted to correspond with the figure of £1,317,000 for net Health expenditure as indicated by the Department of Health in their letter of 12th March, 1971.

The County Accountant informed the Council that the effect of making the adjustments as recommended by the Council resulted in a reduction of 11.244 p in the Rate required for Health Services for the coming financial year, making the Rate for Health Services £1.76582.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby adopt the Estimate of Expenses for the year ending 31st March, 1972, as amended and as set out in Tables A, B, C, and D.

Passed, Councillors Bourke and Costello dissenting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby determine in accordance with the Estimates of Expenses (as amended) the Rates set forth in Column 13 of Table

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'C' and Column 15 of Table 'D' to be Rates in the £ levied for the several Services specified in the said Estimates for the financial year ending on 31st March, 1972:—

	£
Roads	1.35276
Health	1.76582
Public Assistance	0.11568
Sanitary	0.39617
Housing	0.43735
General Purposes	0.70215
TOTAL	4.76993

Separate Charges:

	£
Vocational Education	0.12828
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board	0.00516
Criminal Injuries	0.00583

Passed, Councillors Costello and Bourke dissenting.

The following Statement by the County Manager in regard to the Estimates had been circulated to the Members and this is followed by the Table Explanatory of the Estimates giving details of the amounts estimated and adopted by the Council:—

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne

Resolved—That we hereby determine in accordance with the Estimates the amount to be demanded from each Urban District in respect of the financial year ending 31st March, 1972, as follows:—

	Arklow £	Bray £	Wicklow £
Roads	5,166	19,625	3,851
Health	28,217	107,195	21,034
Public Assistance	1,848	7,022	1,378
General Purposes	2,430	9,233	1,812

Separate Charges:

Vocational Education	2,050	—	1,528
Criminal Injuries	93	354	69

Passed, Councillors Bourke and Costello dissenting.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Kilmantin Hill,

Wicklow.

12th February, 1971.

To the Chairman and Members
of Wicklow County Council

ESTIMATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR, 1971/72

A Dhaoine Uaisle,

The public services for which the Council has a financial responsibility will in the coming year, 1971/72, require an estimated total outlay of £2,797,848. The total receipts are estimated at £1,339,638 so that the net expenses for which provision has to be made from Rates is £1,458,210.

It should be mentioned that the total outlay does not include that set out under the headings of Materials Expenses and Machinery Expenses. These two items are shown at the end of the table for General Purposes, but the expenses are offset by corresponding receipts and consequently do not affect the net requirements to be met from Rates. The charges for Plant or for materials for Roads are included already in the expenses shown for Roads, but to conform to statutory accounting requirements, it is necessary to set out certain expenses on Machinery and Materials in this way.

The increase in the net requirements over the present year is £418,504 and this would require an addition of 17/2 to the present rate. The rate struck for 1970/'71 was £80/6.00. whereas the estimates now submitted would result in a rate of £4,88237 (97/8d. approximately).

The separate rates for the six main services and the variations from the current year would be:—

Roads:	27/0.62 (£1.35276)	Increase of	5/10.03 (£0.29197)
Health	37/6.78 (£1.87826)	Increase of	7/1.78 (£0.35743)
Assistance:	2/3.76 (£0.11568)	Increase of	1.76 (£0.00735)
Sanitary			
Services:	7/11.08 (£0.39617)	Increase of	11.26 (£0.04692)
Housing:	8/8.96 (£0.43735)	Increase of	1/0.32 (£0.05135)
General			
Purposes	14/0.51 (£0.70215)	Increase of	2/0.56 (£0.10225)

The year 1970/'71 has seen a marked upward trend in costs. This was to be expected having regard to the additions to the levels of remuneration everywhere. Since the beginning of 1970 there have been additions to remuneration ranging from 17 per cent. to as high as 35 per cent. in the lower levels of remuneration. It was possible to make provision for some of these increases in the Estimates for the current year, but most of them followed from national pay agreements which were arrived at after lengthy negotiations and were furthermore settled well after the Estimates for 1970/'71 had been determined. Other increases followed from arbitration proceedings and were of general application besides sometimes having an element of retro-spection in application. The extent of the increase in the incomes of all employable persons has been found to have a marked effect on the cost of public services and accounts for the greater part of the additional rate required for the coming year. There have been increases in the costs of commodities and additional provision has to be made for the housing programme of the Council and for an expansion in some of the Health Services, but most of the higher rate follows from the increases in wages and salaries which have occurred since the beginning of the present financial year and which in particular affect the costs of the two services, Roads and Health, in which the highest volume of direct employment is found.

ROADS

The total outlay on Main Roads (including the National Primary and Secondary Routes) is estimated at £372,328 (the amount allowed for the present year was £263,405). The gross requirements for County Roads is £273,979 (£238,855 for 1970/'71). After deducting Receipts of £259,632 for Main Roads and £39,308 for County Roads, the net charges to be met from Rates would be £112,696 for Main Roads and £234,671 for County Roads. The rate required would be 27/62 (£1.35276) which is 5/10.03 £(0.29197) more than that of the present year.

Between Main and County Roads the total expenditure comes to £646,307 and of this it is expected that £276,944 would be met from the Road Fund, that is from Motor Taxation. It will be seen that the proportions coming from the Road Fund is 43 per cent. and the balance of 57 per cent. has to be met from rates.

The steep rise in the cost of Roads is mainly due to the wages increases which became operative since 1st April, 1970. Since the beginning of the present financial year two increases coming in all to £4. 4. 0 per week (£2. 10. 0. at 1st April, 1970, and £1. 14. 0. at 1st January, 1971) have been allowed. Since 1st April, 1968, the alterations in basic wage rates represent an increase of eighty-six per cent., the present basic wage being £16. 18. 0. per week. It should be made clear, however, that these increases followed from the national agreement of May, 1970, and that moreover not only road workers but all persons employed in the local services were afforded higher levels of remuneration in the past year. At the time the Estimates were adopted last year, the outcome of the negotiations which had been going on for some time could not be foreseen, but it was decided to provide for an increase of £1 with effect from 1st April, 1970. In the current year, however, the amounts subsequently allowed were much higher than this and consequently it is now necessary to provide in the Estimates for 1971/'72 for the excess expenditure in the current year and which comes to £33,000. This amount is accordingly shown as a debit balance against the Roads Account. In the coming year regard must also be had to rises in the charges for Plant and in the prices of materials.

MAIN ROADS:

For the Maintenance and Reconstruction of Main Roads the amount included is £215,380 which is £65,879 more than that for the present year (£149,501). As already explained, the greater part of this additional expenditure is due to the revision of remuneration, but provision also has to be made for higher prices for materials (chippings and tar) and for additional charges for plant. Of the outlay of £215,380, 58 per cent. will be met from the Road Fund (Motor Taxation).

Provision is again made for Winter Employment Schemes (£4,150) on Main Roads and for Snow Clearance and treatment of main roads during severe frost in the interests of public safety (£2,000).

THE NATIONAL PRIMARY ROUTES:

Two of the National Routes run through County Wicklow. On the eastern side there is the road from Bray via Rathnew and the Beehive to Arklow which has been designated as a National Primary Route. It is the intention to carry out a successive series of improvements on this route so as to facilitate the heavy traffic it nowadays carries. On the western part of the County the road leading from Dublin via Blessington to Baltinglass has been designated as a National Secondary Route and improvements will also be carried out on it, but not to the same scale as on the Primary Route in the east. The cost of these improvements will be defrayed from the Road Fund except where bridges are involved.

The Estimates include £80,000 for the National Primary Routes and this will be spent on the section between Bray and Kilmacragogue. The total cost of the improvements on this section which includes the making of a new dual roadway and a new bridge at St. Valerie is now estimated at £450,000. The cost of the new bridge to carry the dual roadway will come to about £80,000 and it is expected that it will be completed by the end of the present

financial year. It should be mentioned that there is not a complete grant from the Road Fund towards the cost of this bridge and the Council is meeting one-fourth of the cost.

It is expected that the section of the National Primary Route between Bray and Kilmacanogue will be completed in the coming year. The next stages of the improvement scheme would be from the Glen of the Downs to Kilpedder and from Saint Valerie (Bray) to the Dublin County Boundary. The designs for the Glen of the Downs/Kilpedder section have been prepared but difficulty and delay has been experienced in acquiring land. The construction of the part of the route which approaches the Dublin County boundary will have to await decisions on the line of the new arterial road in the Dublin County area.

COUNTY ROADS:

In the case of County Roads the entire cost of their maintenance has to be met from rates; there is no assistance from the Road Fund. For the coming year the cost is estimated at £192,779, exceeding by £38,041 the amount allowed for 1970/71.

In the Estimates £5,500 is provided for Winter Employment Schemes and £1,200 for Snow Clearance and frost protection measures.

For improvements to County Roads a sum of £25,348 is included, this being an expected State Grant for the purpose. However, it has been found that there has been a progressive reduction in the State Grant allocated for this purpose in recent years. In the present year the amount received was £21,250. The Council has been receiving special grants for reconstructing County Roads over the past twenty years and with them several roads have been brought to a standard which it seems does not obtain in any other country, especially when viewed in the light of traffic using them and population served. There is now only a very small mileage of County Roads which have not been reconstructed. The total mileage of County Roads in the County is 917 and of this up to 96 per cent. has been reconstructed with smooth tarred surfaces.

In respect of Local Improvements Schemes, £5,000 has again been included. It is expected that this will be received by way of grants and be used for improving with the aid of small local contributions, remote rural roads serving a small number of households.

During the year members of the Council continued to put forward proposals that remote rural roads serving a limited number of people might be taken over for public maintenance. But as was pointed out by the County Engineer in previous reports, if these roads were to be taken over and reconstructed the cost would be very high and would require a further large addition to the rate for Roads. The estimate, however, includes £3,901, which is made up of £3,301 for rural roads taken over by the Council and £600 for improving some roads serving Council housing schemes—roads which originally had not been constructed in tarmacadam.

HEALTH SERVICES

It is estimated that the Health Services will require £1,460,470 in the coming year. After taking into account a State Grant of £764,767 and other Receipts of £40,940 the net cost would be £654,763 and this has to be found from Rates. Last year the

gross estimate was £1,236,815 and so the estimate for the coming year is greater by £223,655. This, like Roads, is a service in which the impact of recent increases in remuneration will be particularly felt.

The rate required for the Health Services in the coming year is 37/6.78 (£1.87826) which is 7/1.78 (£0.35743) more than that levied in the present year.

The items which are responsible for the greater part of the additional costs in brief are:

General Medical Services (District Medical Officers; District Nurses, Medicines, etc.) which are up by £27,645; Council's own Institutions (District Hospitals, Wicklow and Baltinglass)—up by £15,630 Extern Hospitals and Institutions will require £31,255 more in the coming year; Maternity and Child Health Services will cost an additional £14,125. But the cost of practically all the items in the Health Services will be higher next year mainly as a result of increases in remuneration deriving from national agreements and Labour Court and Arbitration proceedings.

GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES:

The cost under this heading comes to £151,720; last year the estimate was £124,075—the increase is £27,645. The provision for the remuneration of District Medical Officers and District Nurses is up by £13,985 and Medicines are estimated to cost £62,475 which is £13,660 more than 1970/71. The cost of Medicines has shown a marked rise in recent years; five years ago the estimate was £16,500 or about one-fourth of the cost for the coming year. It seems that the price of Medicines has risen to a much greater extent than other commodities and in addition, the arrangements for meeting the cost of "Hardship Cases" is adding substantially to the outlay each year.

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES—COUNTY INSTITUTIONS:

The provision required for the Council's own institutions being the District Hospitals at Wicklow and Baltinglass and St. Colman's, Rathdrum, is up by £15,630, the total required being £171,635. The additional cost is almost altogether due to revised salaries and wages and changed working conditions.

The average number of persons in the Council's three institutions tends to show an increase. In particular the number in Saint Colman's, Rathdrum, has risen in the past few years.

CARE OF THE AGED—NEW ACCOMMODATION:

The detailed plans for a Home for the Aged in Bray will have accommodation for 40 persons have been completed and tenders are being invited at an early date.

The preparation of plans and other documents for the new buildings at Saint Colman's, Rathdrum and at Baltinglass Hospital is now well advanced and it should be possible to invite tenders for these buildings also in the next few months. The new building in Rathdrum will accommodate 86 persons and the older buildings there will then be evacuated. All persons will then be accommodated either in Saint Kevin's, which was erected as a sanatorium about forty years ago but was discontinued as such fourteen years ago and has since been used for old persons, or in the new block. The new building at Baltinglass will provide accommodation for 30 persons. Pending the erection of new buildings, temporary heating

installations were arranged for Saint Colman's. It is felt that it would only be fitting here to pay tribute to the Sisters and nursing staff at Saint Colman's who have made every effort to provide a high standard of service in buildings lacking in amenities and suffering from deficiencies in lay-out. The total cost of this building programme is expected to come to about £600,000 or more and even though Grants towards the capital cost will be forthcoming the programme in the coming years will involve loan charges equivalent to a rate of about 4s. 0d. in the pound.

Mention should also be made here of the special contribution made to the welfare of the aged by voluntary organisations in Bray, Arklow, Baltinglass and Clonmore. In Bray a special Day Centre was provided from funds raised by public spirited persons and has been operating successfully for over a year. In Arklow, again through voluntary efforts, a similar type of centre has been opened and in both towns, the voluntary workers are providing special comforts and facilities for older persons who deserve the interest of the more active section of the community. The Council is assisting these efforts with special but modest grants, the outlay on which is being recouped in full from state funds.

EXTERN INSTITUTIONS (HOSPITALS AND HOMES):

The cost here again shows a steep rise at £496,410, which is £81,255 more than was voted last year. The cost of hospitals is affected both by the effect of the 12th Round increases and by reductions in working hours entailing employment of additional staff. In addition there is a rising trend in the number of In-patient days, both for general hospitals and for special homes. It is notable too that some special types of treatment nowadays can be very expensive.

The present approved charge for maintenance in General Hospitals is 85/- per day or £29 15s. 0d. per week and for Maternity Hospitals it is 95/- per day or £33 5s. 0d. per week. The number of admissions to extern hospitals still continues to rise as is shown by the following table:

Year	Number of Admissions	Number of In-Patient Days
1966-67	3,895	76,245
1967-68	4,234	77,865
1968-69	4,348	78,590
1969-70	4,677	80,805
1970-71 (estimated)	5,096	82,337

MENTAL HOSPITALS:

The total cost comes to £317,635, made up of £170,335 for Newcastle Psychiatric Hospital and £147,300 for the treatment of patients in Dublin Mental Hospitals. The total requirement is £38,932 more than in the present year. The number of intern patients it now seems is tending to become stabilised at somewhere just beyond 200. At the present date, there are 80 patients in Newcastle Hospital and 127 in Dublin Health Authority Hospitals. This compares with 338 patients just before Newcastle Hospital was opened. It must be borne in mind in any appraisal of the costs of Newcastle Psychiatric Hospital that the staff in addition to providing intern treatment, are very much occupied in a special community care service which entails attendance at clinics throughout the county and domiciliary visiting. As the concentration in Newcastle

is on early case finding with short term treatment a certain number of long stay patients requiring custodial care could not be accommodated there. The number of mental patients from Co. Wicklow being treated in institutions at 3.425 per 1,000 is the lowest in the Country.

MATERNITY AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES:

These are estimated to cost £57,810, an increase of £14,125 over the present year. The Department of Health has decided that Child Welfare and School Health Services be expanded in order that higher standards be reached in them. To give effect to these requirements, the Chief Medical Officer finds that it will be necessary to employ one additional Assistant County Medical Officer, three medical officers on a sessional basis, one Clerical officer and a clerk/typist, together with additional office accommodation and equipment. The additional cost involved by this expansion is estimated at £9,000.

TUBERCULOSIS AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

The requirement under this heading is £14,995, which is £1,470 more than last year when it was £13,525.

DENTAL, OPHTHALMIC AND AURAL SERVICES:

The cost is estimated at £23,635, which is £4,760 more than for 1970-71. Apart from the effect of remuneration revisions, provision has to be made for additional Dental Services provided by dentists in private practice for school children found with dental defects.

SPECIALIST SERVICES:

The cost of treatment at out-patient clinics continues to rise and £2,775 more will be required next year, the provision being £18,000.

REHABILITATION AND MAINTENANCE OF DISABLED PERSONS:

The estimated requirement is £73,620 which is £4,415 more than in the present year. There has been a rise in the number of persons receiving allowances and in addition, an increase of 10 per cent. on existing rates was approved some time ago. The number of recipients of allowances at present is 357.

BOARING OUT, ETC., OF CHILDREN:

The amount required is estimated at £16,930, which is £5,550 more than the estimate for the present year, which was £11,380. The additional cost is almost altogether due to a doubling of the capitation rate for maintenance in approved schools; it was £4 2s. 6d. but is now £8 5s. 0d. per week.

AMBULANCE SERVICE AND TRANSPORT OF PATIENTS:

The provision of £33,750 represents an increase of £2,600 on that for the current year, which was £31,150.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

The estimated cost at £35,075 is £9,545 higher than for the

present year (£25,530). Revision of remuneration accounts for most of this but in addition £1,850 extra has to be found for postage and telephone charges, printing, stationery and advertising and heating and lighting.

RETIRING ALLOWANCES AND GRATUITIES:

The amount required at £31,625 is £13,370 more than in the present year. This is due to the retirement of a number of nurses, gratuities to members of staff retiring on marriage and special provision for pensions for widows of deceased medical officers.

LOAN CHARGES:

The amount included for Loan Charges at £2,000 includes only a limited provision for the new Homes at Bray, Rathdrum and Baltinglass and as mentioned earlier these charges can be expected to show a marked rise in later years because of the high capital costs which will have to be incurred.

RECEIPTS:

The total receipts are estimated at £805,707, leaving a balance of £654,763 to be met from rates. The income from the Health Grant has been calculated on the same basis as that which applies in the present year.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

The total expenditure on this service is estimated at £42,250 and after allowing receipts of £1,925 the net requirement is £40,325, which is £2,960 more than voted for the current year. Revision of remuneration mainly accounts for this increase. The rate required would be 2/3.76 (£0.11568) as compared with 2/2 (£0.10333) for 1970/71. As mentioned in previous reports, the greater part of the time of Assistance Officers is nowadays occupied with the Health Services.

SANITATION

The cost of Sanitary Services in the coming year reflects the rising costs which are a feature of every other public service, but in addition it is necessary to make some additional provision for the loan charges resulting from the capital costs of new schemes, and their maintenance also entails additional outlay. The rate required is 7/11.08 (£0.39617), which is 11.26d. (£0.04692) more than last year when it was 6/11.82d.

WATER SUPPLIES AND SEWERAGE—MAINTENANCE.

The cost of Sewerage and Public Sanitary Conveniences is estimated at £12,000 (£1,000 more than in 1970/71) and for Water Supplies the amount required is £25,000, which is £4,000 more than in the present year.

SEWERAGE—CAPITAL WORKS AND LOAN CHARGES:

In the coming year the provision for Loan Charges on capital works is £10,665; it was £9,226 for 1970/71—an increase of £1,439. The main additional charges result from the Joint Sewerage Scheme at Bray, the first stage of which is now approaching completion,

and new Public Sanitary Conveniences at Greystones. The present estimate for the Bray Joint Sewerage Scheme which will serve both Bray Urban District and the area of the County adjoining it is £222,000. The cost is being shared equally between the County Council and Bray Urban District Council. The design for the second stage of the Scheme is at present being prepared; the cost is expected to be about £100,000. The main element in the second stage of this Scheme is the installation of a pumping plant and the laying of a pipeline which will take the sewerage out into deep water well beyond Bray Harbour. The Scheme is essential not only to meet the needs of new housing within Bray Urban District but also to facilitate new development in the County area south of the town.

The Public Sanitary Conveniences at Greystones are now almost completed; it is expected that they should be ready within the next few months. The area surrounding them at the entrance to the South Beach is being specially laid out and a new parking space will be included. The total cost of the work is expected to be £14,000 of which £6,230 will be met by a special grant from Bord Fáilte.

The Council already is committed to new Sewerage Schemes to serve Ashford, Kilcoole, Greystones and Shillelagh. The cost of these will be considerable and will lead to heavy loan charges in later years. The present capital costs estimates for them are: Ashford—£75,000; Kilcoole—£75,000; Greystones—£350,000; Shillelagh—£21,000—a total of £521,000. An estimate for extensions to the Public Sanitary Conveniences at Glendalough which has recently been received is £15,000.

During the present year the following works have been completed or are about to commence: Churchlands, Tinahely (£7,500); Monaline (Newtownmountkennedy) (£4,000); Schoolheight, Carnew (£2,000).

WATER SUPPLIES—CAPITAL WORKS AND LOAN CHARGES:

During the present year the Council carried out a number of extensions to water supplies, together with other improvements, and other works are in progress. The principal works were: Rathnew-Cronakerry Extension, £4,300; Glenealy-Bahana Extension, £2,700; Ballymanus (Glenealy) Extension, £1,500; Ashford-Killiskey Extension, £5,500; Tinahely Lugduff Extension, £1,100; Hollywood new Water Supply, £6,500.

The Council's immediate programme includes a new supply from the Dargle River at Tinnahinch to serve North East Wicklow which is estimated to cost £265,000; New filters and other improvements at Cronroe to augment the existing supply for which the estimate is £80,000; a scheme based on an intake at Garryduff to serve areas in mid-Wicklow (Rathdrum, Avoca, etc.), and estimated to cost £110,000; and a Regional Supply for areas in South Wicklow (Carnew-Tinahely), the capital cost of which is expected to be £250,000.

The provision for Loan Charges on Water Supplies is £30,368. Last year it was £29,195; there is an increase of £1,173.

FLOOD PREVENTION AT BRAY:

The provision included for Loan Charges is £2,552. The Scheme which has just been completed at a cost of £104,000 is intended to prevent the flooding of premises both within and without the Urban district of Bray. The capital cost is being defrayed to the extent of £26,000 by the County Council and the balance is being met by Bray Urban District Council.

REFUSE COLLECTION:

The estimate for Domestic Scavenging is £7,600. This is a service which is being extended to new areas each year consequent on local representations; at present eighteen districts in the County have this service.

Great difficulty is still being experienced in finding Dumping Grounds. For the cost of their maintenance £2,300 is being provided which is £200 more than last year. As mentioned on previous occasions, there may be insistent demands for a refuse collection but local interest and support are totally lacking when a site to be used as a refuse tip is sought.

PUBLIC LIGHTING:

The estimate is £6,000, which is £900 higher than last year. During the present year new or additional lighting was provided at over twenty separate places in the County.

MAINTENANCE OF OPEN SPACES:

The estimate of £1,700 (£200 up on last year) is intended to provide for maintenance of open spaces at Greystones, Glendalough and Avoca.

BURIAL GROUNDS:

The cost is £7,100; last year the provision made was £6,100. Recently a free site for a new cemetery was obtained at Manor Kilbride, but some outlay will be involved in enclosing it. Sites for new cemeteries are being sought for Bray and Carnew.

HOUSING

The amount required from Rates to meet Housing charges is £113,712, which is £14,010 more than in the present year. The total outlay on Housing is estimated at £257,000 and the Receipts which are derived from Rents and State Subsidies and loan repayments by borrowers with a few other small items, come to £143,288, leaving the net requirement £113,712. Both the expenditure and the Receipts include a sum of £36,982 being the charges on loans to borrowers who have built their own houses and a similar receipt through repayments.

The rate required for Housing in the coming year is 8/8.96d.; last year the levy was 7/8.64d., so that there is an increase of 1/0.32d. (£0.05135).

REPAIRS:

The amount provided for Repairs is £15,000—the same as in the present year.

This outlay has been affected in recent years by Tenant Purchase. To the present date the Council has built 3,451 houses and of these 2,824 are now vested in the tenants as owners.

BUILDING PROGRAMME:

In the present year the Council has completed 27 houses for letting and 12 for sale to accepted purchasers. At present 75 houses are in course of construction, of which 60 are for letting and 12 for sale to approved purchasers.

Tenders will be invited in the next few weeks for the building of 82 houses in various parts of the County, of which 70 will be for letting and 12 for sale to approved purchasers.

Schemes are in course of preparation for the building of houses at the following places: Bray (Oldcourt), Aughrim, Avoca, Ballinacash, Greystones, Glenealy, Kilmacanogue, Laragh, Newtownmount-kennedy and Stratford-on-Slaney.

The Loan Charges for the erection of Council houses and also for the acquisition of land in advance, are estimated at £102,222 for the coming year. This is an increase of £16,522 over the present year, but the higher outlay will be offset to the extent of £14,325 by additional receipts from State Subsidies and from Rents.

Prior to the commencement of the present year, the Council had acquired 53 acres of land for buildings. Negotiations for the acquisition of further land were continued throughout the present year and these have resulted in the acquisition of 157 further acres. Negotiations are in progress for the acquisition of further sites; in two instances it has been found necessary to resort to compulsory acquisition.

The advance acquisition of land imposes special charges on the Council as interest has to be met for some time before the land will be occupied by houses, and state subsidies and rents become available. The charges to be borne by local authorities in respect of essential land purchased and new public services could be somewhat relieved if private developers were always required to contribute to the cost of public services—services provided with monies raised from the general body of taxpayers and ratepayers without which development could not be undertaken. It is quite evident that the profits of the unearned increment type which accrue to those who arrange for new building development, where very great services such as roads, water or sewerage are available, are very great and must be eventually paid for by the householder whose means so frequently may be quite limited. It seems pointless to submit that the price of new houses will fall or that the housing needs of the community will more readily be met if only local authorities were to make more serviced land available by the provision of additional water and sewerage. Clearly the benefit of the existence of public services at present fall to the persons arranging the development. The advance acquisition of land and the requirement to contribute to the cost of public services could ease the existing position somewhat and assist the housing programme of local authorities who have specific and statutory obligations to assist those who cannot otherwise find housing accommodation.

LOAN CHARGES—ELECTION OF PRIVATE DWELLINGS:

The provision required is £36,982 in respect of loans to persons providing their own houses but no charge falls on the rates as the entire amount is repayable by borrowers. In the nine months to 31st December, 1970, 78 new loans were approved.

SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR PRIVATE DWELLINGS:

The Council is continuing to assist the erection of new dwellings and the improvement of existing ones by the making of special Grants.

Grants equivalent to the State Grants are paid to persons with limited incomes who arrange for the building of houses for their own occupation. These grants very frequently are in addition to loans advanced by the Council.

The cost of improvements to existing houses has also been much assisted by special grants from the Council. In particular the provision of water and sewerage to houses in rural areas has been facilitated in this way.

Grants of this type were first made available by the Council in 1960/61 and up to 31st December last, the Council had made 209 Grants for new houses, 1,556 Grants for reconstruction and improvements and 1,195 towards the provision of water and sewerage. The loan charges resulting from the borrowing arranged to pay these special grants is estimated at £29,129, an increase of £1,487 over 1970/71, and would require a rate of almost 2/3d. (11p) in the pound.

INCOME FROM RENTS AND RATES:

Any increase in Rates on Council houses is offset by a corresponding increase in the income from Rents as the weekly rents always include the equivalent of rates. The income in the coming year is calculated at £27,988 in respect of Rents and Purchase Annuities, and £36,012 from Rates (which are collected with Rents and Purchase Annuities).

The expenditure on housing if the outlay on Housing Loans and Grants for private dwellings and on Rates be excluded is £154,877 and would be assignable to the Council's own houses. The proportion of the foregoing which would be met from Rents and Purchase Annuities (£27,988) is above 18 per cent. Of the rate for Housing the outlay on the Council's own schemes erected by the Council would require 6/5.96d and the balance of 2/3 would represent roughly the aid given to the construction of private dwellings.

GENERAL PURPOSES

Provision is made under this heading for very many items such as Fire Brigades, Public Libraries, Scholarships, Committee of Agriculture, Blind Welfare, Electoral Lists, Coroners and Inquests, Industrial Schools, Weights and Measures, Diseases of Animals, Conveyance of Prisoners and Courthouses.

The net charges deducting Receipts are: Chargeable to County at large (i.e., inclusive of the Urban Districts): £53,023, Chargeable to County Health District (the County exclusive of the Urban District): £146,013.

The Estimates for General Purposes would require a rate of 14/0.51 (£0.70215), which would be 2/0.56d. (£0.10235) more than that struck for the present year which was £11/11.95.

All the main items included such as Committee of Agriculture Demand, Fire Brigades, Public Libraries and Salaries have been affected by the increases in remuneration which followed from the National Pay Agreement of last year.

COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE:

The Demand at £30,456 is up by £6,936 on that for the present year.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES:

The requirement is £16,963 which is £4,122 more than for 1970/71.

SALARIES:

In the case of those to which Urban Areas contribute the increase is £850 and for those chargeable to the County exclusive of Urban Districts, the increase is £5,268.

COST OF RATE COLLECTION:

There is an increase of £2,733 mainly due to a superannuation allowance.

PENSIONS:

These show a total increase of £3,515 as they were revised last year.

POSTAGE AND TELEPHONE:

Because of the revision of charges some months ago, the costs will be higher by £2,000 in the coming year.

PRINTING, STATIONERY AND ADVERTISING:

Rising prices and charges for newspaper advertising account for £700 of an increase for the coming year.

FIRE BRIGADES:

The remuneration of Fire Brigade personnel is related to that of fitters and there were revisions in the past year so that an additional £2,417 is required. The total cost of Fire Brigades comes to £28,498; the Urban Councils contribute a due proportion of the cost.

SHEEP DIPPING:

The provision made is £2,220 (£7,480 for 1970/71) and includes proposed outlay on baths. Last year the allocation for this purpose was not fully used and the amount involved is included in the credit balance.

COURTHOUSES—REPAIR AND RENEWALS:

Last year the amount allowed by the Council was £600 but considerably more than this was spent consequent on demands from the Judge and Department of Justice. The provision now being made is £3,294, which is £2,694 more than was allowed last year. The additional expenditure is estimated to meet the cost of new seating, repairs, a covered way and installation of bell.

OFFICES—REPAIRS, ETC., AND RENEWALS:

The amount is £1,900, which is £1,000 more than last year (£900 allowed) and is mainly required for urgent repairs to the roof of the offices at Kilmantin Hill.

INTEREST ON OVERDRAFT:

The provision included is £10,000; a similar amount was allowed last year.

RECEIPTS:

Under the heading of Receipts the main changes are that £1,697 more is expected from Bounty in lieu of Rates on Government property and £2,800 extra from staff contributions to Superannuation Scheme.

SEPARATE CHARGES**VOCATIONAL EDUCATION:**

The cost of Vocational Education is met through a Separate Charge on the County exclusive of Bray Urban District which has its own Vocational School.

The gross cost for the coming year of Vocational Education is £50,296; the outlay for 1970/71 is £48,727. The Receipts are estimated at £11,589 (£10,488 in 1970/71) and this gives a net charge of £38,707. The rate required is 2/6.787 (£0.12828).

MALICIOUS INJURIES:

The provision requiring to be made consequent on Court decisions is £1,800 which is £184 more than last year. The rate required for this purpose is 1.2396d. (£0.00516).

RATHDRUM AND WICKLOW JOINT BURIAL BOARD:

There is a special levy on Rathdrum Rural District and Wicklow Urban District Council to meet the cost of maintaining the cemetery at Merrymount, Rathnew. The amount required from the County Council is £579 (£54 more than last year). The rate to be levied on the Rathdrum rural area is 1.168d. (£0.00487).

THE EFFECTS OF INFLATION:

The rates which will have to be levied by every local authority for the coming year will reflect the effects of the pronounced inflation of the past two years. Every organised section of the community has been seeking higher incomes and they have secured them, in varying degrees. The cycle usually starts with those who can exert special pressures because of a key position in the economy or because they can exercise a type of monopoly power. It should be clear that this type of monopoly power nowadays does not belong to the groups who were supposed to exercise it in the past, for a disruption of the economy (or a threat of it) by the taking of action which can have far reaching effects on the community as a whole can be regarded as a modern example of the exercise of monopoly power. The advance in incomes can readily be measured and it may be claimed that real incomes—or in other words, their value expressed in relation to prices—have not moved at the same pace. Nevertheless the prices of commodities on which the Council's Services depend have not moved upward with the same degree of acceleration. The price of commodities required for the Council's institutions has not advanced to the same degree as the cost of the personal services essential to the running of them. The same applies to the prices of road materials. Changes in working conditions also have had special effects on costs. It is accepted that more leisure, whether expressed in shorter working hours or in longer leave periods, is a widely accepted aspiration nowadays. But where personal services are involved, and any limitation in personal output cannot be substituted by mechanical aids, the additional cost of essential replacement will arise. This is especially the case in relation to the Health Services, where additions to staff must of necessity follow. The position may be still further affected by the necessity to secure advances in treatment by the recruitment of new or additional specialist skills.

The general rate of £4,882.37 (97/7.7688d.) required by the Estimates now submitted for your consideration is 17/2 more than that struck last year. This represents an increase of 21.3 per cent.

It has to provide, however, for increases in costs of which the recent movements in price levels give ample evidence, but it also must make provision for increases in rates of remuneration secured in the last twelve months which cover a range of from 17 per cent. to 35 per cent. and involves still further outlay by reason of changes in the conditions of employment, such as provision for more time off, allowances for particular types of duty and for overtime.

On many occasions it has been stressed that local authorities are not "trend setters" in the matter of increases in rates of remuneration. Claims made on them generally are determined by relation to what has happened in other employments. Most of the claims received are based on what has happened in industry or in other large organisations such as the State-sponsored bodies or in organisations such as the banks. In the case of health institutions the levels of remuneration in voluntary bodies may be quoted in submissions, or what is paid in the neighbouring island may sometimes be advanced as an argument even if it be not admitted that our resources and the capacity to pay are below those of other western European Countries. A feature of staff negotiations nowadays is the unending succession of claims. Scarcely has one been disposed of than another is received or a supplementary arises out of the interpretation of a settlement. The estimating of costs is made very difficult because of the rapidity with which claims are submitted, and the fact that they may be pending or may arise and decisions be taken on them after estimates have been determined. It is evident that the discretion of local representatives in taking decisions on rate levels nowadays is much circumscribed by reason of the fact that decisions on remuneration are taken by bodies which have special functions in the matter of industrial relations, or the local authority may have to follow what has happened in special sections of industry or in what are regarded as comparable employments. It has already been pointed out that the greater part of the rate increase required for next year is an inevitable outcome of the National Pay Agreement concluded last year.

The volume of public expenditure both central and local has been increasing at a rapid rate in recent years. But aside from the effects of inflation it must not be overlooked that the character and ambit of the local services has been changing. Dwellings have been improved or kept in good condition with the aid of special grants. In rural areas living conditions have been materially altered by the provision of sanitation, and the exceptionally high standard of our rural roads with which—if the limited population being served by them be taken into account—it would be true to say that no Country in the world could compare. Not only do these roads, which are a tribute to the country's engineering skills, provide a special contribution to the living standards of local and hitherto remote communities, but they have added to the national income by making attractive parts of the countryside readily accessible to the motoring tourist from abroad; the development of the farm guest-house, which has become a notable feature of the countryside, has been much helped by such road improvements. Refuse collection is now being provided for all built-up areas and indeed is being sought for places in which there may be only a small cluster of dwellings. Public lighting is being yearly brought to new places. Sporadic development on limited sites at scattered points throughout the rural countryside could, however, later present a very special and costly problem to local authorities in the matter of public services which they will be under pressure to provide.

The capital programmes facing the Council are going to involve

exceptionally heavy expenditure in the coming years. Mention has been made earlier of the sewerage and water supply commitments. The larger projects will entail a capital outlay of over 1½ million, based on present estimates. Housing, when account is taken of the Council's own building, and of the loans to persons providing their own houses, and of grants for improvements and repairs to existing dwellings is expected to require capital based on a five or six year projection, of about £3 million. The building of new Homes at Rathdrum, Bray and Baltinglass will probably cost about £750,000. These estimates, coming in all to £5 million, are subject to the qualification that they are based on present day costs, and nowadays estimates rapidly become out of date. It will be clear that the loan charges arising will be considerable and will impose considerable additions to the local rates in future years. Present indications, moreover, seem to indicate that difficulty may be found in finding the capital moneys for all these undertakings, as it is noteworthy that in recent times all the capital required cannot be found internally and there has been increasing resort to borrowing from foreign sources.

The rapid rise in building costs is a matter of grave concern to all housing authorities. Comparatively small dwellings are now costing £3,500 or £5 to £6 per square foot or more. Persons with limited incomes, seeking loans from housing authorities have to pay £4,500 to £6,000 for modest three bedroom dwellings. The persons who have criticised this Council's efforts to build some houses for sale with the aid of loans and grants, might compare these prices with the all-in cost of the houses the Council built. The cost of land, apart from the effect of rising wages and materials prices quite obviously is having a marked impact on house prices. The siphoning off of some of the profits so easily coming to those who deal in building lands might provide a source of income to be used as aid towards the cost of building and of meeting the capital costs of the public services without which such building could not be arranged in the first instance. Certainly it seems that the requirement to contribute towards the cost of public services should be reviewed without delay.

There is an item in the Estimates which for some time past has been a cause of contention. The liability to maintain courthouses is nowadays regarded by local authorities as an irritant. They have to endure the tiresome tirades of the practitioners who use these buildings. Would it be amiss to remind them that County Councils are not Grand Juries? The latter disappeared over seventy years ago. The functions of rural authorities have been progressively expanding in recent decades. They may be charged with the upkeep of many things from houses to Fire Brigades and Sheep Dipping. But they have no responsibility for the administration of Justice. The Chairman of the Poor Law Guardians who was automatically a justice of the peace departed from the scene a long time ago. County Council members do not prepare indictments or true bills for Assizes as well as looking after roads. Surely it is not unreasonable to ask that the central department responsible for justice should look after all the buildings required for its administration. The Courthouses Act of 1935 which in retrospect can only be regarded as a particularly cynical piece of legislation might be looked at again especially in view of the other changes. The rural visitor to the capital will find that the central department responsible in this matter is now housed in a new office block in the heart of eighteenth century Dublin. It might be asked if the Courthouses, which, with their classical facades are a feature of many provincial towns are to be abandoned in favour of metropolitan office blocks.

