

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON
FRIDAY 4TH JULY, 1980 IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW

PRESENT: Councillors V. Blake, J. Byrne, H. Cullen, P. Deering,
J. Giff, F. Hynes, G. Timmins, T.D., T. Keenan,
D. Kinsella, J. Leeson, J. McManus, J. Miley, R. Miley,
A. Murphy, C. Murphy, T.D., N. O'Neill, K. Ryan,
J. Sweeney, G. Jones, M. Weadick.

Mr. B. Johnston, Deputy County Manager,
Mr. T. J. Donovan, County Engineer,
Mr. U. McCabe, A/County Secretary,
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer,
Mr. Brian Quigley, Social Worker,
Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer,
Mr. T. McCann, Chief Assistant County Engineer,
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer.

The out-going Chairman, Deputy C. Murphy, expressed his thanks to the Members of the Council for their co-operation and dedication to Council business over the past year. He also thanked the staff for their assistance, and the press for their coverage of important Council matters.

ITEM 1: ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Frank Hynes was proposed as Chairman by Councillor K. Ryan and the proposal was seconded by Councillor A. Murphy. As there was no other proposal Councillor Hynes was elected unopposed.

ITEM 2: ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Deputy G. Timmins was proposed as Vice Chairman by Councillor A. Murphy and seconded by Councillor J. Byrne. As there was no other proposal Deputy G. Timmins was elected as Vice-Chairman unopposed.

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

It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy and unanimously agreed that the following be elected: Councillor Hynes - Ex Officio member, G. Jones, J. Byrne, K. Ryan, T. Keenan, J. Sweeney, D. Kinsella, C. Murphy, T.D.

ITEM 4: APPOINTMENT OF THREE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS

It was unanimously agreed that the following be re-elected: Councillors A. Murphy, F. Hynes (Chairman) and D. Kinsella.

On taking the Chair, Councillor Hynes paid tribute to the out-going Chairman for the fair and businesslike way in which he conducted meetings. Other Councillors concurred with this tribute. Councillor Hynes indicated that he would give the job of Chairman his complete dedication. The Deputy County Manager also paid tribute to the out-going Chairman for the efficient manner in which he carried out his duties as Chairman, and wished the incoming Chairman every success in the coming year.

The Chairman suggested that in the coming year the Members might consider the formation of an Estimates Committee to monitor expenditure of monies raised in the Estimates, and re-allocate such monies in instances where the allocation was not spent on the specific item for which it was raised. He also indicated that he would like a report from the County Development Team on the progress made by the Team last year. He expected that such a report would have been

available for today's meeting, and asked that it be available at a forthcoming meeting.

He also referred to the difficulties caused by the holding of an Area Meeting for the Bray Electoral Area at 2.50p.m. on the previous Monday, together with an Itinerants Sub-Committee Meeting at the same time, followed by a Planning Committee Meeting at 4.00p.m. The fact that a deputation from the Greystones Civic Association was met by the Bray Area Councillors at their Meeting caused embarrassment to the Members of the Council present as it was found necessary to curtail this Meeting in order that some of the Members might attend the Itinerants Sub-Committee meeting. The matter was further complicated when some Councillors had to leave to go to the Planning Committee meeting at 4.00p.m.

The Deputy County Manager indicated that a mistake had occurred in scheduling two meetings for the one time. He pointed out that where such a mistake was regrettable, it was, because of the volume of meetings, likely to happen, and he pointed out that everything possible would be done to ensure such an occurrence would not take place again.

It was agreed that the Memoranda of rules for the reception of Deputations would be sent to all such deputations in future, prior to being received when it was pointed out by some Members of the Council that they were not in favour of the questioning of Officials by deputations at such meetings.

During the discussion the accommodation available in the offices for Area Meetings and for the reception of deputations was discussed, and Members expressed dissatisfaction with the arrangements of seating in the Council Chamber. It was agreed that the Sub-Committee of Members to the Council appointed in connection with the furnishing of the Chamber would hold a further Meeting to discuss the matter.

On discussing the reception of Deputations, Councillor J. Sweeney raised the question of the recent meeting with Dublin County Council concerning the Shankill By-Pass, and complained that no maps or other literature was available to the Members of the Council to brief and facilitate them in the discussion on the matter. Other Councillors noted that the Dublin delegation had been well briefed beforehand, and had such documentation. Members also complained that where the County Engineer was only able to remain for approximately twenty-five minutes at the Meeting (it was acknowledged that the Meeting was behind schedule in commencing) there was no other senior Engineer as substitute for him on his departure from the Meeting.

The County Engineer in reply stated that he had discussions with the Dublin Council officials regarding the link-up of the proposed Shankill By-Pass and the Dual Carriageway at Fassaroe, and he pointed out that the maps shown to the Meeting by Dublin Councillors and Officials were proper to their own works at Shankill and not to the Wicklow County Council works. He also pointed out that while the alignment of the Wicklow/Dublin sections of the road had been agreed upon, details and quantities in relation to the carrying out of the works had not yet been taken out. He also stated that the link-up plans were not yet available.

The Chairman of the Council indicated that a joint deputation from Dublin and Wicklow County Councils to the Minister for the Environment should be sought in order to press for finance for the work.

Councillor McManus suggested that the joint deputation be adequately briefed, and Councillor A. Murphy suggested that Wicklow County Council press for sanction for the Wicklow Section.

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was agreed to put the matter before the September Meeting.

ITEM 5: PROVISION OF A HALT IN BRAY

Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, outlined the activities of the Itinerant Sub-Committee to date, with particular reference to the serious situation existing at Fassaroe district, Bray, where there are a number of caravans parked, and where a reduction of tension existing between the Residents and Itinerants is required as a matter of urgency.

He indicated that a site had been selected by the Committee at the Old Dump in Bray.

The County Engineer indicated that this site was suitable and could take six caravans at a cost of approximately £50,000 for development in the Bray Urban District Area. With the addition of $\frac{3}{4}$ acre from C.I.E. to supplement the Council owned land the site would take sixteen caravans at an approximate cost of £80,000.

Councillor A. Murphy was of the opinion that this site was not a solution, despite the urgency of the matter.

The matter was discussed in detail by the Members of the Council and it was recognised by the Council that the provision of the site on the Old Dump would not solve the problem in toto but that it would be a very necessary beginning after many years of waiting to obtain such a site.

Mr. Brian Quigley, Social Worker, outlined in detail the problems of the matter and strongly recommended that the Council go ahead and develop, as a start, the Halt at the Old Dump in Bray. He emphasised that similar Halts would be required in other areas.

The Members unanimously agreed that the Council develop the Halt at Bray on an Agency basis for the Bray Urban District Council, and that moreover all necessary arrangements to have the Dump increased from a capacity of six to sixteen caravans, by the acquisition of the land from C.I.E. be proceeded with, and that the Bray Urban District Council be notified of the matter before their Meeting on Tuesday 8th July, 1980.

It was also recognised that the co-operation of Dublin County Council would be required as the C.I.E. portion of the land was in County Dublin.

OTHER MATTERS RAISED

The question of the excessive number of Notices of Motion, and the difficulties in implementing such Notices of Motion, when passed, was raised. Some Members indicated that they felt the requests and advice of Members of the Council were not taken seriously by the Officials, and very often the result of their representations in relation to matters by telephone and letter were not, in their opinion, being adequately looked into and brought to finality. The Members felt that the acknowledgement of their representations should, in all cases, be fully examined and the fullest information thereon conveyed to the Members making such representations. Some Members felt that other Members were being unfair in submitting Notices of Motion requiring the carrying out of works for which no money had been allocated or was available.

It was finally decided to hold a special Meeting on the 21st July, 1980, the meeting to take place in Committee to clear the backlog of Notices of Motion from the two Agendas.

The Deputy County Manager in replying to the debate on the matter outlined the work load caused by Notices of Motion, and also expressed that there were very many important major issues which had to be discussed by the Council for which considerable preparation was necessary. He instanced some of the current matters of major importance which were engaging the attention of the staff: Waste Disposal; Greystones application for Town Commissionership; Water Pollution; Increase in Legal Activities within the Council arising from the appointment of the new Law Agent and Staff; Mapping problems; Assessment of Housing needs Survey; Itinerants Sub-Committee; Computerisation of Council's Accounts; Meetings at Local Government Staff Negotiations Board. He indicated that these were matters which required considerable input of staff

PROVISION OF A HALL IN 1904

Mr. J. Brennan, Chairman of the Committee, outlined the position of the Committee in regard to the hall. He stated that the Committee had been working for some time on the subject and had received many suggestions from the public. He stated that the Committee had decided to build a hall on the site of the old schoolhouse, which was situated on the corner of the main road and the railway. The hall was to be built on a site of about 1/2 acre and was to be of a size of about 100 feet by 40 feet. The Committee had also decided to build a hall on the site of the old schoolhouse, which was situated on the corner of the main road and the railway. The hall was to be built on a site of about 1/2 acre and was to be of a size of about 100 feet by 40 feet.

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time. Moreover the County Engineer and his staff had numerous technical matters to deal with resulting from these items.

The Members condemned unanimously the recent destruction of portion of the Clubhouse of Greystones Rugby Football Club.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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

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

Also in Attendance:- Mr. B. Johnston, Deputy County Manager, Mr. U. McCabe, A/County Secretary, Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer, Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer, Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, Mr. P. O'Meara, Staff Officer, Mr. J. Solon, B.E., Chief Assistant County Engineer, Mr. A. Fiddgen, County Accountant.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

It was proposed by Councillor R. Miley and seconded by Councillor J. Giff, that the Minutes of Housing Meeting, held on 9th June, 1980, be confirmed and signed.

ITEM 2 REVISION OF REMUNERATION OF PART TIME FIREMEN.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney and seconded by Councillor J. Giff that the proposals as outlined by the Deputy County Manager, who indicated that the cost in the year would be in the region of £50,000, be accepted.

ITEM 3 CLERICAL OFFICER AND ANALOGOUS GRADES SALARY CLAIM.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor A. Murphy and agreed that the revised salary scales for Clerical Officers as set out in Circular Letter EL 11/80 of 2nd July, 1980, from the Department of the Environment and similar proposals in respect of analogous national grades, be accepted.

ITEM 4 LOAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT RENOVATIONS, REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO COURTHOUSES.

The Deputy County Manager, in his report, stated that an estimated amount of £13,250 was required for Bray Courthouse; £12,000 for Dunlavin, and £18,640 for Wicklow Courthouse - total estimated cost £44,000.

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Timmins, T.D., and seconded by Councillor N. O'Neill that the raising of a loan for above work be approved.

Councillor A. Murphy drew attention to Bray Courthouse, stressing that it was totally inadequate. Other Councillors concurred with this.

It was proposed by Councillor N. O'Neill and seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. that the matter of financing of Courthouses be brought before the General Council of County Councils, with a view to getting responsibility for the financing of maintenance and improvements of Courthouses taken over by the Department of Justice and leaving County Council's relieved of this liability.

On this matter Councillor J. Miley enquired if there had been a Directive in relation to Courthouse in Blessington. In his reply the Deputy County Manager stated that Blessington was high on the priority list and that although no Directive had been received he had been in touch with the Department of Justice. Councillor Miley also drew attention to the need for repairs to Dunlavin Courthouse. It was agreed that the County Engineer would look into this matter.

In replying to the query raised by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., in relation to the necessity for such expenditure on Wicklow Courthouse by the Council when part of the building was occupied by the Department of Justice, the Deputy County Manager stated that under the 1935 Act, the maintenance of Courthouses rests with Local Authorities, and that this was an on-going programme.

ITEM 5 RAISING OF LOAN OF £500 - CONTRIBUTION TO BLAKESTOWN GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.

The A/County Secretary stated this amount was required for the purchase of larger pipes for the Scheme, and that there was a 50% subsidy on loan repayments.

Deputy G. Timmins, T.D. proposed the raising of this loan and was seconded by Councillor H. Cullen, and it was resolved:- "that Wicklow County Council raise a loan in the sum of £500 for the purpose of making a contribution to Blakestown Group Water Supply Scheme." It was stated that this scheme would serve 4 households and that the work was in progress.

ITEM 6 DEVLIN - Phase I and II - COUNTY SECRETARY'S AND ANALOGOUS GRADES SALARY SCALE.

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan and seconded by Councillor J. Miley that award be paid.

ITEM 7 TO CONSIDER APPLICATION OF RIVERSDALE CONCRETE PRODUCTS LTD. FOR LICENCE TO BUILD FURTHER HOUSES AND SHOPS AT KINDLESTOWN LOWER.

Mr. U. McCabe, A/County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Riversdale Concrete Products Ltd. for a licence to construct 6 houses and 4 shops on Council lands at Kindlestown Lower, Greystones. Under the terms of a previous licence, dated 15th February, 1974 permission was granted to the Company for the construction of 16 houses on Council lands at Kindlestown. Under the terms of this Licence only 4 houses were constructed, and as a result of the fact that development did not proceed in a satisfactory manner, the Council terminated the Licence. Riversdale Concrete contended that they manufactured precast panels for the remainder of the development which are stored on the site at present and that as a result they now seek a further Licence for 6 houses to use the panels which were constructed for the purpose of the original licence.

Deputy C. Murphy, T.D. requested that Riversdale Concrete Ltd. be requested to surrender the remainder of the site as a large number of people in the area would like to avail of it for private houses.

He was informed by the A/County Secretary that the Company had surrendered claim to same in letter of 22nd May, 1979.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Jones and seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. that this Licence be granted.

In an effort to have the site cleared as quickly as possible, Councillor J. McManus proposed that the time limit in the Licence be reduced from two years to one year. This proposal was seconded by Councillor N. O'Neill. The members also requested that the builders ensure that the houses, when completed, comply with the new insulation standards.

ITEM 8 CARLOW NORTH REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.

Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, indicated that he had been notified by Carlow County Council that the Minister's sanction had been obtained to extract water from the River Slaney. He also indicated that he understood that objections had been lodged by Local Authorities south of Carlow, including Enniscorthy Urban District Council, although he had received no formal confirmation of this. Mr. Brennan informed the Council that the drawings, etc. were being prepared by the Consulting Engineers.

It was agreed that Wicklow County Council should keep in close contact with Carlow County Council and report back to the Members on any further developments.

ITEM 9: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor V. Blake:-
"That this Council ensure that the Water Supply at Shillelagh is sufficient to satisfy the need of the 8 new houses being built there".

The Members were informed that as the water supply was not satisfactory it would be necessary to sink a well to augment the Scheme.

It was proposed by Councillor V. Blake and seconded by Councillor K. Ryan that this be done.

ITEM 10: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors H. Cullen and G. Timmins, T.D.:
"That essential repairs be carried out to a demountable dwelling occupied by Mrs. Mary Ann Kearns, 22 Ballinacor, Kilbride".

The Members were informed that arrangements were being made to have the necessary repairs carried out, costing in the region of £400.

ITEM 11: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors H. Cullen and G. Timmins, T.D.:
"That the acquisition of further land for housing development in the Barndarrig Area be investigated".

The A/County Secretary informed the Members that the question of further acquisition in Barndarrig will be investigated.

Councillor R. Miley stressed the urgent need in this area.

ITEM 12: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors J. Leeson, A. Murphy and G. Jones:-
"That Wicklow County Council publish costs of public bin collection that have replaced private operators in Kilmacanogue/Enniskerry Area, in view of the number of complaints about same."

The Members were informed that the cost of the refuse collection for the Bray Vehicle for last year has been approximately £130 per day.

Councillor J. Leeson stressed the need for a reliable refuse collection service, and stated that he was in favour of the Council examining the possibility of collecting Areas less frequently but more reliably, as an unreliable service was of little value.

Councillor D. Kinsella pointed out that as many areas as possible should be collected because without a collection the problem of illegal dumping arises.