Reference might be made to another feature of the relations between local and central authorities. The County Councils collect Motor Tax; the cost of its collection is quite reasonable. The central authority administers the Road Fund and through it distributes part of the proceeds of motor taxation to road authorities, it is recognised and accepted that part of the proceeds of motor taxation like the taxes on beer, spirits and tobacco, are used to meet the costs of social services. But it is found that whereas no part of the cost of the staffs of local authorities—engineering, accounting and administrative—engaged on roads is met from the Road Fund, unless they happen to be engaged on certain road design schemes, and this is only a very limited part of the outlay arising on roads—the cost of the staffs in the central authority occupied with roads is recouped from the Road Fund. Again there is an appropriation from the Road Fund towards the cost of Garda Síochána engaged on traffic duties. The Estimates for the Public Services for the present year show that almost £1 million is abstracted from the Road Fund for these purposes—£964,000 to be exact.

From the beginning of the coming financial year the administration of the Health Services will no longer rest with County Councils. But they will be expected to raise through rates, their share of the regional expenditure. The avowed aim in establishing the new Regional Health Boards is to achieve a higher degree of efficiency in the Health Services. At the same time it is hoped that a degree of centralisation will not result in higher costs. Discussions already have taken place with the other contributing local authorities involved as to the basis of apportionment of expenses but no agreement so far has been reached. To the County Wicklow representatives it seemed that the most suitable and equitable way of meeting the expenses would be on the basis of the relative valuations of the contributing authorities, that is on the basis of the product of a rate of 1d. in the pound in each area. This already is the accepted method for apportioning county-at-large expenses between County Councils and urban councils within their areas.

It has recently been proposed that the construction of the National Primary Routes, the roads carrying the heaviest traffic should be taken over by a new central body. Once again it is submitted that the desirability of pursuing this course is open to question. Experience often has shown that the planning and execution of works is not carried out with greater precision and especially with an economy in costs if entrusted to a large scale centralised organisation. In one study on this subject it was calculated, in an attempt to reduce the matter to mathematical terms, that the delay of decision was related to the square of the distance. Local authorities are often charged with delay but experience generally shows a rather favourable comparison with central bodies. It will be clear too that the housing (both office and domestic) of the staffs of central departments will cost more if located in the capital. It can be expected that if a new central roads authority be set up some executives of local authorities will be drained away from provincial centres to a metropolitan headquarters. Works will have to be visited and this could lead to a significant loss in time and delay since they will have to be reached by travelling along the congested roads in the metropolitan area. Supervisory staffs will not be in as close touch with projects as the engineering staffs of the local authorities are at present. There is usually difficulty in acquiring lands for new road works and here local knowledge and experience can be helpful. An experience of the claims received by local authorities goes to show that rates of remuneration in central and state sponsored bodies are always quoted when submissions on "comparability" and status arise. Consequently it is difficult to see where an economy in cost will arise here.

The proposal would have the effect of adding to the degree of concentration of activities and of congestion in the capital. With the resources allowed to them from the Road Fund, the local authorities have not an unsatisfactory record in roads construction. Given greater resources they would be found capable of accomplishing more. The record in the reconstruction of county roads is plainly to be seen.

This is a lengthy Report but it is recognised that a projected rise of 17/2d. in the rate requires a deal of explanation. It is accepted moreover, that a rise in the rate was to be expected but it was not thought that an increase of this magnitude would follow from the inflationary movements of recent times. Once again it should be mentioned that these inflationary movements are the main features responsible for the rise in Health costs of 7/2d., and in Roads of 5/10d. These two Services contribute the greater part, being in all 13/0d. or over 70 per cent. of the projected rate increase. Perhaps it was that the possible effect of the pay agreements entered into last year in public service expenditure was not fully appreciated by everybody engaged in the negotiations. Or perhaps the view in some instances is that higher incomes must be expected to cushion the impact of higher rates.

All the accounting details required for these Estimates have been carefully compiled by the Council's staff. The application and close attention given to the financial details of the various Services by Mr. Brangan, County Secretary, Mr. Gavin, County Accountant, Mr. Duggan, Mr. Heraty and Mr. Roberts deserve to be recorded. Mention must also be made of Mr. U. McCabe who has been carrying out special duties in connection with the Council's Capital Programmes and the acquisition of land.

The rates in the pound have been set out in decimal form and in shillings and pence so as to facilitate comparisons with previous years.

The Estimates Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday, 22nd February, 1971, and any further information in relation to them can then readily be supplied.

Once again in submitting the Annual Estimates it is only proper that the opportunity be taken of conveying to the Chairman and Members of the Council, sincere appreciation and thanks for their guidance throughout the year and their valued assistance in meeting the joint responsibility of administering many complex and rather diverse services.

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M. FLANNERY,

Wicklow County Manager.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the Local Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1972.

ROADS

Purpose of Expenditure:	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas Are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Ordinary Road Works:				
National Primary Road:				
Maintenance	£ 30,862	£ 30,862	£	£
Main Roads:				
Maintenance—				
do. General	184,518			
do. Winter Employment Schemes	4,150			
do. Snow Clearance	2,000	190,668		190,668
County Roads:				
Maintenance—				
do. General	192,779			
do. Winter Employment Schemes	5,500			
do. Snow Clearance	1,200		199,479	199,479
Special Programme for Improvements.			3,901	3,901
Special Grant Works—				
Road Fund				
National				
Primary	80,000	80,000		
Main Roads	45,400	45,400		
County Roads			25,348	25,348
Loan Charges	3,202	3,202	1,742	1,742
Contingencies	500	500	500	500
Other Purposes:				
Local Improvement Schemes			5,000	5,000
Salaries, etc., of County Engineer and Assistants	8,285	8,285	10,625	10,625
Travelling Expenses of Co. Engineer and Assistants	1,595	1,595	4,665	4,665
Salaries—Clerical Staff—Co. Engineer's Office			7,229	7,229
Superannuation Allowances and Gratuities—Officers	1,930	1,930	2,759	2,759
do. Servants	8,916	8,916	9,081	9,081
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	200	200	1,600	1,600
Postage and Telephone	370	370	350	350
Stamp Duty—Paying Orders	100	100	100	100
Road Opening and Reinstatements	100	100	100	100
programme for Improvements	£372,128	£372,128	272,479	272,479

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
B/fwd.	372,128	372,128	272,479	272,479
School Warden Service	100	100		
Miscellaneous	100	100	1,500	1,500
	£372,328	£372,328	£273,979	£273,979

	Amount Estimated			
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Road Fund Grants				
National Primary Road:				
Maintenance	30,862	30,862		
Special Grant Works	80,000	80,000		
Main Roads:				
Maintenance	95,334	95,334		
Special Grant Works	45,400	45,400		
County Roads:				
Special Grant Works			25,348	25,348
Other Receipts:				
Local Improvement Schemes			5,000	5,000
Road Openings and other refunds	100	100	100	100
Miscellaneous Receipts (inc. refund of Insurance Claims)	100	100	1,000	1,000
Proportion of salaries and Travelling expenses of Co. Engineer and Assistant Engineers chargeable to Health, Housing and Sani- tary Services	4,996	4,996	4,360	4,360
Refund of Road Fund Bonus	140	140	200	200
Weighbridge Receipts	200	200		
Superannuation Contributions	2,500	2,500	3,300	3,300
	£259,632	£259,632	£39,308	£39,308

Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year ending on 31st March, 1972.

HEALTH

Purpose of Expenditure:	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES:		
Salaries—District Medical Officers, District Nurses and Compounder	76,520	72,455
Fees for professional assistance	100	100
Medicines	62,475	61,475
Medical and surgical appliances	2,800	2,800
Dispensary, Clinic or Health Centre Expenses	7,850	6,850
Insurances, etc.	875	875
Loan Charges	1,100	1,100
	(£151,720)	(£145,655)
INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES		
District Hospital, Wicklow	38,100	38,100
District Hospital, Baltinglass	51,640	51,640
Home for Aged and Infirm—St. Colman's Rathdrum	81,895	81,895
	(£171,635)	(£171,635)
Extern Institutions:		
General Hospitals	353,750	308,000
Maternity Hospitals	56,595	50,000
Tuberculosis	16,840	12,000
Fever Hospitals	15,960	15,960
Homes for mental defectives, deaf and dumb, etc.	44,380	40,000
Homes for other persons	8,885	8,885
	(£496,410)	(£434,845)
MENTAL HOSPITALS:		
Mental Hospital, Newcastle	170,335	170,335
Dublin Health Authority		
Hospitals (Mental)	170,300	147,300
	(£317,635)	(£317,635)
MATERNITY AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES:		
Medical Care for Mothers and Infants:		
Fees to medical practitioners	11,500	11,500
Fees for professional assistance	100	100
Midwifery and nursing services	14,790	14,790
Obstetrical requisites	2,165	2,165
Milk for Mothers and children	4,245	3,245
Maternity Cash Grants	2,650	1,650
Child Welfare Service	11,420	10,000
School Health Service	10,940	10,000
	(£57,810)	(£53,450)
C/fwd.	1,195,210	1,123,220

HEALTH—Contd.	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
B/fwd.	1,195,210	1,123,220
TUBERCULOSIS & OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES:		
Tuberculosis:		
Salaries	5,835	5,835
Dispensary, clinic or health centre expenses	1,000	1,000
Domiciliary Welfare Service:		
Food, clothing, bedding	300	300
Mass Radiography Service	2,270	2,270
B.C.G. Service	1,815	1,815
Other Expenses:		
Fees to District Medical Officers	50	50
Other Infectious Diseases:		
Diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease	425	425
Immunisation, Vaccination and Disinfection of clothing & bedding (inc. Polio-myelitis Vaccination)	1,250	1,250
Notification and prevention of disease	100	100
Maintenance allowances to persons suffering from infectious diseases	1,950	1,950
	(£14,995)	(£14,995)
DENTAL, OPHTHALMIC & AURAL SERVICES:		
Salaries and travelling expenses	14,510	14,510
Fees for professional services	6,000	6,000
Dental, optical and aural appliances	2,675	2,675
Extern Institutions—Out-Patients' Services	1,250	1,250
Furniture and equipment	1,000	1,000
Clinic or Health Centre expenses	200	200
	(£25,635)	(£25,635)
SPECIALIST SERVICES:		
Out-Patient Clinics, X-Rays & Analysis of Specimens	18,000	18,000
	(£18,000)	(£18,000)
REHABILITATION AND MAINTENANCE OF DISABLED PERSONS:		
Cash Grants and other expenses	73,620	68,620
	(£73,620)	(£68,620)
BOARDING OUT, ETC., OF CHILDREN:		
Maintenance, clothing and education	7,780	7,780
Approved Schools	9,150	7,650
	(£16,930)	(£15,430)
AMBULANCE SERVICES & TRANSPORT OF PATIENTS	33,750	33,750
	(£33,750)	(£33,750)
C/fwd.	£1,378,140	1,299,650

HEALTH—Contd.	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
B/fwd.	1,378,140	1,299,650
SUPERVISION OF FOOD & DRINK	8,050	8,050
	(£8,050)	(£8,050)
FLUORIDATION OF WATER SUPPLIES	1,000	1,000
	(£1,000)	(£1,000)
CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIETIES:		
Community Services for the Aged	2,000	2,000
Irish Heart Foundation	350	350
National Associations for Mentally Handicapped	200	200
	(£2,550)	(£2,550)
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:		
Salaries—Co. Medical Officer and Staff	10,345	9,145
do. General Office Staff	15,830	14,550
Travelling Expenses	1,150	1,150
Stationery, Printing and Advertising	2,025	2,025
Postage & Telephone Charges	4,100	4,100
Other Expenses—Heating, Lighting, etc.	1,425	1,425
Insurances	200	200
	(£35,075)	(£32,600)
ASSESSMENT—NURSES ACT 1950	30	30
	(£30)	(£30)
RETIRING ALLOWANCES AND GRATUITIES	31,625	25,125
	(£31,625)	(£25,125)
OTHER EXPENSES:		
Fees and travelling expenses: Mental Treatment Act		
Proportion of salaries of Engineers, Law Agent and Analyst	2,000	2,000
	(£2,000)	(£2,000)
LOAN CHARGES	2,000	2,000
	(£2,000)	(£2,000)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	£1,460,470	£1,373,005

HEALTH:	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Nature of Income:		
Government Grants—Health Grant	761,767	711,000
„ Diabetes Scheme	1,000	1,000
„ Services for the Aged	2,000	2,000
Contributions from patients for: Institutional Services, etc		
Council Institutions	15,585	18,085
Extern Institutions	1,650	1,650
Mental Hospital	11,840	11,840
Other Receipts:		
Hire of Ambulances	650	650
Sale of Farm Produce	850	850
Sale of offal and old stores	50	50
Rents & Insurance refunds, etc.	400	400
Officers' emoluments	4,040	4,040
Contributions to Superannuation	5,375	5,375
Miscellaneous	500	500
TOTAL:	£805,707	£757,440

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year
ending on 31st March, 1972.****PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Home Assistance	21,500	21,500
Footwear Scheme	2,200	2,200
Cost of Burials	910	910
Registration Expenses	775	775
Salaries	13,165	13,165
Retiring Allowances	1,200	1,200
Fuel Schemes and other Expenses	2,500	2,500
TOTAL:	£42,250	£42,250

Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Government Grant—Foot- wear Scheme	1,100	1,100
Other Receipts:		
Repayments of Home As- sistance	300	300
Repayments of Burial Ex- penses	10	10
Refund of Fees	300	300
Superannuation Contri- butions	215	215
TOTAL:	£1,925	£1,925

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year
ending on 31st March, 1972.****SANITARY**

Purpose of Expenditure:	From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Sewerage Schemes & Public Sanitary Conveniences—Re- pairs and Maintenance	12,000	12,000
Water Supplies—Repairs and Maintenance	25,000	25,000
Domestic Scavenging	7,600	7,600
Dumping Grounds	2,300	2,300
Burial Grounds	7,100	7,100
Public Lighting	6,000	6,000
Maintenance of Open Spaces	1,700	1,700
Clearance of Derelict Sites	600	600
Contribution to Water Safety	300	300
Other Expenses	700	700
Salaries—Office Staff	4,236	4,236
Engineering Staff—Propor- tion of salaries & travelling expenses	14,379	14,379
Analyst—Proportion of salary	125	125
Superannuation	597	597
Loan Charges:		
Sewerage & Public Sanitary Conveniences	10,665	10,665
Water Supplies	30,368	30,368
Swimming Pool, Blessington	1,000	1,000
Flood Prevention at Bray	2,522	2,522
TOTAL:	£127,192	£127,192

SANITARY:	In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
State Grants—Contributions to Loan Charges	17,885	17,885
do. Derelict Sites	300	300
Water Undertakings	4,350	4,350
Burial Fees	800	800
Miscellaneous	600	600
Contributions to Super- annuation	250	250
TOTAL:	£24,185	£24,185

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year
ending 31st March, 1972.****HOUSING**

Purpose of Expenditure:	From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Salaries	7,752	7,752
Retiring Allowances	1,436	1,436
Superannuation—Employees	120	120
Remuneration of Engineers and Law Agent (portion)	14,898	14,898
Rent Collectors' Poundage	8,549	8,549
Repairs to Council Houses	15,000	15,000
Construction of Council Houses—Loan Charges	102,222	102,222
Insurances	3,000	3,000
Rates on Council Houses	36,012	36,012
Other Council Housing Ex- penses	1,100	1,100
Printing, Stationery and Ad- vertising, etc.	800	800
Loan Charges:		
Housing (Loans and Grants) Acts—Erection of Private Dwellings	36,982	36,982
Housing Grants for Improve- ment and Erection of Private Dwellings	29,129	29,129
TOTAL FOR HOUSING CHARGES:	£257,000	£257,000

In which Urban Areas do not Participate

HOUSING: Nature of Income:	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Labourers' Acts:		
Rents of Council Houses	64,000	64,000
Housing Subsidy—State	41,831	41,831
Other Receipts	75	75
Housing (Loans & Grants) Acts—Loan Repayments	36,982	36,982
Contributions under Local Government (Superannua- tion) Act	400	400
TOTAL FOR HOUSING RECEIPTS:	£143,288	£143,288

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**Explanatory Table of the Estimates for the Financial Year
ending on 31st March, 1972.****GENERAL PURPOSES**

Purpose of Expenditure:	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas Are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Committee of Agriculture				
DEMAND				
Public Libraries			30,456	30,456
Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963			16,963	16,963
Tourist Development			12,867	12,867
Scholarships and Higher Edu- cation Grants: Secondary:	1,000	1,000		
University	1,680	1,680		
	16,045	16,045		
Other Purposes:				
Salaries and Travelling Ex- penses	9,680	9,680	25,537	25,537
Cost of Rate Collection— Commission and Assess- ment			24,160	24,160
Cost of Rate Collection— Superannuation			4,340	4,340
Irrecoverable Rates, Dis- counts and Remissions			3,000	3,000
Tramway Employees' Pensions			300	300
Pensions: Late Union Officers	25	25		
Co. Officers and Servants	3,058	3,058	6,550	6,550
Franchise and Jurors Lists	3,500	3,500		
Valuation	175	175		
Legal Expenses			200	200
Coroners and Inquests	850	850		
Postage and Telephones	1,500	1,500	3,000	3,000
Printing, Stationery and Ad- vertising	150	150	2,400	2,400
Elections				
Assessments:				
(i) Local Authorities (Officers and Employ- ees) Act	1,200	1,200		
(ii) Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act	800	800		
C/fwd.	£39,663	£39,663	£129,773	£129,773

GENERAL PURPOSES— Contd.	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas Are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Purposes of Expenditure:				
B/fwd.	£ 39,663	£ 39,663	£ 129,773	£ 129,773
Fire Brigades			28,498	28,498
Drainage of Land	700	400		
Reformatories and Industrial Schools	5,000	5,000		
Conveyance of Prisoners	100	100		
Weights and Measures	900	900		
Food and Drugs	120	120		
County Analyst	300	300		
Milk & Dairies & Slaughter of Animals Acts			970	970
Road Fund Expenses	7,750	7,750		
Blind Persons Acts	1,500	1,500		
Civil Defence	8,358	8,358		
Diseases of Animals:				
Veterinary Inspectors	1,320	1,320		
Sheep Dipping Scheme	8,220	8,220		
Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	1,000	1,000		
Courthouses and Offices:				
Repairs and Renewals	3,294	3,294	1,900	1,900
Rents and Expenses	900	900	2,000	2,000
Courtkeepers and Attendants	350	350	1,760	1,760
Loan Charges	500	500	2,346	2,346
Expenses of Pounds			75	75
Audit Fees			800	800
Travelling Expenses:				
County Councillors	4,200	4,200		
Harbour Guarantees	332	332		
Interest on Overdraft:				
General Account			10,000	10,000
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	85,507	85,507	179,122	179,122
Materials Expenses	55,000	55,000		
Machinery Expenses	120,000	120,000		
TOTAL:	£260,507	£260,507	£179,122	£179,122

GENERAL PURPOSES—

Nature of Income:

State Grant—Local Author-
ities (Higher Education
Grants) Act, 1968

Contributions to Retiring

Allowances

Licence Fees:

Poison

Cinematograph

Fines under Food and Drugs

Acts

Public Libraries

Recoupments:

Franchise & Jurors' Ex-

penses

Civil Defence—State Grant

Fire Brigades—Contributions

by Urban District Councils

Do. Other Receipts

Diseases of Animals:

Compensation—Bovine T.B.

Order

Milk and Dairies Acts—

Contributions from Urban

District Councils

Motor Registration Recoup-

ment

Valuation Certificates

Proportion of Analyst's Salary

chargeable to Health and

Sanitary Services

Contributions from Urban

District Councils to County

Checker's Salary

Bounty in lieu of Rates

Rents from County Property

Contribution to Harbour

Guarantees

Contributions to Super-

annuation

Miscellaneous

Materials Expenses

Machinery Expenses

TOTAL:

Amount Estimated			
In which Urban Areas Participate		In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
£	£	£	£
12,884	12,884		
15	15	200	200
6	6	7	7
10	10	240	240
1,940	1,940		
5,995	5,995		
		7,245	7,245
		200	200
		1,000	1,000
7,750	7,750	97	97
		5	5
250	250		
		50	50
140	140	20,045	20,045
		120	120
94	94		
3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300
100	100	600	600
32,484	32,484	33,109	33,109
55,000	55,000		
120,000	120,000		
£207,484	£207,484	£33,109	£33,109

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL**Explanatory Table of Estimates for Financial Year ending
31st March, 1972****SEPARATE CHARGES**

Expenditure:	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Vocational Education Committee:	£	£	£	£
Demand	31,120	31,120		
Repayment of Loans	12,607	12,607		
Retiring Allowances	6,569	6,569		
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board			579	579
Criminal Injuries: County-at-Large	1,800	2,031		
TOTAL FOR SEPARATE CHARGES:	£52,096	£52,327	£579	£579

Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas Participate		In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Recoupment from Dept. of Education — One-half Expenses of Loans for Vocational Education Schools	6,304	6,304		
Recoupment proportion of Pensions	3,285	3,285		
Superannuation contributions	2,000	2,000		
TOTAL:	£11,589	£11,589		

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Expenditure Table of Estimates for Financial Year ending
31st March, 1972

SEPARATE CHARGES

CALCULATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND FOR COUNTY CHARGES

SERVICES	Estimated Gross Expenditure of the County on each Service for the ensuing Financial Year		Estimated Income of the County in respect of each Service during the ensuing Financial Year, other than those included in the Rate Account		NET EXPENDITURE on each Service being the difference between the sums in columns 2 and 4, and 3 and 5		NET AMOUNTS CHARGEABLE TO DISTRICTS			COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	CALCULATION OF NET SUM REQUIRED TO BE RAISED			
	Chargeable to the WHOLE COUNTY	Chargeable to the COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	Applicable to the WHOLE COUNTY	Applicable to the COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	Chargeable to the WHOLE COUNTY	Chargeable to the COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	URBAN AREAS							
							Urban District of ARKLOW	Urban District of BRAY	Urban District of WICKLOW					
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8a)	(8b)	(8c)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
ROADS ..	372,328	273,979	259,632	39,308	112,696	234,671	5,166	19,625	3,851	318,751		33,000	351,725	1.35276
HEALTH ..	1,373,005		757,440		615,565		28,217	107,195	21,034	459,119			459,119	1.76582
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	42,250		1,925		40,325		1,848	7,022	1,378	30,077			30,077	0.11568
SANITARY ..		127,192		24,185		103,007				103,007			103,007	0.39617
HOUSING ..		257,000		143,288		113,712				113,712			113,712	0.43735
GENERAL PURPOSES ..	260,507	179,122	207,484	33,109	53,023	146,013	2,430	9,233	1,812	185,561	3,000		182,561	0.70215
	£2,048,090	£837,293	£1,226,481	£239,890	£821,609	£597,403	£37,661	£143,075	£28,075	£,210,201	£3,000	£33,000	1,240,201	4.76993

Total rateable value of hereditaments effective for the purpose of the determination of the Rate in the £ to be raised on the County Health District is £260,004—3s.—4d.

Wicklow County Council



MINUTES
OF
PROCEEDINGS
OF
MEETING

Held on

MONDAY, 8th MARCH, 1971

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 8th March, 1971, following the termination of the adjourned Estimates Meeting.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss N. O'Neill, John Temple, C. White, John J. Bourke, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, Roger Miley and B. S. C. Phelan.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Engineer attended.

AGENDA:

- 1 Draft Regulations for Local Committees for Health Boards
- 2 Administration of Public Assistance — proposed agreement with Eastern Health Board for administration of Public Assistance.
- 3 Transfer of Officers to Eastern Health Board.
- 4 Transitional arrangements for operation of Health Services.
- 5 Child Health Service — Creation of additional offices.
- 6 Overdraft on General Account for quarter to 30th June, 1971.
- 7 Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1967—to consider waiving of condition in Section 7 (1) of the Act.
- 8 Application for closing of roads.
- 9 Road to serve N.E.T. Factory at Arklow — to make Compulsory Purchase Order for acquisition of lands required.
- 10 Wicklow Water Supply — Cronroe Water Works Augmentation Scheme — Report of County Engineer on documents received from Consulting Engineer for extensions to present filter plant at Cronroe, Ashford.
- 11 Sanitary Services Schemes — (a) Extension of Water Supply to Killoughter and Ballinapark Areas in Ashford; (b) Water Supply and sewerage extension to 14 houses at Ballinafinchogue (Ashtown, Roundwood); (c) Provision of water supply to serve three cottages at Ballymorris, Aughrim; (d) Hollywood Water Supply.
- 12 Proposed disposal of land at Lugduff, Tinahely.
- 13 Provision of demountable dwellings.
- 14 Supplementary Water Supply and Sewerage Grants — to authorise borrowing.

- 15 Applications for consent to sale of vested cottages.
- 16 Cottage Repairs — to authorise additional expenditure.
- 17 Application from cottage tenant to be absent from cottage for period of six months.
- 18 Public lighting at Sea Road, Kilcoole — Report of County Engineer.
- 19 Local Government Reorganisation — White Paper published on 11th February, 1971 (Copy circulated to Members).
- 20 Minutes of Meetings of Council held on 23rd November, and 14th December, 1970.
- 21 Loans for Acquisition and Construction of Houses — Letter from Department of Local Government dated 1st March, 1971.
- 22 Provision of houses in Arklow Urban District for persons residing in County Health District.
- 23 Provision of cottage at Ballinabarney, Rathdrum.
- 24 Sub-division of cottage plots at Ballymoney, Arklow and Ballybeg, Rathnew.
- 25 Disposal of cottages at Newry, Clonegal and at Coolbeg, Wicklow.
- 26 Land at Kilpedder — Report circulated to Members on 10th December, 1970.
- 27 Application for reception of Deputation from Rathdrum Housing Committee.
- 28 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors K. Ryan and J. Gregory:- "That this Council take over the road from Tombrean to Donishall."
- 29 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello and J. Gregory:- "That the Members of the public be allowed free access to all future County Council Meetings."
- 30 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello, J. Temple, K. Ryan and J. Gregory:- "That this Council call upon the Government to withdraw legislation under which it is intended to intern citizens of this State without charge or trial for indefinite periods of time."
- 31 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Gregory:- "That this Council instal a water supply to Belton's, Duffy's and Doyle's cottages at Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy."
- 32 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council repair the surface of Boley Lane, Shillelagh."
- 33 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council erect public lighting at Mill Street, Carnew; one at each side of the one already there; (b) that this Council erect street lighting at Main Street, Carnew."

- 34 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:- "That a full explanation be given to the Council regarding the failure of this Council to acquire the land of the Burnaby Estate as decided by this Body including the reasons for entering into litigation."
- 35 Notices of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council (1) take over and farmacadam Slieveroe Lane as far as Mr. Dunne's cottage, about 250 yards from the Glenealy/Rathdrum Road near Mr. Martin's house at Bahana; (2) take over Leabeg Lane, Newcastle, and farmacadam same as it is a connecting road; (3) lay a footpath at Old Village, Rathnew."
- 36 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council pipe an open drain outside Mrs. Margaret Edward's house at Cronehorn as there is a seepage from the drain which is causing dampness to her house."
- 37 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council erect public lighting from the Courthouse corner, Shillelagh to Ardeen Cheshire Home gates."
- 38 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor W. Cleary:- "That we request the Minister to amend the legislation concerning free bus services in the rural areas for school children as when children reach ten years of age they cannot travel on the bus; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the General Council of County Councils for consideration at their next Meeting."
- 39 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That the dangerous bend at the bottom of the Old Military Road near Mrs. Esther Fallon's house at Aughavannagh be removed."
- 40 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this Council buy mobile homes for people who are in urgent need of housing."
- 41 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council build a cottage for the Redmond Family of Bolinass, Ashford."
- 42 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council appoint Mr. James Thompson, Knockrobin, tenant of his father's cottage at the same address."
- 43 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors C. White, J. J. Bourke, M. Deering, R. Miley, J. Sweeney and T. J. Keenan:- "That the Council rescind portion of the "County Plan" affecting certain property in Greystones."
- 44 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. Miley:- "That repairs be carried out to the following cottages:- "Mrs. Mary Byrne, 11 Greenane Road, Rathdrum; Mrs. Waterton, 9 Greenane Road, Rathdrum; Mr. Andrew Byrne; Ballintombay, Rathdrum; Mr. A. Manley, Ballygannon, Rathdrum."
- 45 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor S. Costello:- "That a full report be given to the Council on the Kilpedder land situation with particular reference to Captain de Caen's land."

46 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:- "That this Council tell us at the next Housing Meeting when it intends to start building houses for John Dillon, William Byrne and Richard Kenny, which it has been agreed to build."

47 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Whelan:- "That the County Council build a cottage for Mr. Michael O'Brien on site offered to the County Council by Anthony Moules, Rednagh Road, Aughrim, who lives in a vested cottage and is willing to give part of his plot."

48 In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council lay pipes through the Council plots at Croneyhorn, Carnew, as it is causing flooding in two gardens lower down, the present drain is unable to take the water."

49 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council remove the watermain a further distance from Mr. Jim Hollingworth's cottage, The Bank, Rathnew, to enable him to build an extension to his cottage as he has a very large family."

50 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors K. Ryan and J. Whelan:- "That this Council build two houses in Coolboy, for Mr. Dick Doyle and Edward Sheridan (Junior), both men are in very bad need of housing."

51 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this Council take over and tarmacadam the road that joins Red Peg's Lane and leads out to Kilnarnanagh, Glenealy. The work can be carried out in conjunction with Red Peg's Lane."

52 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Whelan:- "That the road from the Spink to Cronebane be taken over and repaired."

53 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Whelan:- "That the entrance gate to Ballycoogue graveyard be moved to the centre of the road boundary and a path be left approximately 7 feet wide up through the centre of the graveyard."

54 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council widen a bend at Kenny's of Kennystown as passing vehicles are damaging the side of the house."

55 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council take over the laneway to Fitzpatrick's of 'The Rock,' Coolattin. This laneway is a part of the right of way to the Rock Quarry."

56 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor C. White:- "That a fire fighting service be had at Enniskerry."

57 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council take immediate legal steps to recover possession of a Council Cottage in the name of Reps. of Thomas Wolohan, Cornagower, Dunganstown."

58 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council build a cottage for Patrick Cullen, Blainroe, on his sister's land."

59 Houses repaired during the month of February and to be repaired during the month of March, 1971.

Item No. 1—Draft Regulations for Local Committees of Health Boards.

The County Secretary stated that a copy of the Draft Regulations had been circulated to the Members and the matter had been considered at a previous Meeting but the consideration had not been completed. The Council approved of the Draft Regulations as submitted.

Item No. 2—Administration of Public Assistance—Proposed Agreement with Eastern Health Board for Administration of Public Assistance.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 10th February, 1971, from the Department of Health, with which was forwarded a copy of a statement made by the Minister for Health in the Dail on the administration of public assistance when the Health Act, 1970, became effective. It was pointed out in the circular that while the statutory responsibility for public assistance services continued to rest on the Minister for Social Welfare and the Local Authorities it seemed clear that great advantage would derive from having the day to day operation of the service carried on as at present by officers responsible for somewhat similar services under the Health Acts. The proposal envisaged that Assistance Officers and Superintendent Assistance Officers should continue to carry out the work which they now did with the Health Boards acting as agents for the Local Authorities in the administration of public assistance. Section 25 of the 1970 Act provided that arrangements of this kind could be made between the Local Authorities and the Health Board and the Minister proposed that they should do so. It was stated that the Minister for Social Welfare favoured the making of such arrangements and the Minister for Local Government was prepared to give his consent. It was indicated in the Circular that the Minister would be grateful if this proposition were put before the Council as soon as possible and he be advised of the outcome of their consideration of it. In reply to enquiries from Members the County Secretary stated that if the Council agreed to the proposal the Superintendent Assistance Officer and the Assistance Officers would be transferred to the service of the Eastern Health Board with effect from 1st April, 1971, but would be assigned by the Board to duties in relation to Health Services which they at present discharged and also would be availed of by the Board to discharge Public Assistance duties on behalf of the Board as agent for the Council who would remain the Public Assistance Authority. Councillor J. Miley expressed the view that the Council should continue the administration of the Assistance Services directly and that the Assistance Officers should remain officers of Wicklow County Council and that the Council could make an arrangement with the Eastern Health Board which would enable the Assistance Officers to discharge Health duties in their existing areas on behalf of the Health Board, who could recoup to the Council the proportion of their remuneration and travelling expenses which related to Health Services.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley:

Seconded by Councillor B. Phelan:

Resolved—That the Council retain and continue to exercise and perform the administration of Public Assistance.

Passed.

Item No. 3—Transfer of Officers to Eastern Health Board.

The County Secretary stated that under the provision of the Health Act, 1970, the County Medical Officer and his Assistants and the Health Inspectors would become officers of the Eastern Health Board as from 1st April, 1971, but it was desirable that these officers would continue to discharge on behalf of the Council and the Urban District Councils the duties in relation to sanitation, housing and planning and development, at present discharged by them.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we note that the County Medical Officer, the Assistant County Medical Officers and Health Inspectors employed by the Council will become Officers of the Eastern Health Board with effect from 1st April, 1971, and we request that the Board assign to these Officers the duties in relation to Sanitation, Housing and Planning and Development at present discharged by these Officers on behalf of Wicklow County Council, and Arklow, Bray and Wicklow Urban District Councils, and that these Officers would continue to furnish reports and advice to the County Wicklow Local Authorities in these matters. Passed. Councillor Costello objecting.

Item No. 4—Transitional Arrangements for Operation of Health Services.

Apportionment of Expenses of Eastern Health Board.

The County Secretary stated that at the Meeting on 14th October, 1970, between representatives of Dublin County Council, Kildare County Council, Dublin Corporation, Dun Laoghaire Borough Corporation and the Wicklow County Council in regard to the financial arrangements in relation to the Eastern Health Board it had been agreed that the apportionment of expenses of the Eastern Health Board over the five Rating Authorities be for the years 1971/'72 and 1972/'73 in accordance with the percentage distribution of the net requirement for 1969/'70 on the pattern shown in Table 6, which had been submitted to the Meeting. It had, however, been the view of Wicklow County Council that in the long run the most equitable method of apportionment of the net costs of the Health Services as between the constituent Bodies would be on the basis of the product of a penny in the pound in each area by the representatives, in the circumstances, agreed to the proposal though on the basis of the gross instead of the net requirement. Since that date the final figures for 1969/'70 had been compiled and the accountants for the respective Authorities had submitted figures to show the percentage apportionment as between the five authorities. On the basis of the figures for 1969/'70 the proportion payable by Wicklow County Council would be 6.55 per cent. based on the net expenditure and 6.48 per cent. based on the gross expenditure as the difference between adopting the basis of net expenditure rather than gross expenditure represented only .07 per cent. and as the other Rating Authorities had agreed to the apportionment on the basis of the net requirement it was recommended that the Council might also agree to the use of this basis.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor Timmins:

Resolved—That having considered the report of the Meeting held on 14th October, 1970, between representatives of Dublin County Council, Kildare County Council, Dublin Corporation, Dun Laoghaire Borough Corporation and Wicklow County Council in regard to the apportionment of expenses of the Eastern Health Board and having noted the joint report of the Accountants to these authorities indicating the percentage distribution of the net requirements for 1969/'70, we hereby agree that the apportionment of expenses of the Eastern Health Board over the five rating authorities be for the years 1971/'72 and 1972/'73 in accordance with the percentage distribution of the net requirement for 1969/'70 as agreed by the Accountants for these authorities. Passed.

Transitional Arrangements.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Health had urged that if it were to the benefit of the Health Services and the local people using them that any temporary arrangements be made for the County Council to carry out some functions for the Health Board on an agency basis that this should be arranged. The Minister urged that the Council should consider sympathetically any proposals for continuing such temporary agency arrangements for the transition period.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Hynes:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of such temporary arrangements being made by the County Council to carry out functions for the Health Board on an agency basis as may be found necessary in the interests of the smooth operation of the Health Services during the period until the new Health Boards have become firmly established.

Passed.

Item No. 5 — Child Health Service — Creation of Additional Offices.

The Council noted that during the course of the Estimates Meeting the Council had passed a Resolution approving of the creation of the additional offices required for the Child Health Service.

Item No. 6—Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 30th June, 1971.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Ltd., for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 30th June, 1971, shall not exceed £250,000. Passed.

Item No. 7—Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1967 — To consider Waiving of Condition in Section 7 (1) of the Act.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor O'Neill:

Resolved—That subject to the consent of the Minister we hereby determine that the making of any allowances under the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Acts, 1939 and 1967, in respect of a tenement of agricultural land shall not be regarded as having been made subject to any condition requiring payment of the Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1971, within such financial year.

Passed.

Item No. 8—Application for Closing of Roads.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the Roads described hereunder on Saturday, 10th April, 1971, for the periods indicated hereunder, and hereby authorise the holding of a Motor Car Rally on such roads while so closed to public traffic subject to the conditions recommended by the County Engineer:-

Old Military Road Northwards from Waterfall at Glenmacnass to road junction at Aurora (County Roads Nos. 58, 57 and Main Road L. 94); Road eastwards from junction at Aurora to Bahana then northwards to Annacrivey to Glenree (County Roads Nos. 13, 16, 17, 15 and 11) — from 3.30 a.m. to 8.00 a.m.

The Three roads at Ballinatone Upper near Greenane on Road 141, by the cross roads at Moneymeen, on to Road 129 to the three roads at Mucklagh junction of Roads 129 and 138 by the Bridge at Mucklagh to the three roads at Ballygobban junction on Roads 137, 132 and 130—from 5.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.

The following roads from 5.30 a.m. to 10 a.m.—Part of Road No. 263 from its junction with Road No. 261 at Crannreen to its junction with Road No. 262 at Ballinguile;

Part of Road No. 261 from its junction with Road No. 263 at Cranaree to its junction with Road No. 264 at Slieveragh;

Part of Road No. 264 from its junction with Road No. 261 at Slieveragh to its junction with Road No. 262 at Ballinabarney;

Part of Road No. 262 from its junction with Road No. 261 at Ballinabarney to its junction with Road No. 265 at Ballinabarney;

Road No. 265 from its junction with Road No. 262 at Ballinabarney to the Three Roads at Rustyduff;

Road No. 324 from the Three Roads at Rustyduff to the Four Roads at Knockenarrigan;

Road No. 325 from the Four Roads at Knockenarrigan to the Three Roads at Knickeen;

Road No. 329 from the Three Roads at Knickeen to the Three Roads at Ballinclea—from 5.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.

Passed, Co. Costello dissenting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the Main Road No. 6 from Enniskerry National School to Monastery, on 17th April, 1971, between 1.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. and authorise the holding of the Annual Hill Climb organised by the Irish Motor Racing Club Ltd. on the road while so closed to public traffic, subject to the conditions recommended by the County Engineer.

Passed, Co. Costello dissenting.

Item No. 9—Road to Serve N.E.T. Factory at Arklow — to Make Compulsory Purchase Order for Acquisition of Lands Required.

The County Secretary submitted details of the report of the County Engineer of 2nd March, 1971, in regard to the proposed access road to the N.E.T. Factory from Templarainey, Arklow, with which had been submitted the necessary drawings, plans and estimates for the widening and re-alignment of the section of the road already maintained by the Council between the National Primary Route and the graveyard at Kilbride, Arklow. The County Secretary stated that the Council had failed to reach agreement in regard to the acquisition of lands required for the purpose of making a connection from the existing road to the Beech Road and that, in consequence, it would be necessary to make a Compulsory Purchase Order for the acquisition of the lands required. The County Engineer in his report pointed out that the junction of the existing road with the National Primary Road at Templarainey Church was unsuitable for the traffic expected to use the N.E.T. Road and if so used it would constitute a serious traffic hazard, and it would not be feasible to improve the junction. Furthermore, the proposed Arklow Relief Road would cross the existing County Road at a point about 250 yards from its junction with the National Primary Road and, as it would be undesirable that traffic from the N.E.T. Factory to Arklow Harbour should cross the Relief Road at grade, the new road to N.E.T. had been designed with a junction onto the Beech Road with no connection to the Relief Road. The proposed Arklow Relief Road would fly over the Beech Road so that there would be no problem as far as the N.E.T. traffic was concerned. The estimated cost of the complete road was £108,000 and the County Engineer had suggested that further consideration might be given by the Department to improving the route via Shelton Abbey to the Beech Road, which had been previously suggested. He pointed out that this alternative route would be likely to cost about £28,000 less than the estimate for improving the road from Templarainey Church to the N.E.T. Factory.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor Sweeney:

Resolved—That we approve of the fixing of the Seal of the Council to the Kilbride Compulsory Purchase Order No. 1—1971.

Passed.

Councillor Miss Walsh urged that the Members of the Arklow Electoral Area Committee should meet with the County Engineer and representatives of N.E.T. in order to see if any of the difficulties arising in regard to the road could be overcome.

Item No. 10—Wicklow Water Supply—Cronroe Water Works Augmentation Scheme—Report of County Engineer on Documents Received from Consulting Engineer for Extensions to Present Filter Plant at Cronroe, Ashford.

The County Secretary stated that particulars of the proposals had been circulated to the Members on 3rd February, 1971. The estimated cost of the works at Cronroe was £79,450 and as the works were necessary in order to meet the increased demand for water supply in Wicklow Urban District it was recommended that 75 per cent. of the cost of the scheme be met by Wicklow Urban District Council and that the cost of maintenance of the scheme be defrayed in future by the County Council and Urban District Council in proportion to the amount of water used in the County Health District and Urban District.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill:

Resolved—That having considered report of County Engineer and report circulated to the Members of the Council, we approve of proceeding with the Scheme for the extension of the filters at Cronroe at an estimated cost of £79,450, and approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer that 75 per cent. of the cost of this Scheme be met by Wicklow Urban District Council and that as from 1st April, 1971, the cost of maintenance of the Cronroe water supply scheme be defrayed by the County Council and Wicklow Urban District Council in proportion to the amount of water used in the County Health District and Urban District, the proportions payable to be determined in respect of any financial year by the quantity of water used in the respective districts during the year ended on the previous 31st March.

Passed.

Item No. 11—Sanitary Services Schemes—(A) Extension of Water Supply to Killougher and Ballinapark Areas in Ashford; (b) Water Supply and Sewerage Extension to 14 houses at Ballinafinchogue (Ashtown) Roundwood; (c) Provision of Water Supply to Serve Three Cottages at Ballymorris, Aughrim; (d) Hollywood Water Supply.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of the sum of £12,140 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 25 years to defray the cost of Sanitary Services Schemes as follows:—

- (a) Extension of Water Supply to Killougher and Ballinapark areas in Ashford;
- (b) Water supply and sewerage extension to 14 houses at Ballinafinchogue (Ashtown), Roundwood;
- (c) Hollywood Water Supply.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh:

Resolved—That we approve of the County Engineer's recommendation for the provision of a water supply to serve three cottages at Ballymorris, Aughrim, and authorise expenditure of £350 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the provision of the supply.

Passed.

Item No. 12—Proposed Disposal of Land at Lugduff, Tinahely.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the disposal of 5.081 acres of land at Lugduff, Tinahely, to Mrs. Margaret O'Keefe, Lugduff, Tinahely, in exchange for 2.512 acres of land owned by Mrs. Margaret O'Keefe at Lugduff, Tinahely, and in accordance with the terms indicated in the notice dated 25th January, 1971, issued to the Mem-

bers of the Council in pursuance of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended by Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966.
Passed.

Item No. 13—Provision of Demountable Dwellings.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of the purchase of two demountable dwellings for John Phelan, Redcross, and James Martin, Baltinglass, at a cost of £900 each and pending the raising of a loan to defray the cost of these dwellings, and of demountable dwellings for Michael Quaile, Tubberpatrick, Tinahely, and for Messrs. Kennedy of Blackditch, Valleymount, we hereby authorise the expenditure of £3,770 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of the dwellings.

We hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £3,770 from the Council's Treasurer repayable over a period of ten years to defray the cost of four demountable dwellings.

Passed.

Item No. 14—Supplementary Water Supply and Sewerage Grants—to Authorise Borrowing.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £18,000 from the Council's Treasurers, The National Bank of Ireland, Ltd., repayable over a period of 7 years to defray the cost of Supplementary Water and Sewerage Grants during the period of three years to 31st March, 1974.

Passed.

Item No. 15—Application for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Anthony Doyle, of his interest in vested cottage No. 147/11 at Ballybeg, Rathnew, to Mr. James Bernard Doyle, 16, Ballybeg, Rathnew, for the sum of £700, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £233.33, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed.

Item No. 16—Cottage Repairs—To Authorise Additional Expenditure

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure of £2,000 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of repairs to cottages during the year ended 31st March, 1971.

Passed.

Item No. 17—Application from Cottage Tenant to be Absent from Cottage for Period of Six Months.

The Council, on the proposal of Councillor Miss M. Walsh agreed that permission be granted to Mrs. Elliott to be absent from her cottage at Coolattin Road, Carnew, for a period to 31st August, 1971.

Glenealy Water Supply.

Councillor Keenan stated that with other Members he had seen the intake at Glenealy Water Supply and that it appeared to be polluted and he asked that arrangements be made to have the water analysed. Councillor Costello also contended that the water was affected by slurry from poultry houses and that there had been slime in the bottom of the tank. The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer and Health Inspector had been carrying out examinations of the water supply in recent weeks and that no evidence of pollution had been reported. It was agreed that a further report would be obtained and analyses of water also obtained.

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

In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan and W. Cleary:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Hugh Kavanagh, Rockbog, Arklow, for the provision of seven houses at Rockbog."

In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney and F. Hynes:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Malachy Stone, Brittas Bay, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballinacarrig, Brittas Bay."

In the name of Councillor T. J. Keenan (a) That the Council proceed immediately with the erection of houses on their site at Aughrim and deplore the efforts to set this land for 12 months as the houses are so urgently needed and the setting would prevent any workings taking place on the site. (b) That the Council proceed immediately with the erection of houses on the sites at Aughrim, Clash, Avoca, Tinahely and Carnew. I deplore the efforts to set all the land in these areas as houses are so urgently needed and the settings would prevent any workings taking place on the lands for the next 12 months. (c) That the road repairs on the Greenane to Glenmalure road which have been held up be proceeded with as the road is becoming very dangerous. (d) That the three very dangerous turns on the road leading to Arklow Rock be made safe before there is a serious accident there. (e) That a warning sign to motorists be erected at the entrance to Jubilee Terrace, Aughrim, to avoid serious accident to children and people living there."

Wicklow County Council



MINUTES
OF
PROCEEDINGS
OF
MEETING

Held on

MONDAY, 15th MARCH, 1971

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Following the termination of the Estimates Meeting a Special Meeting as arranged by the Council to consider Planning matters was held at The Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 15th March, 1971.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, Edward Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, C. White, J. Gregory, John Bourke, F. Hynes, R. Miley and B. S. C. Phelan.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Planning Assistant and Staff Officer, Planning Section, attended.

AGENDA:

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

(1) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. J. Bourke, C. White, G. Timmins, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, K. Ryan and J. Temple:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Carmel Douglas, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballinahinch Middle, Newtownmountkennedy."

(2) In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, C. White, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley and E. E. Byrne:-

"We the undersigned, hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant Planning Approval for the erection of 178 houses together with all ancillary development at Blacklion, Kindles-town Lower, Greystones, to Douglas Taylor, Esq., Blacklion, Greystones, in accordance with Plans, Specifications and details lodged."

(3) In the names of Councillors E. Byrne, J. Temple and C. White:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick J. Concannon, 14 Scott Park, Bray, for the provision of a bungalow at Templecarrig, Delgany, as plans submitted, for his own use."

(4) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney and G. Timmins:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Quin, Esq., The Rectory, Redcross, Co. Wicklow, for the provision of 17 bungalows at Coolmore, Arklow, Co. Wicklow."

- (5) In the names of Councillors J. Whelan, T. J. Keenan, R. Miley, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, J. J. Bourke, J. Sweeney and W. Cleary:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael Doyle, Ballymoyle, Arklow, for the building of five bungalows on Site 3 and 5 on location map submitted."

- (6) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, M. J. O'Neill, M. Deering and G. Timmins:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Hugh Fleming, to erect a house at Butterhill."

- (7) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. Whelan, B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Duignan, Ashford, for the erection of a bungalow on his lands at Ballymacahara, Ashford."

- (8) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney, M. J. O'Neill, M. Deering and G. Timmins:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Thomas A. Hand and Nicholas M. Cantwell, to erect one house each at Cross coolharbour."

- (9) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney, M. Deering and G. Timmins:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Brian Mahon, Blackrock, for the erection of a bungalow."

- (10) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney and G. Timmins:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Gerald Francis Rawson, to erect a dwellinghouse at Cross coolharbour."

- (11) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney, M. Deering and G. Timmins:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Christopher Twoomey, at Granamore."

- (12) In the names of Councillors C. White, Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to W. J. Jermy, Glencree, Enniskerry, for the provision of a house at Glencree."

- (13) In the names of Councillors C. White, Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Rita Dunne, Ballyorney, for the provision of a house at Carrigoona, Enniskerry."

- (14) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. J. O'Neill and M. Deering:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to A. Black, to erect a bungalow at Hempstown."

- (15) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. Deering and M. J. O'Neill:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Walsh, to erect a house at Golden Hill, Manor Kilbride."

- (16) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan and William Cleary:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James Dunne, Upper Main Street, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballyduff, Arklow."

- (17) In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, William Cleary and Basil S. C. Phelan:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Bracken, Upper Main Street, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballyduff, Arklow."

- (18) In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, William Cleary, J. Sweeney and R. Miley:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Edward McNabb, for the erection of six dwelling-houses on his lands at Rossanna Upper, Co. Wicklow."

(19) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Christopher Keogh, Ballyknockan, Valkeymount, to erect a house."

(20) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael McCormack, Athgrany, Hollywood, to erect a house."

(21) In the name of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, J. J. Bourke and J. Miley:-

"By virtue of the powers vested in us under the County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to L. G. Murch, Kilmacullagh, Newtownmountkennedy, to erect a dwelling at the above address."

(22) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan and W. Cleary:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Hugh Kavanagh, Rockbog, Arklow, for the provision of seven houses at Rockbog."

(23) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney and F. Hynes:-

"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Malachy Stone, Brittas Bay, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballincarrig, Brittas Bay."

2. Roadside Development — Traffic and safety on Arterial Roads — Letter from Department of Local Government.
3. Development Plan Reviews and Planning Control — Letter from Department of Local Government (copy circulated to Members).
4. Proposed National Park in Dublin and Wicklow Mountains — Letter from Dublin County Council.

Councillor Costello handed in a Notice of Motion signed by himself and Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, K. Ryan, E. Byrne and J. Temple in the following terms:- "I wish to propose the suspension of Standing Orders in order to discuss the following Resolution:- "That the County Manager be requested to give an account regarding the present position of the sale of lands at Holywell for Council housing purposes." Councillor Costello urged that the matter be taken up at that Meeting. The Chairman pointed out that Standing Orders could be suspended only when due notice had been given and that the Council's Solicitor had advised that "due notice" must be interpreted as seven clear days notice. He informed Councillor Costello that the

matter could be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Council. Councillor G. Timmins pointed out that this matter had been on the Agenda for the previous Meeting of the Council but had not been reached and would accordingly be included on the Agenda for the next Housing Meeting of the Council. The Council noted that the matter would be on the Agenda for the Meeting to be held on 5th April, 1971.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:- (1) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. J. Bourke, C. White, G. Timmins, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, K. Ryan and J. Temple:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Carmel Douglas, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballinahinch Middle, Newtownmountkennedy."

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been deferred from previous Meetings pending evidence of public notice having been given of the proposal and this had now been received. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:-

1. The site has no public road frontage and access is by means of a long narrow cul-de-sac (3 miles of which is unsurfaced). The private road is inadequate to accommodate satisfactorily any increase in vehicular traffic because of its inadequate width, alignment and surfacing.
2. The septic tank is uphill of the proposed house.
3. The proposal would be in serious conflict with the proper planning and development of the area because the site is situated in an unserved rural area and the revenue from isolated development as proposed would not suffice to provide services (road surfacing, widening and maintenance, telegraphic lines, school buses, etc) which would in time be demanded.
4. The proposal would set a precedent for other similarly located development.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Bourke;

Seconded by Councillor C. White;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Carmel Douglas for the provision of a bungalow at Ballinahinch Middle, Newtownmountkennedy.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that if the Members of the Council should decide to grant Planning Permission the following conditions should be imposed:-

1. The house, septic tank and boundary to be moved to the South West in order to obtain a suitable fall from house to septic tank.
2. The entrance shall be sited so as to afford reasonable sight lines in both directions.
3. The front boundary of the site shall be removed and re-sited so as to provide a traffic lay-by. A surfaced turning space shall be provided to enable service vehicles (fuel lorries, etc.) to manoeuvre at this location.

4. External walls shall be rendered white or grey and roof tiles shall be blue black in colour.

Councillor J. J. Bourke indicated that the conditions were acceptable and the Resolution was declared passed with the addition of the words "subject to the conditions recommended by the Co. Engineer."

Item No. 2—In the names of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, C. White, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley and E. E. Byrne:— "We the undersigned, hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, to grant Planning Approval for the erection of 178 Houses together with all ancillary development at Blacklion, Kindlestown Lower, Greystones, to Douglas Taylor, Esq., Blacklion, Greystones, in accordance with plans, specifications and details lodged."

The County Secretary stated that at the previous Meeting of the Council the County Manager had indicated that the grant of Planning Permission for this development was being recommended by the Co. Engineer subject to a number of conditions. The conditions included a requirement that a contribution be made by the applicant towards the cost of public services which facilitated the development. The matter had been deferred by the Council for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area with the representatives of the applicant. The matter had been considered at a Special Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area held on 23rd February, 1971, at which the County Manager had supplied details of the estimated cost of the new sewerage scheme to be provided for the Greystones/Delgany area, and of the cost of the North East Wicklow Regional Water Supply which would provide water supplies for this area. On the basis of the estimated costs of these schemes an appropriate charge per house for sewerage services and water supply had been determined at £219, this charge being related to the extent of the new development which would be facilitated by the provision of these public services. It had been recommended by the Committee for the Bray Electoral Area that a charge of £200 per house be made in respect of all new development in the Greystones/Delgany district as from the date of the Meeting. The Committee had also recommended that consideration would be given to exempting from a contribution to public services any houses provided for persons eligible for inclusion on the Council's housing list. Councillor J. Temple pointed out that the Committee's recommendation was dependent on the same charge per house being in respect of all development in the area which had not been commenced up to that date. The County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had been asked to obtain Counsel's Opinion in regard to the Council's powers to modify Planning Permissions which had been granted prior to 23rd February, 1971, and in relation to which no work had been carried out to date. Councillor Miss O'Neill enquired as to what subsidy would be received by the Council towards the new sewerage scheme and water supply scheme which will serve the Greystones area and the County Manager indicated that there would be a subsidy of 50 per cent. of the loan charges made available. He pointed out that this subsidy was made available from public funds. Following a discussion on the contribution which should be required in the course of which Councillor Costello urged that a contribution of £219 which was based on the estimated cost of the services should be required.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor Temple;

Resolved—That a contribution of £120 per house be required towards the cost of public services for new developments in the Greystones/Delgany area.

Passed, Councillors Costello and J. Miley dissenting.

The Council noted that Permission for the development would be granted subject to the conditions recommended by the County Engineer and including the requirement that a contribution of £120 per house be made towards the cost of public services as recommended by the Council.

Item No. 3—In the names of Councillors E. Byrne, J. Temple and C. White:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick J. Concannon, 14, Scott Park, Bray, for the provision of a bungalow at Templecarrig, Delgany, as plans submitted, for his own use."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The site which is outside the extensive Greystones/Delgany development area is situated in an area which is one of great natural beauty. The site had no public road frontage and is connected to the public road by means of a long narrow access way (1,000 ft.). The development of such a site for residential purposes would be in serious conflict with the proper planning and development of the area by giving rise to haphazard development and by setting a precedent for further development of a similar nature thus leading to further serious erosion of amenity in the area.
2. It is likely that the owner of the existing new house between the present site and the bridge will require to have a well bored and it is not possible to indicate if the position of the septic tank on the applicant's site would adversely affect it.

In reply to an enquiry from Councillor E. Byrne the County Secretary agreed that the objection on the matter of water supply had now been overcome.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick J. Concannon, 14, Scott Park, Bray, for the provision of a bungalow at Templecarrig, Delgany, as plans submitted, for his own use.

Passed.

Item No. 4—In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney and G. Timmins:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick J. Concannon, 14, Scott Park, Bray, for the provision of a bungalow at Templecarrig, Delgany, as plans submitted, for his own use."

ment) Act, 1963, to John Quin, Esq., The Rectory, Redcross, Co. Wicklow, for the provision of 17 bungalows at Coolmore, Arklow, Co. Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been deferred to allow of an inspection of the site by Members of the Council and the County Engineer had recommended that additional information be obtained from the applicant and this had been sought. The required information, however, had not yet been received. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the matter to the next Meeting.

The Council deferred the remaining Items on the Agenda to the next Meeting of the Council.

Group Water Supply Scheme at Ballybawn

Councillor Costello stated that the County Engineer had recommended that a 4" main be laid as part of the group Water Supply Scheme at Ballybawn in lieu of a 2" main so that the water supply could subsequently be extended to other houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

Resolved—That the Council agree to meet the cost of the increase in the size of watermain to serve the Group Water Supply Scheme at Ballybawn.

Passed.

Dispensary at Blessington.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That a new Dispensary or an extension to the present Dispensary be provided at Blessington.

Passed.

The Council agreed that the recommendation in regard to the new Dispensary be forwarded to the Eastern Health Board.

Road to Serve N.E.T. Factory at Arklow.

Councillor Miss Walsh asked if the Compulsory Purchase Order, which had been made by the Council for the acquisition of lands at Arklow, required in connection with the access road to the N.E.T. Factory could be suspended to allow of further negotiations with the owners of the lands concerned. The County Manager pointed out that the difference between the price sought by the owners for the land required and the figure which the County Engineer was prepared to recommend was so substantial that there did not appear to be any possibility of reaching agreement and in consequence it had been decided to make the Compulsory Purchase Order which had been done at the last Meeting of the Council. The landowners concerned could, however, through their Solicitors take up the matter with the Council's Solicitor without prejudice.

The Meeting then terminated.

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

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council provide water for five cottages at Corballis, Rathdrum."

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Wicklow County Council



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MEETING

Held on

On Monday, 29th March, 1971

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A special Meeting of Wicklow County Council to consider the matter of the acquisition of lands at Holywell for Housing, was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 29th March, 1971.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman;

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, C. White, J. Gregory, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes, Roger Miley, Basil S. C. Phelan.

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

Resolutions of Sympathy:-

At the commencement of the Meeting, Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, referred to the death of Mr. William Miley, brother of Councillor Roger Miley, and proposed that the Council pass a Resolution expressing their sympathy with Councillor Roger Miley and with Mr. Miley's widow and family. He referred also to former Officers of the Council who had died recently, these being Dr. D. F. McCarthy, former County Medical Officer, Mr. J. P. Caffrey, Assistant County Engineer, and Mr. Joseph Brazil, former Law Agent to the Council. The Council passed Resolutions expressing the sympathy of the Members with the relatives of Mr. William Miley, Dr. D. F. McCarthy, Mr. J. P. Caffrey and Mr. Joseph Brazil.

Acquisition of Lands at Holywell for Housing:-

In reply to enquiry from Councillor B. S. C. Phelan in regard to the calling of the special Meeting, Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman stated that Councillor Costello had got in touch with him and had informed him that Mrs. de Caen, owner of lands at Holywell, was submitting a letter to the Council offering the lands for sale to the Council, and had asked that a special meeting be arranged in regard to the matter. Councillor Whelan stated that he had informed Councillor Costello that before agreeing to call a special meeting, he would need to have further information on the matter, and Councillor Costello subsequently got in touch with him again and read to him a letter from Mrs. de Caen which was being sent to the Secretary of the County Council. The Chairman stated that he informed Councillor Costello

that he was agreeable to a special meeting being called. The County Secretary had telephoned him the next day and had also read to him the letter received from Mrs. de Caen and he had confirmed his agreement to the calling of the special Meeting. Councillor B. S. C. Phelan asked that it be recorded that the initiative for the holding of the Meeting came from Councillor Costello.

The following letter from Mrs. de Caen was read to the Council by the County Secretary:-

Kircullen,
Kinlen Road,
Greystones,
22nd March, 1971.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

For the attention of the Members of the Council

This is to state that I am writing to sell the lands of Holywell to the Wicklow County Council for the sum of twenty thousand pounds (£20,000) clear of all expenses, that is:- Auctioneers fees and my solicitor's; provided that Mr. Basil Phelan agrees to waive any alleged claim which he feels he may have on this land.

Violet L. de Caen

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello

Seconded by Councillor Ryan

Resolved—That Councillor Phelan be asked to withdraw from the sale of the lands at Holywell, and allow the Council to purchase these lands, and that Councillor Phelan be asked to give his reply within one month from this date.

Councillor B. S. C. Phelan then addressed the Council and having referred to letters and copies of letters which had been handed in at a previous Meeting by Councillor Costello, he stated that he wished to hand in a copy of a letter which had been sent by the Solicitors for Mrs. de Caen to his Solicitor, which included a statement that Clarke, Delahunt and Company had informed them that Councillor Phelan had been in touch with them on a number of occasions previous to 15th October, concerning the lands at Holywell. In the course of a lengthy statement he referred to the proceedings at the meeting of the Wicklow Local Electoral Committee on the 15th October, 1970, the recommendation of the County Engineer regarding other lands at Kilpedder, letters addressed by him to Captain de Caen asking if he would sell the lands at Holywell to the Council at the same figure offered by him, and a report published in the "Sunday Independent" in relation to this matter. Councillor Phelan stated that he was not prepared to sell the land to the Council now and that he had instituted legal proceedings against Captain de Caen and the "Sunday Independent" and that the matter was now "sub-judice" and should not be discussed.

Councillor J. Temple, on a point of order, asked if the Council could continue to discuss the matter if it was sub-judice as claimed by Councillor Phelan. The County Manager informed the Members that in his view the matter was not sub-judice as no notice had been re-

ceived by the Council of judicial proceedings. He pointed out that Councillor Phelan had himself spoken at length in regard to these matters which at the same time he claimed were sub-judice.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., pointed out to Councillor Phelan that he (Councillor Timmins, T.D.) had refrained from raising this matter elsewhere following the publication of the article in the "Sunday Independent," but having regard to the statements made in relation to the institution of legal proceedings, he proposed that further discussion on the matter be deferred for one month.

It was proposed by Councillor Gregory that the County Engineer be instructed to inspect and report on lands suitable for housing in Kilpedder other than those already under consideration and the proposal was seconded by Councillor R. Miley. Councillor Costello asked if Councillor Gregory would agree to adding to his Resolution the following words "and that we proceed with the purchase of any suitable lands provided that the Officers of the Council are satisfied that there was no possible opportunity of voluntarily acquiring the lands of Holywell from Mrs. de Caen." The amendment suggested by Councillor Costello was accepted by Councillor Gregory subject to the insertion of the words "the Council" in lieu of "Officers of the Council." Following a discussion in regard to the Motion before the Council, the following amendment to the Resolution in the name of Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor Ryan, was proposed by Councillor J. Miley and seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:- "That we adjourn the matter to the next Meeting to allow an opportunity for the submission of evidence of court proceedings by Councillor Phelan." A vote having been called for on the amendment, it was found that the Members present voted as follows:-

In Favour: Councillors J. J. Bourke, W. Cleary, M. Deering, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, J. Sweeney — Eleven.

Against: Councillors S. Costello, J. Gregory, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., and Miss M. Walsh — Five.

Councillors B. Phelan, K. Ryan, J. Whelan and C. White abstained from voting.

The amendment was declared passed by eleven votes in favour to five against.

The following motion in the name of Councillor Gregory, seconded by Councillor R. Miley was put to the Council:- "That the County Engineer inspect and report on lands suitable for housing in Kilpedder other than those already under consideration, and that we proceed with the purchase of any such suitable lands provided that the Council is satisfied that there is no possible opportunity of voluntarily acquiring the lands of Holywell from Mrs. de Caen."

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

In Favour: Councillors S. Costello, J. Gregory, J. Temple — Three.

Against:..... Nil.

Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., and J. Whelan, indicated they were not voting, and other Members did not reply to their

names or had left the Council Chamber. The Meeting then terminated.

The following notices of motion were handed in and accepted by the Chairman:-

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, K. Ryan, J. J. Bourke and R. Miley:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Thomas Redmond, Main Street, Rathnew, for the erection of a bungalow, Sub-Post Office and domestic garage at Ballybeg, Rathnew."

In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, W. Cleary, F. Hynes, K. Ryan and J. Gregory:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James M. de Courcy, 78 Saint Peter's Place, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Beech Road, Arklow."

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering and G. Timmins:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to David A. Pym, Brookfield, Richmond Avenue, Mill town, Dublin 6, for the erection of a bungalow at Athdown."

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering and G. Timmins:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Byrne and David Byrne, Blessington, for the erection of two bungalows at Bannagrove, Hollywood."

In the names of Councillors J. Temple and F. Hynes:- "That a fee of £120 per house shall be charged for connection to Council Services and that such a charge be paid on connection to the Services; this condition to apply to five houses to be built by Mr. Sean Nolan at Boghall Road, Bray."

In the name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:- "That a very dangerous turn at Ballymorris, Aughrim leading to Black's Bridge be made safe as there is a very large C.I.E. Bus on this road four times a day carrying over 50 children to the National School in Aughrim."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:- (a) "That this Council put kerbs around the grass patches and surface the road in front of the houses on the School Height, Carnew; (b) That this Council provide a sewerage for the Village of Coolboy; (c) That this Council take over and surface Bachelor's Walk, also Millbank Lane at Shillelagh."

Wicklow County Council



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Held on

On Monday, 5th April, 1971

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council to deal with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 5th April, 1971, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Godfrey Timmins, Edward Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, J. Temple, C. White, John J. Bourke, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, Roger Miley and B. S. C. Phelan.

The County Secretary, County Engineer, County Accountant, Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Planning Section and Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing and Sanitary Services Section, attended.

AGENDA:

- 1 Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:-
 - (1) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney and G. Timmins:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Quin, Esq., The Rectory, Redcross, Co. Wicklow, for the provision of 17 bungalows at Coolmore, Arklow, Co. Wicklow."
 - (2) In the names of Councillors J. Whelan, T. J. Keenan, R. Miley, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, J. J. Bourke, J. Sweeney and W. Cleary:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael Doyle, Ballymoyle, Arklow, for the building of five bungalows on Site 3 and 5 on location map submitted."
 - (3) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, M. J. O'Neill, M. Deering and G. Timmins:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Hugh Fleming, to erect a house at Butterhill."
 - (4) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, J. Whelan, B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Duignan, Ashford, for the erection of a bungalow on his lands at Ballymacahara, Ashford."

- (5) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney, M. J. O'Neill, M. Deering and G. Timmins:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Thomas A. Hand and Nicholas M. Cantwell, to erect one house each at Crosscoolharbour."
- (6) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney and G. Timmins:- By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Gerald Francis Rawson, to erect a dwellinghouse at Crosscoolharbour."
- (7) In the names of Councillors C. White, Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to W. J. Jermy, Glencree, Enniskerry, for the provision of a house at Glencree."
- (8) In the names of Councillors C. White, Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Rita Dunne, Ballyorney, for the provision of a house at Carrigoon, Enniskerry."
- (9) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. J. O'Neill and M. Deering:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to A. Black, to erect a bungalow at Hempstown."
- (10) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. Deering and M. J. O'Neill:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Walsh, to erect a house at Golden Hill, Manor Kilbride."
- (11) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan and William Cleary:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James Dunne, Upper Main Street, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballyduff, Arklow."
- (12) In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, William Cleary and Basil S. C. Phelan:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Bracken, Upper Main Street, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballyduff, Arklow."
- (13) In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, William Cleary, J. Sweeney and R. Miley:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning

- Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Edward McNabb, for the erection of six dwellinghouses on his lands at Rossanna Upper, Co. Wicklow."
- (14) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Christopher Keogh, Ballyknocken, Valley Mount, to erect a house."
 - (15) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael McCormack, Athgrany, Hollywood, to erect a house."
 - (16) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, J. J. Bourke and J. Miley:- "By virtue of the powers vested in us under the County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to L. G. Murch, Kilmacullagh, Newtownmountkennedy, to erect a dwelling at the above address."
 - (17) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan and W. Cleary:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Hugh Kavanagh, Rockbog, Arklow, for the provision of seven houses at Rockbog."
 - (18) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney and F. Hynes:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Malachy Stone, Brittas Bay, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballinacarrig, Brittas Bay."
 - (19) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, J. Whelan, K. Ryan and Miss M. Walsh:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Annie Butler, School Height, Carnew, for the erection of a porch."
 - (20) In the names of Councillors William Cleary, T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, R. Miley, Miss M. Walsh, G. Timmins, M. Deering, C. White, K. Ryan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Basil S. C. Phelan and F. Hynes:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Byrne, Bolinaskey, Rathdrum, for the provision of a dwelling on his site at Ballinacfinchogue."
 - (21) In the names of Councillors R. Miley, F. Hynes and J. Miley:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mervyn Hill, to build a bungalow at Tiglin, Ashford, on his land."

- (22) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, K. Ryan, J. J. Bourke and R. Miley:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Thomas Redmond, Main Street, Rathnew, for the erection of a bungalow, Sub-Post Office and domestic garage at Ballybeg, Rathnew."
- (23) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, W. Cleary, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James M. de Courcy, 78 Saint Peter's Place, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Beech Road, Arklow."
- (24) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering and G. Timmins:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to David A. Pym, Brookfield, Richmond Avenue, Milltown, Dublin, 6, for the erection of a bungalow at Athdown."
- (25) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering and G. Timmins:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Byrne and David Byrne, Blessington, for the erection of two bungalows at Bannagrove, Hollywood."
- 26 To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 7th December, 1970 and 4th January, 1971.
- 3 Proposed National Park in Dublin and Wicklow Mountains—Letter from Dublin County Council re date for meeting sub-committee.
- 4 Proposed disposal of plot of land at Main Street, Blessington (Notice issued to Members).
- 5 Loans for Acquisition and Construction of Houses — Letter from Department of Local Government dated 1st March, 1971.
- 6 Provision of Houses in Arklow Urban District for persons residing in County Health District.
- 7 Provision of cottage at Ballinabarney, Rathdrum.
- 8 Sub-division of cottage plots at Ballymoney, Arklow and Ballybeg, Rathnew.
- 9 Disposal of cottages at Newry, Clonegal and at Coolbeg, Wicklow.
- 10 Application for consent to sale of vested cottage.
- 11 Acquisition of lands at Holywell for housing.
- 12 Erection of houses at Stratford-on-Slaney — To authorise borrowing to defray cost of scheme.
- 13 Revision of remuneration of Rent Collectors.
- 14 Application for reception of deputation from Rathdrum Housing Committee.
- 15 Roadside Development — Traffic and safety on Arterial Roads — Letter from Department of Local Government.
- 16 Development Plan Reviews and Planning Control — Letter from Department of Local Government (copy circulated to Members).

- 17 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this Council buy mobile homes for people who are in urgent need of housing."
- 18 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council build a cottage for the Redmond Family of Bolinass, Ashford."
- 19 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council appoint Mr. James Thompson, Knockrobin, tenant of his father's cottage at the same address."
- 20 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors C. White, J. J. Bourke, M. Deering, R. Miley, J. Sweeney and T. J. Keenan:- "That the Council rescind portion of the 'County Plan' affecting certain property in Greystones."
- 21 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. Miley:- "That repairs be carried out to the following cottages:- Mrs. Mary Byrne, 11 Greenane Road, Rathdrum; Mrs. Waterton, 9 Greenane Road, Rathdrum; Mr. Andrew Byrne, Ballintombay, Rathdrum; Mr. A. Manley, Ballygannon, Rathdrum."
- 22 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:- "That this Council tell us at the next Housing Meeting when it intends to start building houses for John Dillon, William Byrne and Richard Kenny, which it has been agreed to build."
- 23 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Whelan:- "That the County Council build a cottage for Mr. Michael O'Brien on site offered to the County Council by Anthony Moules, Rednagh Road, Aughrim, who lives in a vested cottage and is willing to give part of his plot."
- 24 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council lay pipes through the Council plots at Croneynhorn, Carnew, as it is causing flooding in two gardens lower down, the present drain is unable to take the water."
- 25 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council remove the watermain a further distance from Mr. Jim Hollingsworth's cottage, The Bank, Rathnew, to enable him to build an extension to his cottage as he has a very large family."
- 26 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors K. Ryan and J. Whelan:- "That this Council build two houses in Coolboy for Mr. Dick Doyle and Edward Sheridan (junior), both men are in very bad need of housing."
- 27 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council take immediate legal steps to recover possession of a Council Cottage in the name of Reps. of Thomas Wolohan, Cornagower, Dunganstown."
- 28 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council build a cottage for Patrick Cullen, Blainroe, on his sister's land."
- 29 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council provide water for five cottages at Corballis, Rathdrum."
- 30 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:- "That a house be erected for John Byrne, Shamrock, Knockananna and also for Seamus Dunne, Ardinaboy, Knockananna."
- 31 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Temple and F. Hynes:- "That a fee of £120 shall be charged for connection to Council services and that such charge be paid on connection to the services; this condition to apply to five houses to be built by Mr. Sean Nolan at Boghall Road, Bray."

10 Minutes of Meeting held on Monday, 5th April, 1971.

32 Cottages repaired during the month of March, 1971 and to be repaired during the month of April, 1971.

Item No. (1)—Notices of intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:— (1) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney and G. Timmins:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Quin, Esq., The Rectory, Redcross, Co. Wicklow, for the provision of 17 Bungalows at Coolmore, Arklow, Co. Wicklow."

The following report of the County Medical Officer was submitted:—

Dr. C. F. Warde, Public Health Department,
County Medical Officer, Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow.
30th March, 1971.

Staff Officer,
Planning Section.

Re: Planning Application Ref. 4050/71—Section 4.
17 Bungalows at Coolmore, Arklow—Mr. J. Quin.

A Chara,

I have examined the certificate supplied on the analysis of the water and I am not satisfied with it. A sample of the water should be submitted to a Public Analyst for chemical examination including all metal content. A bacteriological examination of the water should also be done, testing for E. Coli and E. Coli (Faecal) organisms. A certificate as to the adequacy of the water supply would be required and should be furnished by an Engineer of consultant status.

As regards the sewage disposal plant, I would require further information on the disposal of effluent from the plant. Trial holes would be necessary to test the soakage qualities of the soil. The effluent should not be permitted to flow directly into any water course or stream.

Mise, le meas,
C. F. WARDE,
Chief Medical Officer.

The Council noted that further information was required and agreed that the matter be deferred pending the submission of this information.

Item No. (2)—In the names of Cllrs. J. Whelan, T. J. Keenan, R. Miley, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, J. J. Bourke, J. Sweeney and W. Cleary:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael Doyle, Ballymoyle, Arklow, for the building of five bungalows on Site 3 and 5 on location map submitted."

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, pointed out that the Notice of Intention to propose the Resolution as included on the Agenda was incorrect in that the number of bungalows proposed was two and not five, these being on Sites 3 and 5 on location map submitted.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that the application be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The proposed site would be unsuitable for housing development because of impermeability of the soil giving rise to a high water table and waterlogged ground surface.
2. The site adjoins the National Primary Route (Dublin/Wexford). Traffic generated by the proposed development would adversely affect the traffic carrying capacity of the main road and would create a serious traffic hazard and would contravene the provisions of the County Development Plan.
3. The proposal would result in a sporadic residential development, remote from existing centres of population and community facilities. Such development would seriously injure rural amenity and would be in serious conflict with the proper planning and development because the revenue from it would not suffice to provide public services (water supply, public lighting, refuse collection, electricity supply, telegraphic lines, etc.) which would in time be demanded.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor Keenan:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael Doyle, Ballymoyle, Arklow, for the building of two bungalows on Sites 3 and 5 on location map submitted.

Passed, Councillors M. J. O'Neill and S. Costello dissenting.

Item No. (3)—In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, M. J. O'Neill, M. Deering and G. Timmins:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Hugh Fleming, to erect a house at Butterhill."

The County Secretary submitted the report of the County Engineer in which he recommended that Planning Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The proposed development is an unserviced rural area in which it would not be economical to provide public services, e.g. water, sewerage, public lighting, road improvements, which in time would be demanded for this development and other existing and proposed developments in the area.
2. The creation of new access points to houses on this narrow twisting road would give rise to a possible source of traffic hazard.
3. The proposed development would be prominent in views to this mountain area and would detract from the scenic amenity value in this important tourist area by altering the rural character of the area.

The County Engineer also pointed out that Permission had already been refused for a dwelling on this site which was in a prominent position overlooking Blessington Lake and that there was another applica-

tion before the Council for the erection of a dwelling on a site directly on the opposite side of the public road in the townland of Blackrock. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Hugh Fleming, to erect a house at Butterhill.