ITEM 13: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors A. Murphy, J. Leeson and G. Jones:
"That this Council investigate an alternative method of sewerage disposal for Kilmacanogue".

The Members were informed that the existing sewerage works in Kilmacanogue only serves the Council houses and has been giving trouble for some time. Due to the fact that the site is very cramped it is almost impossible to repair the plant as it is necessary to empty the tank before the mechanical equipment can be repaired. There is no room on the present site to extend the sewerage plant, and it would be necessary to obtain a site with a view to enlarging the capacity of the tank to deal with future expansion and housing growth in the area.

Councillor A. Murphy expressed the view that this situation was unacceptable, and proposed that the County Engineer investigate the possibility of providing a proper sewerage service.

Deputy C. Murphy pointed out that the present situation was causing pollution in local streams, and drew attention to the unsatisfactory situation existing at the houses in Kilpedder, and it was agreed that same

would also be investigated by the County Engineer.

ITEM 14: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Miley:
"I or some member move for me that this Council build a number of small houses at Blessington to meet the demand of such people".

Councillor J. Miley proposed the building of six small housing units in Blessington, and his proposed was seconded by Deputy G. Timmins.

It was agreed that these small family units be included in the 1981 Housing Scheme for Blessington, having regard to the estimated needs set out by the Director of Community Care, E.H.B. in his report to the County Manager.

ITEM 15: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor V. Blake:
"That this Council improve the water supply to 20 houses at Coolruss, Tinahely".

The A/County Secretary informed the Members that the pump supplying the houses in this area has been overloaded for a number of years, due to the development that has taken place, and recommended that an additional Pump be installed as a cost of approximately £3,000.

Councillor V. Blake proposed that this be included in next years' programme of Small Water & Sewerage Schemes. The proposal was seconded by Councillor K. Ryan, and agreed.

ITEM 16: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:
"That this Council be given a full report as to how the money was spent on the Raheenraney Water Scheme".

The County Engineer's report indicated that an amount of £1,499.83 had been expended to date.

In reply to Councillor K. Ryan's query re balance of money on this Scheme, the Deputy County Manager stated that all surplus monies from schemes are being expended to the best possible advantage on ongoing schemes, in order that they be completed as soon as possible.

Councillor J. McManus was of the opinion that this could be more appropriately dealt with by the proposed Estimates Committee.

It was agreed that a report on Small Water & Sewerage Schemes be available for the October Area Meeting of Councillors for the Arklow electoral district.

ITEM 17: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:
"That this Council carry out the necessary repairs to the Rigid Frame Type houses in Tinahely".

The County Engineer's report indicated that the exposed timber at the front and rear of these houses has deteriorated and rotted, and the estimated cost for repairs per house is £3,000, making a total of £15,000. He stated that it would be possible to repair three of the houses in the current year, and the remaining next year. New ranges to be provided are estimated to cost £380 each.

Councillor K. Ryan spoke of the desperate condition of these houses and proposed that the work be carried out. This proposal was seconded by Councillor V. Blake.

It was agreed that three houses would be done this year, the balance to be repaired in 1981.

ITEM 18: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor K. Ryan:
"That this Council have all their land which they are letting for grazing properly fenced".

The A/County Secretary told the Members that a condition in the Letting Agreement was that the Lessee fence the land (where necessary) and

maintain and keep the fence in good repair and condition at his own expense while he is in occupation of the land.

It was also noted by the Members that provision was made in the Agreement to put the onus on the Lessee for spraying of ragwort and other noxious weeds.

ITEM 19: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors J. Leeson, G. Jones, and A. Murphy:-
"That Wicklow County Council put a permanent rubbish container at Annacarten Crossroads, Roundwood, as the present collection post is an eyesore on a major tourist road".

The County Engineer's report stated that the provision of a rubbish container at this location would entail providing a special type of Bin and vehicle with lifting equipment for removal of same, and there was no revenue available in the current year's Estimates to provide this service.

Councillor J. Leeson drew attention to the fact that this location was on a major tourist road, and the litter and rubbish dumped there was a disgrace. He suggested that a wooden container be placed behind the ditch in order to alleviate the problem.

Deputy G. Timmins suggested that the users of this collection point be requested to place rubbish there only on the day prior to collection. This was agreed.

ITEM 20: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors H. Cullen and G. Timmins, T.D.:
"That this Council strongly object to the Department of the Environment's decision to lower the PLV limit for eligibility for House Purchase and Construction Loans".

The Members were informed that the income limit for a house purchase loan is £5,500 per annum, and that for applicants who are farmers the limit was a rateable valuation not exceeding £44, which figure was considered the equivalent of an income of £5,500, based on the multiplier of £125 per £1 valuation.

Deputy G. Timmins suggested that the Department be asked to alter the regulations in order that a land owner may be assessed on the basis of his accounts, as this was the process used for other loan applicants.

This was seconded by Councillor J. Leeson and agreed.

It was also noted by Members that applications from farmers sons in cases where the valuation of the farm was under £60 and where the son was employed on the holding were considered on the basis of the income paid to the son by the farmer.

ITEM 21: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors V. Blake and G. Timmins, T.D.:
"That this Council provide Simon Byrne of Ballinglen with a house".

As a report is awaited from the Chief Medical Officer, this item was deferred for next Agenda.

ITEM 22: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C. Murphy, T.D.:
"That a progress report be given on the North East Regional Water Supply Scheme".

The County Engineer's report indicated that the above Contract should be completed by September, 1980.

ITEM 23: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C. Murphy, T.D.:
"That a progress report be given on the proposed Kilcoole Water Improvement Scheme".

The Members were informed that work had commenced on the main laying at above Scheme.

ITEM 24: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C. Murphy, T.D.:
"That one, or perhaps two interlinks be made between the Carrigoona/Enniskerry Water System and the Dublin Corporation Main so as to allow for a supply in the event of future problems in the Enniskerry Area".

The A/County Secretary informed the Members that it would be necessary to pump water from Dublin Corporation mains into the Enniskerry system and investigations would be made to ascertain if the Scheme can be implemented. He stated that it will also be necessary to finalise the take over of Carrigoona Supply.

Deputy C. Murphy stated that when this supply is taken in charge by the Council that two links should be made between the main Dublin Corporation supply and the Enniskerry supply to allow for improvements, should difficulties arise, and proposed that Dublin Corporation should be approached in this regard. The proposal was seconded by Councillor N. O'Neill.

It was agreed that a further report would be submitted.

ITEM 25: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors Mrs. M. Weadick and G. Timmins, T.D.:
"That Wicklow County Council provide a refuse collection for seven houses at Barniskey, Avoca - Mr. H. Strahan, Mr. N. Strahan, Mr. D. Strahan, Mr. C. Byrne, Mr. W. Seadman and Mr. B. Heath".

The County Engineer's report indicated that it was not possible at present to consider any extensions in this area, due to the existing services being overloaded, and the limitation of finance.

It was agreed to look into the possibility of this extension as soon as possible.

ITEM 26: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. McManus:
"That Wicklow County Council serve a repairs Notice on the owners of 1, Batchelor's Walk, Shillelagh".

The A/County Secretary indicated that the reports of the County Engineer and Medical Officer were awaited.

Councillor J. McManus expressed his dis-satisfaction over the non-availability of these reports, and requested that they be available as soon as possible to expedite the matter.

ITEM 27: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors P. Deering and G. Timmins, T.D.:
"That this Council provide Thomas Archibold, Church Terrace, Dunlavin, Co. Wicklow, with a mobile home".

The Medical Officer's report indicated that this family were adequately housed at present.

ITEM 28: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:
"That this Council build a house for Patrick Fogarty at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, on a site provided by his mother".

The Medical Officer's report indicated that the Council should build a cottage on a site adjoining Teresa Fogarty's cottage.

It was proposed by Deputy G. Timmins, and seconded by Councillor J. Miley that this be done.

ITEM 29: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:
"That the Council build a house for John Dawson on a site provided by his mother at Coolnarrig, Tuckmill, Baltinglass".

As the Medical Officer's report was still awaited, it was agreed to place this item on the next Agenda.

ITEM 30: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D.:
"That Wicklow County Council clean up and landscape the Open Area in front of the new houses in Ballinalea".

The A/County Secretary indicated that the County Engineer's report was awaited. Dis-satisfaction was expressed by the Members over this, as money had been provided in the Estimates for the carrying out of this work.

It was agreed that the work would be done.

ITEM 31: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors L. Kavanagh, T.D., and F. Hynes:
"That Wicklow County Council erect a small family unit for George Doyle, St. Matthew's School Residence, Newtown, as their present accommodation is very damp and unsuitable".

The Councillors expressed their dis-satisfaction over the fact that there was no report from the Medical Officer. The Deputy County Manager informed them that the Medical Officer had difficulty due to ill health of health inspector.

It was agreed that this item be placed on Agenda for next Meeting.

ITEM 32: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D.:
"That Wicklow County Council prepare plans for a Council Housing Scheme in Kiltegan".

The A/County Secretary informed the Members that the County Engineer is arranging for the preparation of plans for this Scheme, and that the exchange of land between Mr. Jackson and the Council is nearing completion.

In reply to Deputy L. Kavanagh's question re completion date, the A/County Secretary informed the Members that the matter was with the Law Agent at present.

ITEM 33: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D.:
"That Wicklow County Council take steps to alleviate the sewerage problem which is causing trouble at the Parochial House, Baltinglass".

The County Engineer's report indicated, that on investigation, it was found that the problem in this case was a land drainage one, and not a sewerage problem, and that the Parish Priest is arranging to have the land drainage problem solved.

ITEM 34: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors L. Kavanagh, T.D., and F. Hynes:
"That Wicklow County Council provide a rear entrance to the houses at Seaview Heights, Merrymeeing".

The County Engineer's report indicated that a pedestrian access is already provided to the rear of the houses at Merrymeeing.

It was agreed that this matter would be re-checked.

ITEM 35: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors L. Kavanagh, T.D., and F. Hynes:
"That Wicklow County Council build an extension to the house occupied by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Murphy, Ballymerrigan, Rathnew, as there are 14 people living in the house which has no toilet. The family would need two extra rooms and a bathroom".

The A/County Secretary informed the Members that the Medical Officer had been requested to submit an up-to-date housing report, as it was understood that not all of the family were living at home. A reminder had been issued to him.

The provision of the extension was approved, at an approximate cost of £5,500, to be completed this year.

ITEM 36: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors L. Kavanagh, T.D., and F. Hynes:
"That Wicklow County Council build an extension to the house occupied by Mrs. Margaret McDonald, 15 Killadreenan, Newtown, as there are 12 people living in very overcrowded conditions".

The Members were informed that an application is at present being examined in respect of a disabled persons grant.

ITEM 37: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C. Murphy, T.D.:
"That the present situation with regard to Enniskerry Sewerage Scheme be detailed for the Council".

The Members were informed that the plans for the new Scheme are being examined, and that the effect of the Scheme will have on the ultimate development of the area must be borne in mind.

ITEM 38: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors H. Cullen, and G. Timmins, T.D.:
"That this Council effect necessary repairs to the Cottage home of Mrs. Carney, Laragh".

The County Engineer's report indicated that the repairs in this case are under way, costing in the region of £600.00.

ITEM 39: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor H. Cullen and G. Timmins, T.D.:
"That a report be given on the possibility of extending the water supply service at Killougher, Ashford".

The Members were informed that investigations are in hand to join Newcastle and Rathnew Water Supply Schemes, and when a Scheme is ready it will be submitted to the Members.

ITEM 40: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors H. Cullen and G. Timmins, T.D.:
"That the Council facilitate Mr. Christy Brennan, Laragh East, and five other residents in the locality to connect into the local water supply system".

The County Engineer recommended that a Group Scheme be undertaken in this area.

Deputy C. Murphy asked that the people involved be notified to go ahead with the work, and requested that the Council be kept informed on the progress.

ITEM 41: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors H. Cullen, A. Murphy, G. Jones, J. Leeson, F. Hynes, L. Kavanagh, T.D., J. Byrne and K. Ryan:
"That the County Manager indicate to the Council the reason for the involvement of Foras Forbartha in the drawing up of housing assessment for the next five years. Also whose suggestion their involvement was".

The A/County Secretary informed the Members that it has been requested by the Minister of all housing Authorities to carry out a housing survey, and that the Council were employing the services of Foras Forbartha in order to avail of computerised methods.

Councillor A. Murphy expressed his reservations on having the Council's housing assessment done by another Body.

The A/County Secretary explained the procedure for the carrying out of the survey and the role of An Foras Forbartha.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Leeson and seconded by Councillor A. Murphy that Standing Orders be suspended to allow the Meeting to continue. This was agreed.

ITEM 42: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors J. Giff, R. Miley and C. Murphy, T.D.:
"That the Wicklow County Council provide a pump for Mr. Michael Kavanagh, Ballysallagh, Brittas Bay, as the water he is using is from a stream".

The Members were informed that this cottage is 550 yds. from the nearest E.S.B. lines, and the E.S.B. have been asked to submit a quotation for the provision of the supply; the estimated cost of the proposed improvements to be £7,500, plus E.S.B. connection costs.

Councillor J. Giff informed the Council that there was no water supply to this cottage either, and that a nearby stream is polluted. He suggested that the Council provide a pump.

Deputy C. Murphy asked that the E.S.B. be contacted, and that the matter be brought before the Council again. This was agreed.

ITEM 43: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors J. Giff and C. Murphy, T.D.:
"That Wicklow County Council investigate this problem and report back as soon as possible:
We, the undersigned urgently request Wicklow County Council to provide a mains water service as soon as possible along the Newcastle Road from Ballyphilip to Leabeg Lane".

The County Engineer's report indicated that it would be desirable to lay a watermain linking Killincarrig and Newcastle, and that investigations and surveys will commence in the next few months. It is hoped to include the Scheme in the list of proposals for the 1981 Small Water & Sewerage Schemes.

Deputy C. Murphy requested that a report be given when these investigations are completed.

ITEM 44: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors V. Blake and G. Timmins, T.D.:
"That this Council install electric pump at Killinure to serve four houses - Dempsey, Donahue, Nolan and Healy".

The County Engineer's report indicated that the cost of sinking a well and installing a pump to serve the four houses involved would be approximately £2,400. As the existing well in the area is only a dug well it is possible that this could go dry in the summer, if there were heavy demands on it. However, a test will be carried out later in the year to see if the well would be capable of supply water during the summer months.

Councillor V. Blake proposed that an electric pump be provided. His proposal was seconded by Councillor K. Ryan and supported by Councillor T. Keenan. It was agreed that this be done by the end of September.

ITEM 45: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors V. Blake and G. Timmins, T.D.:
"That this Council extend water supply at Mill lane, Carnew, to serve James Hilliards' House".

The County Engineer's report indicated that Mr. Hilliard's premises lies about 100 metres from the 2" supply, and it would be necessary to lay a further 100 metres to enable Mr. Hilliard to connect into this supply.

The estimated cost of laying this extra 2" main is £600.00,

which the County Engineer considered high for one house, and stated that the situation could be reviewed if Mr. Hilliard was prepared to pay a substantial part of the cost.

On the proposal of Councillor V. Blake, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan, it was agreed to contact Mr. Hilliard with regard to a contribution.

ITEM 46: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors V. Blake and G. Timmins, T.D.:
"That this Council provide Mrs. Margaret Murphy, Lugduff, Tinahely, with toilet facilities to help her care for her invalid daughter".

The County Engineer's report indicated that the estimated cost of this would be £1,200, and that the Medical Officer would assess the need for the provision of these facilities.

ITEM 47: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:
"That the Council provide a demountable dwelling for Mollie Dunne, Edward Street, Baltinglass".

As a report was awaited from the Medical Officer, it was agreed to place this item on the Agenda again.

ITEM 48: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:
"That the Council provide accommodation for Mrs. Dowling, Ballynure, Grangecon".