Pasesd, Councillor Costello dissenting.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that if Permission was being granted certain conditions be imposed but the Council indicated they were not prepared to approve of the conditions.

Item No. (4)—In the names of Cllrs. R. Miley, J. Whelan, B. S. C. Phelan, F. Hynes, and J. Gregory: "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Duignan, Ashford, for the erection of a bungalow on his lands at Ballymacahara, Ashford."

The County Engineer had recommended that Permission be refused for the following reason:-

"The traffic generated by the development proposed and by other proposed developments in the area and for which planning permissions already exist would give rise to congestion and possible traffic hazard on the approach road which is deficient in alignment and width. Furthermore the development would give rise to a serious traffic hazard in that visibility for traffic approaching on the public road from the west of the entrance is restricted to approximately 17 yards."

The County Engineer also pointed out that the gravel access road from the public road to the site of the proposed house had been recently constructed apparently in anticipation of a grant of Planning Permission. The source of water supply had not been indicated but it had been stated in a previous application that a well would be provided if the existing group water supply scheme were not adequate. The location of the well was not shown on the plans. Sewerage disposal was proposed by means of a septic tank but the location of this also was not shown.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Duignan, Ashford, for the erection of a bungalow on his lands at Ballymacahara, Ashford, subject to submission of site plan to scale showing proposed location of the dwelling, septic tank and source of water supply and means of disposal of stormwater from site.

Passed.

Item No. (5)—In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney, M. J. O'Neill, M. Deering and G. Timmins:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Thomas A. Hand and Nicholas M. Cantwell, to erect one house each at Crosscoolharbour."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer recommended refusal of Outline Permission for the following reasons:-

1. This proposed development when taken in conjunction with other building developments both existing and proposed would give rise to ribbon development with consequent increase in traffic hazard on this road and also loss of amenity.
2. The group water scheme serving this area is only sufficient to supply the existing houses connected to it. There is not sufficient water available to serve any new development.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had indicated that from enquiries received from Auctioneers it appeared that the entire property comprising about 60 acres was available for development purposes and he recommended that instead of a ribbon of development along Red Lane as proposed that the development should be carried out in depth within the land with a single estate road opening onto Red Lane. Councillor J. Miley stated that the owner of the lands proposed to dispose of only a limited number of sites and did not wish for any large scale development.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Thomas A. Hand and Nicholas M. Cantwell, to erect one house each at Crosscoolharbour.

Passed.

Item No. (6) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, J. Sweeney and G. Timmins:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Gerald Francis Rawson, to erect a dwellinghouse at Crosscoolharbour."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended refusal of Permission for the following reasons:-

1. This proposed development when taken in conjunction with other building developments both existing and proposed, would give rise to ribbon development with consequent increase in traffic hazard on this road and also loss of amenity.
2. The group water scheme serving this area is only sufficient to supply the existing houses connected to it. There is not sufficient water available to serve any new development.
3. Septic tank 10' from public road and a few feet from other boundary would be likely to cause a public health hazard.

The County Secretary stated that this proposal was on the same lines as the proposal immediately preceding it.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Gerald Francis Rawson, to erect a dwellinghouse at Crosscoolharbour.

Passed, Councillor Costello abstaining.

Item No. (7)—In the names of Cllrs. C. White, Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—“By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to W. J. Jermy, Glencree, Enniskerry, for the provision of a house at Glencree.”

The County Secretary submitted report of 26th February, 1971, of the Chief Planning Assistant as approved by the County Engineer and stated that it was recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The proposed site would be too remote from existing settlements.
2. The site of the proposed house is too remote from the nearest public road and would because of steep gradient be inaccessible to vehicular traffic especially essential services such as a Fire Brigade or Ambulance as well as to construction traffic for the house itself.
3. The proposed house would be too prominent in views of the area from the surrounding public roads and so would be detrimental to the scenery of this area of outstanding natural beauty.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. White;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

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

Passed, Councillor Costello abstaining.

Item No. (8)—In the names of Cllrs. C. White, Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—“By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Rita Dunne, Ballyorney, for the provision of a house at Carrigoona, Enniskerry.”

The County Secretary stated that a Mr. Brian Thornberry had applied on two previous occasions for Permission for the erection of a dwelling on this site and the first of these applications had been refused Permission by the Council and also by the Minister for Local Government on Appeal. Permission had been granted for the second application in pursuance of a Resolution under Section 4 of the 1955

Act, but this decision was appealed to the Minister for Local Government by Bord Fáilte Éireann and it was again refused by the Minister on 2nd February, 1970. The present application in the name of Rita Dunne was the same as that which had been refused Permission on the two earlier occasions. The County Engineer reported that the proposed development would contravene materially the development Plan and he recommended refusal on the following grounds:—

1. The proposed development would seriously contravene the County Development Plan in that:—

- (a) The site area is less than 1 acre, and appears to be at the expense of the curtilage of an existing dwellinghouse.
- (b) The proposed house would obstruct the view from the adjoining County Road which it is an objective of the Development Plan to preserve and improve.
- (c) It would detract from scenic values and the existing character of the landscape area in which it is situated and would be obtrusive because of the lack of natural screening and the prominent location of the site.

2. The proposed development would be seriously injurious to the amenities and the great natural beauty of the area because it would obtrude on the present unspoilt mountain views from many vantage points in the Enniskerry area.

3. It would interfere with the scenic views from the road and mountain areas adjoining the site especially as the particular road was improved and developed by Wicklow County Council as a road with tourist amenity from special grants paid by the Department of Local Government for that purpose.

4. The addition of a further bungalow as infilling between existing houses along this section of the road would add to the built up appearance in this area to the detriment of the views of the hill area behind.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. White;

Seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill;

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

Passed.

The County Secretary pointed out that since the proposal materially contravened the Development Plan the consent of the Minister for Local Government would be required.

Item No. (9)—In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. J. O'Neill and M. Deering:—“By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to A. Black, to erect a bungalow at Hempstown.”

The County Secretary stated that no application had yet been received in this case and the Council decided to defer consideration of the proposal.

Item No. (10)—In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. Deering and M. J. O'Neill:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Walsh, to erect a house at Golden Hill, Manor Kilbride."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:-

1. This proposal when taken in conjunction with other developments existing and proposed along County Road No. 375 would give rise to traffic conditions which would require extensive improvement work to that road. At its northern end this roadway has a carriage-way of 12 feet and an overall width of as little as 13 feet. The public revenue which might be expected from the proposed development would not suffice to carry out the widening and improvement works necessary to carry the industrial and domestic traffic generated by these developments.
2. It is contrary to the policy of the Planning Authority, as expressed in the County Development Plan, to encourage sporadic residential development in rural areas which would create a demand for necessary services (water, sewerage, public lighting, scavenging, etc.) which could not be provided economically from public revenue.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley

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

Resolved — By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Walsh to erect a house at Golden Hill, Manor Kilbride.

Passed.

Item No. (11)—In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, and William Cleary:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James Dunne, Upper Main Street, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballyduff, Arklow."

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

Planning Section,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.
25th March, 1971.

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

Re: James Dunne. 4152/71.

Bungalow at Ballyduff, Arklow, Co. Wicklow.

A Chara,

Outline permission was granted in this case under Section 4. Even though only Outline Permission was granted work has already commenced.

- (1) A trial house opened on the site contained 3 ft. 3 inches of water. The soil is heavy and not suitable for septic tank drainage. The proposal to instal a septic tank on such a site would be prejudicial to Public Health.
- (2) The proposal could result in haphazard development along an approach road to Arklow by giving rise to ribbon development with consequent multiplicity of access points and possible traffic hazard arising from same.

Mise, le meas.

T. GIESON,

Chief Planning Assistant.

The following report of the County Medical Officer was also submitted:

Public Health Department,
Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow.
3rd February, 1971.

Mr. T. J. Donovan,
Co. Engineer.

Re: Planning Applications at Ballyduff, Arklow.

James Dunne. Ref. No. 3984/71—Erection of Bungalow

A Chara,

I have examined the above application and inspected the site proposed for the erection of a bungalow. The site, on the date of inspection, 29th ult., was very wet and soggy. There was water in flashes on the ground. The foundations of the bungalow were dug and contained water. A trial hole opened for inspection had water to within 14 inches of the surface. The soil is heavy and not suitable for septic tank drainage in my opinion. Therefore I do not recommend this application.

I understand that the Co. Council has directed the Co. Manager to grant permission, under Section 4, of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, on the 7/12/1970 at a meeting of the County Council. In my opinion this permission should be rescinded as this site is unsuitable for septic tank drainage, and the effluent would be a danger to public health.

Mise, le meas.

C. F. WARDE,

Chife Medical Officer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Sweeney;

Seconded by Councillor Cleary:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James Dunne, Upper Main Street, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballyduff, Arklow.

Passed.

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Item No. 12—In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, William Cleary and Basil S. C. Phelan:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Bracken, Upper Main Street, Arklow, for the provision of a Bungalow at Ballyduff, Arklow." The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:

Ref. 4183171 Wicklow County Council. 1st April, 1971.
T. J. Donovan, Esq., B.E.,
County Engineer.

Erection of Bungalow (outline), at Ballyduff, Arklow, Co. Wicklow, for John R. Bracken.

A Chara,

This is a resubmission in pursuance of a notice of Motion under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955. File 4183/71 refers to this application and is a duplication thereof.

It is similarly recommended in this case that permission be refused for the following reasons:-

- (1) The proposal would be in serious conflict with the provisions of the Wicklow County Development Plan by giving rise to haphazard development along an approach road to Arklow.
- (2) The proposal would result in a multiplicity of septic tanks on half acre sites in an area where the subsoil, as revealed in trial holes in the area, is unsuitable for septic tank drainage and would thus be prejudicial to public health.

Mise, le meas.

T. GIBSON,

Chief Planning Assistant.

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had reported that the soil was wet and composed of heavy clay and the water table level was near the surface. The soil would have little soakage qualities. The County Medical Officer recommended refusal of Permission.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor Cleary:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Bracken, Upper Main Street, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballyduff, Arklow.

Passed, Councillors Costello and M. J. O'Neill abstaining.

Item No. (13)—In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, William Cleary, J. Sweeney and R. Miley:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Edward McNabb, for the erection of six dwellinghouses on his lands at Rossanna Upper, Co. Wicklow."

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The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer recommended that Planning Permission be refused for the following reasons:-

1. The junction of the proposed private access road with the public road would occur at a point on the public road where visibility is substandard on that public road and where it would not be possible to improve the visibility sight lines for traffic emerging from this private access road due to the high wall on the adjoining property which is not under the control of the applicant.
2. It is contrary to the policy of the Planning Authority, as expressed in the County Development Plan, to encourage sporadic residential development in rural areas which would create a demand for services (water, sewerage, public lighting, scavenging, etc.) which could not be economically provided from public revenue.

Councillor B. S. C. Phelan stated that the owner of the adjoining lands was agreeable to a reduction in the height of the wall on his property to improve visibility and that the access would be altered to a point where adequate visibility was available.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Edward McNabb, for the erection of six dwellinghouses on his lands at Rossanna Upper, Co. Wicklow.

Passed, Councillor Costello abstaining.

Item No. (14)—In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Patrick Christopher Keogh, Ballyknocken, Vallemount, to erect a house."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:-

1. The site is prominent in views to the Moanbane Mountain from the Blessington Lake drive and the proposed dwelling would seriously infringe the skyline. The development would therefore seriously injure amenity in the area by reason of undue prominence.
2. The Council has carried out road improvements at this place on this important tourist route serving the Blessington Lake area. The creation of an additional access to the public road at this bend would depreciate the benefits ensuing from the road improvements already carried out.

The County Secretary stated that the site of the proposal was on land in the ownership of the Council and formed part of a site of a cottage which was used as a dispensary for Ballyknocken. Councillor Costello opposed the proposal to grant Planning Permission and urged that the County Engineer be asked to report on the use of the site by the Council for housing purposes. He considered that this plot, if suitable for housing, should be used by the Council for the erection of a Council house which would be let to the applicant most in need of housing. Councillor J. Miley agreed to withdraw the Notice of In-

tention to move the Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, and agreed that the County Engineer be asked to report as to the suitability of the site for the erection of Council houses.

Item No. (15)—In the names of Cllrs. J. Miley, G. Timmins and M. J. O'Neill: "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Michael McCormack, Athgrany, Hollywood, to erect a house."

The County Engineer had recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:

1. The site of the proposal adjoins the National Secondary Road, Blessington/Baltinglass, which carries heavy traffic and is specified in the County Development Plan as a main tourist route and an area of special control. Traffic generated by the proposal would obstruct road users and prejudice the safety and free flow of traffic on the adjoining main road.
2. The proposal would set a precedent for other development of a similar nature thereby further eroding the service value of this National Secondary Route and seriously depreciating the high scenic amenity of the area.
3. The development would be unduly prominent and obtrusive in the scenic view to Church Mountain.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Ml. McCormack, Athgrany, Hollywood, to erect a house.
Passed, Councillor Costello objecting.

Item No. (16)—In the names of Councillors Basil S. C. Phelan, J. J. Bourke, and J. Miley: "By virtue of the powers vested in us under the County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to L. G. Murch, Kilmacullagh, Newtownmountkennedy, to erect a dwelling at the above address."

The County Engineer recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:-

1. It is contrary to the policy of the Planning Authority, as expressed in the County Development Plan, to permit sporadic residential development in rural areas.
2. A dwelling erected on this site together with the existing dwelling on the adjacent site to the west and dwelling for which outline permission was granted (ref. 1447/67) of the adjacent site to the east, would create a ribbon pattern of development density incompatible with and seriously detrimental to the rural character of the area which now prevails.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory

Resolved — By virtue of the powers vested in us under the County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby direct the County

Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to L. G. Murch, Kilmacullagh, Newtownmountkennedy, to erect a dwelling at the above address.

Passed.

Item No. (17)—In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan and W. Cleary:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Hugh Kavanagh, Rockbog, Arklow, for the provision of seven houses at Rockbog."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended refusal for the following reason:-

"The proposal would materially contravene the County Development Plan because it would result in a sporadic residential development in an unserviced rural area the revenue from which development would not suffice to provide public services (water supply, public sewerage, public lighting, refuse collection etc.) which would in time be demanded."

The County Medical Officer had reported that no information had been supplied in regard to the suitability of the land for sewerage by means of septic tanks and that trial holes would be necessary. He pointed out that a multiplicity of septic tanks was not desirable from a public health point of view. The Council decided to defer consideration of the proposal pending the opening of at least two trial holes 6 feet deep and the submission of a revised site layout map, showing the position of the proposed houses, bored wells and septic tanks as recommended by the County Medical Officer.

Item No. (18)—In the names of Cllrs. B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney and F. Hynes:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Malachy Stone, Brittas Bay, for the erection of a Bungalow at Ballinacarrig, Brittas Bay."

The County Engineer had recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:-

1. The site of the proposal is prominently situated on the southern slope of a hill (rock outcrop) overlooking the sand dunes and beach at Brittas Bay. The proposed development of this site for residential purposes would seriously injure the high amenity values of the area by:-
 - (a) Being unduly prominent in views to the area;
 - (b) Altering the existing character of the area;
 - (c) Setting a precedent for similar development of other prominent sites in the area.
2. The site of the proposal is landlocked having no public road frontage and the proposed access which is by way of a long narrow passage (1,200 ft. long, 10 ft. wide) is not satisfactory. The proposed development of this unsuitably located site would be in serious conflict with the proper planning and development of the area.

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3. The vehicular entrance from the site is onto the heavily trafficked tourist road (Brittas Bay/Wicklow) at a point where sight distances are inadequate. Vehicles entering and leaving the site would give rise to a serious traffic hazard having regard to the heavy density of tourist traffic and the inadequate sight distances at the entrance.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Basil S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor Cleary:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Malachy Stone, Brittas Bay, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballinacarrig, Brittas Bay.

Passed, Councillor Costello opposing.

Item No. (19)—In the names of Councillors John Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, J. Whelan, K. Ryan and Miss M. Walsh:—“By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Annie Butler, School Height, Carnew, for the erection of a porch.”

The County Secretary stated that no application had yet been received in this instance and the Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal.

Item No. (20)—In the names of Cllrs. William Cleary, T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, R. Miley, Miss M. Walsh, G. Timmins, M. Deering, C. White, K. Ryan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Basil S. C. Phelan and F. Hynes:—“By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Byrne, Bolinaskey, Rathdrum, for the provision of a dwelling on his site at Ballinafinchogue.”

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:—

1. The site is in an area of outstanding natural beauty and recreational amenity, which is specified in the County Development Plan as Class B. Landscape and an area of “special control.” It is located in the foreground of the Carrawaystick Waterfall which cascades from the mountain to the rear of the site and provides a natural spectacle, the uninterrupted view of which is worthy of preservation.
2. The erection of a dwelling on this site would seriously injure the amenities of this area and would constitute a precedent for similar development and lead to further erosion of the outstanding amenities of this area.
3. The erection of a dwelling on this site adjacent to the public road within approximately 70 yds. of an existing dwelling on the adjacent site would be seriously detrimental to the rural character of the area which it is essential to preserve in order to protect and preserve the visual amenity of this area. Furthermore the site is inadequate (approx. 1½ acres) for a dwelling in an area, the scenery of which is outstanding and of natural importance.

4. The site is low lying and adjacent to the Avonbeg River and there is no evidence before the planning authority that the soil conditions are suitable for sewage disposal by means of a septic tank.
5. The location of a dwellinghouse in such close proximity to the large trees on this site would be a hazard for the occupants of the dwelling. It is important that the trees be retained in the interests of amenity in the area.

Councillor R. Miley stated this was a case of an applicant who was a native of the area and who wished to build a house on his own lands. It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Keenan:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Byrne, Bolinaskey, Rathdrum, for the provision of a dwellinghouse on his site at Ballinafinchogue.

Fassed.

Item No. (21) In the names of Cllrs. R. Miley, F. Hynes and J. Miley: “By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mervyn Hill, to build a bungalow at Tiglin, Ashford, on his land.”

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:

1. The site adjoins a main tourist road (Ashford/Laragh/Glenda-lough). The erection of a bungalow as proposed would seriously injure amenity in the area by being unduly prominent and by giving rise to ribbon development.
2. Traffic generated by the proposal would obstruct road users and tend to give rise to a traffic hazard.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mervyn Hill, to build a bungalow at Tiglin, Ashford, on his land.

Passed—Councillor S. Costello abstaining.

Item No. (22)—In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, K. Ryan, J. J. Bourke and R. Miley:—“By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Thomas Redmond, Main Street, Rathnew, for the erection of a bungalow, Sub-Post Office and domestic garage at Ballybeg, Rathnew.”

The County Secretary stated that a previous application in this case had been granted subject to the following two conditions:—

1. Both pedestrian accesses shall be omitted from the development and the sole means of access shall be from the minor road. A wall

sympathetic to the area shall be erected along the main road boundary of the site and shall not exceed 3' 6" in height. The grassed area between the minor road boundary of the site and the edge of the road shall be levelled and shall be surfaced in tarmacadam or other suitable surfacing material of distinctive colouring, so as to form a traffic lay by.

2. The external walls shall be rendered white or grey and the roof tiles shall be turf brown in colour.

The present application varied from that previously submitted as one of the pedestrian ways onto the site from the main Dublin/Wicklow Road had been omitted and it was also now proposed to "dish the public footpath beside the main road to allow vehicles onto an 8 ft. wide parking space inside the footpath. The Co. Engineer had reported that this proposal would be unacceptable as the length of the site frontage on the road was only 100 ft. and cars would drive over the public footpath thus giving rise to possible hazard to pedestrians. Due to the alignment of the main road at this point visibility was poor and there was a distinct traffic hazard. This hazard would be further increased by the proposed development here. It was strongly recommended by the County Engineer that the lay-by be provided on the other road frontage of the site (County Road No. 98) for cars and that the sole access to the Sub-Post Office be from that road. He recommended that Permission be granted subject to the following conditions:-

1. The proposed parking lay-by on the main road (T7) be omitted and the sole means of access to the site to be from the County Road No. 98.
2. The external walls shall be rendered white or grey and the roof tiles shall be turf brown in colour.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Thomas Redmond, Main Street, Rathnew, for the erection of a bungalow, Sub-Post Office and domestic garage at Ballybeg, Rathnew.

Passed.

Item No. (23)—In the names of Cllrs. J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenah, W. Cleary, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James M. De Courcy, 78, Saint Peter's Place, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Beech Road, Arklow."

The County Secretary stated that no application had yet been received in this case and the Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal.

Item No. (24)—In the names of Cllrs. J. Miley, M. Deering and G. Timmins:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we

direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to David A. Pym, Brookfield, Richmond Avenue, Milltown, Dublin 6, for the erection of a bungalow at Athdown."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:-

1. The site of the proposed development is approximately one mile south of the upper end of the proposed water storage reservoir at Cloghleaigh. A tributary of the river Liffey passes close by the site and the proposed septic tank would constitute a pollution risk for the Cloghleaigh Reservoir and would thereby endanger the wholesomeness of the water supply.
2. The site is prominently situated in an area specified in the County Development Plan as a Class B landscape area and against the background of the Kippure Mountain Range. Furthermore, it is immediate to a junction with a Main Road (L.16), one of the two Main Roads across the Mountain Range connecting East and West Wicklow and specified in the County Development Plan as a Main Tourist Route. The proposal to erect a dwelling on this site would therefore be seriously detrimental to the visual amenity and recreational value of the area.
3. The proposal would set a precedent for other similarly located development.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to David A. Pym, Brookfield, Richmond Avenue, Milltown, Dublin 6, for the erection of a bungalow at Athdown.

Passed, Councillor Costello opposing.

Item No. (25)—In the names of Cllrs. J. Miley, M. Deering and G. Timmins:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Byrne and David Byrne, Blessington, for the erection of two bungalows at Bannagrove, Hollywood."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that Permission be refused for the following reasons:-

1. The erection of the dwelling on this site with access onto a National Secondary Road, which is also specified in the County Development Plan as a Main Tourist Route, together with existing and proposed developments in the immediate vicinity along this route would seriously reduce the service level of this road by interference with traffic and by the creation of a possible traffic hazard.
2. Permission for the erection of a dwelling on this site would create a precedent for the further development of this field to completion along the road frontage and with the multiplicity of access points serving this field would seriously reduce the service level of this important National Traffic Route in the manner stated in reason (1) above.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Byrne and David Byrne, Blessington, for the erection of two bungalows at Bannagrove, Hollywood.

Passed.

Special Meeting in regard to Planning and Local Government Reorganisation.

Councillor J. Temple referred to the decision of the Council to hold a Special Meeting for the purpose of considering the Circular Letter from Minister for Local Government in regard to Development Plan Reviews and Planning Control and pointed out that this matter had not been dealt with. He asked that another date for a Special Meeting be arranged. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., referred to the White Paper issued by the Minister in regard to Local Government reorganisation and pointed out that the Council had only a limited time to consider the White Paper and submit the Council's views thereon to the Minister. The Council agreed that a Special Meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 26th April, 1971, to consider (1) The Circular Letters from the Department of Local Government in regard to:-

- (a) Development Plan Reviews and Planning Control;
- (b) Roadside Development — Traffic and Safety on Arterial Roads;
- (c) The White Paper on Local Government Reorganisation.

Section 4 Resolutions

Councillor J. Miley referred to Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 to direct the grant of Planning Permission for houses for Mr. Brian Mahon and Mr. Christopher Toomey and claimed that the County Manager had acted incorrectly in issuing decisions to refuse Planning Permission for these applications and he contended that there should be no obligation on the applicants to submit new Planning Applications. The County Secretary stated that these applications had been included on the Agendas for two Meetings of the Council but had not been reached on either occasion and as the period of two months within which a decision had to be taken on an application expired during the previous week the County Manager had to take a decision in relation to them. Councillor J. Temple contended that it would have been possible to extend the time for considering the applications so as to enable the Council to deal with the Notices of Intention to move the Resolutions under Section 4 of the 1955 Act and on his suggestion the Council agreed that the matter be brought to the notice of the Department of Local Government and a ruling of the Minister requested.

Item No. 2—To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 7th December, 1970 and 4th January, 1971.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor S. Costello;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 7th December, 1970 and 4th January, 1971.
Passed.

Arising out of the Minutes Councillor J. Miley complained that the record in the Minutes was incorrect in relation to the decision of the Council to direct the County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to grant Planning Permission to Mr. David J. Berkery for the erection of a house at Tinode Lower, Blessington. Councillor Miley stated that the Council had passed the Resolution as proposed and had not agreed to any conditions being imposed. The County Secretary stated that in submitting his recommendation that Planning Permission be refused the County Engineer had indicated that if the Council Members directed that Planning Permission be granted that the following conditions should be attached:-

1. That the ground proved suitable for a septic tank installation and that a trial hole 6 ft. deep be opened at the septic tank position and the Council informed so that tests may be carried out.
2. Planning Permission shall be for a bungalow in character with existing development in the area and with a simple A type roof. Revised drawings and Plans shall be submitted to and approved by Wicklow County Council.

The County Secretary stated that his record was that this recommendation of the County Engineer was submitted to the Council. Councillor J. Miley disagreed and stated that he would not have consented to a bungalow as the applicant had sought and required a two-storey building.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor White;

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Monday, 7th December, 1970, be amended by the exclusion from the record of Item 1 (q) the words following the word "Passed".
Passed, Councillor Costello objecting.

Item No. 3—Proposed National Park in Dublin and Wicklow Mountains —Letter from Dublin County Council re date for Meeting of Sub-Committee.

The following letter from Dublin County Council was submitted:-

DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

11, Parnell Square,
Dublin 1.
Marta 26, 1971.

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

Proposed National Park in Dublin/Wicklow Mountains

A Chara,

Further to my letter (Marta 8) the Finance and General Purposes Committee (which comprises all the members of the County Council), at its meeting on 23rd instant recommended that a meeting be held in the Council Chamber, 11 Parnell Square at 3.30 p.m. on Friday, April 16th between the Sub-Committees appointed by the respective

Councils to consider further the proposed establishment of a National Park and Nature Conservation Reserve in the area of the Dublin/Wicklow Mountains.

The Committees recommendation will come for formal adoption by the County Council at its meeting on the 13th proximo and, in the meantime, I should be obliged if you would bring the matter to the notice of your Council and let me know if the proposals for the meeting of the two Sub-Committees are acceptable.

As regards the proposal generally, perhaps you would let me know whether there is any provision in the draft development plan for County Wicklow for the preservation of areas of special amenity.

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The Council accepted the suggestion of Dublin County Council that the Sub-Committees meet at the Council Chamber, 11, Parnell Square, at 3.30 p.m. on Friday, 16th April.

Item No. 4—Proposed Disposal of Plot of Land at Main Street, Blessington (Notice issued to Members).

The County Secretary stated that particulars of the proposed disposal of the plot of land at Main Street, Blessington, to Mr. John F. Davin, N.T., had been circulated to the Members of the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of the disposal of 1 per. 18 sq. yards approximately of land at Main Street, Blessington, to Mr. John F. Davin, N.T., Main Street, Blessington, by way of lease for a period of 144 years from 25th March, 1971, at a ground rent of £2 per annum, the purchaser to be responsible for the full legal costs of the Conveyance, and in accordance with the terms indicated in the notice issued to the Members of this Council in pursuance of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, as amended by Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966.

Passed.

Item No. 5—Loans for Acquisition and Construction of Houses—Letter from Department of Local Government dated 1st March, 1971.

The County Secretary stated that the income on rateable valuation limits (in the case of farmers) in respect of loans had been increased from £1,200 to £1,500 per annum and from £50 to £60 respectively in the case of houses the construction of which was commenced on or after 1st March, 1971. The maximum loan limit was also increased from £2,700 to £3,000.

The County Secretary also pointed out that the Local Loans Fund interest rate had been increased from 8½% to 9½% and in consequence the interest rate for re-payments of loans for the acquisition and construction of houses would be increased from 9p.c. to 10p.c. with effect from 22nd March, 1971. The effect on loan re-payments would be that the re-payments per £100 would be increased by almost £1 per annum and the re-payments on a loan of £2,700 would be increased by almost £26 per annum. Councillor J. Temple stated that the increase in interest charges would place a further burden on persons providing houses for themselves and on the proposal of Councillor J. Temple seconded

by Councillor Miss O'Neill the Council agreed that a protest be addressed to the General Council of County Councils in regard to the increased interest charges together with a recommendation that the interest rate be subsidised.

Item No. 6 — Provision of houses in Arklow Urban District for persons residing in County Health District.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh

Resolved — That we hereby enter into an agreement with Arklow Urban District Council for the erection by Arklow Urban District Council of houses in the Urban District of Arklow for persons eligible for rehousing at present living in the rural area adjacent to Arklow.

Passed

Item No. 7 — Provision of cottage at Ballinabarney, Rathdrum.

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had reported that Mr. Michael McCarthy, Ballinabarney, Rathdrum, was in need of housing and the County Engineer had reported that the site at Ballinabarney proposed was suitable.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh

Resolved — That we hereby approve of the provision of a cottage at Ballinabarney, Rathdrum, for Michael McCarthy, Ballinabarney, Rathdrum.

Passed

Item No. 8 — Sub-division of cottage plots at Ballymoney, Arklow and Ballybeg, Rathnew.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Sweeney

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh

Resolved — That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sub-division of cottage plot No. 390-6, owned by William O'Reilly, Ballymoney, Arklow, in order to provide his son-in-law, Liam Barnes, free of charge, with a site for a new house, subject to redemption of annuity on plot to be transferred by tenant-purchaser.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor Phelan:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sub-division of cottage plot No. 42/11 at Ballybeg, Rathnew, by Mrs. Margaret Jameson, widow of deceased tenant/purchaser, James Jameson, in order to provide her grandson, Mr. James Esmond, with a site for a new house, subject to redemption by tenant/purchaser of annuity on plot being transferred.

Passed.

Councillor Sweeney referred to a Mr. Barnes of Moneylittle, Arklow, who is also seeking approval to the sub-division of a cottage plot

and on the proposal of Councillor Sweeney, seconded by Councillor Cleary the Council approved of the sub-division, subject to the usual conditions.

Item No. 9—Disposal of Cottage at Newry, Clonegal and at Coolbeg, Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that the cottage at Newry, No. 193/9 had been unoccupied for the past 7 years and it had not been possible to obtain a tenant, although the cottage had been constantly advertised for letting. The cottage was in a somewhat isolated position. It was recommended that the cottage which is in sound condition and has a full acre of ground attached to it be sold if the Council agreed. The money obtained in the sale could be used to finance the building of houses in villages where there was a much greater demand for them.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given by way of sale to the disposal of Cottage No. 193/9 at Newry, Clonegal.

Passed.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer on recommending that a new cottage be built for the tenant of the cottage at Coolbeg had pointed out that it was not an economic proposition to repair the cottage. The doors, windows, floors, fireplace and plastering would have to be renewed and the cottage was unserviced and had very limited accommodation. The County Engineer had recommended that the cottage and the plot of ground be put up for sale with a proviso that it not be reoccupied until put in a proper state of repair to meet the County Council's requirements. If the house were not sold or demolished it would be subject to abuse and vandalism and become derelict and an eyesore.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the disposal by way of sale to Cottage No. 31/11 at Coolbeg, Wicklow.

Passed.

Item No. 10—Applications for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottage.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by James Martin of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 2/4 at Killincarrig, Delgany to Mr. George Sutton, c/o 14, Mill Bank, Killincarrig for the sum of £2,000 subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £666.66 the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Mr. Simon Tallon of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 178/10 at Coolruss, Tinahely to Mr. Michael Lawler for the sum of £1,000 subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £266.66, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed.

Item No. 11—Acquisition of Lands at Holywell for Housing.

In reply to an enquiry from Councillor Costello the County Secretary stated that no evidence had been submitted to indicate that the matter of the lands at Holywell was "sub judice".

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That Councillor Phelan be asked to withdraw from the sale of the lands at Holywell and allow the County Council to proceed with the purchase of such lands in accordance with the terms of the letter received from Mrs. de Caen.

Councillor B. S. C. Phelan objected to the Notice being put to the Council and claimed that it was an interference with his rights. He stated that the matter was "sub judice" and that proceedings had been initiated against Independent Newspapers Limited. He handed in a letter from his Solicitor. The County Secretary stated that the letter which was from Mr. W. Fallon, Solicitor, confirmed that a High Court Plenary Summons was issued and served on Independent Newspapers Limited on 31st March, 1971. Councillor Costello claimed that the notice of an action against Independent Newspapers Limited was not one which related directly to the land at Holywell and that there was no reason why the notice in his name should not be proceeded with. At the request of the Chairman the County Secretary stated that he had asked the Council's Solicitor as to what would be sufficient evidence of the matter being "sub judice" and had been informed that a letter from a Solicitor indicating that a summons had been issued either against Captain or Mrs. de Caen or Independent Newspapers Limited would render the matter "sub judice". In view of the legal advice received the Chairman ruled that the motion should not be put to the Meeting.

The Meeting then terminated.

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

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. J. Bourke:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning

Wicklow County Council

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MEETING

Held on

MONDAY, 19th APRIL, 1971

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 19th April, 1971, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman;

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, C. White, John J. Bourke, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, Roger Miley and Basil S. C. Phelan.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer and Mr. A. Hughes, Staff Officer, Planning Section, attended.

AGENDA:

- 1 Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:-
 - (a) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney and G. Timmins:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Quin, Esq., The Rectory, Redcross, Co. Wicklow, for the provision of 17 bungalows at Coolmore, Arklow, Co. Wicklow."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. Deering and M. J. O'Neill:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to A. Black, to erect a bungalow at Hempstown."
 - (c) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan and W. Cleary:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Hugh Kavanagh, Rockbog, Arklow, for the provision of seven houses at Rockbog."
 - (d) In the names of Councillors John Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, J. Whelan, K. Ryan and Miss M. Walsh:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Annie Butler, School Height, Carnew, for the erection of a porch."
 - (e) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, W. Cleary, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James M. de Courcy, 78 Saint Peter's Place, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Beech Road, Arklow."
 - (f) In names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. J. Bourke:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant

Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to T. F. Nuzum, Ballintesklin, Wicklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballintesklin."

- (g) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley, and M. J. O'Neill:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to William Heffernan, Magheramore, to build a house on his father's land at Magheramore."
- 2 To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 23rd November and 14th December, 1970.
- 3 Revision of Remuneration of (1) Rent Collectors and (2) County Librarian.
- 4 Coast Protection Scheme at The Murrough, Wicklow—Application of Wicklow Urban District Council for extension of Scheme.
- 5 Appointment of representative on Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Limited.
- 6 Application for licence for use of public address system on vehicle.
- 7 Higher Education Grants Scheme—to approve of Scheme for 1971.
- 8 Replacement of bridges damaged by floods—Letter from Department of Local Government.
- 9 Local Improvements Grants Scheme — Letter from Department of Local Government notifying grant for 1971/72 and application for grant re road at Ballinagran.
- 10 Erection of houses at Stratford-on-Slaney — To authorise borrowing to defray cost of Scheme.
- 11 Extensions of water supplies: (a) to Coyne's Cross; (b) from Aughrim Water Supply to Annacurra Road; (c) from Baltinglass Water Supply to Newtown Saunders.
- 12 Carnew Water and Sewerage Scheme—Extension to Schoolheight, Carnew.
- 13 Public Lighting at Sea Road, Kilcoole.
- 14 Bray Courthouse — Report of County Engineer on repairs, etc., required.
- 15 Application for reception of deputation from Rathdrum Housing Committee.
- 16 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors K. Ryan and J. Gregory:- "That this Council take over the road from Tombrean to Donishall."
- 17 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello and J. Gregory:- "That the members of the public be allowed free access to all future County Council Meetings."
- 18 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello, J. Temple, K. Ryan and J. Gregory:- "That this Council call upon the Government to withdraw legislation under which it is intended to intern citizens of this State without charge or trial for indefinite periods of time."
- 19 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Gregory:- "That this Council install a water supply to Belton's, Duffy's and Doyle's cottages at Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy."
- 20 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council repair the surface of Boley Lane, Shillelagh."

- 21 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council erect public lighting at Mill Street, Carnew; one at each side of the one already there; (b) that this Council erect street lighting at Main Street, Carnew."
- 22 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:- "That a full explanation be given to the Council regarding the failure of this Council to acquire the land of the Burnaby Estate as decided by this Body including the reasons for entering into litigation."
- 23 Notices of Motion in names of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council (1) take over and tarmacadam Slieveroe Lane as far as Mr. Dunne's cottage, about 250 yards from the Glenealy/Rathdrum Road near Mr. Martin's house at Bahana; (2) take over Leabeg Lane, Newcastle and tarmacadam same as it is a connecting road; (3) lay a footpath at Old Village, Rathnew."
- 24 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council pipe an open drain outside Mrs. Margaret Edwards' house at Croneyhorn as there is a seepage from the drain which is causing dampness to her house."
- 25 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council erect public lighting from the Courthouse corner, Shillelagh to Ardeen Cheshire Home gates."
- 26 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor W. Cleary:- "That we request the Minister to amend the legislation concerning free bus services in the rural areas for school children as when children reach ten years of age they cannot travel on the bus; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the General Council of County Councils for consideration at their next Meeting."
- 27 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss Walsh:- "That the dangerous bend at the bottom of the Old Military Road near Mrs. Esther Fallon's house at Aughavannagh be removed."
- 28 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors C. White, J. J. Bourke, M. Deering, R. Miley, J. Sweeney and T. J. Keenan:- "That the Council rescind portion of the "County Plan" affecting certain property in Greystones."
- 29 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this Council take over and tarmacadam the road that joins Red Peg's Lane and leads out to Kilnamanagh, Glenealy. The work can be carried out in conjunction with Red Peg's Lane."
- 30 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Whelan:- "That the road from the Spink to Cronebane be taken over and repaired."
- 31 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Whelan:- "That the entrance gate to Ballycoogue graveyard be moved to the centre of the road boundary and a path be left approximately 7 feet wide up through the centre of the graveyard."
- 32 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council widen a bend at Kenny's of Kennystown as passing vehicles are damaging the side of the house."
- 33 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council take over the laneway to Fitzpatrick's of "The Rock," Coolattin. This laneway is a part of the right of way to the Rock Quarry."
- 36 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor C. White:- "That a fire fighting service be had at Enniskerry."

- 37 Notices of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:- "That the road repairs on the Greenane to Glenmalure Road which have been held up, be proceeded with, as the road is becoming very dangerous; (b) That the three very dangerous turns on the road leading to Arklow Rock be made safe before there is a serious accident there; (c) That a warning sign to motorists be erected at the entrance to Jubilee Terrace, Aughrim, to avoid serious accident to the children and people living there."
- 38 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That the proposed Sewerage Scheme for Avoca, for which plans and estimate have been prepared, should be proceeded with without any further delay."
- 39 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:- "That a very dangerous turn at Ballymorris, Aughrim, leading to Blacks Bridge be made safe as there is a very large C.I.E. Bus on this road four times a day, carrying over 50 children to the National School at Aughrim."
- 40 Notices of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- (a) "That this Council put kerbs around the grass patches and surface the roads in front of the houses on the School Height, Carnew; (b) that this Council provide a sewerage for the village of Coolboy; (c) that this Council take over and surface Bachelor's Walk, also Mill Bank lane at Shillelagh."
- 41 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:- "That we the members of the Wicklow County Council deplore any attempt by the Oireachtas to legislate for free importation, distribution and/or sale of contraceptives."
- 42 Notices of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:- "That sewerage be provided for Coolboy/Coolroe; and that water be extended to Boleybawn, Tinahely and Coolruss, Tinahely."
- 43 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. Deering and G. Timmins:- "That the Hollywood Water Supply be augmented and extended to the Lemonstown and Tober areas."
- 44 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor C. White:- "That Kilmacanogue and Glencormac get a dustbin collection."
- 44 (a) In the names of Councillors J. Temple and F. Hynes:- "That a fee of £120 per house shall be charged for connection to Council services and that such a charge be paid on connection to the services; this condition to apply to five houses to be built by Mr. Sean Nolan at Boghall Road, Bray."
- 45 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., re Acquisition of lands at Baltinglass for road improvement."
- 46 Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notices of intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:- (a) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney and G. Timmins:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Quin, Esq., The Rectory, Redcross, Co. Wicklow, for the provision of 17 Bungalows at Coolmore, Arklow, Co. Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that the additional information sought had not yet been received and the Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the next Meeting.

Item No. 1 (b)—In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. Deering and M. J. O'Neill:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to A. Black, to erect a bungalow at Hempstown."

The County Secretary stated that no application had yet been received and the Council decided to defer consideration of the proposal to the next Meeting.

Item No. 1 (c)—In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan and W. Cleary:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Hugh Kavanagh, Rockbog, Arklow, for the provision of seven houses at Rockbog."

The County Secretary stated that the information sought had not yet been received and the Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the next Meeting.

Item No. 1 (d)—In the names of Councillors John Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, J. Whelan, K. Ryan and Miss M. Walsh:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Annie Butler, School Height, Carnew, for the erection of a porch."

The County Secretary stated that no application had yet been received in this case and the Council agreed to defer consideration of the matter to the next Meeting.

Item No. 1 (e)—In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, W. Cleary, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James M. de Courcy, 78, St. Peter's Place, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Beech Road, Arklow."

The following report of the Chief Planning Assistant to the County Engineer, as approved by him, was submitted:-

Planning Section,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.
19th April, 1971.

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

Re: Erection of bungalow at Beech Road, Coolboy, Arklow.
For James De Courcy — File Ref. 4307/71. (0).

A Chara,

This site is similar to those other sites in respect of which permission has already been refused.

Recommend that outline permission be refused for the following reasons:-

- (1) The proposal taken in conjunction with existing houses and other approved development in the vicinity would give rise to ribbon development along a public road in the rural area.

- (2) The proposal would result in a density of development inappropriate to a rural area.
- (3) The proposal is contrary to proper planning and development because the site is in a rural area lacking services and the public revenue from such development would not suffice to provide services (water supply, sewerage, public lighting and scavenging), which in time would be demanded.
- (4) There are already a number of entrances from houses on to the road in the vicinity of the site and a further entrance would seriously reduce the carrying capacity of the road and give rise to a traffic hazard.
- (5) The proposed development taken in conjunction with existing houses and other proposals for the area would give rise to a multiplicity of bored wells and septic tanks on adjoining half acre sites.

Mise, le meas,

T. GIBSON,

Chief Planning Assistant.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Sweeney;
Seconded by Councillor Keenan:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James M. de Courcy, 78, St. Peter's Place, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Beech Road, Arklow.
Passed, Councillor Costello abstaining.

Item No. 1 (f)—In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, R. Miley, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney, J. J. Bourke: "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to T. F. Nuzum, Ballintreskin, Wicklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballintreskin."

The following report of the Chief Planning Assistant to the County Engineer, as approved by him, was submitted:-

4277171 16th April, 1971.

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

Re: Application of T. F. Nuzum for Planning Permission
for erection of Bungalow at Ballintreskin.

A Chara,

This is a re-submission in connection with Notice of Motion under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955. The Site adjoins the road to Brittas Bay (County Road Number 102) which is a heavily trafficked road. The house would be situated on the skyline. It is recommended that Permission be refused for the reasons given in the previous application. Ref:- 4041/71. Viz:-

- (1) The site of the proposal adjoins a heavily trafficked route—(Wicklow/Brittas Bay). Vehicular traffic generated by the proposal would seriously obstruct the free flow of traffic and tend to create a traffic hazard at a point where sight distances and alignment are inadequate.

- (2) The site lacks natural screening and a house erected as proposed would seriously injure amenity in the area by being:-
 - (a) Sited on the skyline when viewed from the adjoining public road.
 - (b) Setting a precedent for further development of a similar nature, thus giving rise to a ribbon development.

Mise, le meas,

T. GIBSON,

Chief Planning Assistant.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to T. F. Nuzum, Ballintreskin, Wicklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballintreskin.
Passed, Councillor Costello opposing and Councillor M. J. O'Neill abstaining.

Item No. 1 (g)—In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, R. Miley and M. J. O'Neill: "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to William Heffernan, Magheramore, to build a house on his father's land at Magheramore."

The County Secretary stated that no further application had been received in this case. In reply to an enquiry from Councillor B. S. C. Phelan the County Secretary confirmed that a letter had been addressed to Mr. Heffernan, asking him to submit a map showing the extent of his father's lands with a view to the Council's staff ascertaining if an acceptable site for a house could be suggested to Mr. Heffernan.

Item No. 2—To confirm and sign minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 23rd November and 14th December, 1970.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 23rd November and 14th December, 1970.

Item No. 3—Revision of Remuneration of (1) Rent Collectors and (2) County Librarian.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Hynes:

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of a 5 per cent. increase in fees to Rent Collectors employed by the Council with effect from 1st April, 1967, as agreed with the Irish Local Government Officials' Union and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the increase in fees.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor Hynes:

Resolved—Having considered recommendation under the Scheme for Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Authority Officers, we approve of the application of revised salary scale to the post of County Librarian as set out hereunder:-

April 1, 1968.	£1,440 x £58 — £1,788 x £57 — £1,845
June 1, 1968.	£1,570 x £63 — £1,948 x £62 — £2,010
June 1, 1969	£1,640 x £64 — £2,024 x £66 — £2,090
April 1, 1970	£1,870 x £52 — £2,182 x £58 — £2,240
January 1, 1971	£2,030 x £59 — £2,384 x £56 — £2,440

We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the application of the revised salary scale.

Passed.

Councillor F. Hynes asked if arrangements could be made to collect the annuities on vested cottages in the Rathdrum area each month. The County Manager stated that the Collectors usually arranged with tenant purchasers in regard to the collection of annuities as some tenant purchasers preferred to pay quarterly in advance on the amounts involved where not substantial.

Item No. 4—Coast Protection Scheme at the Murrough, Wicklow — Application of Wicklow Urban District Council for Extension of Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that Wicklow Urban District Council had passed a Resolution indicating that the Council considered it desirable that a separate application for any further Coast Protection Scheme at The Murrough, Wicklow, be made to the Commissioners of Public Works in view of the history of coastal erosion on the Murrough area and the number of years it had taken to arrange to have the present scheme brought into operation. The Urban Council were of opinion that an additional scheme which would extend northwards and southwards from the works presently under construction was required. The County Secretary stated that if the Council wished to examine the matter of promoting a further coast protection scheme it would be necessary for the Council to obtain a report from the County Engineer as required by the Coast Protection Act.

It was

Proposed by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes;

Resolved—That having considered request from Wicklow Urban District Council for a further Coast Protection Scheme at The Murrough, Wicklow, we direct that a report be prepared and submitted to the Council on the location and extent of the relevant encroachment of the sea, the extent of the land and other property being damaged and endangered, the works (if any) which may be practicable and desirable, to prevent the continuation of the encroachment, and the estimated cost of the works.

Passed.

Item No. 5—Appointment of Representative on Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor Phelan;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillor Temple to represent this Council on the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited.

Passed.

Item No. 6—Application for Licence for use of Public Address System on Vehicle.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Miss Helena Lawless, Hon. Secretary, Rathcoole Carnival Committee, for a licence for the use of public address system on a motor car in County Wicklow to advertise the Rathcoole Carnival.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Hynes;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of a licence for the use of a public address system being issued to Miss Helena Lawless, Hon. Secretary, Rathcoole Carnival Committee, the public address system to be attached to Motor Car Registration No. IZJ 325.

Passed.

Item No. 7—Higher Education Grants Scheme—To approve of Scheme for 1971.

The County Secretary stated that it was proposed to adopt a similar Scheme for 1971 as had been in operation in 1970. The Department of Education had suggested that the following paragraph, however, be added to the Scheme.

"The courses for the Higher Diploma in Education in the National University of Ireland and in Trinity College, Dublin, are not considered to be full-time courses and are not, therefore, acceptable for the purpose of the payment of grants under the higher education grants scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Higher Education Grants Scheme for the year 1971 as submitted.

Item No. 8—Replacement of Bridges Damaged by Floods — Letter from Department of Local Government.

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

Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil,
Teach Dhroichead Uí Chonail,
Baile Átha Cliath, 2.

18 Marta, 1971.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmantin Hill,

Bridges Damaged by Floods

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of 12th January, 1971, asking that he should receive a deputation from the Council to discuss the request that the County Road Improvement Grant to the Council for 1971/'72 should be substantially increased and that the Council should be allowed to assign part of the grant towards the cost of replacing the bridges damaged by floods some years ago.

The Minister has made it his practice not to accede to requests from individual road authorities seeking the reception of deputations to discuss Road Fund grant allocations in their particular county. If he

were to receive the proposed deputation, he would in fairness have to afford other road authorities the same facility as is now sought by Wicklow County Council. Since it would be impracticable to receive deputations from all road authorities, the Minister regrets that he is unable to accede to the Council's request in the matter.

With regard to the request that Council be allowed to assign part of the County Road Improvement Grant to replacing the bridges in question, I am to remind you that, as indicated in the Department's letter of 4 Bealtaine, 1970, the cost of the repairs may be met from that Grant in so far as it is adequate.

Mise, le meas,

M. HAWIE

Following a discussion on the matter the Council agreed that it again be brought to the notice of the Department that the Council had received no special grants towards the cost of replacing the five County Road Bridges destroyed in the floods in November, 1965 and that the Council had been obliged to assign the County Road Improvement Grants for two years towards the cost of repairing damage to roads and bridges as a result of these floods. It was decided to inform the Department that the Council consider that a substantial increase in the County Road Improvement Grants for the current financial year would be justified so as to enable the Council to defray from the grants the cost of restoration of the bridges. The Council directed also that the Department be requested to assign a senior officer of the Department to attend at a Meeting of the Council to assist the Council in the matter of arranging for and financing the cost of the restoration of the bridges.

Item No. 9—Local Improvements Grants Scheme — Letter from Department of Local Government notifying Grant for 1971/'72 and Application for Grant re Road at Ballinagran.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had indicated that a grant of £6,000 was being made available for the financial year 1971/'72 for the purposes of Local Improvements Schemes. This represented an increase of £1,000 over the grant allocated for 1970/'71.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported in regard to an application for the improvement of the road at Ballinagran which joins Red Peg's Lane and leads out to Kilnamanagh, Glenealy. He stated that the estimated cost of making up and surface dressing the road which was 1.1 miles in length was £12,000. There were five houses on the road and eight persons using it. The annual cost of maintenance would be £165. The County Engineer recommended that the road be improved as a Local Improvements Scheme and that consideration could then be given to taking it over as a public road. The County Secretary stated that the road in question would link with Red Peg's Lane for which a Local Improvements Scheme had been approved by the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of the Local Improvement Scheme No. 59 in respect of a road at Ballinagran, connecting Red Peg's Lane and Kilnamanagh, Glenealy, under the Local Improvements Scheme and approve of public notice being given of our intention to take over the road as a public road on the completion of the work.

Passed.

Item No. 10—Erection of Houses at Stratford-on-Slaney — To Authorise Borrowing to Defray Cost of Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that the cost of erection of four houses at Stratford-on-Slaney and the carrying out of development works for seven sites was estimated at £13,500 and approval was sought to the raising of a loan to finance the cost of the scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £13,500 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over a period of 50 years to defray the cost of the erection of four houses and sites and development works for seven houses at Stratford-on-Slaney.

Passed.

Councillor G. Timmins asked if it would be possible to proceed with the building on the other three houses at the present time. He understood that some difficulties had arisen in regard to the sites and asked that he be informed of the position.

Item No. 11—Extensions of Water Supplies: (a) To Coyne's Cross; (b) From Aughrim Water Supply to Annacurra Road; (c) From Baltinglass Water Supply to Newtown Saunders.

The County Secretary stated that the extension of water supply to Coyne's Cross, Ashford, was estimated to cost £2,495.50 and would serve thirteen houses; The extension of water main at Aughrim to cottages on the Annacurra Road was estimated to cost £1,151.75 and would serve four houses; and the extension of Baltinglass water supply to Newtownsaunders was estimated to cost £1,435.50 and would serve six houses. The Council agreed that the schemes be submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval.

Item No. 12—Carnew Water and Sewerage Scheme — Extension to Schoolheight, Carnew.

The County Secretary stated that sanction had been received to a scheme for the extension of Carnew water and sewerage scheme to Schoolheight, Carnew, at an estimated cost of £2,458. The scheme had almost been completed by direct labour and approval to the raising of a loan to defray the cost of the work was requested.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £2,458 repayable over 25 years at 9½ per cent. from the Commissioners of Public Works to defray the cost of the Scheme for the extension of the Carnew Water and Sewerage Schemes to Schoolheight, Carnew.

Passed.

Item No. 13—Public Lighting at Sea Road, Kilcoole.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported as follows in regard to public lighting at Sea Road, Kilcoole:-

Public Lighting at Sea Road

The above has been discussed with Mr. Darcy, E.S.B. Public Lighting Representative. It is recommended that the following lights be provided on Sea Road, and that an estimate be requested from the E.S.B. for same.

(a) A new type light to be provided on Pole No. 31 outside the

Council cottages on the lower end of Sea Road.

- (b) Old type light on pole opposite cul-de-sac to be replaced by modern type light.
- (c) New type light on Pole No. 26 on road bend.
- (d) Old type light on Pole No. 24 to be replaced by modern type light.
- (e) A new type light to be provided on Pole No. 22 opposite the two new bungalows.
- (f) A new type light to be provided on Pole No. 18 at the Kilcoole end of Sea Road.

The E.S.B. is being asked to submit a quotation for the provision of above lighting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of Estimates being obtained from the E.S.B. for the provision of public lighting at Sea Road, Kilcoole, as recommended by the County Engineer in his report of 1st February, 1971.

Passed.

Item No. 14—Bray Courthouse—Report of County Engineer on Repairs, Etc., Required.

The County Secretary stated that some works were required at the Courthouse, Bray, for the offices of the District Court Clerk, including painting the walls of the stairway, supplying storage presses, etc. The estimated cost was £90.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of repairs, etc. being carried out to Bray Courthouse, in accordance with the recommendation of the Co. Engineer at cost of £90.

Passed.

Item No. 15—Application for Reception of Deputation from Rathdrum Housing Committee.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mrs. Winifred Doolan, 2, Greenane Road, Rathdrum, asking for a deputation to be received from the Rathdrum Housing Committee and on the proposal of Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor Hynes, the Council agreed to receive a deputation at the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 16—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors K. Ryan and J. Gregory:—“That this Council take over the road from Tombrean to Donishall.”

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
25th January, 1971.

County Secretary.

Notice of Motion regarding the Taking Over of Road from
Tombrean Bridge to Donishall.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 17th December, 1970, regarding Notice of Motion handed in by Councillors Ryan and Gregory, on the

7th December, I desire to report.

The length of the road is 1.20 miles from Tombrean Bridge to the County Wexford Boundary at Donishall. The average width is 10 feet, but it can be widened to an average width of 12 feet to 13 feet. The road is very badly potholed and rutted, and drainage is unsatisfactory. There are five houses on the road.

The road needs to be graded, gravelled, rolled, drained, and surface dressed, and to have bad bends eased. The estimate of the cost of the work is £2,112. The annual maintenance cost would be £180.

I recommend that the road should not be taken over until a Local Improvements Scheme has been carried out to effect the required repairs.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

The Council noted the recommendation of the County Engineer that the road not be taken over until the Local Improvements Scheme had been carried out to effect the required repairs.

Item No. 17—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello and J. Gregory:—“That the Members of the Public be allowed free access to all future County Council Meetings.”

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Ryan;

Resolved—That the members of the public be allowed free access to all future County Council Meetings.

In reply to an enquiry from the Chairman of the Council the County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had advised, arising out of a Resolution passed at the Meeting of the Council in November, 1970, that it was necessary that Standing Orders be suspended before a Notice of Motion to re-admit members of the public to Meetings could be considered. Councillor Costello contended that since the contained the words “until further notice” that it was not necessary to suspend Standing Orders. Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, however ruled that he must accept the advice of the Council's Solicitor and was ruling accordingly. Councillor J. Temple stated that he would hand in a Notice of Motion for the suspension of Standing Orders to have the matter discussed at the Special Meeting of the Council to be held on 26th April, 1971. Councillor J. Miley pointed out that as the Meeting in question was on the following Monday the necessary public notice could not be given and that the matter could not be dealt with until the Meeting on 3rd May. The County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had advised previously that adequate notice meant 7 clear days and that this excluded the date on which the notice was handed in and the date of the Meeting at which it would be discussed. The Chairman decided, accordingly, that the Notice of Motion if handed in would be included on the Agenda for the Meeting to be held on 3rd May.

Item No. 18—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello, J. Temple, K. Ryan and J. Gregory:—“That this Council call upon the Government to withdraw Legislation under which it is intended to intern citizens of this State without Charge or Trial for indefinite periods of time.”

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Temple:

Resolved—That this Council call upon the Government to withdraw the legislation under which it is intended to intern citizens of this State without charge or trial for indefinite periods of time.

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

In Favour: Councillors J. Bourke, W. Cleary, S. Costello, M. Deering, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., and Miss M. Walsh—Twelve.

Against: Councillors J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill and B. Phelan — Five.

Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Whelan did not vote and Councillor C. White was absent when the vote was being taken. The Resolution was declared passed by twelve votes in favour to five against.

Item No. 19—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Gregory:—“That this Council instal a water supply to Belton's, Duffy's and Doyle's cottages at Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy.”

Councillor Gregory stated that this matter had now been attended to.

Item No. 20—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—“That this Council repair the surface of Boley Lane, Shillelagh.”

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that this was a private roadway and he recommended that it be repaired under a Local Improvements Scheme. Councillor K. Ryan agreed that the matter of a Local Improvements Scheme would be considered.

Item No. 21—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—“That this Council erect Public Lighting at Mill Street, Carnew, one at each side of the one already there; (b) That this Council erect Street Lighting at Main Street, Carnew.”

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that public lighting was needed at these places and that he would recommend that lighting be provided.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Ryan;

Seconded by Councillor Whelan:

Resolved—That this Council erect public lighting at Mill Street, Carnew, one at each side of the one already there; (b) that this Council erect street lighting at Main Street, Carnew.

Passed.

Item No. 22—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:—“That a full explanation be given to the Council regarding the failure of this Council to acquire the land of the Burnaby Estate as decided by this body including the reasons for entering into litigation.”

Councillor B. S. C. Phelan stated that he had noted that the High Court had decided this Action in the Council's favour. The County Manager pointed out that the Council had accepted an offer from the Burnaby Estate to purchase Burnaby Park, Greystones, but the Estate had failed to perform the contract and transfer the land, and, in consequence, the Council had to take proceedings to enforce the contract. At the Hearing in the Circuit Court the Judge had held against the Council and on the advice of the Council's Solicitor an appeal had been taken to the High Court and the appeal had been decided in favour of the Council with costs in both Courts.

Item No. 23—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—“That this Council (1) Take over and tarmacadam Slieveroe Lane as far as Mr. Dunne's Cottage, about 250 yards from the Glencaly/Rathdrum Road near Mr. Martin's house at Bahana; (2) Take over Leabeg Lane, Newcastle, and tarmacadam same as it is a connecting road; (3) Lay a Footpath at Old Village, Rathnew.”

The County Engineer had reported that no provision had been made in the Estimates as adopted for the taking over and surfacing with tarmacadam of Slieveroe Lane. Part of Leabeg Lane had been taken over by the Council but the County Engineer suggested that the other part might be considered for a Local Improvements Scheme. The County Manager pointed out that the other part of Leabeg Lane served lands mainly and there were few houses on it. In regard to the footpath at Old Village, Rathnew, the County Engineer stated that provision had been made for this work in the current year's Estimates.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor Gregory:

Resolved—That this Council (1) Take over and tarmacadam Slieveroe Lane as far as Mr. Dunne's cottage, about 250 yards from the Glencaly/Rathdrum Road near Mr. Martin's house at Bahana. (2) Lay a footpath at Old Village, Rathnew.

Passed.

Item No. 24—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—“That this Council pipe an open drain outside Mrs. Margaret Edwards' house at Croneyhorn as there is a seepage from the drain which is causing dampness to her house.”

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that there was no seepage from this drain and that therefore, it was not the cause of dampness in the house. The Council noted the report on the matter.

Item No. 25—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—“That this Council erect public lighting from the Courthouse Corner, Shillelagh, to Ardeen Cheshire Home Gates.”

The County Engineer reported that an estimate had been received from the E.S.B. in the sum of £436, which included the erection of networks and 4 lamps. Additional lamps could be erected at a cost of £13.50 each. He considered the expenditure to be unjustified. Councillor Ryan pointed out that public lighting was necessary along this section of the road which lead to the Cheshire Home at Ardeen and

It was

Proposed by Councillor Ryan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss O'Neill:

Resolved—That this Council erect public lighting from the Courthouse corner, Shillelagh to Ardeen Cheshire Home gates, and approve of the necessary expenditure to cover this work.

Passed.

Item No. 26—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor W. Cleary:—“That we request the Minister to amend the legislation concerning Free Bus Services in the Rural Areas for School Children as when children reach ten years of age they cannot travel on the bus; and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the General Council of County Councils for consideration at their next meeting.”

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Cleary;

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

Resolved—That we request the Minister to amend legislation concerning free bus services in the rural areas for school children as when children reach ten years of age they cannot travel on the bus; and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the General Council of County Councils for consideration at their next Meeting.

Passed.

Councillor C. White stated that he had handed in a Notice of Motion in the following terms:—“That representations be made to the Department of Education that where children live more than 500 ft. above sea level an allowance for the height of their homes above sea level be made when computing distances from schools for purposes of free transport.” Councillor White asked that this Notice of Motion be approved by the Council and embodied with Councillor Cleary's proposal. The Council approved of Councillor White's proposal and agreed that it be included with the Resolution in the name of Councillor W. Cleary.

Item No. 27—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—
“That the dangerous bend at the bottom of the Old Military Road near Mrs. Esther Fallon's house at Aughavannagh be removed.”

The Council noted the report of the County Engineer that the removal of this bend was included in the Road Works Scheme for the current year.

Item No. 28—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors C. White, J. J. Bourke, M. Deering, R. Miley, J. Sweeney and T. J. Keenan:—“That the Council rescind portion of the “County Plan” affecting certain property in Greystones.”

Councillor J. Temple suggested that this matter might be referred for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their next Meeting. The proposal related to a field at Victoria Road, Greystones. The County Manager stated that was a field known as the “Bog Field” and that provision was made in the Development Plan for the acquisition by the Council of this field. The Council agreed that the matter be referred for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area.

Item No. 29—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—“That this Council take over and tarmacadam the road that joins Red Peg's Lane and leads out to Kilnamanagh, Glenealy. The work can be carried out in conjunction with Red Peg's Lane.”

The Council noted that this matter had been dealt with in relation to Item No. 9.

Item No. 30—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Whelan:—“That the Road from The Spink to Cronebane be taken over and repaired.”

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

County Engineer's Office,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

12th February, 1971.

County Secretary:

Re: Notice of Motion: “That the Road from the Spink to Cronebane be taken over and repaired.”

A Chara,

Reference yours of the 9th instant.

The above refers to a road a mile and a half long from the County Road No. 396 at Castlehoward (Cronebane) to Road No. 154 at Tigronney. There are five cottages on the Cronebane end and two small houses on the Tigronney end with one house in between. There is little agricultural land there as the road runs mostly through the Forestry and the Mines.

I included an estimate for £1,800 for this road as a Councillor's proposal for the 1968/69 Estimates, but it was rejected. However, this year a sum of £600 under the heading H/S/2, — repairs to roads to Council houses, is included, and if this is passed, it should be sufficient for the time being.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

The Council noted that provision had been made for repairing portion of this road in the current year's programme.

Item No. 31—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Whelan:—“That the Entrance Gate to Ballycoogue Graveyard be moved to the centre of the road boundary and a path be left approximately 7 feet wide up through the centre of the Graveyard.”

The County Engineer reported that the cost of carrying out this work would be about £180 and pointed out that the matter had been before the Council on a previous occasion and had been rejected.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Sweeney;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh:

Resolved—That the entrance gate to Ballycoogue graveyard be moved to the centre of the road boundary and a path be left approximately 7 feet wide up through the centre of the graveyard.

Passed.

Item No. 32—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—“That this Council widen a bend at Kenny's of Kennystown as passing vehicles are damaging the side of the house.”

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

County Engineer's Office,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

17th February, 1971.

County Secretary:

Re: Notice of Motion: “That this Council widen a bend at Kenny's of Kennystown as passing vehicles are damaging the side of the house.”

A Chara,

Reference yours of the 9th instant.

This bend and three others need to be improved in this particular part of the area. The cost of improving Kenny's bend would be in the region of £1,000, but it is considered that the Council would not be justified in spending this money here as traffic is very light, and there are more important County roads existing, which would require improvements more urgently.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Ryan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh:

Resolved—That this Council widen a bend at Kenny's of Kennystown as passing vehicles are damaging the side of the house.

Passed.

The County Engineer pointed out that provision had not been made for this work in the Estimates and consequently it could not be carried out in the present year.

Item No. 33—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council take over the Laneway to Fitzpatrick's of 'The Rock', Coolattin. This laneway is a part of the Right-of-Way to the Rock Quarry."

The County Engineer reported that the Rock Quarry was not now in existence and was privately owned by Mr. James Doyle of Coolattin. As it was a private roadway it was not the Council's responsibility to maintain it and he recommended that it be repaired under a Local Improvements Scheme. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 36—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor C. White:- "That a Fire Fighting Service be had at Enniskerry."

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted:-

County Engineer's Office,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

22nd February, 1971.

County Secretary:

Re: Notice of Motion—"That a Fire Fighting Service be had at Enniskerry."

A Chara,

Reference yours of the 9th instant.

The Enniskerry and Glencree areas are at present served for serious fires from the Bray Station and for minor fires from Greystones. This procedure is not very satisfactory as it is difficult at times to decide if the fire is serious enough to send the Bray engine and Greystones is not situated so as to provide a quick attendance, usually, both brigades have to be sent and a decision made at the scene of the fire, as to which brigade is to remain on duty.

From the above facts it would appear that it would be an advantage to establish a fire station in Enniskerry and in the circumstances, I would recommend this solution. The estimate cost of providing the new brigade is as follows:-

Capital cost of light appliance and equipment	..	£6,800
Annual rent of suitable premises	..	£ 200
Annual wages and maintenance	..	£1,500
Provision of siren and call out buzzers	..	£ 300
Annual telephone charge	..	£ 50

Thus, the capital charge would be about £6,500, and the annual cost could go to £2,000.

Mise, le meas.

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

Councillor C. White stated that what was required at Enniskerry was a trailer pump and hose. A local group would be prepared to provide the service. The Council agreed to refer the matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area with the Chief Fire Officer.

Item No. 37—Notices of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:-

(a) "That road repairs on the Greenane to Glenmalure road which have been held up be proceeded with, as the road is becoming very dangerous; (b) That the three very dangerous turns on the road leading to Arklow Rock be made safe before there is a serious accident there; (c) That a warning sign to motorists be erected at the entrance to Jubilee Terrace, Aughrim, to avoid serious accident to the children and people living there."

In reply to an enquiry from Councillor Keenan the County Engineer stated that it was intended to proceed with road repairs on the Greenane to Glenmalure Road. The Notice of Motion in regard to dangerous turns on the road leading to Arklow Rock was deferred for a report from the County Engineer. The County Engineer stated that he would examine the matter of providing a warning sign to motorists at the entrance to Jubilee Terrace, Aughrim.

Item No. 38—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:-

"That the proposed sewerage scheme for Avoca, for which plans and estimate have been prepared, should be proceeded with without any further delay."

The Council agreed to defer consideration of this proposal for a report from the County Engineer.

Item No. 39—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:-

"That a very dangerous turn at Ballymorris, Aughrim, leading to Black's Bridge be made safe as there is a very large C.I.E. bus on this road four time a day carrying over 50 children to the National School at Aughrim."

The Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal pending a report from the County Engineer.

Item No. 40—Notices of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- (a)

"That this Council put kerbs around the grass patches and surface the road in front of the houses on the School Height, Carnew; (b) That this Council provide a sewerage for the village of Coolboy; (c) That this Council take over and surface Bachelor's Walk, also Mill Bank Lane at Shillelagh."

The County Engineer reported that a Main Road Improvements Scheme had been included in the current year's Road Works Scheme for this stretch of road. This involved the construction of a new foot-

path and replacing all necessary kerbing around the grass patches. In regard to the road in front of the houses at School Height the road was recently excavated and must get time to settle properly. The road would be surface dressed in May.

The Council deferred consideration of the Notices of Motion in relation to a sewerage scheme for the village of Coolboy and the taking over and surfacing of Bachelor's Walk and Mill Bank Lane at Shillelagh, pending reports of the County Engineer.

Item No. 41—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:—“That we the Members of Wicklow County Council deplore any attempt by the Oireachtas to Legislate for Free Importation, distribution and/or sale of Contraceptives.”

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That we the Members of Wicklow County Council deplore any attempt by the Oireachtas to legislate for free importation, distribution and/or sale of contraceptives.

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

In Favour: Councillors J. Bourke, M. Deering, T. J. Keenan, J. Miley, J. Sweeney and J. Whelan — Six.

Against: Councillors S. Costello and J. Gregory — Two.

Councillors W. Cleary, F. Hynes, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, K. Ryan, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., and Miss Walsh, did not vote.

Item No. 42—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:—“That sewerage be provided for Coolboy/Coolroe; and that water be extended to Boleybawn, Tinahely and Coolruss, Tinahely.”

The Council deferred consideration of these proposals pending the submission of a report by the County Engineer.

Item No. 43—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. Deering and G. Timmins:—“That the Hollywood water supply be augmented and extended to the Lemonstown and Tober areas.”

The Council deferred consideration of this proposal for submission of a report by the County Engineer.

Item No. 44—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor C. White:—“That Kilmacanogue and Glencormac get a dustbin collection.”

The County Secretary stated that a quotation from Mr. K. Cahill, who is the contractor for collection of refuse in the Enniskerry area, for the extension of the refuse collection to Glencormac and Kilmacanogue, had been handed in at the Meeting and would be referred to the County Engineer for his report. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 44 (a)—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Temple and F. Hynes:—“That a fee of £120 per house shall be charged for connection to Council services and that such a charge be paid on connection to the services. This condition to apply to five houses to be built by Mr. Sean Nolan at Boghall Road, Bray.”

Councillor J. Temple stated that this matter would require some discussion and suggested that it be deferred for consideration at the Special Meeting on Planning, etc., to be held the following Monday. The Council agreed to defer the matter for consideration at the Special Meeting on Monday, 26th April, 1971.

Item No. 45—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., re acquisition of lands at Baltinglass for road improvement.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 2nd April, 1971, from the Council's Solicitor in which he explained the difficulties which had arisen in regard to Title in relation to the acquisition of lands from William Thornton, Bridget Farrell and John Farrell. The Council's Solicitor stated that payment could not be made until he was in a position to certify Title and that he was prepared to do so immediately proper Title was supplied and was also prepared at any time to meet the parties concerned and their Solicitors to try and finalise these transactions. On the suggestion of Councillor Timmins the Council agreed that the Council's Solicitor be asked to arrange a Meeting with the landowners and their Solicitors as soon as possible to endeavour to complete the acquisition of the lands and payment therefor.

Vandalism During Easter Week-End.

Councillor Miss Walsh raised the matter of the vandalism and scandalous conduct which had occurred in certain towns and villages in the County during the Easter week-end and proposed that the Council pass a Resolution deploring this vandalism and make a protest to the Department of Justice in the matter. She pointed out that the Garda force in County Wicklow had been depleted and that the Department of Justice should arrange to provide sufficient squad cars and a proper force, particularly at week-ends. Members of the Council referred to the damage caused at Enniskerry, Glendalough, Wicklow, Arklow and other places. Councillor R. Miley in relation to Glendalough stated that damage to the extent of several hundreds of pounds was caused to one house in the district. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed that the Department of Justice be informed of the vandalism and scandalous conduct which had taken place in the County during the Easter week-end and that the Minister be requested to confer with the Commissioner of the Gardai and the Garda Authorities for County Wicklow, to review these occurrences and to determine the requirements to prevent any re-occurrence of such vandalism. It was agreed that the Council for the purpose of supplying him with further details of the events of the week-end and emphasising the need for an adequate force of Gardai to be made available for week-ends during the summer.

Cottage Repairs.

One tender received in response to public advertisement for repairs to Council houses was opened and this tender was from Mr. T. J. Keenan, Aughrim, for the south-eastern district No. 4 Area Aughrim/Arklow at 60 per cent. over standard rate. The Tender was referred to the County Engineer for examination and report.

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

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. Deering and M. J. O'Neill:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Craul, Manor Kilbride, for the provision of a bungalow at Manor Kilbride."

In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. Deering and M. J. O'Neill:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Francis E. Fitzsimons, for the provision of a bungalow at Crosscoolharbour, Blessington."

In the names of Councillors C. White, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Miss N. O'Neill:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to F. P. Gilmer, 25, Main St., Tallaght, for the provision of a house at Barnamire."

In the names of Councillors C. White, J. J. Bourke, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Miss N. O'Neill:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Des Fox, Calary, Kilmacanogue, for the provision of a house at Calary."

In the names of Councillors S. Costello, K. Ryan, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That Standing Orders be suspended in order to discuss the following Resolution at the Meeting of the Council on Monday, 26th April: "That the Members of the public be allowed free access to all future Council Meetings."

In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, C. White, J. Temple, Miss N. O'Neill, Miss M. Walsh, W. Cleary, M. Deering, B. S. C. Phelan, J. J. Bourke, J. Miley and G. Timmins, T.D.:- "That this Council request the Minister for Finance to waive any Income Tax payable by part-time firemen on payments made for attendances at Fires."

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this Council lay a watermain to supply water for the people of Kilnamanagh, Glenealy."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council erect three lights on the Greenane Road, from Ballygannon to Rathdrum, and one light outside Kavanagh's Shop in the Main St., Rathdrum."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council widen the following corners: (1) On the Greenane Road leading to Ballygannon; (2) On the Rathdrum/Ballinderry Road leading to Ballygannon; the owner of the land will have no objections."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council provide a footpath outside the houses at Rossbawn, Tinahely, to prevent water flowing from the roadway into the people's houses."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council lay pipes outside of James Walsh's cottage at Ballyrahan, Tinahely."

In the name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:- "That the Council receive a report from his representatives on the Harbour Board regarding progress, conditions and the general situation in Wicklow Harbour."

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Held on

MONDAY, 26th APRIL, 1971

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 26th April, 1971, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman.

Councillors W. Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, C. White, John J. Bourke, James Gregory, F. Hynes, Roger Miley and Basil S. C. Phelan.

The County Secretary, County Engineer, County Accountant, Chief Planning Assistant and Staff Officer, Planning Section, attended.

AGENDA:

- 1 Development Plan Reviews and Planning Control—Letter from Department of Local Government.
- 2 Roadside Development—Traffic and Safety on Arterial Roads—Letter from Department of Local Government.
- 3 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Temple and F. Hynes:—"That a fee of £120 per house shall be charged for connection to Council Services and that such a charge be paid on connection to the Services; this condition to apply to five houses to be built by Mr. Sean Nolan at Boghall Road, Bray."
- 4 White Paper on Local Government Re-Organisation.

White Paper on Local Government Re-organisation.

In reply to enquiry from Councillor S. Costello the County Secretary stated that the following letter had been received from the Department of Local Government:—

Department of Local Government,
Custom House,
Dublin 1

22 Aibreán, 1971.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to the White Paper on Local Government Reorganisation and to state that a number of local authorities have requested that the Minister should attend meetings or receive deputations to discuss the proposals in the White Paper. Although the Minister is anxious to meet these requests as far as possible, it would not be feasible for him to discuss the proposals separately with each local authority. In these circumstances, the Minister has decided that arrangements should be made for a series of regional meetings of local authorities at which he can discuss the White Paper proposals. It is intended that these meetings will be held as soon as possible after the date by which interested parties have

been asked to submit their comments on the proposals in the White Paper, i.e. 30th June, 1971. Your council will be advised of the arrangements for these meetings in due course.

I am to request that, in the meantime, your council complete its consideration of the proposals in the White Paper and that its views should be submitted in writing before 30th June next.

Mise, le meas,

B. O'DONOGHUE

To each County Secretary and Town Clerk.

The Council noted that the Council's views on the proposals were required to be submitted in writing prior to 30th June, 1971.

Item No. 1—Development Plan Reviews and Planning Control—Letter from Department of Local Government.