The Medical Officer's report indicated that this applicant should be re-housed.

Deputy G. Timmins addressed the urgency of the situation, and it was agreed that sheltered housing be provided in Baltinglass Hospital grounds, as previously proposed.

ITEM 49: Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors T. Keenan and J. Sweeney:
"I wish to propose that this Council provide extra accommodation for Mr. Peter Byrne, Ballymorris, Aughrim, who has a large family living in a very overcrowded house".

The County Engineer's report indicated that there is a water supply but no toilet in the above house which has three small bedrooms, in which Mr. Byrne claims six children and two adults sleep.

The estimated cost of providing a bedroom and bathroom/toilet extension is £5,000. The house is being purchased on a Tenant Purchase Scheme, and hence the money could not be spent on such works by the Council.

Councillor T. Keenan stressed the urgency of this situation, and indicated that the Byrne's would be willing to surrender possession of the house if the Council would do the necessary work, as they were not in a position to themselves.

It was agreed that the matter would be brought up again on receipt of the Medical Officer's report.

ITEM 50: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors A. Murphy, G. Jones and J. Leeson:
"That this Council ask the Minister for the Environment to allow County Councils to make a greater site subsidy to applicants for the provision of private sites".

The A/County Secretary indicated that there would be a case to seek an increase in the private site subsidy because of the inflation in housing and site development costs since 1978.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that loans granted were not adequate

and due to the present housing situation he requested that the Department be contacted to allow Local Authorities to increase site subsidy substantially and reduce the numbers applying for Local Authority housing. He stressed that the Council should make a strong case to the Minister, and proposed that the matter be brought before the General Council of County Councils.

This was agreed.

ITEM 51: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors J. Leeson, G. Jones and A. Murphy:
"That Wicklow County Council examine the possibility of allotting section of Council Housing Sites to people prepared to build their own homes".

The A/County Secretary informed the Members that in order to allot sections of Council housing sites to people prepared to build their own houses, arrangements must be made beforehand to have such sections of housing sites serviced with water and sewerage and road bases, which involves the preparation of plans, the seeking of Capital to carry out the works and the letting of a contract to execute the work.

Councillor J. Leeson pointed out that difficulties were experienced by people trying to house themselves, and stated that the Council should go ahead and prepare the necessary plans.

Councillor J. McManus stated that a large proportion of persons on the housing list would be prepared to provide housing for themselves if the serviced land was available to them, as they often had difficulty in acquiring same.

Councillor A. Murphy pointed out the great demand for private sites.

ITEM 52: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors J. Leeson, G. Jones and A. Murphy:
"That Wicklow County Council investigate the large increase in dumping charges at Fassaroe".

Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, stated that no increase had taken place in dumping charges since 1977 and that the increase was necessary in view of maintenance, Caretaker's fees etc.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that private householders were being charged £8 per load for dumping domestic refuse and said that this was unreasonable.

Mr. Brennan informed the Members that there was no charge for domestic refuse.

MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Water Supply, Emmet Place, Carnew

Councillor K. Ryan drew attention to the fact that there was no pressure at this location, and that the water had been cut off on Wednesday and Thursday of last week, without notification to the people.

The County Engineer indicated that in a case of emergency it was not possible to notify the people concerned, and agreed to look into the matter.

Planning Permission for Farmers

Councillor P. Deering indicated that the detailed planning requirements were holding up farming developments, and that the detailed drawings etc. required were not necessary.

The A/County Secretary informed him that there were no inhibiting restrictions placed on farming developments, and that

applications for planning permission were being dealt with expeditiously. He re-iterated that adequate drawings, describing the works to be done must be submitted for farm improvements as for other developments.

Newcastle Housing Scheme

Deputy L. Kavanagh enquired re the delay in completing these houses, and was informed that the E.S.B. are holding up same.

Councillors J. Sweeney and H. Cullen expressed their dissatisfaction over the undue delay in making connections, considering the houses are ready for the last three weeks.

On the proposal of Deputy C. Murphy, seconded by Councillor H. Cullen, it was agreed to write formally to the E.S.B. expressing the Council's dis-satisfaction.

Site Works at Aughrim

Deputy L. Kavanagh enquired re the laying off of men at this site before the completion of work, and expressed his dis-satisfaction at same.

Mr. J. Solon, Chief Assistant County Engineer explained that the work these men were doing was completed, and there was no need to retain them further.

Bank in Blessington

Councillor J. Miley was informed that, as far as was known, the new Bank under construction complied with Planning permission granted, but that the matter would be checked out.

Erection of Cottage for Flemings at Knoxter's Hill

The Members were informed that the Contractor would sign Contract tomorrow, and that work would commence soon.

Land for Housing at Valkeymount and/or Ballyknockan

On the request of Councillor J. Miley it was agreed to submit a report for next Housing Meeting on this matter.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.


CHAIRMAN.

Date: _____

CONFIRMED AND SIGNED AT ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THE 8TH
SEPTEMBER, 1980.

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY
14TH JULY, 1980 IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW

Present:

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

Mr. B. Johnston, Deputy County Manager,
Mr. U. McCabe, A/County Secretary,
Mr. T. J. Donovan, County Engineer,
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer,
Mr. A. Fidgeon, County Accountant,
Mr. P. O'Meara, Staff Officer,
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer.

On the commencement of the Meeting Deputy L. Kavanagh proposed a vote of sympathy with relatives of the Gardai who were murdered at the recent robbery in Galway. In doing so he stated that he was shocked and stunned by the horrible murders of Garda Morley and Garda Byrne in the course of their duties. He pointed out the number of Bank raids in this county and surrounding counties and the risk to human life involved, particularly to Gardai in the course of their duty, and stated that it was in the interest of all concerned to co-operate and assist the Gardai in every way possible.

Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., C. Murphy, T.D., J. McManus and others associated themselves with the remarks of L. Kavanagh, T.D., and expressed their sympathy to the families and relatives of the Gardai concerned. The Members unanimously expressed their horror at the murders and their sympathy to families and relatives, and the Meeting observed one minute's silence as a mark of respect.

A vote of sympathy was also passed with the relatives of the late Mr. Joe Brennan, Ceann Chomhairle, Cail Eireann. Deputies C. Murphy, G. Timmins and L. Kavanagh paid tribute to the manner in which he carried out his duties as Ceann Chomhairle.

It was proposed by Deputy L. Kavanagh, and supported by Councillors J. Giff, and C. Murphy, T.D., that Standing Orders be suspended to discuss the water supply situation at Croneroe. This was agreed.

Deputy L. Kavanagh, informed the Council that when the extensive new pipe system was provided at Croneroe, the Members were given to understand that it would make up the balance of need of water for the Wicklow area. However, there was a grave shortage of water in Wicklow Town over the weekend, despite a plentiful rainfall, and the townspeople were aggrieved by the situation, and he demanded an explanation.

Councillor J. Giff stated that the pressure of water had fallen and that the area had been guaranteed 400,000 gallons. He said that the situation had greatly deteriorated over the weekend, and enquired if Dublin Corporation were limiting the supply.

The County Engineer outlined the present situation and informed the Members that he had the situation investigated on Friday last and found that there was no shortage of water in Croneroe but that the reservoir in Marlton was empty. He pointed out that 288,000 gallons were coming to the Town and that this should be sufficient. However, it would be necessary to reduce pressure in Rathnew and Ashford in order to enable the reservoir at Marlton to refill. Mr. Donovan was confident that the situation would

he remedied within the next day or two, and indicated that he had discussed the matter with the Town Engineer and Chief Assistant County Engineer in charge of water supplies with a view to arranging remedial measures. He also said that it was unfortunate that the Urban Council's reservoir had been allowed to empty and he referred to the excessive consumption and waste of water in the Urban District which he had previously advised must be corrected. He also indicated that the Wicklow distribution and storage system had deficiencies which would require to be rectified and referred to the lack of the proposed storage facilities of the Town Housing Scheme.

Deputy L. Kavanagh, T.D. requested that a report be available for the next Meeting. This was agreed.

In reply to query from Councillor Giff, the County Engineer informed the Members that the diameter of the pipes bring water from Croneroe was adequate but again stated that the Town needed a better distribution system. He again pointed out that the problem lay with low pressure as there was no shortage of water.

ITEM 1: It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. and seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney, that the Minutes of Special Meeting held on 23rd May, 1980; Minutes of Meeting of Council held on 16th June, 1980 and Minutes of Annual Meeting, held on 4th July, 1980, be confirmed and signed.

ITEM 2: Approve arrangements for Purchase of Two New Fire Appliances.

It was proposed by Deputy G. Timmins, T.D., and seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Weadick, that arrangements be made for the raising of a loan of £92,500 from the Council's Treasurer.

In reply to Deputy C. Murphy, the County Engineer informed the members that the new Fire Appliances were for Greystones and Arklow.

ITEM 3: Environmental Improvement Schemes, 1980 - Proposed Works.

It was agreed that this item be placed as the first Item on Agenda for Special Meeting on Monday, 21st July, 1980. A Meeting of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area was arranged for 3.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 15th July, to discuss the proposed works for that Area.

ITEM 4: Higher Education Grants Scheme, 1980.

Councillor A. Murphy proposed that the Department be asked to increase the Maintenance limit in this Scheme to keep in line with inflation.

On the question of the farm income multiplier being increased to £125 for each £1 of rateable valuation it was proposed by Deputy G. Timmins, and seconded by Councillor H. Cullen that the Department should be approached on this issue, and that the means test should be assessed on an income basis, as this was the basis used for tax purposes.

Following discussion on Clause 3(a) with regard to the 15 miles travel limit, Mr. K. Roberts informed the Members that each case was dealt with on its own merits. On this point Councillor N. O'Neill pointed out that the bus and train services were not sufficient or adequate to transport students to College and back daily.

It was proposed by Deputy C. Murphy and seconded by Councillor T. Keenan that the Scheme be adopted and that above points be raised with the Minister.

ITEM 5: Re-structuring and regrading of Engineering Services arising from Engineer's Working Party Report.

Mr. B. Johnston, Deputy County Manager indicated that it was proposed to withdraw this item at this stage, as since the issue of the Agenda a section of the staff side had indicated their disagreement with the terms of the County Managers' final offer. He indicated, for the members information, the background to the Engineers Working Party report, etc.

Deputy G. Timmins, referred to the much higher level of Group Water Supply Scheme activity and expenditure in adjoining counties who were

getting very high allocations of Capital for the work and asked that Engineering staff restructuring should be geared to raise this Council's level of activity in this field.

ITEM 6: I.F.H.P. Congress Jerusalem

Mr. U. McCabe, A/County Secretary informed the Members that a letter had been received from the Department requesting that there should be no representation on behalf of local authorities at the conference this year, due to financial stringencies.

Councillor P. Deering stated that, owing to the relations existing between Israel and Ireland, it was important that someone should attend, or otherwise it would appear that racial discrimination existed. Councillor Deering was supported by Councillor J. Leeson on this matter who proposed that one representative should attend. Councillor Leeson was seconded in his proposed by Councillor G. Jones.

It was then proposed by Councillor J. Miley and seconded by Councillor K. Ryan that 5 representatives should attend.

Finally, on the suggestion of Deputy C. Murphy, it was agreed that the matter should be discussed by the party Whips with the County Manager and the Department.

ITEM 7: National Housing and Planning Conference and Exhibition, Brighton, 1980

Councillor J. McManus was of the opinion that to send six representatives as in previous years was too many, and proposed that only 3 should attend.

It was proposed by Councillor D. Kinsella and seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Weadick that 6 Members should attend, and then proposed by Councillor A. Murphy and seconded by Councillor J. McManus that 4 should go.

A vote was then taken on the amendment which was carried on the casting vote of the Chairman. It was agreed that the names of the four representatives would be decided upon by the party Whips in consultation with the County Manager who would decide whether to send an Official as well.

ITEM 8: Preliminary report on Town Commissioner Status - Greystones

Mr. B. Johnston, informed the Members that the report already circulated was a Preliminary report and the matter would be discussed in detail at the September Meeting. This was agreed.

ITEM 9: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D.: "That Wicklow County Council take immediate steps to implement safety measures at the river which adjoins the Parkmore Housing Estate, Baltinglass, by the erection of fences".

Mr. U. McCabe outlined the position to the Members indicating that approximately 270 yds. of fencing would be required, costing in the region of £1,890 and would result in a loss of amenity by reducing access to the river and being unsightly. Mr. McCabe informed the Members that no specific finance has been allocated to this work.

Deputy L. Kavanagh proposed that finance be raised to proceed with this work. His proposal was seconded by Deputy G. Timmins.

Councillor J. Miley was anxious to know the type of fence being provided in the interest of the safety of the children using the area, and was informed that chain-link fencing would be provided.

It was agreed that arrangements would be made to proceed with the work as an urgent safety measure out of the monies raised in this year's rates (by way of economising on other items).

ITEM 10: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D.: "That Wicklow County Council provide public lighting on the road from Baltinglass to the Hospital and to the Industrial

Estate as many pedestrians have to use the road late at night".

The A/County Secretary informed the Members that the estimate received from E.S.B. for this work was £6,060, and that as a section of this road was due to be realigned over the next two to three years, it would be inadvisable to proceed with the work at this time.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. stressed the need for public lighting in this area and pointed out that as money had been provided for realigning the first bend on this road that it would be in order to provide lighting along that stretch.

It was agreed to contact the E.S.B. and get an estimate for this part of the road.

ITEM 11: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor A. Murphy, G. Jones and J. Leeson:
"That this Council seek to reduce the speed of motor vehicles through Kilmacanogue village (in advance of the Traffic Lights and dualcarriageway extension) by a comprehensive and methodical roadmaking and streamlined road traffic sign provision that will integrate with the traffic lights when provided".

The Council were informed that the quotation received for the erection of Traffic Signals at Kilmacanogue was in the region of £16,000.

Councillor A. Murphy pointed out the need for these Traffic signals owing to the speed that cars travelled along this stretch of road and the danger involved to pedestrians. He suggested that warning signs should be provided at this stage in order to effect a slowing down process. This proposal was seconded by Councillor J. Leeson.

Councillor K. Ryan express dis-satisfaction at the placing of Traffic signals at this point and the resulting disruption of the free flow of traffic on the National Primary Route.

Following discussion on the source of finance for this job, the County Engineer expressed his reservations on the use of the Block Grant as it would be a once off job and could be financed from National Primary allocation.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. was in favour of using money from the Block Grant as it would expedite the matter.

It was agreed that approval would be sought from the Department as in any event it would be next year before work would commence.

Councillor A. Murphy requested that the Council contact the Department and report back to the Members in October. This was agreed, but Councillor K. Ryan indicated that he was not in favour of the Scheme and that he be recorded as dissenting.

ITEM 12: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor C. Murphy, T.D.:
"That Rathdown Park, Greystones, be taken in charge by the Council".

The A/County Secretary informed the Council that it was not possible to take over Rathdown Park at this point in time as there were certain works yet to be completed by the Contractor in compliance with Planning Permission.

Deputy C. Murphy brought up the matter of the unsatisfactory water supply situation in the Estate which must be rectified prior to the Council taking the Estate in charge.

The County Engineer indicated that he had written to the Developer who was not in a position to complete the required works owing to a shortage of staff, and requested the Council to carry out the work. The estimate for this was £9,000.

Deputy C. Murphy requested that a list of specific items to be completed should be circulated to the Councillors. He stated that the

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residents in the Estate make a tremendous effort to keep the Estate tidy and the Council should see their way to doing the required work.

Deputy L. Kavanagh drew attention to the fact that the Council themselves do not leave estates in a tidy state and referred to Ballinalea and Newtown. He stated that there was a lack of co-operation between Developers in general and the Council in many estates and we should adopt the policy of taking action against Developers who do not comply with conditions of Planning Permission.

It was agreed to give details of works outstanding to Members of the Council for Bray Electoral Area.