The County Secretary stated that the letter from the Department of Local Government had been circulated to the Members of the Council. Councillor J. Temple referred to a letter issued by the Department of Local Government in October, 1967, in regard to flexibility in planning control and stated that having regard to the views expressed by the Minister in that letter and also in a letter of 15th January, 1971, on Development Plan Reviews and Planning Control he asked what suggestions had the Planning Staff to make to the Council in relation to consultation with the Members of the Council in the operation of planning control. He claimed that the Council had, on previous occasions, asked that the Members of the Council be consulted where it was proposed to refuse planning applications and that such consultation had not taken place.

In reply to an enquiry from Councillor Costello as to whether a review of the Development Plan was to be considered the County Secretary stated that the Council was obliged to review a Development Plan within a period of five years from making the Plan but that since the Council's Development Plan had been adopted only on 7th September, 1970, the Council was not required to revise the Plan until five years from that date, though a revision of the Plan could be made at any time if the Council considered it necessary.

In reply to enquiries from Members as to planning applications dealt with in recent years and the number of applications refused, the County Secretary stated that in the year ended 31st March, 1971, the Council had received 1,013 applications and of these 31.9% had been refused. As regards applications for permission for the erection of houses the County Secretary stated that during the year 1970/'71 full permission had been granted in respect of 556 houses and outline permission for 477. Of these numbers 105 full permissions and 430 outline permissions had been granted in pursuance of resolutions under Section 4 of the 1955 Act. Councillor Costello asked that the following information in regard to planning applications during the year ended 31st March, 1971, be supplied to the Council:—

The total number of applications for planning permissions for houses received during the year ended 31st March, 1971, and

the number of these applications granted directly by the County Manager.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That a consultative committee of the full Council be set up to consider all planning applications.

Councillor S. Costello expressed the view that it would be unnecessary for the Members of the Council to consider applications where it was proposed to grant Permission and that difficulties arose only in connection with refusal of applications for permission. Members of the Council disagreed and Councillor Miss N. O'Neill and Councillor White referred to instances where houses had been erected for which they considered permission should not have been given.

As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That in all cases where it is the intention of the Planning Authority to refuse applications that consultation must take place with the applicant on the site in an effort to resolve the matter, and if agreement cannot be reached as a result of this consultation that the application in question should come before the Council.

Councillor J. Temple stated that in another County Members of the Council were supplied with a list of all planning applications received and also with subsequent lists on the decisions on planning applications and that the Council meet weekly to consider all planning applications received. He expressed the view that similar arrangements should be made in County Wicklow. He stated he was prepared to adjourn his motion to allow the matter to be considered by the County Manager and the County Engineer and for suggestions to be made at the next Meeting as to how consultation with the Members of the Council could be arranged.

Following further discussion in regard to the proposal and the amendment in the course of which Councillor Miss O'Neill referred to the lists of planning applications being supplied to the Greystones Civic Association when they were not supplied to Members of the Council, the County Secretary stated that if it were desired arrangements could be made to have particulars of applications received circulated to Members fortnightly. In regard to the Members comments in relation to the percentage of applications refused by the Council the County Secretary pointed out that the Council had adopted a Development Plan after prolonged consideration in the course of which three drafts of the Plan had to be prepared and the Plan had been adopted only on the 7th September, 1970. The Council's Planning Staff were following the policy which had been agreed by the Members of the Council and set out in the Development Plan. Councillor B. S. C. Phelan referring to the number of times that Section 4 of the City and County (Manage-

ment (Amendment) Act, 1955, had been used by the Council to direct the grant of planning permissions pointed out that there was pressure by members of the public on public representatives to sponsor such Motions where a planning application had been refused and if they did not agree to do so they would be told that there were other Members who would sponsor such Motions. Councillor Costello stated that if his Motion were accepted by the Council it would be necessary for Members to adopt a stronger line in regard to the use of Section 4 of the 1955 Act in relation to planning applications. The County Secretary pointed out that the County Engineer had only two officers, the Chief Planning Assistant and Planning Assistant, to assist him in examining and reporting on planning applications and while consultations, as suggested by Councillor Costello, did take place in a great many instances it was not possible with the staff available, to arrange consultations in every instance.

The County Engineer confirmed that if consultation with applicants as sought by the Council was to take place in regard to all applications, sufficient staff was not available to enable this to be done. He pointed out that the Council's Staff made an impartial and objective examination of each application. He drew attention also to the number of instances where following obtaining of Planning Permission for houses, the applicant subsequently sold the sites, and also referred to the number of cases where Planning Permission had been granted but had not been availed of and he expressed the view that in such cases the applications had been made for the purpose of increasing the value of the land. The County Engineer pointed out that applicants could always inspect the County Plan and from it, see the areas or type of locations where it was unlikely that Planning Permission would be granted. He drew attention to the fact that a number of applications made contravened the Development Plan as approved by the Council and that this applied to most applications in respect of which directions to grant Planning Permission were given by the Council Members under the provisions of Section 4 of the 1955 Act.

Councillor Costello agreed that the following wording be embodied in his resolution:— "And that we approve of the provision of any additional staff that may be required to implement this decision." Councillor Temple also agreed that similar wording be added to his proposal. A vote having been called for on the amendment in the name of Councillor Costello it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR: Councillors S. Costello, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, B. Phelan, G. Timmins, T.D.—Seven.

AGAINST: Councillors J. Bourke, W. Cleary, M. Deering, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, J. Whelan, C. White, Miss M. Walsh—Thirteen.

The amendment was declared defeated by thirteen votes against to seven in favour.

Councillor Temple's Motion was then put to the Meeting and a vote having been called for it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

IN FAVOUR: Councillors J. Bourke, W. Cleary, M. Deering, J. Gregory, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, Miss N. O'Neill, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, J. Whelan, C. White and Miss M. Walsh—Fourteen.

AGAINST: Councillors S. Costello, F. Hynes, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, B. Phelan, G. Timmins, T.D. Six.

The Resolution was declared passed by fourteen votes in favour to six against.

Item No. 2—Roadside Development — Traffic and Safety on Arterial Roads—Letter from Department of Local Government.

The County Secretary stated that a copy of the circular letter of 15th January, 1971, on the subject of roadside development had been circulated to the Members of the Council. He drew attention to paragraph six of the letter which conveyed the Minister's request that as a general policy the location of new means of access to the National Primary Roads for residential, commercial, industrial or other development, dependent on such means of access should not in future be permitted except in areas where a speed limit of 30 to 40 miles per hour applied or in the case of infilling in the existing built up areas. Members of the Council suggested that the circular be marked "read" and other Members were of opinion that it should be rejected. On the proposal of Councillor Temple it was agreed that the Department be informed that the letter had been noted by the Council and that the Council intended to deal with applications for developments on the National Primary and National Secondary Roads and Main Roads generally on their merits.

Item No. 4—White Paper on Local Government Re-Organisation.

Councillor J. Sweeney suggested that a joint Meeting of Arklow and Wicklow Urban District Councils with the County Council be arranged to discuss the provisions of the White Paper. Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, having pointed out that it might be desirable for the Council to have their own discussion on the matter first it was agreed that the proposals first be considered by the Members of the County Council.

Vandalism

Councillor J. Sweeney stated that Wexford County Council had invoked an Act which empowered the Gardai to remove campers and asked that enquiries be made from Wexford County Council in regard to the matter in order that similar powers might be invoked by the County Council where there was likelihood of vandalism.

Pound at Arklow

Councillor W. Cleary asked that the County Council provide a pound at Arklow and stated that there was a number of itinerants in the area who possessed a considerable number of horses and that these were causing damage to lands of local farmers.

Restoration of Bray Urban District Council

On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, the Council passed a resolution that Bray Urban District Council be restored.

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

In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, G. Timmins, T.D., W. Cleary and J. Sweeney:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Aidan Sawyer, 65 Lower Main Street, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballinaheese, Arklow, Co. Wicklow.

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That urgent repairs be carried out to the cottage of which Mr. James Byrne, Tinnakilly, Aughrim, is the tenant."

In the name of Councillor J. Sweeney:— "That the County Engineer give a full report regarding the pedestrian crossing which is to be provided at the roundabout at top of Main Street, Arklow, and also to examine the possibility of providing a further pedestrian crossing at or near the Post Office at Main Street, Arklow."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh: "That steps be taken to ensure that a proper water supply will at all times be made available to the residents of Coolboy area."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan: "That this Council compensate Mr. John Doyle, Ballyellis, Carnew, for the loss of his cow, which happened at a sandpit the Council was using."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council erect a pump at Park, Clonegal, for a water supply at Mr. Behan's cottage. There is no water anywhere near this cottage."

Wicklow County Council

MINUTES
OF
PROCEEDINGS
OF
MEETING

Held on

MONDAY, 3rd MAY, 1971

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council to deal with Housing Matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 3rd May, 1971, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman.

Councillor William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, E. Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, C. White, John J. Bourke, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, Roger Miley and B. S. C. Phelan.

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

AGENDA:

- 1 Notice of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, as follows:-
 - (a) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney and G. Timmins:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Quin, Esq., The Rectory, Redcross, Co. Wicklow, for the provision of 17 bungalows at Coolmore, Arklow, Co. Wicklow."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. Deering and M. J. O'Neill:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to A. Black, to erect a bungalow at Hempstown."
 - (c) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan and W. Cleary:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Hugh Kavanagh, Rockbog, Arklow, for the provision of seven houses at Rockbog."
 - (d) In the names of Councillors John Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, J. Whelan, K. Ryan and Miss M. Walsh:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Annie Butler, School Height, Carnew, for the erection of a porch."
 - (e) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. Deering and M. J. O'Neill:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning

- Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Craul, Manor Kilbride, for the provision of a bungalow at Manor, Kilbride."
- (f) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. Deering and M. J. O'Neill:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Francis E. Fitzsimons, for the provision of a bungalow at Crosscoolharbour, Blessington."
- (g) In the names of Councillors C. White, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Miss N. O'Neill:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to F. P. Gilmer, 25 Main Street, Tallaght, for the provision of a house at Barnamire."
- (h) In the names of Councillors C. White, J. J. Bourke, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Miss N. O'Neill:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Des Fox, Calary, Kilmacanogue, for the provision of a house at Calary."
- (i) In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, G. Timmins, T.D., W. Cleary and J. Sweeney:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Aidan Sawyer, 65 Lower Main Street, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballinaheese, Arklow."
- 2 To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of Council held on 7th December, 1970 and 4th January, 1971.
- 3 Local Authority Housing Programme—Letter from Private Secretary to the Minister for Local Government in regard to request for reception of deputation.
- 4 Subsidisable limits for local authority dwellings—letter from Department of Local Government notifying increases in limits of cost of houses for purposes of payment of State subsidies to local authorities.
- 5 Applications for consent to sale of vested cottages.
- 6 Application for provision of rural cottage at Fassaroe near Bray.
- 7 To receive deputation from Rathdrum Housing Committee.
- 8 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello, K. Ryan, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That Standing Orders be suspended in order to discuss the following Resolution—'That the members of the public be allowed free access to all future Council Meetings'."
- 9 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:- "That this Council buy mobile homes for people who are in urgent need of housing."

- 10 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council build a cottage for the Redmond Family at Bolinass, Ashford."
- 11 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council appoint Mr. James Thompson, Knockrobin, tenant of his father's cottage at the same address."
- 12 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. Miley:- "That repairs be carried out to the following cottages:- 'Mrs. Mary Byrne, 11 Greenane Road, Rathdrum; Mrs. Waterton, 9 Greenane Road, Rathdrum; Mr. Andrew Byrne, Ballintompay, Rathdrum; Mr. A. Manley, Ballygannon, Rathdrum.'"
- 13 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:- "That this Council tell us at the next Housing Meeting when it intends to start building houses for John Dillon, William Byrne and Richard Kenny, which it has been agreed to build."
- 14 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Whelan:- "That the County Council build a cottage for Mr. Michael O'Brien on site offered to the County Council by Anthony Moules, Rednagh Road, Aughrim, who lives in a vested cottage and is willing to give part of his plot."
- 15 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council lay pipes through the Council plots at Croneyhorn, Carnew, as it is causing flooding in two gardens lower down, the present drain is unable to take the water."
- 16 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council remove the watermain a further distance from Mr. Jim Hollingsworth's cottage, The Bank, Rathnew, to enable him to build an extension to his cottage as he has a very large family."
- 17 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors K. Ryan and J. Whelan:- "That this Council build two houses in Coolboy for Mr. Dick Doyle and Edward Sheridan (Junior), both men are in very bad need of housing."
- 18 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council take immediate legal steps to recover possession of Council Cottage in the name of Reps. of Thomas Wolohan, Cornagower, Dunganstown."
- 19 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council build a cottage for Patrick Cullen, Blainroe, on his sister's land."
- 20 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council provide water for five cottages at Corballis, Rathdrum."
- 21 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:- "That a house be erected for John Byrne, Shamrock, Knockananna and also for Seamus Dunne Ardaboy, Knockananna."
- 22 Notice of Motion in name of Councillors J. Temple and F. Hynes:- "That a fee of £120 shall be charged for connection to Council

services and that such charge be paid on connection to the services; this condition to apply to five houses to be built by Mr. Sean Nolan at Boghall Road, Bray."

- 23 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That urgent repairs be carried out to the cottage of which James Byrne, Tinnakilly, Aughrim is the tenant."
- 24 Cottages repaired during the month of April, 1971, and to be repaired during the month of May, 1971.

Item No. 1—Notices of intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:- (a) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney and G. Timmins:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Quin, Esq., The Rectory, Redcross, Co. Wicklow, for the provision of 17 bungalows at Coolmore, Arklow, Co. Wicklow."

The County Secretary reported that the additional information which had been sought by the Council had not yet been received and the Council agreed to defer the matter to the next Meeting.

Item No. 1 (b)—In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. Deering and M. J. O'Neill:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to A. Black, to erect a bungalow at Hempstown."

The following report of the Chief Planning Assistant to the County Engineer, as approved by him, was submitted:-

30th April, 1971.

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

Re: Bungalow at Hempstown, Blessington for Mr. A. Black.
Register Number 4317/71.

A Chara.

This is a resubmission of an application in pursuance of a Motion under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955. Permission was previously refused for the following reasons:-

- (1) The development is contrary to the policy of the Planning Authority as expressed in the County Development Plan, to maintain the traffic capacity of this national secondary road and to restrict further access and development likely to give rise to traffic hazards.
- (2) The development is contrary to the policy of the Planning Authority to maintain the traffic capacity of this main tourist road and to minimise the traffic hazard thereon.
- (3) The development would be a precedent to infilling within the existing ribbon development together with related multiple accesses

on the main road which would seriously reduce the traffic capacity of that main road and give rise to traffic hazards.

- (4) The proposed means of water supply is inadequate for further connections thereto and there is no evidence before the Planning Authority of the existence of any alternative means of water supply.

I recommend that permission be refused for the reasons previously stated.

Mise, le meas,

T. GIBSON,

Chief Planning Assistant.

The County Manager drew attention to the recent circular from the Department of Local Government in which the Minister had urged that Planning Authorities adopt a policy of restricting access to primary and secondary national routes, which carried heavy traffic. The building of houses alongside arterial roads, which carried heavy traffic, gave rise to traffic hazards and he pointed out that the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at a recent Meeting had received a deputation from Kilmacanogue, seeking the imposition of a speed limit at Kilmacanogue and also the provision of a pedestrian crossing and that these representations had arisen because of the former Board of Health having built houses alongside the arterial road south of Kilmacanogue.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the Co. Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to A. Black, to erect a bungalow at Hempstown.

Passed.

Councillor J. Temple stated that the use of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, by Members of the Council to direct the grant of Planning Permission had the effect that the Council was selling sites for landowners. He considered that if a landowner was prepared to make sites available for houses on his lands he should submit to the Council a plan for developing his lands, showing the number of sites for which he sought planning permission. Councillor Costello stated that housing needs were, in many cases, being used for exploiting lands.

Item No. 1 (c)—In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan and W. Cleary:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Hugh Kavanagh, Rockbog, Arklow, for the provision of seven houses at Rockbog."

The County Secretary stated that the information which had been sought by the Council in regard to this application had not yet been received and the Council agreed to defer the matter to the next Meeting.

Item No. 1 (d)—In the names of Councillors John Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, J. Whelan, K. Ryan and Miss M. Walsh:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Annie Butler, School Height, Carnew, for the erection of a porch."

The County Secretary stated that the application was not yet complete as evidence of the giving of public notice had not yet been received. The Council agreed to defer the matter to the next Meeting.

Item No. 1 (e)—In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. Deering and M. J. O'Neill:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Craul, Manor Kilbride, for the provision of a bungalow at Manor Kilbride."

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

3rd May, 1971.

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

Two Bungalows at Manor Kilbride, Blessington for
Mr. William Craul — Outline Planning Application
4258/71

A. Chara,

This is a resubmission in pursuance of Notice of Motion under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955. Permission was previously refused for each of these two bungalows — Reg. Nos. 3942/70 and 4015/71. In the first instance the reason for the refusal was —

The proposal would result in an undue extension of ribbon development along this County Road.
And in the second instance —

The proper planning and development of this area requires that new developments should consolidate the existing village development. This requires a proper and planned development of the whole field of which this site forms a part. It also requires that a proper access road to the rear part of the field be provided to serve its future development. The site on which it is proposed to erect the dwelling should be preserved for this access road since the right of way at the north of the school is unsuitable for this purpose due to inadequate visibility and width at its junction with the public road.

Within the past year outline permissions and permissions have been granted for five (5) bungalows on Mr. Craul's land and forming a ribbon of development at Kilbride. While this was accepted at the time it is considered that the further extension of it as a ribbon of development should be restricted and that any further developments should now be laid out in depth around the existing nucleus. Accordingly, I recommend that outline permission be refused for the following reason:—

The proper planning and development of this area requires that new developments should consolidate the existing village development. This requires a proper and planned development of the whole field of which this site forms a part. It also requires that a proper access road to the rear part of the field be provided to serve its future development. The site marked 'C' on the layout plan should be preserved for the access road since the right of way at the north of the school is unsuitable for this purpose due to inadequate visibility and width at its junction with the public road.

Mise, le meas,

T. GIBSON,

Chief Planning Assistant.

The County Secretary pointed out that the application received by the Council was for Outline Planning Permission for two bungalows but the notice handed in by Members of the Council related to one bungalow only. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed to adjourn consideration of the proposal to the next Meeting and the Council asked that the Chief Planning Assistant make a further examination of the sites and submit a further report and recommendation in regard to the matter of development of the field in which these sites were situated.

Item No. 1 (f)—In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. Deering and M. J. O'Neill:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Francis E. Fitzsimons, for the provision of a bungalow at Crosscoolharbour, Blessington."

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

30th April, 1971.

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

Re: House at Crosscoolharbour, Blessington, County Wicklow.
for Francis E. Fitzsimons.

A. Chara,

This is a resubmission of an application (previous reg. ref. 4097/71) in pursuance of a motion under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

Permission was previously refused for the following reasons:—

- (1) The proposal taken in conjunction with existing development and other proposals for the area would give rise to urban type ribbon

development along a national secondary traffic route T. 42. Vehicles entering and leaving the site would tend to create serious traffic congestion, would prejudice the safety and free flow of traffic on the adjoining main road.

(2) The existing group water supply scheme in this area is inadequate to serve the needs of the proposed dwelling in addition to existing demands.

(3) There is no evidence before the Planning Authority of the suitability or otherwise of the ground conditions for a septic tank sewage disposal system as proposed.

I recommend that permission be refused for the following reasons:-

(1) The proposal taken in conjunction with existing development and other proposals for the area would give rise to urban type ribbon development along a National Secondary Traffic Route T. 42. Vehicles entering and leaving this site would tend to create a serious congestion and would prejudice the safety and free flow of traffic on the adjoining main road.

(2) The development is contrary to the policy of the planning authority as expressed in the County Development Plan to maintain the traffic capacity of main roads and to restrict further access and development likely to give rise to traffic hazards.

(3) The existing group water supply scheme in this area is inadequate to serve the needs of the proposed dwelling in addition to existing demands.

Mise, le meas,

T. GIBSON,

Chief Planning Assistant.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Francis E. Fitzsimons, for the provision of a bungalow at Crosscoolharbour, Blessington.

Passed.

Item No. 1 (g)—In the names of Councillors C. White, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Miss N. O'Neill:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to F. P. Gilmer, 25 Main Street, Tallaght, for the provision of a House at Barnamire."

The County Secretary stated that the Chief Planning Assistant had reported that he inspected the site on 27th April and found that

the public notice was not displayed on the site. It would be necessary to have the public notice either in a newspaper or fixed on the site before the application could be considered. Councillor White stated that the public notice had been displayed on the site. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the matter to the next Meeting to allow for the submission of evidence of public notice having been given.

Item No. 1 (h)—In the names of Councillors C. White, J. J. Bourke, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Miss N. O'Neill:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Des Fox, Calary, Kilmacanogue, for the provision of a house at Calary."

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

April, 1971.

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

Re: Bungalow at Upper Calary for Mr. Desmond Fox.
Registered No. 4322/71.

A Chara,

This is a resubmission of an application in pursuance of a motion under Section 4, of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act.

Permission was previously refused — Register Ref. 4024/71 for the following reasons:-

(1) The entrance to the proposed dwelling would be situated close to a bend in the road and would be a serious traffic hazard.

(2) The site of the proposal is situated in a landscape area of outstanding natural beauty and in view of a main tourist route. A house if erected as proposed would seriously injure the amenity of the area by being unduly prominent.

A letter was also sent to Mr. Fox at that time requesting him to submit a map showing the boundaries of his property so that a more suitable site might be decided upon. Mr. Fox did submit a map. However, the road frontage of his property is almost entirely on this bad bend on the main road T. 61. It is therefore not possible to have an entrance so located as not to be a traffic hazard.

I recommend that permission be refused for the reasons previously stated.

Mise, le meas,

T. GIBSON,

Chief Planning Assistant.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

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

County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Des Fox, Calary, Kilmacanogue, for the provision of a house at Calary.
Passed.

Item No. 1 (i)—In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, G. Timmins, T.D., W. Cleary and J. Sweeney:—“By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Aidan Sawyer, 65 Lower Main Street, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballinaheese, Arklow.”

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

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Planning Section,
Courthouse,
Wicklow

4352/71

30th April, 1971.

T. J. Donovan, Esq., B.E.,
COUNTY ENGINEER.

Erection of Bungalow at Ballinaheese, Arklow, Co. Wicklow.
Aidan Sawyer

A Chara,

I recommend that permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- (1) The proposal, taken in conjunction with existing development and also proposals for which planning permission has been granted in and around the area, would give rise to a ribbon of urban type development along a three quarter mile road frontage with a multiplicity of individual entrances. The traffic generated by the proposals and entrances would tend to create serious obstruction of road users and prejudice the safety and free flow of traffic along the Beech road at the dangerous junction of same with the arterial road at Ticknock.
- (2) The proposal would be in serious conflict with the proper planning and development of the area by:—
 - (a) Giving rise to a density of development inappropriate to the area.
 - (b) Giving rise to haphazard development along a main approach to Arklow.
 - (c) Setting a precedent for further development of a similar nature.
- (3) The location of development as proposed almost three miles from the nearest town would result in great economic loss in the private sector and a demand for public services, road improvements,

school buses, rural electrification, telegraphic lines, refuse collection, etc.

- (4) The proposal would result in a multiplicity of septic tanks and bored wells in close proximity to one another.

Mise, le meas,

T. GIBSON,

Chief Planning Assistant.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor Cleary:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mr. Aidan Sawyer, 65, Lower Main Street, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow at Ballinaheese, Arklow, Co. Wicklow.
Passed.

Item No. 2—To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of Council held on 7th December, 1970 and 4th January, 1971.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of Council held on 7th December, 1970 and 4th January, 1971.
Passed.

Application for Reception of Deputation

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, stated that a letter had been received from Rev. J. K. Gahan, C.C., Askinagap, asking if a deputation, representing residents in the area, would be received by the Council. On the proposal of Councillor Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor Costello, the Council agreed to receive a deputation at the Meeting of the Council to be held on 10th May.

Item No. 3—Local Authority Housing Programme—Letter from Private Secretary to the Minister for Local Government in regard to request for reception of Deputation.

The following letter from the Private Secretary to the Minister for Local Government was submitted:

Office of the Minister for Local Government,
Dublin 1

16 April, 1971.

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow.

Local Authority Housing Programme

A Chara,

I have been asked by Mr. Robert Molloy, Minister for Local Government, to refer to your letter of the 5th March, 1971, in connection with

your Council's request that he meet a deputation from the Council to discuss the local authority housing programme in County Wicklow. It would appear from your letter that the only specific item of the Council's programme giving rise to concern at the meeting of the 1st March, 1971, was the matter of the sanction of the appointment of a consultant architect for the design of a housing scheme at Kilmacanogue. The Minister's sanction to this appointment was given on the 5th March, 1971. In the circumstances the reception of a deputation by the Minister at this time would not appear to be warranted.

Mise, le meas,

Councillor Miss Walsh stated that the purpose of the Council's request to the Minister for the reception of a deputation was to expedite the Council's Housing Programme throughout the County and did not relate solely to the matter of sanction to the appointment of a Consultant Architect for the design of the Housing Scheme at Kilmacanogue. She stated there were many more problems and that the deputation should be received by the Minister to enable these matters to be discussed. The Council asked that the Minister be informed that the Council desired that a deputation be received to consider the progress of housing in County Wicklow generally.

Item No. 4—Substantial Limits for Local Authority Dwellings—Letter from Department of Local Government notifying increases in Limits of Cost of Houses for purpose of Payment of State Subsidies to Local Authorities.

The County Secretary submitted particulars of the increases in the limits of costs of houses and flats for purposes of payment of State subsidies to Local Authorities which would apply to schemes commenced on or for which loans were sanctioned on or after 31st December, 1970, and for which rent proposals were approved on or after 1st February, 1971. On the suggestion of Councillor J. Temple it was agreed that a copy of the Circular be circulated to the Members of the Council and the item included on the Agenda for the next Housing Meeting.

Item No. 5—Applications for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;
Seconded by Councillor Sweeney:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by James O'Toole of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 95/8 at Park-nashaw, Avoca, to Mr. Edward Doyle, Castlehoward, for the sum of £450 subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £150.00, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;
Seconded by Councillor Keenan:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Mrs. Mary McEvoy of her interest in Vested Cottage No. 118/10 at Kilacloran, Aughrim, to Mr. Joseph Leeson, Askinagap, for the sum of £1,500 subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £500, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Hynes;
Seconded by Councillor Phelan:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Anthony Doyle of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 147/11 at Ballybeg, Rathnew, to James Bernard Doyle, 16, Ballybeg, Rathnew, for the sum of £700 subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £333.33, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Deering;
Seconded by Councillor Keenan:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of consent being given to the sale by Mr. Patrick Walsh of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 153/2 at Blackhill, Dunlavin, to Mr. Thomas Noel Dowzer for the sum of £800.00 subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £266.67, the statutory conditions to continue to apply to the cottage and the annuity to continue to be payable.

Passed.

The Council having considered an application by Mr. Michael Lawlor for consent to the sale of his interest in vested cottage No. 226/2 at Tober, Dunlavin, decided to defer the application for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area at their next Local Committee Meeting.

Councillor Miss Walsh stated that an application had been made by Mr. Michael Conway for consent to the sale of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 352/10 at Muskeagh, Tinahely, to Mr. Kevin McNamara, and on the proposal of Councillor Miss Walsh, seconded by Councillor Whelan, it was agreed that consent be given subject to the application complying with the usual requirements.

Item No. 6—Application for Provision of Rural Cottage at Fassaroe, near Bray.

On the proposal of Councillor S. Costello, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, the Council approved of the provision of a rural cottage for Mr. R. J. Shaw, Fassaroe, Bray, on a site which formed part of the plot attached to the Vested Cottage of Mr. Laurence Nolan at Fassaroe. The Council noted that Mr. Shaw had been recommended for re-housing by the County Medical Officer and that the County Engineer had confirmed that the plot was suitable.

Item No. 7—To receive Deputation from Rathdrum Housing Committee.

The Council received the deputation which consisted of Mrs. Doolan, Mrs. Waterton, Mrs. John Brown, Mrs. Andrew Byrne and

Mrs. Jordan. The deputation referred to the housing situation in Ballygannon, where it was stated there was a population of 223 in 29 houses and urged the speedy provision of the new housing scheme in Rathdrum. They referred to the need for repairs to houses and stated that ten houses in the Rathdrum area were badly in need of repairs. The deputation also sought the provision of three lights on the Greenane Road and stated that four lights had been provided on the Ballinderry Road, but two would have been sufficient. Mrs. Doolan asked as to the period during which a tenant could remain away from a cottage on holidays. Reference was also made to the cottage on the Ballinderry Road which had been vacant for six years and urged that steps should be taken to recover the cottage. It was stated that the cottage was occupied only at week-ends. Mrs. Jordan urged that corners be taken off the road at Ballygannon and that the owner of the field at the corner was prepared to make land available. Councillor F. Hynes stated that he had handed in a Notice of Motion on this matter.

In the course of a discussion regarding the provision of a scheme of 20 houses in Rathdrum for which tenders had been invited, Councillor Costello urged that the Council proceed directly with building 40 houses. The County Engineer pointed out that the successful contractor for 20 houses could be offered a further contract for another 20 if necessary. In regard to repairs to cottages in the area the County Secretary stated that approximately 25 applications had been received for repairs and repairs had been sanctioned for 18 houses and orders issued to the contractor. Fifteen houses had been repaired in the 10 months from June, 1970, to April, 1971, and three houses had not yet been repaired. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had submitted the following report in regard to a Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor R. Miley in relation to repairs to cottages at Rathdrum.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,
Wicklow
3rd May, 1971.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: Notice of Motion—Repairs to Cottages of Mrs. M. Byrne, Mrs. Waterton, Mr. Andrew Byrne and Mrs. A. Manley.

Item 12 on Agenda

A Chara,

Reference above.

1. Mrs. M. Byrne, Ballygannon.

This cottage was repaired during the month of September, 1970, at a cost of £139. 19. 6.

2. Mrs. Waterton, Ballygannon.

Repairs in the sum of £27. 2. 0. were approved on 8/2/'71, and given to the Contractor.

3. Mr. Andrew Byrne, Ballintombay.

I understand the correct address for this cottage is Greenanemore. Repairs were carried out to this cottage during the last month at a cost of £394.73. Approval was given on the 21st instant for the provision of a new concrete floor in this house at an estimated cost of £23, and I understand that the work has now been completed.

4. Mr. A. Manley, Ballygannon.

This cottage was repaired on the 19th December, 1966, at a cost of £41. 18. 7. The records have been checked but there is no trace of repairs being carried out since that time.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the Council was already arranging for the recovery of the cottage at Ballinderry, Rathdrum. Councillor F. Hynes raised the matter of a Vested Cottage at Cornagower which had not been occupied by the owner for over two years and on which the annuity would expire in 1972 and urged that immediate steps be taken to recover possession of the cottage.

Item No. 8—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors S. Costello, K. Ryan, F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That Standing Orders be suspended in order to discuss the following Resolution— 'That the members of the public be allowed free access to all future Council Meetings.'"

It was

Proposed by Councillor S. Costello;

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan:

Resolved—That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of considering the proposal that the members of the public be allowed free access to all future County Council Meetings.

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

IN FAVOUR Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, S. Costello, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, K. Ryan, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., and Miss M. Walsh—Nine.

AGAINST Councillors W. Cleary, M. Deering, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss N. O'Neill, B. Phelan, J. Sweeney—Ten.

Councillor J. Whelan did not vote.

The Motion was declared defeated by ten votes against to nine votes in favour, with one not voting. The County Secretary pointed out that for the Suspension of Standing Orders it was necessary that three-fourths of the Members present vote in favour if Standing Orders were to be suspended.

Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:— "That this Council buy Mobile Homes for people who are in urgent need of housing."

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

Resolved—That this Council buy mobile homes for people who are in urgent need of housing.

Councillor Hynes stated that a number of other Counties has provided mobile homes to accommodate persons in urgent need of housing and he suggested that the Council should also acquire some mobile homes. Councillor J. Temple suggested that this matter might be considered by each of the Local Electoral Area Committees who could determine whether mobile homes were required for their area and how many were needed. The County Manager pointed out that there would be difficulty in financing the purchase of mobile homes and in view of the demands on capital for permanent housing it was unlikely that monies could be made available for the purchase of mobile homes.

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

IN FAVOUR Councillors J. Bourke, E. Byrne, S. Costello, J. Gregory, R. Hynes, T. J. Keenan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, R. Miley, B. Phelan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, J. Temple, G. Timmins, T.D., James Whelan, Christopher White and Miss M. Walsh—Sixteen.

AGAINST Councillors W. Cleary, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill and Miss N. O'Neill—Five.

The Resolution was declared passed by 16 votes in favour to 5 against.

Library at Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that the Library Council had arranged for an inspection of the premises known as the Orange Hall, Wicklow, which the Council proposed to purchase for the purposes of a Library at Wicklow and had reported that the premises were not regarded as suitable and that consequently no grant would be made available towards the purchase of the premises. The County Secretary stated that if a new library building to the standards approved by the Library Council were being provided the Council would receive a grant of 50% of the cost and having regard to the likely cost of purchase of the premises known as the Orange Hall and the estimated cost of the necessary works to put it in order it would seem preferable that the Council endeavour to obtain a suitable site and build a new library rather than acquire these premises. The Council agreed that in the circumstances no offer be made for the premises prior to auction.

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

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council provide an alternative site for the dump at Tinahely—the existing dump is only a few yards away from where houses are to be built by the Council."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:— "That this Council provide a public convenience at Carnew."

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Wicklow County Council

MINUTES
OF
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MEETING

Held on

MONDAY, 10th MAY, 1971

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday 10th May, 1971, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, Edward Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, John Temple, C. White, John J. Bourke, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, R. Miley and B. S. C. Phelan.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Planning Assistant and Staff Officer, Planning Section, attended.

AGENDA

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

(1) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney and G. Timmins:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Quin, Esq., The Rectory, Redcross, Co. Wicklow, for the provision of 17 bungalows at Coolmore, Arklow, Co. Wicklow."

(2) In the name of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan and W. Cleary:—"By virtue of the power conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Hugh Kavanagh, Rockbog, Arklow, for the provision of seven houses at Rockbog."

(3) In the names of Councillors John Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, J. Whelan, K. Ryan and Miss M. Walsh:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Annie Butler, School Height, Carnew, for the erection of a porch."

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

- (5) In the names of Councillors C. White, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Miss N. O'Neill:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to F. P. Gilmer, 25 Main Street, Tallaght, for the provision of a house at Barnamire."
- (6) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering and G. Timmins:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Shirran, at Butterhill, Blessington, for the provision of a bungalow."
- (7) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering, G. Timmins and J. Sweeney:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James Byrne, 56 St. Patrick's Road, Clondalkin, for the provision of a bungalow at Carrig, Blessington."
- (8) In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering and G. Timmins:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Joseph F. Brennan for the provision of a bungalow at Golden Hill."
- (9) In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Gregory, J. J. Bourke and R. Miley:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Michael Lambert, 9 Old Village, Rathnew, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballyguile, Wicklow."
- 2 To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of Council held on 11th January and 8th February, 1971.
- 3 Application for closing of roads for purpose of Circuit of Wicklow Annual Motor Trial on 26th June, 1971.
- 4 Application for use of field at Rathnew for Autocross racing on 6th June, 1971.
- 5 Application for Licence for use of public address system on motor vehicle from 1st June to 31st August, 1971.
- 6 White Paper on Local Government Re-organisation.
- 7 Proposed National Park and Nature Conservation Reserve in Dublin and Wicklow Mountains—Report of Meeting of Sub-Committees.
- 8 Transport Museum Society of Ireland — Proposed grant by Council.

- 9 Speed Limits — Application for Introduction of speed limits at Kilmacanogue and at Mill Road, Killincarrick.
- 10 Road Fund Grants for 1971/72—Letter from Department of Local Government.
- 11 To receive deputation from Residents of Askinagap.
- 12 Complaint re trespass by itinerants.
- 13 Decision of Minister for Local Government on appeal against decision of Council to revoke outline planning permission granted by Minister in respect of development at Wingfield, Kilmacanogue.
- 14 Refuse Collection Service for Kilmacanogue and Glencormac.
- 15 Application for consent to subdivision of cottage plot.
- 16 Water Supply at Templerahey.
- 17 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors C. White, J. J. Bourke, M. Deering, R. Miley, J. Sweeney, and T. J. Keenan—"That the Council rescind portion of the "County Plan" affecting certain property in Greystones"—Recommendation of Members of Council for Bray Electoral Area.
- 17a—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Temple and F. Hynes:—"That a fee of £120 per house shall be charged for connection to Council Service and such charge be paid on connection to the Services. This condition to apply to five houses to be built by Mr. Sean Nolan at Boghall Road, Bray."
- 18 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:—"That the three very dangerous turns on road leading to Arklow Rock be made safe, before there is a serious accident there."
- 19 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That the proposed Sewerage Scheme for Avoca, for which plans and estimate have been prepared, should be proceeded with without any further delay."
- 20 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:—"That a very dangerous turn at Ballymorris, Aughrim, leading to Blacks Bridge be made safe as there is a very large C.I.E. Bus on this road four times a day, carrying over 50 children to the National School at Aughrim."
- 21 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan: (a) "That this Council provide a sewerage for the village of Coolboy; (b) that this Council take over and surface Bachelor's Walk, also Mill Bank Lane at Shillelagh.
- 22 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:—"That sewerage be provided for Coolboy/Coolroe; and that water be extended to Boleybawn, Tinahely and Coolruss, Tinahely."
- 23 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. Deering and G. Timmins:—"That the Hollywood Water Supply be augmented and extended to the Lemonstown and Tober areas."

24 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, C. White, J. Temple, Miss N. O'Neill, Miss M. Walsh, W. Cleary, M. Deering, B. S. C. Phelan, J. J. Bourke, J. Miley and G. Timmins:—"That this Council request the Minister for Finance to waive any Income Tax payable by part-time firemen on payments made for attendance at fires."

25 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Gregory:—"That this Council lay a watermain to supply water for the people of Kilnarnagh, Glenealy."

26 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council erect three lights on the Greenane Road, from Ballygannon to Rathdrum, and one light outside Kavanagh's Shop in the Main Street, Rathdrum."

27 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council widen the following corners: (1) On the Greenane Road leading to Ballygannon; (2) On the Rathdrum/Ballinderry Road leading to Ballygannon; the owner of the land will have no objections."

28 Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council provide a footpath outside the houses at Rosbawn, Tinahely, to prevent water flowing from the roadway into the people's houses."

29 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council lay pipes outside of James Walsh's cottage at Ballyrahan, Tinahely."