ITEM 13: Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors A. Murphy, J. Leeson and G. Jones:-
"That Wicklow County Council make it clear that there is no intention to close up the existing entrance to Rathdown Park, Greystones".

The A/County Secretary informed the Members that the Council had already taken a decision not to close up the existing entrance to Rathdown Park.

Councillor A. Murphy requested that the Residents be informed of this decision.

ITEM 14: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors J. Sweeney and T. J. Keenan:-
"That this Council repair the Dublin Road between Ferrybank and the Pound Hill at Arklow".

The A/County Secretary stated that it is intended to have the road surface dressed this Summer, and, accordingly repairs will be carried out before then.

Councillor J. Sweeney drew attention to the fact that the road had sunk at the side and should be properly re-instated before it is surface dressed. Councillors Mrs. M. Weadick, K. Ryan and T. Keenan were in support of this.

ITEM 15: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P. Deering:-
"That Wicklow County Council make temporary pathway from Stephen Street, Dunlavin, to new housing estate at Church Hill"

As there was no report available this Item was deferred to the next Meeting of the Council.

ITEM 16: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D.:
"That Wicklow County Council repair the Barrack Lane, Kilcashel Lower, Avoca, which is in such bad condition that vehicles cannot be driven there".

The A/County Secretary read a report submitted by the County Engineer previously stating that this is a very steep road of inadequate width and substandard alignment with a very substandard junction with the Main Road and with difficult drainage problems. The estimated cost of the work would be £22,000 and annual maintenance of £300.

Deputy L. Kavanagh stated that for these reasons listed the Council should take over the road, and proposed same. His proposal was seconded by Councillor T. Keenan, and it was agreed that the work would be included in 1981 Estimates.

ITEM 17: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D.:
"That Wicklow County Council provide public lighting on the road from Doyle's Garage to the School at Tinahely, as it is a busy road and dangerous for pedestrians in the dark".

The County Engineer's report stated that there appeared to be an error regarding the road in question as it was lit to the full recognised standard along its whole length.

It was agreed that the matter would be looked into again.

ITEM 18: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor V. Blake:-
"That this Council give an up to date report on the New Fire Station at Tinahely".

The A/County Secretary informed the Members that a recent letter has been received from the Department of the Environment in this matter indicating that the Council should investigate the possibility of obtaining a loan from a source other than the Local Loans Fund.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney and seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., that the Council approach their Treasurer for the necessary finance.

Deputy C. Murphy proposed that the same steps be taken with regard to Bray Fire Station.

The Deputy County Manager informed the Members that the Council are preparing a revised design for Tinahely incorporating suggestions made at a recent meeting with Officials of the Department. The County Engineer stated that these plans would be available in a month, and would then be forwarded to the Department for approval.

ITEM 19: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors G. Jones, J. Leeson and A. Murphy:-
"That this Council take steps to prevent the flooding on the Ballygannon Road, Barnakleinc, Kilcoole".

The Members were informed that this problem has been rectified.

ITEM 20: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors A. Murphy, G. Jones and J. Leeson:-
"That this Council establish and staff adequately a building control unit to inspect the execution of planning permissions in the county".

The A/County Secretary informed the Members that due to a back-log created when this post was vacant, inspections of current work may be falling behind because of the back-log of court cases on unauthorised development.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that building control in Wicklow was not taken seriously and that the present problems indicate this. He stressed that continuous inspections should be carried out in the early stages to ensure that problems do not arise.

In reply, the A/County Secretary stated that legal action had been taken in a number of cases, and outlined the detailed procedure involved in taking legal action in the High Court under the provision of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1976.

ITEM 21: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors J. Byrne and L. Kavanagh, T.D.:-
"That the Council rectify the constant flooding which is occurring each year at the Post Office and Garage in Kilmacanogue".

The County Engineer's report indicated that it is intended to re-arrange the gullies and storm water pipes in front of the Garage shortly, and this should alleviate the problem.

It was agreed to follow up this matter, along with the problem of a nearby stream flooding.

ITEM 22: Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors L. Kavanagh, T.D., J. Byrne, F. Hynes and K. Ryan:-
"That Wicklow County Council, having regard to the ceiling of 10% increase for Local Authority Rates in 1980, and recognising that the implementation of such limit will result in the reduction or postponement of Local Authority Services, should seek a meeting with the Minister for the Environment to discuss the matter and hereby directs the County Manager to arrange to have the proposed meeting convened as a matter of urgency".

It was agreed that the County Manager would have reports available for Meeting in October with particular attention to the area of Housing.

The Deputy County Manager stated that a letter had been issued to the Department seeking that the Minister receive a deputation from the Council regarding Housing Capital requirements for new starts, a reminder would issue.

MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Sign at Church of Ireland School, Dunlavin

Councillor P. Deering requested that a sign be erected opposite the Church of Ireland School in Dunlavin, outside the new Library.

It was agreed that the County Engineer would make arrangements to have same provided.

Wall at Kilcoole

Mr. G. Jones drew attention to the fact that a number of J.C.B's owned by County Council's Contractor on Water Supply schemes are parked on Kilcoole Road and requested that the Contractor be requested to light up same at night.

Flooding - Derry River, Shillelagh

It was agreed that this item be placed on Agenda for next meeting, and that the County Engineer would prepare a report on the matter.

Roundwood Water Supply

Councillor R. Miley enquired the present position and was informed by the County Engineer that a pump had been provided but had not been connected as an E.S.B. supply was awaited. It was agreed that the County Engineer would arrange to expedite completion of the works.

Halt in Bray

Councillor A. Murphy drew attention to the question of ownership of land which it was proposed to acquire for the proposed itinerant halt in Bray. Owing to the fact that there would be difficulty in acquiring this land the provision of a Halt would be delayed for a considerable time, and he suggested that alternatives be found.

On the suggestion of Deputy C. Murphy it was agreed to hold a Special Itinerant Committee Meeting at 2.00p.m. on Friday 18th July to discuss alternative sites.

National School at Valleymount

Councillor J. Miley enquired re the acquisition of this School by the Council for conversion to housing for elderly persons, and was informed that the Bord of Works had been contacted and had indicated their intention to demolish same.

It was proposed by Deputy G. Timmins and seconded by Councillor J. Miley that the Bord of Works be again written to in connection with receiving a deputation from Wicklow County Council.

Report on Planning Permissions

Deputy L. Kavanagh requested a report of planning permission issued to L. Maguire in respect of a housing estate on Friars Hill, Wicklow.

The A/County Secretary reported that the Council were arranging to prepare a detailed affidavit to seek a High Court injunction under the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1976. He also indicated that a Notice had been served on the Developer to abate the nuisance caused by defects in the sewerage facilities.

Deputy C. Murphy congratulated Councillor J. Miley who had just completed twenty five years unbroken membership of the Council. The Councillors unanimously extended their congratulations.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

[Signature]

CHAIRMAN.

Date: _____

WICKLOW

COUNTY

COUNCIL

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW, ON MONDAY, 21ST JULY, 1980, AT 2.30 P.M.

Present:

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

Also

in
Attendance:-

Mr. B. Johnston, Deputy County Manager,
Mr. U. McCabe, A/County Secretary,
Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer.
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer,
Mr. P. O'Meara, Staff Officer,
Mr. J. MacLoughlin, Staff Officer,
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer.

ITEM 1: ADOPTION OF TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME, 1980.

The A/County Secretary informed the members that copies of the Environmental Improvement Schemes, 1980, had been previously circulated to the members. Arising out of same the Chairman invited the various Councillors comments.

Councillor J. Leeson enquired if a reply had been received from the Minister following representations made with regard to sale price of the houses at Kilmacanogue, as recently discussed in connection with the Tenant Purchase Scheme. Councillor Leeson felt that these houses would cost a considerable amount to carry out the repairs needed and that it would be in the Councils' interest to dispose of them at a reduced rate later.

The A/County Secretary informed the members that following a letter sent to the Minister, a reply had been received and informed the members that the Minister felt that houses may only be sold under Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, in accordance with a Tenant Purchase Scheme, approved by the Minister.

Councillor A. Murphy supported Councillor Leeson and requested that a further case should be put to the Minister. Councillor J. Byrne and G. Timmins, T.D. supported and felt that it would be a great advantage to the Council if these houses could be sold at a lower price to enable the tenants to purchase and carry out repairs themselves.

Councillor K. Ryan agreed and indicated that a lot of this type of house throughout the County were inferior and the Council were unable to maintain them adequately and that tenants were not in a position to afford to purchase them without some allowance having regard to the future commitments regarding repairs.

Councillor A. Murphy indicated that he was not prepared to accept the Ministers reply and requested that a strong case be made and a deputation be sought with the Minister to discuss same. Following discussions, it was agreed that this deputation be sought.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., enquired what the position would be with the Newcastle houses, as owing to the delays on site, which the tenants would not be responsible. The Deputy County Manager indicated that these houses could be discussed later when schemes were being considered.

After lengthy discussion it was agreed to adopt the scheme and seek deputation to the Minister.

ITEM 2 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES, 1980 - PROPOSED WORKS.

Councillor Leeson proposed that the Scheme at Kilmacanogue should be finished, and the grass seed planted. Councillor J. McManus agreed.

The Chairman informed the members that the Western Area have agreed to an Environmental Improvement Schemes Programme for 1980.

Councillor G. Jones indicated that there was no need to level the green area at Carrig Villas and Victoria Road as this land was being sold to the Eastern Health Board. It was agreed to substitute the £600 made available for the Kilmacanogue Scheme.

Councillor A. Murphy objected and indicated that some consideration be given to Monteith Park, Kilcoole.

Councillor A. Murphy agreed with Items Nos. 1, 2 and 3 and requested information on the green area at Carrig Villas. The County Engineer outlined this area to Councillor Murphy, and Councillor Murphy agreed with items 1 - 6, with priority to be given to Monteith Park. The County Engineer indicated to the members that the estimated cost for completing the road would be £4,000 with £1,000 additional cost for laying footpaths. After lengthy discussion, it was agreed on the Deputy County Manager's proposal to hold individual area meetings to discuss the Environmental Improvement Schemes, 1980. The following meetings were arranged:-

Monday, 26th July, 1980 at 2.00 p.m.	-	Bray Electoral Area.
Monday, 28th July, 1980 at 3.00 p.m.	-	Wicklow Electoral Area.
Monday, 28th July, 1980 at 4.00 p.m.	-	Arklow Electoral Area.

ITEM NO. 3 WICKLOW WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

The A/County Secretary indicated that this item was carried forward from a previous meeting. The County Engineer indicated that problems arose from the Marilton Reservoir, and indicated that the Council was not aware of this problem until 17th July, 1980. He indicated that the problem was not getting water into Wicklow, but the pressure would not be sufficient to serve the higher area. The estimated cost for solving this problem would be £15,000 and the immediate problem would be resolved in a matter of weeks with the installation of pumps and a second additional pipe connection between Ballynerrin and the Greenhills tank.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. indicated that the money would have to be made available. He indicated that due to increase in the pressure a pipe burst had occurred, and houses were left without water. He enquired why the scheme had failed, and indicated that in the Friars Hill area the quality was not a proper standard. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. proposed that £15,000 be spent on a 50/50 basis with the Urban District Council as a matter of urgency.

Following lengthy discussion, it was agreed to spend £15,000 on this scheme.

ITEM NO. 4 I.F.H.F. CONGRESS - JERUSALEM.

The Deputy County Manager indicated that the Department of the Environment had been contacted and indicated that the Minister's decision had been based on economic reasons only.

It was decided that the Party Whips would consider the matter further and contact the County Manager consequently.

ITEM NO. 5 CREATION OF FULL-TIME POST OF VETERINARY INSPECTOR.

The Deputy County Manager indicated to the members that the creation of this post was agreed on 13th February, 1978, subject to the abolition of the part-time post. Following further discussion in Department of Agriculture and the Director of Community Care, he indicated that it was proposed to proceed with the appointment, and also retain the services of the part-time veterinary inspector now. He indicated that the present system is not sufficient to satisfy the needs of the present number of inspections, slaughterings, etc, particularly having regard to the growth of the large slaughtering herds in this area over the past number of years.

He indicated that when the expenses involved were ascertained, a report would be brought back before the Council. Meanwhile, it was agreed to proceed and look for sanction and arrange for the filling of the vacancy.

ITEM NO. 6. PROVISION OF HOUSE FOR SIMON BYRNE.

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

"That this Council provide Simon Byrne of Ballinglen with a house."

The A/County Secretary informed the members that this matter had already been referred to the Chief Medical Officer for his report and recommendation but to date no reply has been received. It was agreed that when this report becomes available, a copy would be forwarded to the members involved.

ITEM NO. 7 REPAIRS NOTICE ON THE OWNERS OF 1, BATCHELOR'S WALK, SHILLELAGH.

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

"That Wicklow County Council serve a repairs notice on the owners of 1, Batchelor's Walk, Shillelagh."

The members were informed that this house was owned by Shillelagh Estate but was recently sold to Mr. Daniel Quinn. The house itself is not in bad repair. Mr. Quinn is currently in the process of carrying out these repairs, and that the repairs will be carried out as soon as possible. It was indicated to the members that Mr. Quinn intends to live in the house. Agreed.

ITEM NO. 8. PROVISION OF HOUSE FOR MR. JOHN DAWSON, AT COOLNARRIG, TUCKMILL, BALTINGLASS.

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

"That this Council build a house for John Dawson on a site provided by his mother at Coolnarrig, Tuckmill, Baltinglass."

The members were informed that a report and recommendation had been requested from the County Medical Officer, but to date no report had been received. It was agreed to bring this item forward at the next meeting of the Council.

ITEM NO. 9. LANDSCAPING OF OPEN AREA AT NEW HOUSING ESTATE AT BALLINALEA.

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

"That Wicklow County Council clean up and landscape the Open Area in front of the new Houses at Ballinalea."

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. indicated that a large open space intended to be grassed was in a deplorable condition at this Estate, and requested that this open area be farmaced as quickly as possible. The Deputy County Manager indicated that provision was not made in the Estimated for this work. The County Engineer informed the members that the layout was approved by the Department, and work was completed in accordance with the layout. He indicated that the potholes on the entrance road would be looked at.

ITEM NO. 10 PROVISION OF SMALL FAMILY UNIT FOR GEORGE DOYLE, ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL RESIDENCE, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY.

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

"That Wicklow County Council erect a small family unit for George Doyle, St. Matthew's School residence, Newtown, as their present accommodation is very damp and unsuitable."

The members were informed that a report and recommendations have been requested from the County Medical Officer, but to date no report has been received. The Deputy County Manager informed the members that this report is expected shortly. He indicated that the Eastern Health Board, are seeking the creation of an additional post of Health Inspector.

ITEM 11 PROVISION OF TOILET FACILITIES FOR MRS. M. MURPHY, LUGDUFF, TINAHELY.

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

"That this Council provide Mrs. Margaret Murphy, Lugduff, Tinahely, with toilet facilities to help her care for her invalid daughter."

The members were informed that the estimated cost of carrying out this work would be £1,200 and that the County Medical Officer will assess the need for the provision of these facilities. Agreed.

ITEM 12 SURVEY OF SOCIAL NEEDS IN THE CONARY/KILMACOO AREA.

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

"That this Council undertake a survey of the social needs in the Conary/Kilmacoo Area, i.e. Housing, Water, Sewerage, and Refuse Collection."

The members were informed that the water supply in the Conary/Kilmacoo Area is very deficient. Extensive mineral deposits exist in the area so that any wells sunk are likely to be contaminated by minerals which would make the water unusable. It would be desirable, therefore, that a water supply scheme from outside the area be used. The two sources available would be the development of the Garryduff Scheme and this would be most desirable, with the second being the Ballinacash Scheme. The members were informed that at this stage, a sewerage scheme for the area is unwarranted.

Councillor H. Cullen enquired what system was being used at present, and the County Engineer indicated that individual wells are used at present.

ITEM 13 PROPOSED WORKS AT KILGARRON PARK.

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. McManus and J. Leeson, was considered:-

"That the following works be carried out at Kilgarron Park:-

- (a) The replacement of defective manhole covers.
- (b) That 'Children at Play' signs be erected at the entrance to the Estate.
- (c) That a 30 mph repeater sign be placed on Kilgarron Hill."

The members were informed that the work on the replacement of defective manhole covers will be carried out as soon as possible. They were informed that there was no finance available for the provision of 'Children at Play' signs or the 30 mph repeater signs.

Councillor J. McManus indicated that the residents were anxious that these 'Children at Play' signs be erected, and he himself did not accept the report and indicated that these signs should be erected.

It was agreed to erect these signs.

ITEM 14 PROPOSED WORKS AT MILLFIELD PARK, ENNISKERRY.

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

"That the following works be carried out at Millfield Park, Enniskerry:-

- (a) The removal of derelict and abandoned cars.
- (b) The cleaning and seeding of the Open Space and the erection of an effective barrier to prevent parking."

Councillor J. McManus indicated that the reason for the barrier is that parking does occur in the open space, and that last year a Circus in the space resulted with a child nearly loosing its hand. He indicated that lumps of granite rock were available in Enniskerry, and perhaps this could be used as a barrier. It was agreed to erect a barrier of the indigunous rocks.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. raised the question of the use of this space for the purpose of providing small family type units for the elderly. It was agreed that this proposal could be considered at a later date.

ITEM 15 PROCEDURE FOR IMPROVEMENT FOR ALLOCATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

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

"That this Council review its procedure in allocating the Environmental Improvement Schemes. The Council should prepare a list of suitable schemes in all areas and then give them a priority. Then using roughly (but not rigidly) a 40% (Bray) 20% (Baltinglass) 20% (Arklow) 20% (Wicklow) the Council should allocate its money over successive years to work through this listing."

Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer indicated that the Council have already agreed on this years current allocation, but that this Motion could be given consideration for next years allocation, and a report brought before the Council at the end of the year.

ITEM 16 PROVISION OF WALL FOR JOSEPH FITZGERALD, 57 SEAVIEW HEIGHTS, RATHNEW.

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

"That this Council build a small wall for tenant Joseph Fitzgerald, 57 Seaview Heights, Rathnew as there is no soil in his garden and stones are falling onto the footpath, thus causing the children to fall over. The water flows down the footpath and lodges at the front door."

The members were informed that this house is among a group of recently built houses at Rathnew. According to the Contract Documents, the Contractor is obliged to build a fence on the boundary line of this house. The members were informed that this matter has been taken up with the Contractor.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. proposed that the wall should be built.

ITEM 17 PAYMENT TO EDWARD KENNY, 4, NEW BUNGALOW, RATHNEW.

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

"That this Council pay Edward Kenny, 4 New Bungalow, Rathnew for the loss of his carpets and other furniture due to the supply tank overflowing."

The members were informed that the burst water tank at this bungalow was repaired more than a year ago and also appeared in the Cottage Repair List in February, 1979, as an item of works completed for the month of January. The members were informed that the burst occurred during a spell of heavy frost, and that any damage which occurred cannot be blamed on poor workmanship on the part of the Council. The Council are not liable in this case on the facts available.

The Chairman stated that he had examined the house himself and the problem did not arise due to heavy frost. He enquired if the Councils Insurance did not cover this case.

The Deputy County Manager indicated that this also happened in private houses and that the tenants were responsible, and that the Councils' Insurance did not cover this type of incident, but tenants' private insurance should do so.

ITEM 18 LAND AT REAR OF COUNCIL HOUSES NOS. 34-50 ROCKFIELD PARK, KILMACANOGUE.

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

"That a further report be given to resolution passed last year relating to land at rear of Council Houses Nos. 34 - 50 Rockfield Park, Kilmacanogue. The tenants are anxious to have this land as part of their gardens."

The members were informed that the Council has pegged out the extra land to be granted to the tenants. As a number of tenants are interested in building fences and walls it was considered best to place wooden pegs rather than concrete posts. Tenants are being informed of the extra land to be granted. The extra plots are now being included in maps being prepared for the purpose of the land registry.

It was agreed that in principle where odd corners exist, they should be incorporated into the disposal.

ITEMS NOS. 19 & 22 CERTIFICATES OF REDEMPTION.

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

"That this Council issue Certificates of Redemption on all cottages which have been fully purchased."

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

"That this Council ask the Land Registry to send out Certificates of Redemption to all cottage owners who have paid annuities."

The A/County Secretary informed the members that in all cases the Council has forwarded to tenants a copy of the Certificates of Redemption plus standard letter to all tenants purchasing their houses.

Councillor K. Ryan indicated that was not the position in all cases, he agreed to send in specific cases and the Council would have them examined.

ITEM 20 OPPOSITION TO THE REVISED 1980 DIFFERENTIAL RENTS SCHEME.

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

"That the Council seek a deputation with the Minister to express our opposition to the Revised 1980 Differential Rents Scheme. In particular the new formula for calculating the maximum rents and abolition of the subsidy on rent for persons dependent on non-contributory social welfare payments."

The A/County Secretary informed the members that some time ago the National Differential Rents Scheme was revised and particulars were circulated differently. The A/County Secretary outlined in detail the difference in calculations under the old scheme and the new scheme.

Following lengthy discussion it was agreed to express the views of the Council when the Deputation was made to the Minister with regard to the Tenant Purchase Scheme.

ITEM 21 PROPOSED REPAIRS TO COTTAGE OF LIZZIE O'NEILL, BALLYALLAGH, BRITTAS BAY.

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

"That urgent repairs be carried out to the cottage of Lizzie O'Neill, Ballysallagh, Brittas Bay."

The members were informed that the estimated cost of £1,000 has been approved for this cottage, and instructions issued to have the repairs carried out. The E.S.B. have been asked to submit a quotation for the supply of electricity for this cottage.

Councillor H. Cullen informed the members that this house was built in 1894, and was without facilities. He enquired if the Social Worker has called and was there a report available. The Deputy County Manager informed the members that the Social Worker had called but that he, as yet, had not an opportunity to make his report available.

ITEM 23 PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY FOR HOUSES AT CHAPEL LANE, SHILLELAGH.

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

"That this Council provide a proper water supply for the houses at Chapel Lane, Shillelagh."

The members were informed that this area contained large amounts of iron. In order that the water be freed from iron it will be necessary to install a plant. This would cost at least £8,000. It is recommended, however, that no action be taken until the new water supply scheme is constructed.

Councillor K. Ryan enquired if samples were taken from other water sources around the area. The County Engineer indicated that such samples would be taken and a report would be brought back.

ITEMS 24 - 83 (DEFERRED).

It was agreed that the replies to items 24 - 83 would be posted to the Councillors concerned in time for the Area Meetings on Monday, 28th July, 1980.

ITEM 84 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

Pump at Whitegates.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill enquired if the County Manager would get on to the E.S.B. with regard to the water supply pump at Greystones. It was agreed to contact the E.S.B. again re. urgency of this case.

Lifeguard at Greystones.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill enquired if the Council would pay the Lifeguard at Greystones on the same basis as Malahide. The Deputy County Manager indicated that the Council would not be in a position to accede to this request, as this rate was limited to other local rates.

Lights on Kilcoole Road.

Councillor Jones requested that lights be erected at night at the machinery parked on the Kilcoole Road.

Roundwood Water Supply.

Councillor J. Leeson indicated that there was no water in Roundwood. The County Engineer indicated that the E.S.B. is holding up the position as water is available. He indicated that he would let the meeting know the position at the meeting on Monday.

Potholes on Newtownmountkennedy Road.

Councillor J. McManus indicated that there were two large potholes on the approach road to Newtownmountkennedy, and requested that they be filled in as a matter of urgency. Agreed.

Meeting on Travellers.

Councillor J. McManus objected strongly to the fact that no Engineer was present at the recent meeting on Travellers, despite the fact that the Councillors were present. The County Engineer in reply apologised and indicated that due to work pressure and various meetings he had been unable to attend.

Open Space of 19 acres at Greystones.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. enquired as to the position of the 19 acre space available at Greystones. He indicated that various clubs were anxious to get pitches available and were prepared to clean them up themselves. The Deputy County Manager indicated that they would be made available as soon as possible, as the matter was being examined by Consulting Architects.

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CHAIRMAN.

Date: _____

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW, ON MONDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1980.

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

Also in Attendance:- Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,
Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary,
Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer,
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, Housing/Planning,
Mr. P. O'Meara, Staff Officer, Housing Section,
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section,
Mr. R. Holohan, A/Administrative Officer, Env/Roads.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

It was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor H. Cullen, and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Housing Meeting of the Council held on the 7th July, 1980, and also the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on the 21st July, 1980, be confirmed and signed.

Councillor G. Jones proposed a suspension of Standing Orders in order to discuss the particularly bad state of the Greystones and Northern Area, in relation to Open Spaces and general maintenance. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill. It was agreed to defer the matter until later in the meeting, as the County Engineer was not in attendance at the time.

ITEM 2 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT BOLEY, SHILLELAGH.

It was proposed by Councillor V. Blake, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan, and agreed that this land, 0.4 acres, be disposed of to Mr. George Hickey, Cronelea, Shillelagh, Co. Wicklow, in accordance with the Statutory Notice circulated.

Councillor K. Ryan indicated that it was very annoying to have such matters going on for 6 years before a decision could be taken and enquired what was the procedure in these cases. Mr. McCabe stated that in this case Mr. Hickey had only recently called into the Office and endeavoured to undertake a reasonable price for the land, the matter was then brought to finality.

ITEM 3 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT BALLYNULTAGH, SHILLELAGH.

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor V. Blake and agreed that this land, 2 roods and 15 sq. perches approx. be disposed of to Mr. & Mrs. D. Gentleman, Millview, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh, Co. Wicklow, in accordance with the Statutory Notice circulated.

ITEM 4 RESTRUCTURING AND REGRADING OF ENGINEERING GRADES.

The County Manager informed the members that the proposed restructuring and regrading of Engineering Posts had been going on for a number of months, and following consultation with the Union side, the following number of posts were agreed upon:-

Senior Executive Engineer	5 Posts
Senior Executive (Planning)	1 Post
Executive Engineer	1 1/4 Posts
Executive Planner	1 Post
Assistant Engineer level.	6 Posts, comprising 4 Engineers, 1 Planner, and 1 Chemist.

The County Manager further indicated that in this exercise he was confined to the existing compliment of 27 Engineers. In reply to questions raised the County Manager indicated that in the case of Senior Executive (Planning) any person with a planning qualification would be eligible to apply. With regard to Mr. Higgins, he would be eligible to apply for the post of Executive Planner and the five existing Chief Assistant County Engineers would be eligible to apply for the post of Senior Executive Engineer. The County Manager emphasised that by this restructuring of Engineering Staff it was hoped to attain the required number of Engineering Staff to meet the demands of the public and to meet the Councils' wishes.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. suggested that this item should be deferred until the County Engineer was present at the meeting and he then asked what this re-arrangement was going to mean in terms of cost, as there was a great deal of disquiet at the moment and the Council would want to know what improvements were envisaged and what benefit the people of Wicklow would receive.

In reply the County Manager stated that the proposed regrading would cost an extra £20,000 per annum. He added that for a number of years Wicklow County Council has not had its' full compliment of engineering staff, and without same it is impossible to have a proper Engineering Structure. He stated that the Senior Executive Engineers will have to accept additional responsibilities but at the present time he was not in a position to list same, but with a full-time Engineering Staff it was envisaged that the Council would have "more stability, permanency and continuity" in its Engineering Structure.

Councillor K. Ryan expressed concern with regard to the continued employment of some of the outdoor staff as the Council had taken over miles of roadway in the county, and there was no justification for redundancies in this sector, he also asked how it was proposed to pay for this increased salary.

Councillor J. Leeson indicated that he would like to see what the functions of these new positions were and that he himself had pressed for more experienced Engineers, who would be capable of making decisions in the County. He also requested a setout of responsibility and authority and said that unless each new post had a clearly defined role, very little would be achieved.

The Chairman asked for clarification on the post of Senior Executive Engineer (Planning) and enquired if any of our own Senior Engineers could apply for the post. While Councillor G. Jones requested that the actual duties, responsibilities and delegations of the new positions should be put on paper and circulated.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. indicated that he was deeply concerned that the Council would know how this structure was going to be organised, stating that at present all engineering matters were going through the County Engineer, and there should be a better distribution of the work-load.

Councillor P. Deering indicated that he would like to draw attention to the position in West Wicklow which was "chaotic" and negotiations would have to be entered into immediately with regard to planning, etc. in and around the lakes area.

Councillor A. Murphy requested that the overall position of the regrading in totality be circulated, with the particular functions of each grade itemised in order that the position could be seen and examined in full.

Councillor J. Miley protested strongly about the position in relation to planning permissions in West Wicklow around the lakeside area. He indicated that Wicklow was working on a Plan that was completely outdated. Councillor Miley suggested to the three T.D.'s to attend all planning meetings in West Wicklow.

Returning to the regrading structure, the County Manager assured the members that the Engineering Staff would work in conjunction with the Administrative Structure. He also stressed that all other Counties were filling these posts at present and he was anxious that these new posts would be filled, as soon as possible.

Following continuous discussion it was agreed that this item should be included on the Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 8th September, 1980.

Councillor G. Jones drew attention to the general bad condition of the Northern Area, making particular reference to Greystones. He stated that never before has he seen general maintenance of the surrounding so neglected and he indicated that he had received genuine grievances from the residents of Greystones, in particular to the maintenance of open spaces on which weeds, ragwort and thistles were rampant. Councillor Jones also indicated that there had been an increase of 25% in the maintenance fund, but he could not see any reflection of this increase in work in Greystones.

Councillor J. Leeson indicated that Councillors Jones and Miss N. O'Neill were fully justified in their protestations, and referred in particular to the area around the seafront, which was in very bad condition for what is regularly a well-kept resort.

It was agreed that this matter would be examined in full and the County Engineer report back.

Surface Dressing:

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. indicated that there was absolute chaos on the August Bank Holiday Week-end with regard to a diversion at the Beehive and tourist traffic having to travel through Wicklow and then on to Rathnew. He asked for better control and better observation by the Engineering Staff and enquired if such jobs could not be done during April and May. Councillor Kavanagh also stated that he had received complaints that the quality of the surface dressing in Ashford was not of good standard.

Councillor P. Deering drew attention to minor roads in his own area which had been left in very bad condition by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

Councillor J. McManus indicated that while some of the road surfacing had been very successful, the portion of the roadway at the Glen of the Downes, which was surface dressed some six weeks ago and already there were potholes in the road under the surface dressing, and it therefore did not seem that this road surfacing was successful.

Councillor J. Miley stated that no surface dressing had taken place in West Wicklow to date and it would be October before it would be commenced at which stage it would be too late for this work. Councillor Miley requested a local meeting between the Engineering Staff and the Councillors for the area.

The County Engineer stated that general shortage of funds and an increase of the traffic load travelling on the roads, together with bad weather conditions, was responsible for their present condition. He added that there would have to be an increase of monies being made available in order to reshape some of the roads in bad condition. This would appear necessary on the Ashford Road.

The County Manager indicated that he had travelled through most counties and he would not agree that Wicklow had the worst maintained roads, but rather that they had better roads than many other counties.

ITEM 5 CREATION OF POST OF FINANCE OFFICER.

The County Secretary informed the members of the Council that in 1974, the Minister for Local Government agreed to a special study of the proposal by the Manpower Committee whose report in September, 1975, contained an unanimous recommendation for the introduction of the grade of Finance Officer. He added that the Urban Authorities within the Local Authority would be availing of the specialist advice and guidance which a suitably qualified person would be in a position to give.