30 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:—"That the Council receive a report from his representative on the Harbour Board regarding progress, conditions and the general situation in Wicklow Harbour."

31 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That steps be taken to ensure that a proper water supply will at all times be made available to the residents of Coolboy area."

32 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council compensate Mr. John Doyle, Ballyellis, Carnew, for the loss of his cow which happened at a sandpit the Council was using."

33 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council erect a pump at Park, Clonegal, for a water supply at Mr. Behan's cottage. There is no water anywhere near this cottage."

34 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—" (a) "That the Council provide an alternative site for the dump at Tinahely. The existing dump is only a few yards away from where houses are to be built by the Council; (b) that the Council provide a public convenience at Carnew."

35 Minutes of Meeting of County Councils General Council.

36 Enquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notices of Intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows: (1) In the Names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney and G. Timmins:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Quin, Esq., the Rectory, Redcross, Co. Wicklow, for the Provision of 17 Bungalows at Coolmore, Arklow, Co. Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that the information which had been requested by the Council was not available but that it was understood it would be submitted shortly. Councillor Sweeney asked if the Council could not proceed with considering the proposal without awaiting the information which had been sought. The County Secretary stated that the information sought was necessary for the purpose of reporting fully on the proposal to the Council. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the matter to the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

Item No. (2)—In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan and W. Cleary:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Hugh Kavanagh, Rockbeg, Arklow, for the Provision of Seven Houses at Rockbeg."

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

T. J. Donovan, Esq., B.E., 10th May, 1971.
County Engineer.

Planning application for seven houses at
Rockbeg, Arklow, for Mr. Hugh Kavanagh,
Reg. No. 4176/71.

A Chara,

This is a planning application in pursuance of a Notice of Motion under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in respect of the above.

I recommend that outline permission be refused for the following reasons:—

- (1) The proposed development would be contrary to the development policy of the County Council as expressed in the County Development Plan because it would result in a sporadic residential development in an unserved rural area, the revenue from which development would not suffice to provide public services (water supply, public sewerage, public lighting, refuse collection, etc.) which would in time be demanded.
- (2) The proposed development is likely to be prejudicial to public health because of multiplicity of wells and septic tanks on adjoining half-acre sites. The ground has poor drainage properties and the water table level is high, also two of the wells are located within 90' of the septic tanks.

Mise, le meas,

T. GIBSON,

Chief Planning Assistant.

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The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer did not recommend the proposal and pointed out that a multiplicity of wells and septic tanks on adjacent half-acre sites was prejudicial to public health in his opinion. In addition, two of the wells were being located within 90' of the septic tanks. The ground had poor drainage properties and the water level was high. Councillor Sweeney suggested that there should be consultation with the applicant in regard to the proposal with a view to seeing if the difficulties could be overcome and he suggested that the County Engineer or Chief Planning Assistant with the Members of the Council for the area should meet the applicant on the site. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the matter to allow of a meeting with the applicant as proposed by Councillor Sweeney and seconded by Councillor J. Miley.

Item No. (3) — In the Names of Councillors John Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, J. Whelan, K. Ryan and Miss M. Walsh:—
"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Annie Butler, School Height, Carnew, for the Erection of a Porch."

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

4369/71

10th May, 1971.

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

Erection of porch at School Height, Carnew,
Co. Wicklow—Mrs. Annie Butler. Ref. 4369/71.

A Chara,,

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

The proposed porch extension and garden wall would detract from the good civic design qualities of the row of houses of which this particular house forms part and would, therefore, be detrimental to the amenities of the area.

Mise, le meas,

T. GIBSON,

Chief Planning Assistant.

It was:

Proposed by Councillor Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor K. Ryan:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Annie Butler, School Height, Carnew for the erection of a porch.
Passed.

Item No. (4)—In the names of Councillors J. Miley, G. Timmins, M. Deering and M. J. O'Neill:— "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager

to Grant Outline Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Craul, Manor Kilbride, for the Provision of a Bungalow at Manor Kilbride."

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

10th May 1971

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

Two Bungalows at Manor Kilbride, Blessington,
for Mr. William Craul — Outline Planning
Application. Ref. 4258/71.

A Chara,

Further to my report of 3rd instant I have carried out a further examination of the site at the above. The site marked "C" on the map submitted is, I consider, the most suitable for the access roadway to the rear. It fronts onto a straight section of the roadway; has very good visibility to the north across the low boundary wall surrounding the school and by lowering the existing hedge visibility can be provided on the southern site.

On the other hand side "J" at the southern end of this road is located on the outside of a curve where visibility is poor and is almost immediately opposite the entrance of an existing bungalow.

I understand that there are six applications for houses in the Manor Kilbride area at present with the Council. And as the land at the rear is suitable for housing development I would recommend that the County Council acquire the land to the rear of these sites for housing purposes. The area of the two fields concerned is approximately 6½ acres. And the area of site "C" is approximately two-thirds acre.

To avoid having an uneconomic length of access roadway it would be necessary to acquire the entire site of "C" so that it might be possible to have houses fronting onto that access roadway.

I therefore recommend that in the interests of the proper planning and development of this area that permission be refused for the reasons stated in my last report.

Mise, le meas,

T. GIBSON,

Chief Planning Assistant.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley the Council approved of the recommendation that the land be acquired by the Council for housing purposes and decided not to proceed with the proposed motion under Section 4 of the 1955 Act.

Item No. (5)—In the Names of Councillors C. White, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Miss N. O'Neill:— "By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to Grant Full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to F. P. Gilmer, 25, Main Street, Tallaght, for the Provision of a House at Barnamtre."

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

10th May 1971

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

Re: Erection of Bungalow at Barnamire, Enniskerry—Francis P. Gilmer. File Ref. 4323/71.

A Chara,

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

- (1) It would be contrary to the policy of the Planning Authority, as expressed in the County Development Plan, to permit sporadic residential development in this Class A. Landscape Area which has been designated for consideration for a Special Amenity Area Order.
- (2) Permission for the development in this Class A Landscape Area and along a route which has been specified in the County Development Plan for improvement as a scenic route would create a precedent for sporadic residential development in this area and along this route, which could seriously diminish the recreation utility of the area by altering the rural fabric or by limiting access and the extent of public enjoyment of the rural spaces.

Mise, le meas,

T. GIBSON,

Chief Planning Assistant.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. White;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to F. P. Gilmer, 25, Main Street, Tallaght, for the provision of a house at Barnamire.

As an amendment

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Costello:

Resolved—That the matter be deferred to enable members to visit the site.

The amendment in the name of Councillor Temple was accepted by the Council and the Council agreed to defer the matter and Members wishing to visit the site would meet at the Clock Tower at Enniskerry on Thursday, 13th May, at 3.30 p.m., for the purpose of inspecting the site.

Item No. (6)—In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering and G. Timmins:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Planning Permission Under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Shirran, at Butterhill, Blessington, for the Provision of a Bungalow."

Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we Direct the County Manager to Grant Outline

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

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

10th May 1971

RE/ Erection of a bungalow at Butterhill, Blessington,
—William Shirran, Esq., File Ref. 4345/71.

A Chara,

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

- (1) The proposed location of the septic tank is uphill of the proposed dwelling and is likely to cause a public health hazard.
- (2) The site is within the Upper Liffey Catchment Basin Area and there is no evidence before the Planning Authority that the sub-soil conditions are suitable for a septic tank sewage disposal system.

Mise, le meas,

T. GIBSON,

Chief Planning Assistant.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to William Shirran, at Butterhill, Blessington, for the provision of a bungalow, subject to alteration of the site of the house so as to allow a distance of 60' from the house to the septic tank.

Passed.

Item No. (7)—In the names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering, G. Timmins and J. Sweeney:—"By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development Act, 1963, to James Byrne, 56, Saint Patrick's Road, Clondalkin, for the Provision of a Bungalow at Carrig, Blessington."

The following report of the Chief Planning Assistant to the County Engineer, as approved by him, was submitted.

4335/71

10th May, 1971.

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

Erection of bungalow at Carrig, Blessington,
Co. Wicklow—James Byrne. Ref. 4335/71.

A Chara,

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

- (1) The site is prominently situated on the western slope of a hill to the east of Blessington lake and overlooking the lake and the erection of a dwelling thereon would seriously injure the amenity value of the area by:—

- (a) Being very prominent in views from the east and west sides of the lake along the lake drive road which is an important tourist route in this area.

- (b) Altering the scenic and rural character of the area.
- (c) Setting a precedent for similar development of other prominent sites in the area.
- (2) The proper planning and development of the area as stated in the County Development Plan requires that sporadic residential development in rural areas be discouraged since such development would create premature demands for services (water, sewerage, public lighting, etc.) which could not be economically provided from the resultant rates revenue. The erection of a dwelling on this site, as proposed, is in serious conflict with that requirement.
- (3) The site is within the Upper Liffey Catchment Basin Area and there is no evidence before the Planning Authority that the ground conditions are suitable for a septic tank sewage disposal system.

Mise le meas,

T. GIBSON,

Chief Planning Assistant.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to James Byrne, 56, Saint Patrick's Road, Clondalkin, for the provision of a bungalow at Carrig, Blessington.

Passed, Councillors S. Costello and M. J.O'Neill opposing.

Item No. (8)—In the Names of Councillors J. Miley, M. Deering and G. Timmins:—“By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Joseph F. Brennan for the Provision of a Bungalow at Golden Hill.”

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

4346/71

10th May 1971

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

Erection of bungalow at Goldenhill, Manor Kilbride,
Co. Wicklow—Joseph F. Brennan. Ref. 4346/71.

A Chara,

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

- (1) The site is landlocked, having no public road frontage except the access width, and would be connected to the road by a long narrow access way (300 ft. in length). The proposed development of such a site for residential purposes would be in serious conflict with the proper planning and development of the area.
- (2) The public roadway on which access is proposed has not sufficient width to accommodate any further growth in traffic volume such as would result from the development proposed. The purpose of this roadway was originally to service the agri-

culture land on either side of it. The extra traffic from increased housing developments would be such that this function could no longer be served efficiently.

- (3) The proper planning and development of the area, as expressed in the County Development Plan, requires that sporadic residential development in rural areas be discouraged since such development would create premature demands on the Local Authority for services (water, sewerage, public lighting, scavenging, etc.) which could not be economically provided from the resultant rates revenue. This present proposal is in serious conflict with that requirement.
- (4) The location of the proposed house in such close proximity to the adjoining industrial site would be detrimental to the amenities of the dwelling house because of overshadowing by the industrial buildings and also the emission of noise from the industrial area.

Mise, le meas,

T. GIBSON,

Chief Planning Assistant.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Joseph F. Brennan, for the provision of a bungalow at Golden Hill.

Passed, Councillor Costello opposing.

Item No. (9)—In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Gregory, J. J. Bourke and R. Miley:—“By Virtue of the Powers Conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, We Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Mr. Michael Lambert, 9, Old Village, Rathnew, for the Erection of a Bungalow at Ballyguile, Wicklow.”

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

10th May, 1971.

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

RE/ Erection of bungalow at Ballyguile, Wicklow,
—Michael Lambert, File Ref. 4298/71

A Chara,

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

- (1) The site is situated on a bend at a road junction. Traffic generated by the proposal would obstruct road users and prejudice the safety and free flow of traffic on the road adjoining the site.
- (2) The proposal would result in ribbon development at a prominent location overlooking Wicklow Town. Such development would seriously injure amenity in the area by being unduly prominent and would create a precedent for further ribbon development at this location.
- (3) The proposal taken in conjunction with other development in the vicinity would give rise to sporadic development divorced

from the urban area and at a location where public services (public lighting, road improvements, footpaths, refuse collection, etc.) which would be demanded, could not be provided economically.

Mise, le meas,

T. GIBSON,

Chief Planning Assistant.

It was

Proposed by Councillor F. Hynes;

Seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Michael Lambert, 9, Old Village, Rathnew, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballyguile, Wicklow.

Passed.

Planning.

In reply to an enquiry from Councillor Temple in regard to the Resolution passed by the Council at a Special Meeting in relation to Planning the County Manager stated that in order to meet the Council's requirements in regard to dealing with Planning Applications additional staff would be required and a report would be submitted to the Council Meeting in June in regard to the additional staff which would be required.

Site at Ballyknocken.

Councillor J. Miley referred to the Council's request at a previous Meeting for a report from the County Engineer as to whether the plot of land at Ballyknocken on which the Dispensary was located could be used for Council Housing and asked if a report was yet available. The County Engineer stated that he was dealing with the matter and would be submitting a report.

Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Temple and F. Hynes:—

"That a fee of £120 per house shall be charged for connection to Council Services and such charge be paid on connection to the Services. (This condition to apply to five houses to be built by Mr. Sean Nolan at Boghall Road, Bray.)"

Councillor Temple pointed out that the Chairman had agreed at a previous Meeting that this Notice of Motion would be taken following consideration of the Motions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, dealt with at that day's Meeting. The Council agreed to deal with this Notice of Motion.

Councillor Temple referred to the decision of the Council that a charge of £120 per house be made for contribution to cost of services which facilitated the housing developments but pointed out that a charge of £150 had been made in respect of five houses being built at Boghall Road, Bray. The County Manager pointed out that the figure of £120 per house had been recommended by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area in respect of housing developments in the Greystones area, that is developments which were facilitated by the new sewerage scheme for Greystones and by the proposed new water supply for the Bray/Greystones area. The charge recommended to the Members, which was based on the estimated

costs of the sewerage scheme and water supply scheme was £219 per house but the Council Members had decided to recommend a figure of £120 per house. The County Manager pointed out, however, that the houses to be built at Boghall Road, Bray, would be facilitated by the joint sewerage scheme for Bray Urban District and the area adjoining Bray and that, consequently, the charge in that case was related to the cost of the sewerage scheme. It was agreed that particulars of the manner in which the charge was calculated would be submitted to the next Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area. Councillor Temple referred to the conditions attaching to the grant of Permission for a housing development in Greystones and pointed out that in addition to the charge of £120 per house a further charge of £40 per house was being made in respect of sewerage services. He claimed that this charge was not justifiable. The County Manager stated that the charge of £40 was intended to cover the cost of pumping, if it were necessary to pump out the present sewerage scheme pending the provision of the new sewerage scheme and the charge would be levied only if it were necessary to resort to pumping. In reply to an enquiry from Councillor Costello the County Engineer stated that he estimated the cost of pumping out the sewerage works at from £800 to £1,000 per annum if it were necessary to adopt this method in order to deal with the sewerage from new developments, pending the provision of the new scheme.

Following further discussion on the matter it was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor F. Hynes:

Resolved—That a fee of £120 per house shall be charged for connection to Council services and that such a charge be paid on connection to the services or on certification by the County Engineer and that the condition requiring the payment of £40 per house towards the cost of pumping sewerage be amended and that the cost be apportioned equally among new houses being served by such pumping.

Passed.

Item No. 2—To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meetings of Council held on 11th January and 8th February, 1971.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 11th January and 8th February, 1971.

Passed.

Item No. 3—Application for Closing of Roads for Purposes of Circuit of Wicklow Annual Motor Trial on 26th June, 1971.

The County Secretary gave particulars of the roads proposed to be closed for the purposes of the Circuit of Wicklow Annual Motor Trial on 26th June, 1971.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Phelan:

Resolved—That we approve of public notice being given of the proposal to close public roads for purposes of Circuit of Wicklow Annual Motor Trial on 26th June 1971.

Passed.

Item No. 4—Application for use of Field at Rathnew for Autocross Racing on 6th June, 1971.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. F. Fallon, Wicklow, had applied on behalf of the Festival of Wicklow Committee for permission to use the Council's field at Rathnew for Autocross Racing on Sunday, 6th June, 1971. Mr. Fallon stated that Mr. Dunne, who had the grazing of the field, had indicated that he had no objection. It was stated also that the Leinster Motor Club would promote the event which would be covered by insurance.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor Hynes;

Resolved—That we approve of permission being granted for the use of the field at Rathnew in the ownership of the Council for the purpose of Autocross Racing on 6th June, 1971, in connection with the Festival of Wicklow.

Passed.

Item No. 5—Application for Licence for Use of Public Address System on Motor Vehicle From 1st June to 31st August, 1971.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Irish Evangelistic Band, 39, Belmore Street, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, for permission to use a public address system from 1st June to 31st August, 1971, on a motor vehicle which would be used in connection with the conducting of religious open-air meetings.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Whelan.

Resolved—That we approve of the issue of a permit for the use of public address equipment on vehicle No. XZ 612 during the period from 1st June, to 31st August 1971, by the Irish Evangelistic Band for conducting religious open-air meetings.

Passed.

Councillor R. Miley enquired whether any application had been received for a licence for the use of a public address system in regard to a dance at the Glenealy Hall. The County Secretary stated that a telephone message had been received from Mr. Patrick Morly, St. Philomena's, Fair Green, Rathdrum, asking the permission of the Council for the use of a loudspeaker on a motor car on Wednesday, 12th May, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday, 16th May, from 3 p.m. in the areas of Ashford, Rathdrum, Avoca and Rathnew, in connection with a dance at the Glenealy Hall. On the proposal of Councillor R. Miley, seconded by Councillor B. S. C. Phelan, the Council agreed that a licence be issued.

Item No. 6—White Paper on Local Government Reorganisation.

The County Secretary stated that the views of the Council in regard to the White Paper on Local Government Reorganisation were required to be submitted to the Minister not later than 30th June, 1971. The County Councils' General Council, however, had decided to prepare a document in relation to the White Paper which will be submitted to the Minister for Local Government and had asked that the Council's submission and observations on the White Paper

be forwarded as soon as possible and certainly before 1st June. The Council decided to hold a Special Meeting to consider the White Paper on Local Government Reorganisation on Monday, 17th May, 1971.

Item No. 7—Proposed National Park and Nature Conservation Reserve in Dublin and Wicklow Mountains—Report of Meetings of Sub-Committees.

The County Secretary stated that a report of the Meeting of the Sub-Committees appointed by Dublin and Wicklow County Councils, which had been held on the 16th April, 1971, had been circulated to the Members of the Council. A discussion followed in which Members of the Council expressed different views in regard to the recommendations made by the Committee as recorded in the report. The County Manager, having been asked for his views on the matter, drew attention to the work which had already been done by the forestry Division at Glendalough, where a large section of the State forest had been opened up to the public and facilities provided and stated that he understood that further sections of the State Forest would also be developed for amenity purposes in the near future. The Electricity Supply Board also had indicated that they intended to provide facilities for the public at Turlough Hill near Glendalough. He stressed that many interests would have to be consulted in regard to the development of a national park in the mountain areas in County Wicklow and he mentioned the interests of sheep owners and also of organisations such as Macra Na Feirme, the National Farmers' Association, the Irish Countrywomen's Association, and other bodies. It was inevitable that with the continuing increase in the population in the City of Dublin that there would be other increasing pressures on the mountain areas in County Wicklow for recreation purposes. The matter of how control could be exercised in the proposed national park would require examination and he understood that in other national parks warden services were available.

The Council agreed that enquiries be made from the Office of Public Works as to whether the Commissioners were preparing any proposals in relation to national parks and that enquiries in this regard also made from the Forestry Division of the Department of Lands and the Irish Land Commission.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That Recommendations Nos. 1, 3 and 5, in the Report of the Sub-Committee in relation to the proposed National Park be accepted and that further consideration of the Report be deferred until a draft plan is available.

Ballybawn Group Water Supply Scheme.

Councillor S. Costello stated that the Secretary to the Ballybawn Group Water Supply Scheme had received a letter from the Bank of Ireland indicating that before a loan could be made available towards the cost of financing the Group Scheme it would be necessary for the Group to lodge a sum of £1,262 which was the amount of the Council's contribution towards the additional cost involved of providing a 4" main instead of a 2" main.

On the proposal of Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor Hynes, the Council agreed that the Council's contribution be paid as soon as possible. Councillor Costello also asked that a meeting of the

Group with the County Engineer or his representative and Mr. Larkin, Inspector of the Department of Local Government, be arranged and the County Secretary undertook to make the necessary arrangements.

Shillelagh Sewerage Scheme.

Councillor K. Ryan asked that a report in regard to the Shillelagh Sewerage Scheme be available for the next Meeting of the Council.

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

In the names of Councillors J. J. Bourke, G. Timmins, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, R. Miley and B. S. C. Phelan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we, the undersigned, direct the Co. Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Thomas McCall for the erection of a bungalow on his land at Ballinagran, Kilbride, Wicklow."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:—(1) "That this Council put a man on the Rathdrum and Rathnew dumps for two days each week in order to burn waste paper, etc., and kill vermin; (2) that this Council take away the wall for about twenty feet back between the Glendalough Road and Main Street, Rathdrum, and erect a railing instead in order that drivers of cars can see much clearer."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:— (1) "That this Council provide two pumps to supply water to the following families:—One for Mr. Randali and his family at Kilnarnanagh, Glenealy, and one between Mrs. Walsh and the vacant cottage at Ballinagran, Glenealy; (2) That this Council press the E.S.B. to provide electric light to these cottages; (3) that at least one member of the Council for each area visit these cottages to see the conditions that these families have to live under."

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Held on

MONDAY, 17th MAY, 1971

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of considering the White Paper on Local Government Reorganisation was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 17th May, 1971.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman.

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, Mark Deering, James Miley, G. Timmins, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, John Temple, Miss Nancy O'Neill, C. White, John J. Bourke, F. Hynes and Basil S. C. Phelan.

The County Manager and County Secretary attended.

Resolution of Sympathy

At the commencement of the Meeting Councillor J. Whelan proposed a Resolution of sympathy to the widow and family of the late Sean Lemass, former Taoiseach and Minister for Industry and Commerce. Councillor Whelan described the late Mr. Lemass as the Architect of Irish Industry and as a man who deserved to be remembered as one of the great men of Ireland since he had devoted his whole life to the nation and the Irish people. The Motion was seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge. Councillor Costello stated that it was the general practice of the Council to propose votes of sympathy but he considered such occasions should not be used to put forward views of a political nature and he could not associate himself with some of the remarks made. He would, however, join in the vote of sympathy to Mr. Lemass' family. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., Councillor J. Temple and other Members joined in the tributes to the late Mr. Lemass.

White Paper on Local Government Reorganisation

The Council agreed to the Chairman's suggestion to consider the list of main proposals as set out on page X in the introduction to the White Paper.

In regard to the proposal that consideration would be given to the future administration of a range of miscellaneous services, which were now the responsibility of Local Authorities, Councillor Costello referred to Resolutions which had previously been passed by the Council in relation to Courthouses and other services which the Council felt should be the responsibility of the State.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Cleary:

Resolved—That the Government transfer to the State the responsibility for the following services at present chargeable to local rates:-

Courthouses, Conveyance of prisoners, Reformatories and Industrial Schools, Diseases of Animals (inc. Sheep Dipping), pounds, weights and measures and poisons licences.

Structure of Local Government

On the proposal of Councillor Temple the Council agreed that the Department be informed that the Council would not favour any departure from the present system of basing local government primarily on the County with separate County Councils for each County. The Council did not favour the combining of two or more counties to form one administrative unit. Councillor Costello agreed that changes were necessary but was of the opinion that the proposals in the White Paper tended to lessen the powers of local government. He was of opinion that the Vocational Education Committee and the Committee of Agriculture were not representative of the interests served by these Bodies. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. referring to references to the formation of regions stated that he felt that there should be more decentralisation in relation to personal services, though there was a case for Planning and some other functions being dealt with on a regional basis. He considered that the proposal would not involve people more in Local Government. Councillor Hynes criticised the method of appointment of teachers by the Vocational Education Committee and felt that this should be done through the Local Appointments Commission. In regard to Urban Councils he considered that some Councils would not have the resources to provide services needed nowadays.

At the request of the Members of the Council the County Manager explained the legal position in regard to Courthouses which had originally been provided by the Grand Juries who were succeeded by the County Councils in 1898. Under the Courthouses (Provision and Maintenance) Act, 1935, which he felt was an extraordinary Act, the responsibility for maintaining Courthouses was imposed on the County Councils but the custody and control of Courthouses was vested in the County Registrar in respect of the principal Courthouses and the District Court Clerk, in the case of Courts where District Courts only were held. County Councils were also made responsible under another Act for the provision of Pounds. On the matter of the proposed abolition of certain Urban District Councils he indicated that one test referred to in the White Paper was as to whether an Urban District Council could afford to employ a whole time Engineer. In relation to housing he drew attention to the scarcity of contractors and suggested that there might be a case for dealing with construction of houses on a regional basis. The provision of major water supplies was also a matter where co-operation between counties might be necessary and instanced the possible development of Lough Dan as a water supply source for both Wicklow and the Dublin Area.

Councillor Costello urged the need for legislation to eliminate delays in the acquisition of land and suggested that there should be a time limit of six months. He referred also to the prices which had to be paid by local authorities for land and stated that the Council had to compete with speculators in the purchase of the lands required for public services. He felt that the Council should be in a position to obtain land at a specified price related to the agricultural price, plus the development costs incurred by the owner. Following a discussion on the matter it was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Temple:

Resolved—That legislation be introduced to enable local authorities to acquire land within six months from the date of deciding to resort to compulsory acquisition.

Passed.

Councillor Costello stated that a Religious Community in Bray had refused to sell land to the Council for housing purposes but had obtained Planning Permission for a scheme of private houses. He stated that the Urban District Council had endeavoured to acquire the land but were informed that under the Constitution, Religious Orders were not subject to Compulsory Purchase Orders. He expressed the view that the legislation should be amended and that all lands be treated in the same manner as far as compulsory purchase was concerned. In reply to Councillor Costello the County Manager stated that planning permission had been granted for the use of part of the land concerned for private housing development and it was understood that this was being done to raise capital for a school extension and to provide further education facilities in the area. Councillor Costello's proposal on the matter was not seconded.

Members of the Council pointed out that the Paper on the financing of Local Authorities was not yet available and that without information on the proposals for finance it was difficult for Members of Local Authorities to give proper consideration to the proposals for the reorganisation of Local Government. The Council asked that an enquiry be made from the Minister as to when the Paper on the financing of Local Authorities would be available.

Councillor Temple proposed that a conference be arranged with the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray and Wicklow to consider the proposed changes in organisation in the County Area. He referred to the proposals to transfer the functions of small Urban Authorities to the County Councils and to the proposal to abolish separate Harbour Authorities in the case of a number of the smaller harbours and transfer their functions to the County Councils, and also to the proposals regarding local community Councils. The Council agreed that the Conference as suggested be arranged and that it be held at Wicklow on Monday, 24th May, 1971. On the proposal of Councillor Costello, seconded by Councillor Hynes, it was agreed that the Urban Councils be defined as the democratically elected Members of the three Urban District Councils. The County Secretary pointed out that there would not be sufficient accommodation in the Council Chamber for a Meeting of the combined authorities and it was agreed that the Co. Secretary arrange for a suitable hall in Wicklow for the purpose of the Meeting.

Complaints in regard to Bentley Park

Councillor Costello referred to letters which had been sent to the County Engineer and to the County Secretary regarding defects in the sewerage system at Bentley Park and asked that replies be sent to the letters.

Application for Reception of Deputation

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Roundwood Branch of Macra na Feirme for the reception of a deputation in regard to the provision of houses in the area. The Council agreed to receive the deputation at the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

Malicious Injury Claim — Bray Abattoir

The County Secretary referred to the recent Hearing of the claim for malicious damage as a result of fires at Abattoirs at Bray and

stated that the Council's Solicitor and Counsel had advised that as there was a possibility of an award being made against the Council for a very substantial sum that a case be stated to the Supreme Court on certain points put forward on behalf of the Council. As the claim for damages was for more than £23,000 it was considered that it was desirable to incur the expense of having the case stated to the Supreme Court. The Council agreed to the recommendation of the Council's Solicitor and Counsel and approved of the submission of the case to the Supreme Court.

Application for Licence for use of Public Address System

Councillor J. Sweeney stated that a licence was sought for the use of a public address system in connection with a Charity Walk to be held in Arklow. The Council approved of the issue of a licence for the use of the public address system for the purpose.

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

In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan, W. Cleary, J. Sweeney and T. J. Keenan:- "That by virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned, direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Gerard F. Donnelly, Esq., 65 Lower Main Street, Arklow, County Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballinaheese, Arklow, County Wicklow."

In the name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council lay a footpath from the Post Office in Ashford to Nun's Cross to enable the people to walk in safety to Ashford Village."

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MINUTES
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Held on

MONDAY, 24th MAY, 1971

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

As arranged at the Meeting of the Council held on 17th May, 1971, a Special Meeting of the Council to which Members of the Urban District Councils of Arklow and Wicklow and the last elected Members of the Bray Urban District Council, together with the Members of the Harbour Authorities of Arklow and Wicklow were invited, was held at St. Patrick's Hall, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 24th May, 1971.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman.

County Council Members:- Councillors W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, K. Ryan, J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., S. Costello, C. White, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Temple, J. J. Bourke and J. Gregory.

Wicklow Urban District Council:- Councillor F. Conway, Chairman, Councillors Mrs. M. McEnroy, J. Kane, Mrs. Patricia McNamara.

Arklow Urban District Council:- Councillor Mrs. M. A. Rynne.

Arklow Harbour Commissioners:- Mr. D. Barrett.

Wicklow Harbour Commissioners:- Commissioners L. Kavanagh, T.D., and P. Smith.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Miss N. O'Neill, M.C.C., Mr. Michael Ledwidge and Mr. T. Forde, P.C., former Members of Bray Urban District Council, and Mr. P. Wadden, Arklow Urban District Council.

The County Secretary, County Accountant and Mr. C. O'Brien, Town Clerk, Wicklow Urban District Council, attended.

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, welcomed the Members of Arklow and Wicklow Urban District Councils and of Arklow and Wicklow Harbour Authorities to the Meeting and stated that the Meeting had been arranged by the County Council, on proposal of Arklow Urban District Council, for the purpose of considering proposals in the White Paper on Local Government Reorganisation, and in particular those proposals which related to the Urban Authorities, Harbour Authorities and Local Councils. The County Secretary stated that the County Council at the Meeting held on 17th May, 1971, had considered the White Paper on Local Government Reorganisation and had recorded the following views:-

1. The Members of the Council were of opinion that the system of Local Government based on the County should be retained and indicated that they would not favour any proposal to group counties or absorb counties into regions. They considered that the County Councils should be retained as the basis for local government in the existing county areas.
2. The Council had noted that it was intended to give consideration to the future administration of a range of miscellaneous services, which were now the responsibility of local authorities and in this regard the Council had recommended that responsibility for the following services should be accepted by the State:- Courthouses, conveyance of prisoners, reformatories, industrial schools, diseases of animals (including Sheep Dipping), pounds, weights and measures, poisons licences.
3. The Council had also recommended that legislation be introduced to enable local authorities to acquire land within six months of deciding to resort to compulsory acquisition.

The County Secretary stated that Members of the Council had expressed the view that they were in difficulty in considering fully the proposals in the White Paper for Local Government Reorganisation

in the absence of the Government's proposals in regard to local finance and taxation. A letter had been received from the Department of Local Government that day stating that although work on the preparation of the separate White Paper on Local Finance and Taxation was at an advanced stage it was not yet possible to say when it would be published. Every effort was being made, however, to expedite its publication. Councillor Cleary and Councillor Sweeney, speaking on behalf of Arklow Urban District Council stated that they could not see any benefit in the abolition of local authorities and that such abolition would be a negation of democracy. References were made to the extent of development on the boundaries of the town and the need for an extension of the boundaries so as to provide a greater income to the local authority to meet the cost of necessary services. Councillor F. Conway, Councillor J. Kane and Councillor Mrs. McEnroy spoke on behalf of Wicklow Urban District Council and indicated that Wicklow Urban District Council rejected the White Paper in its entirety. The Council considered that the proposals in the White Paper were contrary to the policy of decentralisation which had been indicated as Government policy. It was pointed out that Wicklow had a large corporate estate which contributed to meeting the costs of services. Attention was drawn to the good housing record of the Urban Council in recent years. It was questioned whether the abolition of the smaller local authorities and their absorption by the County Council would produce any reductions in costs or improvements in efficiency of administration. Councillor Costello did not agree that the present system of local government was democratic but that the proposals in the White Paper would lessen the extent to which they were democratic. He considered that the present system should be retained and improved. He referred also to the housing situation and problems regarding the acquisition of land and objected to the exclusion of certain lands from compulsory purchase. With reference to local authority sub-committees he expressed the view that the Committee of Agriculture, which is appointed by the Members of the Council did not represent the farmers or farming organisations, and that members of such a committee should be elected directly by the farming community. He considered that the Vocational Education Committee should also represent parents, students and teachers and that at present the Committee was not truly representative. He agreed that the object should be for greater decentralisation. Councillor J. Temple referred to the difficulties experienced by the County Council in the northern part of the County, where Dublin Corporation was not prepared to make water supplies available for new building, and urged that there should be greater co-operation on this and other matters between the County Council and the Urban District Councils. He suggested that a small committee be set up representative of the Urban District Council and County Council to meet and propose methods for improving the reorganisation of Local Government. Mr. L. Kavanagh, T.D., stated that since the White Paper on Local Finance and Taxation was not yet available it was difficult to say much on the proposals for Local Government Reorganisation. He felt there must be changes as the situation could not be allowed to continue as at present. He referred in particular to development on the borders of Urban Districts which availed of Urban District services but made no contribution to their cost. He considered that the discussion on the White Paper should deal with all aspects of Local Government, including the matter of the reserve functions and the managerial functions. He considered that where regionalisation had taken place local involvement had decreased.

Councillor Costello urged that the deputies for the County be requested to give an assurance that they would support the views put

forward by the Local Authorities in Wicklow when the matter would come before the Dail. Mr. L. Kavanagh, T.D., stated that he expected the proposals would be submitted to the Dail in a Bill which would be supported by the Government and that the proposals would be opposed by the Labour Party. He pointed out that the opposition Parties would submit amendments to the proposals to endeavour to meet the wishes of the Local Authorities in the County. Councillor Costello proposed that the Meeting make a recommendation to the County Council on the lines which had been put forward by representatives of the Urban District Council and the County Council and this was supported by Councillor Gregory. Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman, pointed out that the Meeting was arranged to hear the views of the Urban District Councils and the Harbour Commissioners and to report back to the County Council.

The Meeting finally agreed that it be recommended to the County Council that:-

- (1) The County Council support the recommendation of the Urban District Councils that the Urban District Councils be retained.
- (2) That the Urban District Councils support the County Council in recommending that the County Council be retained as the basis for local government in the existing county area.
- (3) That the Deputies representing Wicklow in Dail Eireann be asked to table appropriate amendments to any provisions which might be included in a Bill submitted to the Dail which conflicted with the recommendations of local authorities in the County.

The Joint Meeting of the Local Authorities then terminated.

The Chairman requested the Members of Wicklow County Council to remain for the purpose of the opening of tenders received for the erection of houses at Rathnew and Ashford. The following tenders were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council:-

ASHFORD

Name and Address of Tenderer	Tender for erection of 30 Houses	Tender for Development of 42 Sites including development
P. T. Marrinan, Sweet Briar Lane, Kilmacud, County Dublin.	£101,820	
Healy Construction, Limited, Rathcoole, County Dublin.	£ 88,870	
McIlvenna Brothers, Limited, Taney Road, Dundrum, Dublin.	£ 89,550	£13,500
Rigid Frame, Limited, Glendale Court, Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin.	£ 91,335	£36,976
Hannon Brothers, Limited, 31 Richmond Avenue, Fairview, Dublin.	£ 98,640.72	£16,041.49
Noonan Construction Company, Ardeen, Lucan, Co. Dublin.	£109,278.80	£19,555.50
Jack O'Toole, Kiltimon, Newcastle.	£111,732	
S. M. Morris, 8 New Road, Carrickmines, Dublin.	—	£14,300
Sean McLoughlin, Shanoule, Foulksmills, Co. Wexford.	—	£16,280
James O'Brien Construction Co., 8 Haddington Terrace, Dun Laoghaire.	—	£16,960

RATHNEW

Name and Address of Tenderer	Tender for erection of 20 Houses	Tender for Development of 94 Sites
McIlvenna Brothers, Limited, Taney Road, Dundrum.	£54,189	£24,000
Healy Construction, Limited, Rathcoole, Co. Dublin.	£57,330	—
Hannon Brothers, Limited, 3 Richmond Avenue, Fairview, Dublin.	£57,544.33	£29,558.69
Jack O'Toole, Kiltimon, Newcastle.	£66,760	—
Noonan Construction Company Ardeen, Lucan, Co. Dublin.	£68,294	£30,202
Sean McLoughlin, Shanoule, Foulksmills, Co. Wexford.	—	£26,300
James O'Brien Construction Co., 8 Haddington Terrace, Dun Laoghaire.	—	£26,500
S. M. Morris, 9 New Road, Carrickmines, Dublin.	—	£32,000

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

In the names of Councillors T. J. Keenan, J. Sweeney, Miss M. Walsh, G. Timmins and W. Cleary:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Joseph Timmins, Coolboy, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow for his own use."

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Held on

MONDAY, 14th JUNE, 1971

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council to deal with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th June, 1971, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman.

Councillors W. Cleary, T. J. Keenan, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D., Edward Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, C. White, John J. Bourke, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, Roger Miley and B. S. C. Phelan.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Planning Assistant and Staff Officers, Planning and Housing Sections, were present.

AGENDA:

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

(a) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney and G. Timmins:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Quin, Esq., The Rectory, Redcross, Co. Wicklow, for the provision of 17 bungalows at Coolmore, Arklow, Co. Wicklow."

(b) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan and W. Cleary:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Hugh Kavanagh, Rockbog, Arklow, for the provision of seven houses at Rockbog."

(c) In the names of Councillors C. White, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Miss N. O'Neill:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to F. P. Gilmer, 25 Main Street, Tallaght, for the provision of a house at Barnamire."

(d) In the names of Councillors J. J. Bourke, G. Timmins, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, R. Miley and B. S. C. Phelan:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Thomas McCall, for the erection of a bungalow on his land at Ballinagran, Kilbride, Wicklow."

(e) In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan, W. Cleary, J. Sweeney and T. J. Keenan:- "By virtue of the powers conferred

on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned, direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Gerard P. Donnelly, Esq., 65 Lower Main Street, Arklow, County Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballinaheese, Arklow, Co. Wicklow."