The County Secretary also indicated what the new post would entail in relation to additional cost to the Council.

It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. and unanimously agreed, that, in accordance with the terms of Section 6 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Wicklow County Council approve of the abolition of the post of County Accountant with Wicklow County Council, and of the creation of the post of Finance Officer with Wicklow County Council.

ITEM 6 HOUSING AND PLANNING CONFERENCE AT BRIGHTON.

The County Secretary drew attention to Circular Letter G. 3/80 issued by the Minister for the Environment in relation to the Brighton Conference. This Circular Letter indicated that:-

"The Minister requests that any local authority which has nominated or proposes to nominate delegates to this Conference should now reconsider the matter in the light of the general economic situation, the financial position of the local authority itself, the estimated cost of attendance at the Conference and the relevance of the Conference having regard in particular to the extent of the local authority's housing programme."

Councillor K. Ryan objected to such restrictions being made saying that if members went abroad twice within the lifetime of the Council they would be doing well. He stated that he did not believe that it would be costing that much, considering the loss of time involved in attending meetings, etc.

Councillor J. McManus stated that with regard to feedback and benefit gained from attending Conferences abroad, he felt that the Council could have the same benefit with fewer Councillors attending Conferences. Councillor A. Murphy indicated that this Circular Letter should be taken as noted.

Councillor J. Leeson indicated that if members were able to get one trip between time of elections they would be lucky and that it would be totally wrong to close the Councillors minds on this matter. Councillor Leeson suggested that it would be more beneficial to send less members to more Conferences.

ITEM 7 TO CONSIDER THE MAKING OF HOUSING BYE LTWS UNDER SECTION 70 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1966.

It was agreed that this item should be deferred to the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

ITEM 8 HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT.

Mr. U. McCabe informed the members that there were 72 Houses completed to date, this number included the 16 houses at Auhgrim, which would be handed over in the near future.

Houses in Progress.

Bray

Mr. U. McCabe indicated that the 75 House Scheme at Bray was making good progress and some of the Houses should be ready before the completion date, i.e. 30th April, 1981.

Greystones

Mr. McCabe stated that the situation in Greystones remained the same with work progressing. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill enquired if any reply had been received from Riversdale Concrete Products Ltd. in this matter.

Newcastle

Mr. McCabe stated that the 10 houses were still to be completed and it was expected that these would be finished by the end of October.

Blessington.

It was indicated that the residual 8 houses would be completed in December.

Bathdrum

Mr. McCabe indicated that some of the 22 House Scheme will be ready at the end of September and the remaining will be ready at the end of November.

Baltinglass

These houses are scheduled for completion at the end of September.

Shillelagh

Mr. McCabe indicated that the 8 house scheme in Shillelagh should be completed by the end of September, but stated that there was some difficulty with a right-of-way. Councillor V. Blake stated that by the time this scheme is completed this right-of-way will be taken away from them. Mr. McCabe replied that he was aware of this and he would have the matter investigated. Councillor K. Ryan stated that these 8 houses would satisfy $\frac{1}{3}$ of the need for housing in this area. Mr. McCabe indicated that the Council were about to make a C.P.O. in order to acquire additional land for housing in this area.

Kirikee

It is expected that these 4 houses will be handed over at the end of September.

Ashford

The members were informed that the 32 House Scheme in Ashford was started in June.

Barndarrig

This Scheme has just been commenced.

Knoxters

The members were informed that this rural cottage had been commenced and Councillor G. Murphy, T.D. stated that he was particularly pleased to see this particular cottage being commenced.

Hill

Tenders Accepted: Contract to be signed and work to commence in the near future.
Rural Cottage Ballymaghroe (O'Neill).

The members were informed that the Contract has been signed and the work was due to commence.

Tenders Accepted and Awaiting Capital Allocation to enable Contracts to be signed.

Greystones	58
Kilcoole	42
Ballinaclesh	12
	112

New Starts. In relation to the capital allocation awaited for new starts, the County Secretary indicated that the Council had written to the Minister for the Environment on 17th July, 1980, expressing the very serious concern of the members over the lack of any capital allocation for new housing starts, especially as a number of the new schemes are to be built by the Council's Direct Labour Staff, and seeking the receipt of a Deputation from the Minister in this connection. The County Secretary further stated that a reply from the Minister dated 11th August, 1980, stating that "The Council's claim for additional funds is being considered in conjunction with similar applications from other housing authorities, and in the circumstances the Minister feels that little would be achieved by his receiving a deputation from the Council to discuss the matter at this stage."

Councillor A. Murphy stated that he could not accept this time-wasting by the Minister, and added that the Council was being starved of finance and more over they had no means of helping people provide their own housing. He referred especially to the Local Authority S.D.A. Loans which have now dried up, and stated that there was no way they could help the ailing building industry.

Councillor J. McManus stated that when the Minister announced cut-backs in services before the last budget, he also made the promise that the weaker sector of the community would not be effected, this promise had now been broken, and added that the Local Authorities are being made scape-goat for the problems of the Government. Councillor McManus also said that the Council could not accept this situation of complete and total shut-down of Local Authority Housing.

Councillor J. Leeson added his voice on this item stating that if monies were not going to be forthcoming for housing, then the Council should be notified of this in order that housing can be dispersed more evenly throughout the county.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. indicated that last May the Council was promised that it would be informed about new starts and it appeared as if the Minister would want the Local Authority to use their own finance. He also enquired what finance the Council would have available that could be used for housing.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. stated that the number one priority of the Council is to provide adequate housing and any curtailment of finance in this regard should be fought by each member of the Council. While Councillor K. Ryan stressed that from day to day more and more caravans were appearing throughout the county and expressed fear that the Council was returning to a housing situation in the county similar to that of the early 70's. The Chairman enquired how much money would the Council require to bring it up to date on New Starts. In reply, Mr. McCabe stated that an estimated amount of at least £600,000 would be required to finance, for the remainder of the financial year, all the new starts for which tenders had been received but that this figure did not relate to the Councils position on existing commitments for which a further allocation of capital was also required.

Development of Private Sites:

Kilbride: Mr. McCabe indicated that the Contractor was to start on this site this week.

Baltinglass: Layout, design and estimate to be prepared for services.

Acquisition of Lands:

Johnstown/Kilpedder. C.P.O. for 5 acres, 3 roods, 25 sq. pers. confirmed. Statutory Notice published. Appeal to High Court.

Baltinglass Mr. McCabe indicated that new proposals for acquisition of lands at Baltinglass were being examined.

Ballyconnell/Kilquiggan. Councillor V. Blake indicated that there should be no delay in making a Compulsory Purchase Order and asked that this be gone ahead with straight away.

Kiltegan Mr. McCabe indicated that the exchange of lands in this case were progressing favourably.

Ballycoogue Site of 1.2 acres in final stages of transfer to Council.

Ashford 17 acres approx. purchased and now being built on. Agreement reached with owners for purchase of a further adjoining lot of 5 acres which is in course of transfer to Council's ownership.

Valleymount Demand for housing investigated. Further investigation into satisfactory method of sewage disposal on this difficult site being carried out by Engineering Staff before C.P.O. can be made. Councillor J. Miley referred to people who had made applications for housing in the Valleymount area, but when they bought a site themselves they then were refused planning permission. He added that there was land available in Ballyknockan for the purpose of housing and that this location had been passed on to the Engineering Section.

The County Engineer stated that the Council would have to provide sewage treatment that would satisfy the effluent treatment standards of the Dublin Corporation. Councillor P. Deering suggested that a meeting be called with Dublin Corporation to discuss matters pertaining to planning in and around the Blessington lakes area. Councillor J. Miley stated that the people of this area were anxious to be housed by the Council, but did not wish to be transferred to other areas. It was agreed to seek a meeting with Dublin Corporation Officials at the next Planning Committee Meeting in Blessington.

Shillelagh

Acquisition of land to be effected by C.P.O. due to title difficulties. C.P.O. to be made in near future. Councillor V. Blake indicated that there were plenty of people in this area who would exchange land, and stressed that all such possibilities should be explored before resorting to Compulsory Purchase Order.

Glenealy

Acquisition of land under negotiation.

Kilmacanogue

Acquisition of land under negotiation.

Grangecon

Agreement reached for purchase of site which is in course of transfer to Council's ownership.

Bathdrum

C.P.O. for site of 1.6 acres adjoining new housing site confirmed by the Minister. Site in course of transfer.

Tinahely

Exchange of land agreed and in course of transfer to Council's ownership.

Thomastown/Johnstown

C.P.O. made to acquire site at Thomastown.

Dunlavin

C.P.O. confirmed by Minister in respect of plot required for housing purposes. It was stated that this site was in very dangerous condition, with a 4 ft. drop on same and Mr. U. McCabe indicated that he would have this matter examined.

Stratford

Acquisition of land under negotiation. Mr. U. McCabe indicated that one person is looking for too high a price for his land and that the Council were now exploring other sites in the Stratford area.

Grevstones

Acquisition of further land to be investigated.

Blessington

C.P.O. made for 28 acre site for schools, town centre development and future housing.

Coolboy

Site cannot be acquired by Agreement. Reviews of other suitable sites being undertaken.

Enniskerry

Site selected - negotiations to be opened soon for purchase.

Laragh

Agreement reached to acquire site which is now in course of transfer to Council.

ITEM 32

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

Waste Disposal.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, enquired if any application for toxic waste disposal had been received by the Council and stated that the Council would have to be very vigilant in this regard. The Officials of the Council were asked if they had been contacted about a meeting among the Local Authorities to tackle this problem.

Councillor J. Leeson stated that what was needed was a national dump for toxic waste disposal, as the reality of the matter is that some industries will illegally dump this waste.

The County Manager stated that a waste disposal plan would have to be prepared and said that more information would have to be attained on this matter and he would return to the Council with same for next Monday's meeting.

Flooding - Ballyrahan Road/Ballynultagh Road.

Councillor V. Blake drew attention to flooding on the above road at Barbers Bridge and asked that this matter be attended to.

Demountable Dwelling - Ellen Kilbride.

Councillor K. Ryan enquired as to the position in the case. Mr. U. McCabe indicated that the Council provided a serviced Demountable Dwelling for the Kilbride Family on a redeemed cottage plot, so as to provide extra accommodation. He stated that the position is that the Kilbride Family would have to transfer the portion of the cottage plot, on which the demountable dwelling was located, back to the Council, and on doing so it was proposed to sink a well and treat this as a Council house. Otherwise the Council would have no authority to provide a well or septic tank to what was now a private residence.

It was agreed that Councillor K. Ryan would get in contact with the Kilbride Family in relation to signing over this portion of the land to the Council.

Sporting Facilities - 19 Acres at Greystones.

Councillor G. Jones raised the question of the sporting facilities on the 19 acre site at Greystones. The County Engineer informed the members that he had received layout plans for two Schemes from the Consulting Architect, which were available for inspection by the members.

Scheme No. 1. This layout is for 114 houses, consisting of 16 one-bedroomed units; 96 three-bedroomed units, and 2/4 bedroom units, with a gross house density of 6.09 per acre, and a nett density of 13.27 houses per acre.

The Scheme also incorporates 1 G.A.A. Pitch (minimum size) and two Soccer Pitches for Adults and Schools of minimum size, with carparking space for 18 cars.

Scheme No. 2. This layout is for 118 houses, made up of 12 one-bedroomed houses; 104 three-bedroomed house, and 2/4 bedroomed houses, with a gross density of 6.30 and a nett density of 12.74 houses per acre.

The Scheme has three Soccer Pitches; a large one, and a minimum sized one for adults, and a minimum school sized one, with carparking space for 12 cars.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. enquired if it would be possible to facilitate the Rugby Club in Greystones, who were in need of extra facilities.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. suggested that this matter should be included on the Agenda for the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council, when the item could be discussed in total. It was agreed that this be done.

Closing of Roads at Rathnew.

Councillor F. Hynes enquired as to the closing of roads in the Rathnew area on the Bank Holiday Week-End and stated that there was a big disruption in traffic and considerable inconvenience to motorists.

The County Engineer stated that he telephoned the Meteorological Station on the Friday in question, who indicated that the weather would keep fine and therefore in order to safeguard the capital investment involved the surface dressing had

to be gone ahead with, and it was hoped that by re-routing the traffic through Wicklow Town it would cause minimal disruption.

Votes of Sympathy.

Councillor J. Miley proposed a vote of sympathy on the recent death of Mr. Matthew Keenan, Rate Collector in the Roundwood Area. He said that Mr. Keenan had given great service to the Council and was certainly an immense loss to West Wicklow and to the County. Councillors C. Murphy, T.D. G. Timmins, T.D. and L. Kavanagh, T.D. along with the other members of the Council also extended their sympathy to Mrs. Keenan on the sudden departure of her husband.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. also proposed a vote of sympathy to the wife of the late Dr. Felix McEnroy, who was very well known in the town, even before the setting up of the Eastern Health Board by Wicklow County Council, and in his capacity as Medical Examiner for the County Council.

A minutes silent prayer was observed.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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WICKLOW

COUNTY

COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 8TH
SEPTEMBER, 1980, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW.

Present:-

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

Also
in

Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,
Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary,
Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer,
Mr. A. Fidgeon, Finance Officer,
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer,
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section,
Mr. P. O'Meara, Staff Officer, Housing Section,
Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer, Motor Taxation Section.

Attendance:-

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor J. Giff and
unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council
held on the 14th July, 1980, be confirmed and signed.

Attention was drawn to Page 3 (Item 6) of these Minutes, where it was
indicated that 3 members only should attend the I.F.H.P. Congress in
Jerusalem. The County Secretary indicated that the decision of the
Council was to send 3 members, but 4 nominations had been received,
and the situation would have to be rectified. The four nominations
received were, Councillors J. Byrne, J. Miley, P. Deering and D. Kinsella.

It was proposed by Councillor D. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor
M. Weadick that the number to be sent to Jerusalem should be changed
to 4.

Councillor J. McManus proposed that the Council do not send anyone to
this Congress. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill proposed that only 3
members should attend. Councillor J. Leeson recommended the proposal
that no-one should attend this Congress.

The Chairman then instructed that a vote be taken. The vote was
carried 15 in favour, 3 against, the sending of 4 members to the I.F.H.P.
Congress in Jerusalem.

ITEM 2 PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING STAFF.

The County Manager indicated that this item had been deferred from the
previous Meeting of the Council in order that the members could be given a
broader look at the regrading and restructuring involved.

The County Manager stated that in the case of Senior Executive (Planning)
all Engineers with a planning qualification could apply for this post.
The members had also enquired what additional responsibilities and delegation
would be attached to the post of Senior Executive Engineer. In this regard
the County Manager stated that in broad terms the Senior Executive Engineers
will be responsible for the preparation of their relevant programmes and for
the budget of that programme, and be available at the Estimates Meeting.
He also added that they would be available to attend Council Meetings, if
it was considered necessary, on any particular items. The County Manager
added that the County Engineer will delegate work to these Senior Executive
Engineers, who will still remain under his control.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that this item had been postponed last week in order that documentation could be made available to the Members on these posts. He indicated that he would like to know what benefits would be accruing to the County of Wicklow with these new arrangements, and added that if it was intended to spend an extra £20,000 then the ratepayers of the County were entitled to what benefits were accruing. Councillor Kavanagh said that he would like to have a written report as to the new duties and responsibilities of the posts when informing the general public of same.

Councillor K. Ryan also asked for a detailed report and added that if there was no money available in the Estimates for repair of footpaths, potholes, etc. than what was the use of appointing Engineers to higher positions. He said that surely the Council will have to know what effect these changes are going to have on the improvements in the services.

Councillor J. Leeson enquired as to the post of Senior Executive Engineer, 5 Posts and asked for what sections of the Council's programme these men would be responsible for. Councillor Leeson made the point that by taking up these higher posts, there would be no need to farm away the jobs to Consulting Engineers and he said that he would hope to have indicated to the Council the various means by which this money would be recouped, thereby showing that the whole idea would be partly self-financing and giving assurances to the Council.