- (f) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, Miss M. Walsh, G. Timmins and W. Cleary:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Joseph Timmins, Coolboy, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow for his own use."
- 2 To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of Council held on 1st February and 8th March, 1971.
- 3 Applications for reception of deputations from (a) Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee; (b) People of Donard; (c) Newtownmountkenedy Housing Committee.
- 4 Vested Cottages — Proposals for Sales.
- 5 Acquisition of Land at Kilmacanogue for Housing.
- 6 Report on proposed acquisition of land at Enniskerry for Housing.
- 7 Planning — Recreation Area for Greystones District.
- 8 Subsidisable limits for Local Authority dwellings.
- 9 Letter re Deputation to Minister for Local Government in relation to Housing Programme.
- 10 Water Supply for West Wicklow from South Co. Dublin Project.
- 11 Reception of Deputations from (a) Residents of Askinagap; (b) Muintir na Tire, Roundwood Branch.
- 12 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council build a cottage for the Redmond family of Bolinass, Ashford."
- 13 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council appoint Mr. James Thompson, Knockrobin, tenant of his father's cottage at the same address."
- 14 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor R. Miley:- "That repairs be carried out to the following cottages:- Mrs. Mary Byrne, 11 Greenane Road, Rathdrum, Mrs. Waterton, 9 Greenade Road, Rathdrum, Mr. Andrew Byrne, Ballintombay, Rathdrum, Mr. A. Manley, Ballygannon, Rathdrum."
- 15 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:- "That this Council tell us at the next Housing Meeting when it intends to start building houses for John Dillon, William Byrne and Richard Kenny, which it has been agreed to build."
- 16 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors T. J. Keenan and J. Whelan:- "That the County Council build a cottage for Mr. Michl. O'Brien, on site offered to the County Council by Anthony Moules, Rednagh Road, Aughrim, who lives in a vested cottage and is willing to give part of his plot."
- 17 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:- "That this Council lay pipes through the Council plots at Croneyhorn, Carnew, as it is causing flooding in two gardens lower down, the present drain is unable to take the water."
- 18 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council remove a watermain a further distance from Mr. Jim

Hollingsworth's cottage, The Bank, Rathnew, to enable him to build an extension to his cottage as he has a very large family."

- 19 Notice of Motion in names of Councillors K. Ryan and J. Whelan:- "That this Council build two houses in Coolboy for Mr. Dick Doyle and Edward Sheridan (Junior), both men are in very bad need of housing."
- 20 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council take immediate legal steps to recover possession of a Council Cottage in the name of Reps. of Thomas Wolohan, Cornagower, Dunganstown."
- 21 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council build a cottage for Patrick Cullen, Blainroe, on his sister's land."
- 22 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council provide water for five cottages at Corballis, Rathdrum."
- 23 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:- "That a house be erected for John Byrne, Shamrock, Knockananna and also for Seamus Dunne, Ardinafoy, Knockananna."
- 24 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That urgent repairs be carried out to the cottage of which James Byrne, Tinnakilly, Aughrim, is the tenant."
- 25 Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:- "That this Council provide two pumps to supply water to the following families:- One for Mr. Randall and his family at Kilnarnagh, Glenealy, and one between Mrs. Walsh and the vacant cottage at Ballinagran, Glenealy; (2) That this Council press the E.S.B. to provide electric light to these cottages; (3) That at least one member of the Council for each area visit these cottages to see the conditions that these families have to live under."
- 26 Cottages repaired during the month of May, 1971, and to be repaired during the month of June, 1971.

Item No. 1—Notices of intention to move Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:- (a) In the names of Councillors B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney and G. Timmins:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Quin, Esq., The Rectory, Redcross, Co. Wicklow, for the provision of 17 Bungalows at Coolmore, Arklow, Co. Wicklow."

Having considered the report of the County Medical Officer in regard to the further information submitted by the applicant in relation to the proposals for provision of water supply and sewerage services

It was

Proposed by Councillor Sweeney;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to John Quin, Esq., The Rectory, Redcross, Co. Wicklow, for the provision of 17 bungalows

at Coolmore, Arklow, Co. Wicklow, subject to the conditions recommended by the County Medical Officer and County Engineer in relation to water supply, sewerage services and reserve water supply for fire-fighting.

Passed.

The Council agreed that the developer be required to inform occupiers of the houses that the Council would not provide services in the future, such as public lighting, refuse collection service, etc.

- (b) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan and W. Cleary:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Hugh Kavanagh, Rockbog, Arklow, for the provision of seven houses at Rockbog."

The Co. Secretary stated that following the inspection of the site by Members of the Council it had been agreed that revised proposals for sewerage disposal would be submitted on behalf of the applicant but that this information had not yet been supplied. The Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposal to the next Housing Meeting.

- (c) In the names of Councillors C. White, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Miss N. O'Neill:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to F. P. Gilmer, 25, Main Street, Tallaght, for the provision of a house at Barnamire."

The County Secretary stated that as arranged at the last Meeting of the Council Members of the Council had inspected the site. The report of the Chief Planning Assistant to the County Engineer, dated 21st May, 1971, was read to the Council. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer recommended refusal of the application on the grounds indicated in the report of the Chief Planning Assistant of 10th May, 1971, which had already been submitted to the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor C. White;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to F. P. Gilmer, 25, Main Street, Tallaght, for the provision of a house at Barnamire.

Councillor Costello opposed the grant of Permission in this case and indicated that he was in agreement with the reasons given by the County Engineer in his recommendation that the application be refused. The Resolution was declared passed, Councillor Costello opposing.

- (d) In the names of Councillors J. J. Bourke, G. Timmins, F. Hynes, J. Gregory, R. Miley and B. S. C. Phelan:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Thomas McCall for the erection of a bungalow on his land at Ballinagran, Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that no application had yet been received from Mr. Thomas McCall and the Council, accordingly, agreed to defer consideration of the matter to the next Housing Meeting.

- (e) In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan, W. Cleary, J. Sweeney and T. J. Keenan:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we the undersigned, direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Gerard P. Donnelly, Esq., 65, Lower Main Street, Arklow, County Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow at Ballinaheese, Arklow, Co. Wicklow."

Councillor Miss Walsh stated that the Notice as given on the Agenda was not correct and that the application in this instance was for full Planning Permission and that notice of intention to move the Resolution, as handed in, had also provided that full Planning Permission be given. Having inspected the original notice of intention to move the Resolution as handed in on 17th May, 1971, Councillor Miss Walsh agreed that it related to Outline Planning Permission only and she indicated that she would hand in a new notice of intention to move the Resolution to direct the grant of full Planning Permission. The Council decided to defer consideration of the matter to the next Meeting.

- (f) In the names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, Miss M. Walsh, G. Timmins and W. Cleary:- "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Joseph Timmins, Coolboy, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow for his own use."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that Permission be refused for this application on the following grounds:-

- 1 The proposal taken in conjunction with existing and other recently approved development in the vicinity would give rise to ribbon development along a public road in a rural area.
- 2 The proposal would result in a density of development inappropriate to a rural area.
- 3 The proposal is contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because the site is in a rural area lacking services and the public revenue from such development would not suffice to provide services (water supply, sewerage, public lighting, scavenging, road improvements) which in time would be demanded.
- 4 There are already a number of entrances from houses on to the road in the vicinity and the increased traffic from this additional

development would further reduce the carrying capacity of the road and give rise to a traffic hazard.

- 5 The proposed development taken in conjunction with existing houses and other proposals for the area would give rise to a multiplicity of bored wells and septic tanks on adjoining sites of ½ acre area and would be seriously prejudicial to public health.

The County Secretary stated that the site was located on the Beech Road, Arklow.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Sweeney;

Seconded by Councillor Keenan:

Resolved—By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Joseph Timmins, Coolboy, Arklow, for the provision of a bungalow for his own use.

Passed.

Item No. 2—To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of Council held on 1st February and 8th March, 1971.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Keenan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on 1st February and 8th March, 1971.

Passed.

Item No. 3—Application for Reception of Deputations from (a) Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee; (b) People of Donard; (c) Newtownmountkennedy Housing Committee.

Applications received from Mrs. K. Walsh, Secretary, Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee, from Rev. B. Dempsey, C.C., The Presbytery, Donard, on behalf of the people of Donard, and from Mrs. Valerie Byrne, Secretary, Newtown Housing Committee, were submitted to the Council and the Council agreed to receive the deputations at the Meeting to be held on Monday, 21st June, 1971. Councillor Costello pointed out that the Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee had asked that the deputation be received as early in the afternoon as possible as some of the members of the Committee were on shift work and would have to be home in time. The Council agreed, in the circumstances, to receive the deputation from the Committee at the commencement of the Meeting. The Council noted that the deputation from Donard related to the matter of water supply at Donard and asked that a report in regard to the position of Donard water supply be circulated to the Members of the Council prior to the Meeting. The Council asked also that reports in regard to housing at Kilmacanogue and Newtownmount-

kennedy be supplied to the Committees who had sought the reception of deputations.

Report on Housing Programme.

The Council considered the report of the County Manager on the housing programme dated 11th June, 1971, which had been circulated to the members of the Council. The County Manager pointed out that at present 95 houses were in course of erection; plans had been approved by the Department for 129 houses and plans were in course of preparation for 198, making a total of 422. 157 acres of land had been acquired and this should provide sites for about 1,200 houses. Tenders received for 30 houses at Ashford and 20 houses at Rathnew were being examined by the Co. Engineer and tenders for the erection of 20 houses at Rathrum and development of the site for 56 houses were being opened at the Meeting on that day. He drew attention again to the shortage of building contractors in the county and also the shortage of skilled tradesmen. The County Manager suggested that to expedite the building of houses it would seem that the Council should avail of system built houses as had been done in respect of houses at Stratford. Councillor Costello queried whether the report submitted had been prepared in answer to a reply given in the Dail to a question asked in relation to housing in County Wicklow. He criticised the past performance of the Council in relation to housing and stressed that this was now the greatest problem facing the Council. Members of the Council pointed out the excellent record of the County Council in previous years in housing and stressed that the demand for housing had increased rapidly over a very short period. The Members of the Council expressed appreciation of the work done by Mr. U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing Section, and the County Engineer and his staff, in acquiring lands for housing and arranging for the preparation of plans, etc. Councillor Costello urged that a copy of the housing list indicating the number of persons seeking houses in the different areas be submitted to the Council. Members of the Council enquired whether the building of houses by direct labour under the control of the County Engineer could be expanded and the County Engineer drew attention to the difficulty in obtaining skilled tradesmen. On the suggestion of Councillor Costello it was agreed that the Building Trades Group in Bray be contacted with a view to ascertaining if the Group could assist the Council in obtaining tradesmen.

The County Manager indicated that having regard to the shortage of contractors the building of houses could be expedited only by availing of system built housing and by selective tendering, and recommended that he and the County Engineer be authorised to negotiate and conclude agreements with contractors for either system built or traditional type housing. This would serve to avoid delay and would enable the Council to avail of the system of low-cost housing projects.

On the proposal of Councillor G. Timmins, seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh, the Council passed a resolution agreeing that the County Manager and County Engineer be free to negotiate with contractors for the provision of either system built or traditional type housing. The Council agreed that an endeavour be made to arrange for the building of houses at Tinahealy by system building and selective tendering.

Item No. 11—Reception of Deputations from (a) Residents of Askinagap, (b) Muintir Na Tire, Roundwood Branch.

The Council received a deputation from Askinagap comprising Rev. J. K. Gahan, C.C., Mrs. Whelan and Mrs. Byrne. Fr. Gahan stated that there was no public telephone or private telephone in Askinagap and residents in the area had to travel a considerable distance if a doctor, priest or veterinary surgeon were required urgently. The deputation asked for the assistance of the Council in obtaining a public telephone kiosk. It was stated that a deputation from the residents of Askinagap had been received by the Minister who had indicated that a telephone kiosk could not be provided unless the County Council would guarantee the cost, which was estimated at £120 per year. A guarantee would be required for the first two years. Rev. Fr. Gahan stated that in County Carlow the Council had agreed to guarantee a telephone kiosk and that Kilkenny County Council had also done so. The Council agreed that the matter be taken up with the Department of Posts and Telegraphs with a view to arranging for the provision of a telephone kiosk in Askinagap at the earliest possible date.

The Council received a deputation from the Roundwood Branch of Muintir Na Tire who were represented by Messrs Sean Byrne, Liam Timmins and Frank Byrne and Mrs. Jean Hatton and Miss Mary O'Connell. The deputation emphasised the need for houses in Roundwood and stated that there were 28 persons waiting for houses including five engaged couples. An enquiry was made as to whether land was available and as to when it would be possible for the Council to provide houses. It was indicated by the deputation that the local branch of Muintir na Tire would be prepared to organise a scheme for a local group to build their own houses if the land could be acquired and made available to them and the work supervised by the Council. Councillor J. Whelan informed the deputation that the Council had agreed with the late Mr. Doyle, Roundwood, for the purchase of 4 acres of land for housing but the completion of the acquisition had been delayed consequent on his death. The transfer of the land could not be completed until administration had been taken out. In regard to the suggestion that the Roundwood Branch of Muintir Na Tire would organise the building of the houses by local people it was agreed that the Muintir Na Tire Branch would consider the matter further and that a Meeting would then be arranged at which officers of the Council would attend and supply information and advice in regard to the grants available for housing and the organisation of a building scheme.

Works at Carnew.

Councillor K. Ryan asked that litter bins in Carnew which had deteriorated be replaced. He stated also that the timber seats which had been provided by the Council had rotted and asked that arrangements be made to replace the seats.

Knockaphrumpa Lane.

Councillor S. Costello asked that a report in regard to Knockaphrumpa Lane be submitted to the next Meeting of the Council.

Tenders for erection of 20 houses and Site development work for 56 houses at Rathdrum.

In response to public advertisement six tenders received for the erection of 20 houses and site development works for 56 houses at Rathdrum were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council and resulted as follows:—

Name and Address of Tenderer	Amount of Tender	
	Erection of Houses	Site Development
Patrick Marrinan, Sweet Briar Lane, Kilmacud, Co. Dublin	£56,285	£23,380
Healy Construction Company, Ltd, Rathcoole, Co. Dublin	£57,345	—
Hannon Brothers Limited, 31 Richmond Avenue, Dublin 3	£65,684.56	£20,059.18
Rigid Frame Limited, Glendale Court, Adelaide Street, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin	£65,980	—
Noonan Construction Company Ltd., Ardeen, Lucan, Co. Dublin	£80,590	£20,830
James O'Brien, 8 Haddington Tce., Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin	—	£14,851.19

The Council noted that the tenders would be referred to the County Engineer for examination and report.

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

In the names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh, K. Ryan, F. Hynes, W. Cleary, J. Sweeney and T. J. Keenan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Gerard P. Donnelly, Esq., 65, Lower Main Street, Arklow, Co. Wicklow, for the erection of a bungalow for his own use at Ballinaheese, Arklow, County Wicklow."

In the names of Councillors W. Cleary, B. S. C. Phelan, J. Sweeney and T. J. Keenan:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Mrs. Elizabeth O'Mahony, Glenbrook, Arklow, for the erection of 27 houses on her land at Killinskeyduff, Arklow, County Wicklow."

In the names of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory, J. J. Bourke, B. S. C. Phelan and R. Mile:— "By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act,

1955, we direct the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. William Crean, Ballinahinch, Ashford, for the erection of a pre-fab building at Ballyduff, Ashford."

In the names of Councillors R. Miley, F. Hynes, B. S. C. Phelan, J. J. Bourke, and J. Gregory:—"That we the undersigned hereby direct the Wicklow County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act to grant full Planning Approval for the erection of 21 houses together with all ancillary development at Ballinacor East, Co. Wicklow, to Mr. A. Johnson, Ballinacor East, Co. Wicklow, in accordance with the Plans, Specifications and details lodged."

In the names of Councillors E. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Miss N. O'Neill:—"We the undersigned hereby direct the County Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act to grant full Planning Approval for the erection of a house, septic tank and ancillary work at Priestnewtown, Delgany, Co. Wicklow, to Mrs. M. Byrne, Priestnewtown, Delgany, Co. Wicklow, in accordance with the Plans and Specifications already Lodged."

In the names of Councillors C. White, J. J. Bourke, Miss N. O'Neill and Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—"By virtue of the powers conferred on us by Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we direct the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Gordon Fildes, for the provision of a mobile home at Crowe Lane, Kilmacogue."

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

In the name of Councillors F. Hynes, J. Gregory and J. J. Bourke:—"That this Council buy land from Mr. Monteith at Newtownmount-kennedy, for the erection of Council houses in the area."

In the name of Councillor S. Costello:—"That the County Council lease a plot of land at Rathnew to Mr. Bert Clarke, the plot in question adjoins his rear garden."

In the name of Councillor J. Miley:—"That this Council accept the revised tender from O'Neill to collect the refuse for the residents of Dunlavin."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council provide a refuse collection in Shillelagh and to include Quarry Street and Bachelor's Walk."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That plans for the Relief Road to alleviate the chaotic traffic congestion in the Main Street of Arklow be finalised without any further delay."

In the name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council erect Pedestrian Crossings at Main Street, Carnew, from the new Church to the Vocational School and one opposite the Post Office."

In the name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:—"That the dangerous bend at Magheramore be improved by removal of ditch to give sight line and a report be given regarding the bend at Glenealy Cemetery where money for improvement has been voted for over two years."

Wicklow County Council

MINUTES
OF
PROCEEDINGS
OF
MEETING

Held on

MONDAY, 21st JUNE, 1971

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of the Council for the purpose of making the Rate for the year 1971/'72 was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, 21st June, 1971, at 2.30 p.m. The Special Meeting was followed by the Monthly Meeting of the Council.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. Whelan, Chairman,

Councillors William Cleary, Thomas J. Keenan, Kevin Ryan, John Sweeney, Miss Mary Walsh, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, Edward Byrne, S. Costello, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Miss Nancy O'Neill, John Temple, C. White, John J. Bourke, J. Gregory, F. Hynes, Roger Miley and B. S. C. Phelan.

The County Manager, County Secretary, R. L. O'Farrell, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and U. McCabe, Staff Officer, Housing Section, attended.

SPECIAL MEETING FOR PURPOSE OF MAKING THE RATE FOR THE YEAR 1971/'72

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Keenan:

Resolved—That we hereby allow and make the County Rate for the service of the financial year ending on 31st March, 1972, as assessed in the Rate Books and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Allowance of Rates in the Rate Books and to the Rate Collector's Warrants for the year ending on 31st March, 1972.

Passed, Councillor Costello dissenting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Keenan:

Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Demands on the Urban Councils in respect of the year ending on 31st March, 1972, as follows:

Arklow	..	..	..	£38,437
Bray	..	..	..	£134,769
Wicklow	..	..	..	£29,101

Passed.

MONTHLY MEETING OF COUNCIL

AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting of the Council held on 22nd February, 1971.
2. To receive deputation from Kilmacogue Housing Action Committee.
3. Overdraft on General Account for quarter to 30th September, 1971.
4. To fix date for Annual Meeting of Council.

5. Application for closing of roads at Blessington re Dublin Metropolitan Regatta on 10th and 11th July, 1971.
6. Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads.
7. Knockaphrumpah Lane, Roundwood.
8. Transport Museum Society of Ireland—Proposed Grant by Council.
9. Speed Limits—Application for introduction of speed limits at Kilmacanogue and at Mill Road, Killincarrig.
10. Road Fund Grants for 1971/'72—Letter from Department of Local Government.
11. White Paper on Local Government Re-Organisation—Letter dated 29th May, 1971, from Department of Local Government (copy circulated to Members).
12. Garda strength in County Wicklow—Letter from Department of Justice in reply to Council's representations in relation to vandalism during Easter Week-end.
13. Refuse Collection Service for Kilmacanogue and Glencormac.
14. Complaint re trespass by itinerants.
15. Replacement of bridges damaged by floods—Letter from Department of Local Government.
16. Water Supply at Templecarrig.
17. Retirement of Rate Collector for No. 11 District.
18. Appointment of Grade I Draughtsman.
19. Kilcoole Sewerage Scheme—To authorise borrowing.
20. Purchase of chlorinator plants for Glenealy, Tinahely and Carnew Water Supplies.
21. Water Supply Extensions at Hollywood and Stratford.
22. Extension of sewerage services to cottages at Oldcourt, Bray.
23. Provision of water supply and sewerage services to cottages at Ballynerrin and Marlton Road, Wicklow.
24. Public Lighting at Aughrim, Ashford, Enniskerry and Newcastle.
25. Extension to Burial Ground at Manor Kilbride.
26. Proposed extension to Burial Ground at Glendalough.
27. Shillelagh Sewerage Scheme.
28. New Toilets at Glendalough.
29. Application for piping of stream at Kilcoole.

30. To receive deputation from (1) People of Donard; (2) Newtown Housing Committee.
31. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keenan:—"That the three very dangerous turns on road leading to Arklow Rock be made safe before there is a serious accident there."
32. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That the proposed Sewerage Scheme for Avoca, for which plans and estimate have been prepared, should be proceeded with without any further delay."
33. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor T. J. Keegan:—"That a very dangerous turn at Ballymorris, Aughrim, leading to Blacks Bridge, be made safe as there is a very large C.I.E. bus on this road four times a day, carrying over fifty children to the National School at Aughrim."
34. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—(a) "That this Council provide a sewerage for the village of Coolboy; (b) that this Council take over and surface Bachelor's Walk, also Mill Bank Lane at Shillelagh."
35. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:—"That sewerage be provided for Coolboy/Coolroe; and that water be extended to Boleybawn, Tinahely and Coolruss, Tinahely."
36. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. Deering and G. Timmins:—"That the Hollywood Water Supply be augmented and extended to the Lemonstown and Tober Areas."
37. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Sweeney, T. J. Keenan, C. White, J. Temple, Miss N. O'Neill, Miss M. Walsh, W. Cleary, M. Deering, B. S. C. Phelan, J. J. Bourke, J. Miley and G. Timmins:—"That this Council request the Minister for Finance to waive any Income Tax payable by part-time firemen on payments made for attendance at fires."
38. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors F. Hynes and J. Grefory:—"That this Council lay a watermain to supply water for the people of Kilnamanagh, Glenealy."
39. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council erect three lights on the Greenane Road, from Ballygannon to Rathdrum, and one light outside Kavanagh's Shop in the Main Street, Rathdrum."
40. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council widen following corners:—(1) On Greenane Road leading to Ballygannon; (2) on the Rathdrum/Ballinderry Road leading to Ballygannon; the owner of the land will have no objections."
41. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council provide a footpath outside the houses at Rossbawn, Tinahely, to prevent water flowing from the roadway into people's houses."
42. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council lay pipes outside of James Walsh's cottage at Ballyrahan, Tinahely."

43. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Sweeney:—"That the County Engineer give a full report regarding the pedestrian crossing which is to be provided at the roundabout at the top of Main Street Arklow, and also to examine the possibility of providing a further pedestrian crossing at or near the Post Office at Main Street Arklow."
44. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor B. S. C. Phelan:—"That the Council receive a report from its representatives on the Harbour Board regarding progress, conditions and the general situation in Wicklow Harbour."
45. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That steps be taken to ensure that a proper water supply will at all times be made available to the residents of Coolboy area."
46. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council compensate Mr. John Doyle, Ballyellis, Carnew, for the loss of his cow which happened at a sandpit the Council was using."
47. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—"That this Council erect a pump at Park, Clonegal, for a water supply at Mr. Behan's cottage. There is no water anywhere near this cottage."
48. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor K. Ryan:—(a) "That the Council provide an alternative site for the dump in Tinahely. The existing dump is only a few yards away from where houses are to be built by the Council; (b) that the Council provide a public convenience at Carnew."
49. Minutes of Meetings of County Councils General Council.
50. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—(1) "That this Council put a man on the Rathdrum and Rathnew dumps for two days each week in order to burn waste paper, etc., and kill vermin; (2) that this Council take away the wall for about twenty feet back between the Glendalough Road and Main Street, Rathdrum, and erect a railing instead in order that drivers of cars can see much clearer."
51. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor F. Hynes:—"That this Council lay a footpath from the Post Office in Ashford to Nun's Cross to enable the people to walk in safety to Ashford village."
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Item No. 1—To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting of Council held on 22nd February, 1971.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor Keenan:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting of the Council held on 22nd February, 1971.

Passed.

Item No. 2—To Receive Deputation from Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee.

A deputation from the Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee, represented by Messrs. B. Donnelly, D. Barney, P. O'Brien and B. O'Brien, and Mrs. K. Walsh, was received by the Council. The deputation indicated that their main purpose in attending was to emphasise to the Council the need for proceeding as quickly as possible with the provision of houses at Kilmacanogue. Mrs. K. Walsh stated that the Committee had inspected the system built houses in Stratford and that they did not like the planning of the rooms in the houses as the kitchen was to the front of the house, which was not considered satisfactory. The Committee sought to have a meeting with the Architect responsible for the scheme at Kilmacanogue before the final decision was made in regard to the plans of the houses. Mr. O'Brien, who also addressed the Council, asked when the erection of the houses would be commenced.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor Temple:

Resolved—That the Architect for the houses to be erected at Kilmacanogue meet the applicants for these houses.

The County Manager referred to the discussion at the previous Meeting of the Council in regard to the use of system built houses in order to expedite the erection of houses in County Wicklow, and pointed out that the Council had, by Resolution, agreed that the County Engineer should have a free hand in arranging for selective tendering for the erection of system built houses or traditionally built houses. He stated that discussions were to take place with the Department of Local Government in regard to the type of system built houses which might be available for erection in County Wicklow and suggested that the Kilmacanogue Housing Action Committee could be informed when a decision on the plans for the houses had been reached. The Chairman suggested that the Council would recommend to the Architect and County Engineer that the kitchen be located to the back of the house if possible, in any plans being accepted. The Council agreed to the suggestion made by the Chairman. The deputation then withdrew.

Item No. 3—Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 30th September, 1971.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor M. Hynes:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank, Limited, for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required and we hereby determine that the amount for the quarter ending 30th September, 1971, shall not exceed £370,000.

Passed.

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

It was

Proposed by Councillor Phelan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh:

Resolved—That we hereby fix 5th July as the date for the holding of the Annual General Meeting of the Council in the year 1971.

Passed.

Item No. 5—Application for Closing of Roads at Blessington re Dublin Metropolitan Regatta on 10th and 11th July, 1971.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic, County Road No. 371 from the junction east of Woodend Bridge to a point 50 feet east of Blessington Bridge between the hours of 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, 10th and 11th July, 1971, in connection with the holding of the Rowing Championships and Metropolitan Regatta at Blessington Lake, subject to the following conditions:—

- (1) That the Council be indemnified against all claims and damages arising from the closing of the road;
- (2) That any damage to Council property be repaired to the satisfaction of the Council or the Council recouped the cost of doing so;
- (3) That adequate notices be provided in regard to the closing and necessary diversions in order to comply with the Road Traffic Act Regulations, 1961.

Passed.

Item No. 6—Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads.

The County Secretary stated that public notice had been given of the Council's intention to take over as public roads the roads known as Slieveragh Lane, Rathdangan, Ballymaconey Lane, Rathdangan, Coonanstown Lane at Coonanstown, a road in the townland of Cryhelp and a road in the townland of Kylebeg. An objection had been received from Mrs. Margaret Mackey, Kylebeg, to the declaring of the road at Kylebeg as a public road because the road passed through her lane and yard and there was no fence. She pointed out that it would cost about £150 to fence the section of the road and to put four gates on it. The

Council agreed that the proposal to declare the road in the townland of Kylebeg as a public road be deferred.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—In pursuance of Section 2 of the Local Government Act, 1958, we hereby declare the roads described hereunder to be public roads:— Road known as Slieveragh Lane, Rathdangan, situate in the townland of Slieveragh Lower for a distance of 320 lineal yards from County Road No. 261 to residence of Mr. Mark Brophy Road known as Ballymaconey Lane, Rathdangan, situate in the Townlands of Ballymaconey and Mullinacrana, for a distance of 0.70 miles from County Road No. 260 to farmyard of Thomas Kearney. Road known as Coonanstown Lane, in the townland of Coonanstown, 1,230 lineal yards from County Road No. 311 to residence known as Coonanstown House.

Road situated in the townland of Crehelp, for a distance of 960 lineal yards from County Road No. 339 to residence of Mr. John Walsh. Passed.

Item No. 7—Knockaphrumpa Lane, Roundwood.

The County Secretary stated that Knockaphrumpa Lane, Roundwood, had been taken over by the Council as a public road, a number of years previously, at a time when the Council had constructed a concrete bridge over the stream crossing the lane. The County Engineer had reported recently that there were four gates on the lane which were generally kept shut and that the average width of the carriageway was only 6 feet. There were severe bends on the lane and sections of it had high fences on both sides. Other sections of the lane were fenced on only one side. The lane was used by eight farmers and there were three Council cottages on it. The County Engineer was of opinion that the Council were not in order in spending public funds on the lane until the gates were removed. Letters had been addressed to the owners of the lands concerned, asking that the gates be removed and the County Engineer, in report of 17th June, had indicated that there was still one gate in position, which was understood to be the property of Mr. Peter Byrne, Knockatemple, Roundwood. He recommended that the Council should not carry out any work on the lane until the gate had been removed. In reply to an enquiry from Councillor Costello, the County Manager stated that there appeared to be some doubt if the lane could be regarded as a public road if a gate were allowed to remain across it, as this would be an obstruction of a public right-of-way. It was suggested by Members of the Council that a sheep gate might be provided and that this might overcome the difficulty. It was agreed that further legal opinion on the matter be obtained.

Item No. 8—Transport Museum Society of Ireland—Proposed Grant by Council.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Transport Museum Society of Ireland for payment of an instalment of the grant approved by the Council which was similar to that of Bórd Fáilte, who had agreed to provide a total grant of

£2,000 and had recently paid an instalment of £1,000 towards the cost of the erection of the transport museum, at Donard.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That having noted report received from Bórd Fáilte Éireann in regard to the payment of an instalment of grant to the Transport Museum Society of Ireland, we approve of the payment of the sum of £1,000 as first instalment of the Council's grant to the Society. We hereby authorise expenditure of £2,000 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the grant to the Transport Museum Society of Ireland.

Passed.

Item No. 9—Speed Limits—Application for Introduction of Speed Limits at Kilmacanogue and at Mill Road, Killincarrig.

The County Secretary stated that the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at a recent Meeting had received deputations from the Kilmacanogue area and from Killincarrig, asking that speed limits be imposed on the Arterial Road at Kilmacanogue at the junction with the road to Roundwood and Glendalough and that a speed limit also be applied on Mill Road, Killincarrig. The County Secretary stated that the Council some years ago had recommended that a speed limit of 40 miles an hour be applied on the Arterial Road at Kilmacanogue for a quarter of a mile on either side of the T junction.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Costello;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we request the Minister for Local Government to impose a Speed Limit of not more than 40 m.p.h. for a distance of a quarter of a mile on each side of the T junction at Kilmacanogue and a similar speed limit on Mill Road, Killincarrig.

Passed.

The Council agreed that a letter be addressed to the Department of Local Government drawing attention to the Council's recommendations in regard to the provision of speed limits as it was understood that the Minister would shortly be carrying out a review of speed limits.

Item No. 10—Road Fund Grants for 1971-'72—Letter from Department of Local Government.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had forwarded particulars of the Road Fund Grants allocated to the Council for the year 1971/'72. For the current year the grant for improvement of the National Primary Road was £160,000, which represented an increase of £80,000 over the grant allowed in the previous financial year. The grant for upkeep of the National Primary Route amounted to only £19,100, which was approximately the same as the grant allocated in 1970 '71, but was much less than

the amount provided in the Estimates by the County Engineer, which was £30,862. The grant allocated for Main Road Improvement was £45,400 which was the same figure as in 1970/'71. The grant for upkeep of main roads was £91,400, which was almost £4,000 less than the figure provided by the County Engineer in the Roads Estimates for the current year. The amount allocated for the improvement of County Roads was £21,250 which was the same as had been allocated in 1970/'71, but was less by £4,098 than had been provided by the County Engineer in the Estimates. The Council noted that it would be necessary for the County Engineer to submit revised proposals in relation to the improvement of the National Primary Road, the improvement of County Roads, and the upkeep of the National Primary Road and Main Roads, having regard to the amounts of the allocations made by the Department. Councillor Miley referred to the need for completing the improvement of the road around the lake at Blessington and asked that further representations be made to the Department of Local Government for a special grant for this purpose.

Item No. 11—White Paper on Local Government Re-Organisation—Letter dated 29th May, 1971, from Department of Local Government (Copy Circulated to Members).

A copy of the letter of 29th May, 1971, from the Department of Local Government on this subject had been circulated to the Members of the Council. The Council noted the terms of the letter and noted that the views expressed by the Members of the Council had been conveyed to the Department of Local Government.

Item No. 12—Garda Strength in County Wicklow—Letter from Department of Justice in Reply to Council's Representations in Relation to Vandalism During Easter Week-End.

The following letter from the Department of Justice was submitted:—

ROINN DLÍ AGUS CIRT

(Department of Justice),

Baile Atha Cliath.

9 Meitheamh, 1971.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Justice to refer to your letter of 21st April about Garda strength in Co. Wicklow and acts of vandalism there during the Easter week-end. The matter has been taken up with the Commissioner, who reports that towns and villages in Co. Wicklow are being well policed and all the available manpower and equipment are being used to the best advantage. The Minister is aware of the understandable concern felt by local people at the activities of a minority of those who visited holiday centres in Wicklow during the Easter week-end. In order to keep such activities in check it is the standard practice during the Summer months to transfer additional Gardai to centres where an influx of visitors is expected, especially on week-ends, and this will be done again this year. In this way, it is hoped that grounds for complaint will be minimised.

As indicated in recent public statements, the Minister is having a general review of the deployment of the Force carried out by the Commissioner, with the assistance of the Garda Research and Planning Unit, with a view to ensuring that strengths, patrol systems, etc.,

at various centres throughout the country will be related to the most urgent public need, that is, the prevention and detection of crime. The police needs and the existing police arrangements of Co. Wicklow will be examined as part of this review, but at this stage it is not possible to say how the strengths of stations such as Wicklow, Arklow and Enniskerry and patrol systems throughout the country are likely to be affected.

In view of the fact that the current police needs of Co. Wicklow are being professionally determined, the Minister does not consider that any useful purpose would be served by his meeting a deputation from Wicklow County Council at this time. He will be glad, however, to forward for the consideration of the Research and Planning Unit any written representations your Council may wish to make in the matter.

Mise, le meas,

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., stated that the Council should express appreciation of the work done by the Gardai during the Whit Week-end. The Members agreed that representations should be made to the Department of Justice for an increase of Garda force in the County and reference was made particularly to the need for a permanent squad car in Arklow and for the provision of a squad car at Blessington. The Council asked also that it be pointed out to the Department of Justice that in addition to Wicklow, Arklow and Enniskerry, referred to in their letter the question of Garda strength, particularly at week-ends at Blessington, Glendalough and other areas would require consideration. Members also referred to the need for the provision of a typist for the Gardai at Arklow and for the provision of housing for the Gardai where needed.

Item No. 13—Refuse Collection Service for Kilmacanogue and Glencormac.

It was

Proposed by Councillor White;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the acceptance by the County Manager of the Tender of Mr. Kevin Cahill, Riverside Cottage, Kilmacanogue, in the sum of £260 per annum for the extension of the Enniskerry Refuse Collection to Kilmacanogue and Glencormac Areas and we hereby authorise the necessary expenditure for this extension to the service.

Passed.

Item No. 14—Complaints Re Trespass by Itinerants.

The County Secretary stated that complaints had been received from Mr. H. F. Horsman, Assistant Secretary, Arklow N.F.A., of Temple-rainey House, Arklow, and from Mr. T. McCarthy, of Fortfield, Dublin Road, Arklow, regarding trespass by itinerants on their property and the property of other farmers in the area north of Arklow. The Co. Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended the provision of a halting place for itinerants at Killiniskeyduff, north of Arklow, and at the Kish, south of Arklow, but had since reported that he considered the sites situated at these places constituted a serious road traffic hazard because of the number of animals which are kept loose and wander onto the Main Road. He suggested that Members of the Council for the area might be able to assist in suggesting suitable

sites which might be available for providing halting places. The Council noted that it had not been possible to obtain suitable sites for halting places and agreed that a further report from the County Engineer on possible sites be awaited.

Item No. 30—To receive Deputation from (1) People of Donard; (2) Newtown Housing Committee.

The Council received a deputation representing residents of Donard and comprised Rev. Fr. Dempsey, C.C., Rev. Mr. Styles, Mr. Norris Davidson, Mr. John Cullen, and Mr. James Corley, N.T. Mr. Norris Davidson addressed the Members and stated that the purpose of the deputation was to expedite the provision of a satisfactory water supply for Donard. He stated the present supply was inadequate and liable to pollution and the pressure was insufficient and filtration unsuitable. He also pointed out that the water available was inadequate for fire prevention. There were no sanitary facilities for visitors, but a site could be made available if the Council would provide a public convenience. He suggested that a new source for a water supply at a higher level would be needed to serve the area. Mr. Corley, N.T., stated that the supply to the national school also was unsatisfactory as the pressure was inadequate and the sewerage became blocked every few months, due in part to the lack of water. The other members of the deputation also expressed the difficulties experienced in regard to the lack of proper water supply. At the request of the Chairman the County Secretary stated that the matter of the improvement of the Donard Water Supply was under examination by the County Engineer and it was agreed that the present source of the supply was incapable of improvement and that, consequently, an alternative source would have to be obtained. A number of sources had been examined but found unsuitable as in most cases the output in dry weather was extremely doubtful. This included the "Hell Kettles" springs. The question of developing springs at Doodys Bottoms had also been examined but this would require pumping across the Hill to Donard and would prove expensive. Arrangements were being made to examine further sources of water during the summer with a view to improving the water supply. The Council agreed that the County Engineer consult with the Local Committee in regard to possible sources and keep them informed of progress of his investigations. The Council agreed that an adequate water supply was necessary in Donard and that every effort would be made to have the improved scheme provided.

(2) Deputation from Newtown Housing Committee.

The deputation consisted of Messrs John Byrne, Francis Martin, Peter McCormack and Mrs. Valerie Byrne. The members of the deputation addressed the Council and stated that they had noted that lay-out plans and estimates had been prepared and were under examination by the County Engineer for the building of 29 Council houses and the provision of 6 purchase type houses on the lands at Newtownmountkennedy. The deputation expressed the view that 26 houses were not enough and following a discussion on the matter the Council agreed that a scheme be prepared for a total of 36 houses which would be the full capacity of the present site.

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

In the names of Councillors C. White, E. Byrne, Miss M. Walsh, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Miss N. O'Neill:—"By virtue of the powers con-