Councillor J. Sweeney indicated that he would go along with Councillor Leeson in asking for a list of the various programmes, with the number of Engineers employed on each programme and their status.

Councillor J. McManus put the question to the County Manager and the County Engineer that with the up-grading, would the County Engineer's responsibilities be changed or diminished. He indicated that in the last analysis it will be the County Engineer who will have to answer to the Council and no matter what qualifications are applied to the Engineering posts it will depend on how much responsibility the County Engineer is prepared to delegate. Councillor McManus indicated that while he supported the resolution he could see a need for an Architect in the County. While the standard of a lot of the Housing Schemes was very impressive, Councillor McManus asked if there could not be a post of Senior Executive Architect to substitute one of the Senior Executive Engineers posts, and said that it would be beneficial to consider the appointment of an Architect.

Councillor N. O'Neill enquired if the new positions were open to the public or if they were confined to the present staff. Councillor H. Cullen drew attention to the problem which existed in that the areas under the control of the Area Engineers did not correspond with the Electoral Area Divisions, and indicated that he would like to see this issue resolved.

Councillor A. Murphy also indicated that a written report of the new roles would save a lot of timewasting, and he also enquired what qualifications were needed for the post of Chemist (Assistant Engineer level).

The County Manager informed the Members that in relation to the detailed list of duties which was to be made available, even though negotiations have been going on for the last number of months it was only recently that the final agreement had been reached with the Engineers and it was not possible to work out the exact duties of the posts. He further stated that when these duties were finalised the Council would be fully informed. The County Manager further stated that he had asked the County Engineer to make out his proposals with regard to the new posts and he felt that with a co-ordination of services between the County Engineer and Senior Executive Engineers a stable Engineering Structure could be achieved.

Councillor J. McManus was of the opinion that it would be absolutely necessary for the Senior Executive Engineers in charge to attend Council Meetings and he suggested that this could mean that the structure of the Meetings would have to change. In connection with the post of Senior Executive Engineer in charge of Housing, Councillor McManus enquired if this post could not be opened up so that an Architect could apply at a later date.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. asked how many of the posts will have to be advertised, or if it would be an internal re-arrangement. He was anxious also to see coordination and cooperation between Administrative grades and the new proposed structure.

The County Manager informed the Members that an Architect could not be included in the present structure, but that there would be nothing against having an Architect in the future.

Councillor A. Murphy said that he also would see a role for an Architect, involving himself also in the planning section and he hoped that the County Engineer would give consideration to this at the appropriate time.

The County Engineer stated that by the implementation of these new posts there would be a possible saving in the region of £70,000 - £80,000, which the Council was at present passing to Consultant Engineers. Mr. Donovan also reiterated by saying that he intended delegating duties but would be taking the overall responsibility himself, and as a result of this delegation he hoped that the work could be done as efficiently as possible.

In reply to Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. the County Manager stated that, leaving out the County Engineer and Chief Fire Officer, there are 27 Engineering posts in the county and 20 of these are new posts. He added that the Council has 20 permanent Engineers who would be eligible and it would be up to the Local Appointments Commission to ascertain if these Engineers are qualified to fill the new posts. He also informed the members that there was a new grade of Assistant Engineer level, which was a little lower than the present Assistant County Engineer level.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. proposed that the Council adopt the proposals as recommended to them. While Councillor K. Ryan asked for reassurance that there would be no reduction in the outside staff. In reply the County Engineer stated that these new appointments will not result in any of the outdoor staff being affected. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. noted that the implementation of the upgraded posts would be back dated to the 1st January, 1980, and enquired where the £20,000 would come from in the Estimates. The County Manager stated that provision had already been made in the Estimates.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor A. Murphy that the recommendation made be adopted, with the proviso that a detailed allocation of duties would be made available to the members. It was decided that this item should be put to a vote, and it was carried 16 in favour of accepting the recommendations made, with three members abstaining, Councillors Hyrne, Kavanagh, T.D. and K. Ryan.

ITEM 3 APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

The County Secretary informed the members that under the provisions of the Agriculture (Amendment) Act, 1980, the Minister for Agriculture has determined 1st September, 1980, as the date after which each County Council shall appoint a new Committee of Agriculture. This Committee shall consist of 16 Members, 10 of which shall be appointed by Wicklow County Council and the remaining 6 from local farming organisations. The County Secretary stated that there were still nominations outstanding and it was up to the Organisations in question to submit their nominees, as it was made quite clear that the County Council had no function in these nominations.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. that the Council re-nominate the 10 Members already nominated to the County Committee of Agriculture at the Annual General Meeting of the Council, together with the remaining 6 nominees when their names became available.

ITEM 4 TOWN COMMISSIONERS STATUS - GREYSTONES

With regard to the Preliminary Report on the Town Commissioners Status for Greystones, Councillor G. Jones stated that he would agree to the discussion being deferred, and asked if the document had been circulated. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill referred to the document as "misleading".

The County Secretary informed the Members that he had received a communication seeking a copy of the Preliminary Report, but as the document was produced for the information of the Members, who had not discussed same, he was not in a position to release same, except with the Agreement of the Members.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. expressed the opinion that the Preliminary Report should be made available to any person interested in receiving same. While Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. referred to a Meeting with the Greystones District & Civic Association and stated that it would be useful to the Members to get the views that were given at that Meeting.

Councillor G. Jones interrupted by stating that the question of the sports facilities was much more proximate than the Town Commissioners Status.

The County Engineer stated that he had shown the plans to the Bray Area Members at the previous Housing Meeting, and stated that he had conveyed instructions to the Architect.

Scheme No. 1 The Scheme incorporates one G.A.A. Pitch (minimum size) and two Soccer Pitches for Adults and Schools of minimum size.

Scheme No. 2 The Scheme has three Soccer Pitches; a large one, and a minimum sized one for adults, and a minimum school sized one.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. enquired when these plans would be coming before the Council again and asked if provision could be made for two hockey pitches, which could be run in conjunction with two full length soccer pitches. He emphasised that the playing facilities were totally male orientated and said that female pursuits would have to be catered for as well.

Councillor J. McManus stated that he understood that a formal Meeting would have to be held to discuss this site, but asked if the Clubs involved could not go ahead marking out the pitches for temporary use, in order to avoid further delay, due to the urgency for playing facilities in the area.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill objected saying that there was no formal discussion among the Bray Area Councillors in this matter, and referred to planning difficulties on this site. Councillor K. Ryan enquired if all these pitches were necessary and asked as to the cost involved.

Following further discussion, Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. suggested that this matter should be brought up for discussion at the next planning meeting, in order that every Member could get a proper view of the plans for the sporting facilities. It was agreed that this be done.

ITEM 5

ESTABLISHMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE AND PROCESS LAND DRAINAGE SCHEMES IN THIS COUNTY.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors Miss N. O'Neill, J. Miley, J. Miley, J. Sweeney and T. Keenan was considered:-

"That this Council form a Sub-Committee of Members of this Council and Committee of Agriculture to examine and process land drainage schemes in this County".

Councillor J. Miley proposed the setting up of a Sub-Committee to examine and process land drainage in the county for the purpose of improving the land and rivers of the county, as there are quite an amount of land and lakes to be drained.

Councillor P. Deering enquired what powers this Sub-Committee would have, and asked if they would be attempting to get the people to operate their own drainage schemes. He further stated that the Council did not seem to have the money to finance a drainage scheme, and it seemed that the Bord of Works are loathe to enter into any such undertakings. Councillor J. Miley indicated that the County Councils and the County Committee of Agriculture have sought finance from the E.E.C. for such work, but any money made available had been directed to the West of Ireland. He stated that areas of West Wicklow were inkeeping with the West of Ireland and as such warranted financial aid.

Councillor T. J. Keenan also supported the resolution and stated that there was a lot of valuable land which could not be drained because of the rivers and streams running through it and he said that the County Council had not been successful in its bid to have some rivers drained. Councillor K. Ryan also supported the Motion stating that it was the best Notice of Motion that had come before the Council for some time.

The County Manager stated that it was difficult to know if drainage was the responsibility of the Council, as they had not been involved in drainage for a number of years. The County Secretary informed the members that the Bord of Works have prepared a programme of arterial drainage works, but some of the rivers involved may not be reached within the next 20 years.

Councillor J. Leeson indicated that some expertise would have to be sought and that the problem of drainage would not be bridged without sufficient professional advice. Councillor J. Miley suggested that the Council should look to the Government for help, through the Taoiseach, in the form of a sum of money to carry out a survey into the drainage needs of the County. Councillor L. Kavanagh stated that the main problem was that the Council have not been highlighting the problem of drainage and suggested that the Council should put forward its difficulties to the Office of Public Works, referring to the schemes that need attention. He referred specially to the need for a drainage scheme along by the Railway in the Kilcoole/Killygannon area, and added that the Council would have to identify specific schemes and "unless we shout about it we will never get high enough on the priority list".

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. suggested that contact should be made with the Bord of Works in order that the up to date position with the up to date priorities could be ascertained. Councillor K. Ryan referred to the flooding of the Derry River at Shillelagh and asked the County Engineer what notice had been served in this case to have the timber removed.

The County Manager again stated that drainage was not the function of the County Council, but that the Sub-Committee could play an important role as a pressure group in highlighting the drainage problems in the county. The County Secretary indicated that he would write to the Office of Public Works relaying the comments of the members in this matter.

An extension of time was proposed by Councillor J. Leeson and seconded by Councillor G. Jones. It was agreed that the Meeting would be extended until 5.15 p.m.

ITEM 6 NAMING OF COUNTY COUNCIL CEMETERY AT BALLYWALTRIM, BRAY.

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

"That the new County Council Cemetery at Ballywaltrim, Bray, be called St. Fergal's Cemetery".

Councillor J. Byrne indicated to the members that he had been approached by a number of people to have the Cemetery in Ballywaltrim named St. Fergal's, as it was in the parish of St. Fergal's. Councillor J. Byrne formally proposed that this cemetery should be called St. Fergals, this proposal was seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. Councillor Byrne said that there may have been a misconception that the cemetery will cater for one religion only, which was not the case.

Councillor C. Murphy stated that he would like to see the cemetery called St. Fergals and accepted that it would be open to all christian religions.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that there was no problem in the case of the cemetery called St. Peters in Bray and it was simply to identify the area and the remains buried therein and he did not think that people of non-religious denomination would take exception to being buried in this cemetery. Councillor J. Sweeney referred to a cemetery in Tallaght, in which people of all demoninations were buried and suggested that in the case of the cemetery at Ballywaltrim contact could be made with the Rector in the area to ascertain if there would be any objections to the naming of the cemetery as "ST. Fergal's".

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. enquired as to who exactly the Council was going to contact and asked to have them listed, he further stated that he would take issue because the parish of Enniskerry and other parishes adjoining this parish would also have to be contacted for their comments and suggestions.

The County Manager stated that the land in question was owned by the County Council and they were entitled to call it as they wished. It was agreed that all religious denominations in the surrounding area would be contacted in relation to the naming of Ballywaltrim cemetery.

ITEM 7 REMOVAL OF DANGEROUS TREES ON COUNCIL PROPERTY AT KILLARNEY ROAD.

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

"That the County Council remove the dangerous trees on their property at Killarney Road, Bray (on site of Council 75 House Scheme) as they may cause a serious accident."

Councillor J. Byrne indicated that the trees were very dangerous as the E.S.B. wires were holding up the branches.

The County Engineer informed the members that the Council would have to obtain the opinion of a tree expert in this matter and it was agreed that this be done.

ITEM 8 PROVISION OF BUS SHELTER AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO NEWCASTLE HOSPITAL.

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

"That this Council request C.I.E. to provide a Bus Shelter at the Main Entrance to Newcastle Hospital."

It was proposed by Councillor H. Cullen, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. that a Bus Shelter be provided at the Main Entrance to Newcastle Hospital. The County Secretary stated that the Council would approach C.I.E. with a view to providing this Bus Shelter.

ITEM 9 PROVISION OF BUS SHELTERS AT LOWER STREET, RATHDRUM, AND AT CORBALLIS CROSS, RATHDRUM.

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

"That this Council request C.I.E. to provide Bus Shelters at Lower Street, Rathdrum, and at Corballis Cross, Rathdrum."

It was agreed that this item be treated as Item 8, in that C.I.E. would be contacted with a view to providing the Bus Shelters.

ITEM 10 SHEEP DIPPING UNIT - JOHN SNELL, JAMES' PARK, BALLINTOMBAY, RATHDRUM.

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

"That monies be provided to repair the Sheep Dipping Unit at the holding of John Snell, James' Park, Ballintombay, Rathdrum."

The County Engineer, in his report, indicated that this sheep dipping unit is the property of John Snell and is situated on his land. It is available for use by the public on a fee basis. He further stated that the timber post and rail fencing is rotten. If it is to be replaced by the County Council, it is recommended that it be a 4' high 9" hollow block wall capped with a course of 9" solid blocks. Two pens hold the sheep before dipping, of total area approx. 30' X 15', have concrete floors, but the pen which holds the sheep after dipping has a rough stone floor which gets muddy when wet. If the field in which the bath is situated is under tillage the sheep enter from the adjoining field through the stone floored pen and carry mud from there into the bath. It would, therefore, be desirable if the pen of approx. 30' x 18' was provided with a concrete floor. The sheep draining area of the bath is small and Mr. Snell asked that the Council consider extending it. The County Engineer also stated that the cost of providing wall would be approximately £1,150. A concrete floor for the stone floored pen would cost approx. £500. Extending the sheep draining area would cost £320. Total Cost - £1,970.

Councillor H. Cullen stated that this Sheep Dipping Bath was a very important facility in this area as it catered for the dipping of 700 sheep annually, and he enquired if there was any procedure which would allow Mr. Snell to carry out the repairs himself, or alternatively if the Council were prepared to have a new bath built by this time next year. Councillor Cullen asked if these avenues could be explored by the Sheep Dipping Committee.

Councillor K. Ryan informed the members that the Sheep Dipping Committee was finding a lot of problems with the repair and maintenance of Sheep Dipping Baths in the county. While Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. paid tribute to the former Sheep Dipping Committee, the members of which were very active. Councillor J. Leeson indicated that with the introduction of the second dipping period, the least the Council could do would be to spend a bit more money on the upkeep of baths in the County, especially in the case of private baths which people were so good as to allow the Council to use.

Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, informed the members that as this was a private bath, it would be the responsibility of Mr. Snell to keep it in repair. It was agreed that this item would be referred back to the Sheep Dipping Committee for their decision on the matter.

ITEMS 11 to 32 WERE DEFERRED TO THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

ITEM 33 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

Conference on Pollution - Tyne & Wyer District Council, Newcastle.

It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan that the Chairman, Mr. Frank Hynes attend the above Conference.

Increase to Civil Defence Officer

The County Secretary informed the Members that Circular Letter 16/1980 had been received from the Department of Defence indicating that, where an allowance at the rate of £932 per annum is payable to a person performing the duties of Civil Defence Officer the rate of allowance may, where the local authority so decides, be revised as follows:- With effect from 1st March, 1980 - £997.

It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan and unanimously agreed that the rate of pay to the Civil Defence Officer be revised to £997 per annum with effect from 1st March, 1980.

Increase in Second Fire Officer

The County Secretary informed the Members that Circular Letter EL 18/80 had been received from the Department of the Environment indicating the new scale applicable to the Second Fire Officer, with effect from the 1st March, 1979, is as follows:-

£5865 - £6006 - £6150 - £6294 - £6438 - £6602.

It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, and unanimously agreed that the above salary revision for Second Fire Officer be implemented, with effect as from 1st March, 1979.

County Development Plan

Councillor K. Ryan stated that it was time that a proper up-to-date Plan was agreed upon, and added that the County Development Plan was overdue.

Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, indicated to the Members of the Council that the period of 5 years from the date of review of the last County Development Plan would expire on 8th September, 1980, and as Section 20 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963, imposed an obligation on Planning Authorities to review their Development Plans at least once in every 5 years after the date of making or reviewing of the Plan, it was now necessary for the Council to review the Development Plan.

It was further explained to the Members that what was required was a decision to review the existing Plan without making any variation thereto, so as to comply with the legal obligations imposed by the Act until such time as the Council would be in a position to deal with the proposed revised Draft County Development Plan.

Following some discussion, the Members of the Council agreed to review the existing County Development Plan without making any variations to it and they requested that the proposed new Draft County Development Plan be presented to them for consideration within a period not exceeding 6 months. It was pointed out to the Members that no public notice would have to be given of their decision to review the existing decision without variation.

It was accordingly proposed by the Chairman, Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. and unanimously agreed that following a review of the Wicklow County Development Plan, in accordance with Section 20 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963, we consider that no variation is to be made in the Wicklow County Development Plan as adopted by the Council on the 8th September, 1970.

Closing of Roads at Corballis, Rathdrum on Saturday, 27th September, 1980.

The County Secretary informed the Members that it was proposed to close to public traffic the roads in the Corballis Area of Rathdrum on Saturday, 27th September, 1980, between the hours of 1.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. in connection with the holding of Short Circuit Motor Races by the Motor Enthusiasts' Club Ltd.

Payment of Cheques to Council Pensioners.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. made the complaint that Council Pensioners were not receiving their cheques on time and he asked that they be paid on the same day as the workers, i.e. Friday, as against receiving their cheques on Monday or Tuesday. The County Secretary undertook to have this matter rectified.

Junction at Carnew/Shillelagh and Coolattin

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. drew attention to a dangerous turn at the above junction where one car had already hit a telephone pole and asked that signs be put back further on the Carnew Road.

Capital Allocation for Housing Programme

Councillor J. McManus enquired how much money to date had come to Wicklow County Council for its housing programme.

Deputy C. Murphy stated that there was a notice on the way to Wicklow County Council to effect that it would be allocated a sum of £29,000, he further stated that a sum of £12 million was being made available and that Wicklow would get its share of this. The Chairman indicated that he had telephoned the Department and ascertained that Wicklow would receive an allocation of £29,000 and was also informed that there would be no further allocation until the outcome of the National Understanding.

Playing Fields at Newtownmountkennedy

In relation to the playing fields at Newtownmountkennedy, Councillor F. Hynes asked if there had been any developments as regards the buying of the land from Mr. Watson. It was agreed that this matter would receive further attention.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.


CHAIRMAN.

Date: _____

...the County Secretary informed the Members that Circular Letter 10/1980 had been received from the Department of Defence indicating that, where an allowance at the rate of 100% per annum is payable to a person performing the duties of Civil Defence Officer, the rate of allowance may, where the local authority so decides, be revised as follows:- With effect from 1st March, 1980 - 1987.

...it was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor E. Hynes, and unanimously agreed that the rate of pay to the Civil Defence Officer be revised to 100% per annum with effect from 1st March, 1980.

...the County Secretary informed the Members that Circular Letter 10/1980 had been received from the Department of the Environment indicating the new scale applicable to the Second Fire Officer, with effect from 1st March, 1979. It is as follows:-

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...Opening of Roads at Corbally, Rathdown, on Saturday, 27th September, 1980.

...the County Secretary informed the Members that it was proposed to close to public traffic the roads in the Corbally area of Rathdown on Saturday, 27th September, 1980, between the hours of 1.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. in connection with the holding of Short Circuit Motor Races by the Motor Racing Club Ltd.

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MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 6TH
OCTOBER, 1980, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW COMMENCING
AT 2.30 P.M.

Present:-

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

Also

Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,

in

Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary,

Attendance:-

Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer,
Mr. J. Solon, B.E., Chief Assistant County Engineer,
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, Housing Section,
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, Env/Roads,
Mr. J. R. Holohan, Staff Officer, Motor Taxation,
Mr. P. O'Meara, Staff Officer, Housing Section,
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.
Mr. Brian Quigley, Social Worker.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

It was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor V. Blake and
unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Housing Meeting, held on the 1st
September, 1980, be confirmed and signed.

Councillor A. Murphy asked that 10 minutes be devoted towards the
end of the Meeting to discuss the Capital Allocation for New Housing
Starts. Agreed.

ITEM 2 TO FIX DATE FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF TOWN COMMISSIONERS STATUS FOR
GREYSTONES.

It was unanimously agreed that a Special Meeting on Town Commissioners status
for Greystones would be held on Friday, 17th October, 1980, commencing at
2.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Wicklow.

ITEM 3 TRAVELLING PEOPLE.

The County Secretary referred to letter dated 11th September, 1980, already
circulated to the members, from the Dublin County Council, indicating that it
has been considered that settlement of travelling people would be better
served by two Joint Committees, as follows:-

- (a) One Joint Committee serving the area of the City and County
North of the River Liffey with it's members drawn from Dublin
Corporation, Dublin County Council and Balbriggan Town
Commissioners.
- (b) Another Joint Committee serving the City and County of Dublin
South of the River Liffey including the Borough of Dun Laoghaire
and the North County Wicklow area with it's members drawn from
Dublin Corporation, the Corporation of Dun Laoghaire, Bray Urban
District Council, Dublin and Wicklow County Councils.

On the proposal of Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., it was agreed that this item
be referred back to the Sub-Committee on Travelling People.

It was agreed that a Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Travelling People would
be held on Monday, 20th October, 1980, commencing at 2.30 p.m. before the
Planning Meeting.

ITEM 4 PROGRESS REPORT ON MAJOR WATER & SEWERAGE SCHEMES.

It was agreed that the Progress Report, as circulated, would be discussed in order of priority, as listed.

No. 1 Blessington Sewerage Scheme Ess/20/39.

Revised preliminary report submitted to Department of the Environment in March, 1980. Sanction is awaited.

In reply to a query from Councillor J. Miley, Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, stated that the Department had not formally written to the Council and that the position was as stated in the progress report, however, he stated that the Council had written to the Department on a number of occasions seeking sanction to the preliminary report and that a further reminder would issue.

No. 2 Carnew Sewerage Scheme Ess/20/27.

The report indicated that the Contract Documents were submitted to the Department of the Environment in July, 1980. Land Acquisition, Wayleaves, etc. being negotiated.

In reply to queries by Councillors K. Ryan and T. J. Keenan, Mr. L. Brennan indicated that the landowners concerned had been contacted over the last 2 - 4 months and that the planning of the Scheme had advanced in that the Contract Documents were with the Department and agreement had been reached with 90% of the people involved in Wayleaves. He added that it was now a matter for the Department to indicate when the scheme would be released with a financial commitment.

It was agreed that the matter be brought before the Council at the Housing Meeting in November.

No. 3 Greystones Sewerage Scheme Ess/20/40 (Stage II).

The report stated that Contract Documents for this Scheme have been prepared by the Council's Consulting Engineers since May/June, 1979 and are being examined by the Council prior to the submission of same to the Department of the Environment. It is hoped to have these submitted in early course.

Councillor A. Murphy asked for the up-to-date position in relation to Stage I and II of the above Scheme. He indicated that since this item was discussed on the 30th April, last, there seemed to be no further development. He also asked what documents had been submitted with regard to Stage II. Councillor G. Jones, also expressed concern in view of the long discussions the Council has had about the development in the Greystones Area, and asked that the Council proceed with this Scheme.

In reply to Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., who urged that the Contract Documents be submitted to the Department at the earliest possible date, the County Engineer indicated that as this was a very large scheme, the examination of the documentation took time to finalise. He said that it would be inappropriate to submit documents to the Department, and having them return same to the Council seeking further information, as it is more expeditious to submit the documentation when finalised.

No. 4 Wicklow Town Sewerage Scheme Ess/20/5.

The report stated that the Contract Documents for this Scheme have been submitted to the Department of the Environment. Land Acquisition, Wayleaves, and Rights of Way being negotiated.

In reply to Councillor J. Giff, the County Engineer stated that the proposed scheme involved new disposal works and the laying of main sewers to cater for existing development in the Town.

No. 5 Enniskerry Sewerage Scheme Ess/20/30.

The report stated that a Preliminary Report had been prepared in 1978 and was being examined by Council before it is submitted to the Department of the Environment for approval.

The County Engineer indicated that there were two separate schemes under consideration in the above connection, a scheme based on a new treatment works in Enniskerry, and a scheme which would involve the Bray Works. He further stated that the two schemes were being considered seriously, but no definite decision had been made.

Councillor J. McManus asked if there was any hope of getting the existing treatment works at Enniskerry tended to more often. In relation to the existing treatment works Councillor J. McManus requested that greater attention be paid in an effort to improve its condition pending the provision of the new Scheme. Councillor A. Murphy indicated that there had been no material advance since the last report and he requested that the Preliminary Report be submitted to the Department without delay.

No. 6 Tinahely/Carnew Regional Water Supply Scheme Ess/24/157.

The report stated that water proposal under the Water Supplies Act, 1942 now agreed. Contract Documents with the Department of the Environment. Land Acquisition and Wayleaves being negotiated.

In reply to Councillor V. Blake, Mr. L. Brennan stated that it was hoped to have the land, etc. acquired in early course. He also stated that the Scheme had qualified for F.E.O.G.A. Grant Aid. The Scheme would, however, be financed in the usual manner.

No. 7 Carlow North Regional Water Supply Scheme Ess/24/176.

The report stated that the Preliminary Report had been prepared and Water abstraction rights were still being processed by Carlow County Council.

Councillor V. Blake asked if there were any objections to the extraction of water from the river, as some people were under the impression that there were objections to this County taking water from the proposed Scheme.

Mr. L. Brennan stated that this scheme was being administered by Carlow County Council and that a letter had been received to the effect that a petition praying that the provisions order should not become law without further enquiry having been presented to the Circuit Court. It was understood that the case would be heard in the near future.

No. 8 West Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme Ess/24/176.

The report stated that in November 1978 the Council agreed to proceed with this Scheme independently of Dublin County Council. The planning of the Scheme is being undertaken by the Council's staff and the possibility of using the Little Slaney as a source is being examined.

In reply to queries from Councillors G. Timmins, T.D., P. Deering and J. Miley, in relation to this proposal the County Engineer indicated that the planning of the scheme, which was being undertaken by the Council staff, thereby saving fees, would hopefully be completed within the next 3 to 4 months.

No. 9 Roundwood Water Supply Improvement Scheme Ess/24/168.

Mr. L. Brennan, in his report, stated that a detailed report on the effectiveness of the bored well would be submitted in early course and preliminary report on hands would be attended to in the light of the above findings.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill enquired if the bore had been sunk as yet, and Mr. Brennan replied that the bored well was in operation. Councillor J. McManus stated that he had received representations that the people of the area were very pleased with this well.

No. 10. Newtownmountkennedy Sewerage Scheme Ess/20/21.

The report stated that a Preliminary Report for this Scheme is being prepared by the Council's Consulting Engineer. It is expected that same will be available in the near future.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. enquired how long this Preliminary Report had been with the Consultant Engineers, and in reply the County Engineer stated that the Consultants had been working on the project since last year, and that this scheme would take in a drainage area of 170 acres and would cost in the region of £6½ million, to serve a population of approximately 3,000 people.

No. 11 Baltinglass Sewerage Scheme Ess/20/12.

Mr. L. Brennan indicated, in his report, that the Council agreed in December, 1978, to proceed with the planning of this Scheme and Preliminary investigations are in hand by the Council's staff.

No. 12 South East Water Supply Scheme Ess/24/175.

The report stated that the Council has agreed to defer further consideration of this Scheme until the Development Plan has been adopted.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. indicated that there was a lot of concern being expressed with regard to the deferring of the above Scheme, subject to the Development Plan coming onstream. However, as the Draft Development Plan is nearing completion the Council agreed to defer a final decision on this matter.

No. 13 Blessington Water Supply Ess/24/156.

The report stated that the existing Scheme is inadequate. The Council has agreed to the appointment of Consultants to prepare a Preliminary Report.

Councillor J. Miley enquired as to who the Consultants on this Scheme were and when a report would be forthcoming from them. Councillor P. Deering suggested that this scheme should be run in conjunction with the new sewerage scheme for Blessington.

In reply to Councillor Miley, the County Engineer stated that as the Councils staff had not completed its investigations on this scheme, no recommendation as to the appointment of a Consultant had been made.

No. 14 North East Regional Water Supply Scheme.

The report indicated that the Consulting Engineers were to review the situation in the light of developments.

Councillor A. Murphy asked if connections had been made from the above scheme to the Bray Town Reservoir, and also if all the infrastructural work had been carried out for the new connections. Councillor Murphy also asked if the road cuttings for the existing scheme could be filled in, and made special reference to the Herbert Road/Bride Lane, which had not been finished and was practically impassable.

The County Engineer indicated that the existing scheme would be finished by the end of the month and that he had been in touch with the Consultant regarding the filling in of the cuttings, he also stated that the Council were considering putting a footpath on the Bride Lane.

No. 15 Kilcoole Sewerage Scheme Stage II Ess/20/20/A.

The report stated that the Consulting Engineers are to prepare Contract Documents.

The County Engineer informed the members that the Consultant Engineers were fairly well advanced on this Scheme. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. welcomed this news.

No. 16 Drumdangan/Glenealy Sewerage Scheme Ess/20/46.

The report stated that the Council had agreed to a Major Scheme to serve Glenealy/Drumdangan. Plans for this Scheme are being prepared by the Council's staff.

Councillor J. Giff enquired if septic tanks had been obtained by the Council for this scheme and also if there was land available. While Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. asked if there were two separate catchment areas envisaged for Glenealy/Drumdangan, or if the Council was going for a major scheme which would link up with Rathnew.

In reply to queries from Councillors J. Giff and C. Murphy, T.D., the County Engineer stated that investigations into this scheme were fairly well advanced and when same came to hand these questions relating to the extent and catchment areas of the proposal could be further considered.

ITEM 5 SMALL WATER & SEWERAGE SCHEMES PROGRAMME.

A report dated 29 September, 1980, on the up-to-date position of all Small Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes by Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, was circulated to each member of the Council.

The report indicated that in the period 1974/1980, the Council had expended the sum of £628,771.74 on Small Water Supply & Sewage Schemes. The Schemes had been financed from two sources, viz. Departmental Allocations £306,940. and £321,725 from the Council's own resources. Full details of all Schemes in progress and completed were given and it was estimated that the sum of £43,100 would be required in order to complete schemes which had commenced and to meet commitments on Schemes recently completed. The Council agreed to adopt the report and agreed to carry the deficit of £43,100 and not to commence any further new works in the current year. It was also agreed to consider the adoption of priority lists, on County Electoral Area, for Small Water Supply & Sewage Schemes.

Councillor J. Leeson asked if the members were going to be assured that the schemes started would be completed, and referred specifically to the Templecarrig Water Scheme. Councillor Leeson also pointed out the fact that the contributions forthcoming from the Department for Small Schemes had declined considerably and this year it was only 3/5ths of what it was last year. He insisted that the Council should have the most essential schemes planned and get them underway, with a view to getting back to the type of allowance given in 1977/78.

Councillor K. Ryan indicated that he was not satisfied with the report and added that he could not accept the figures given in the report.

Councillor J. Miley stated that £15,000 had been provided for the Carrigacurra Water Scheme, and to date no work had commenced on this scheme, and he asked the reason for this. He was informed that work on the scheme would commence in 1981.

Councillor P. Deering stated that an extension had been provided from the Hollywood Water Supply and that the pipes had been layed, but that no water had been provided and he asked if something could be done to rectify this matter. He was informed that it was hoped to have the Scheme in operation by 31st December, 1980.

Councillor T. J. Keenan referred to 5 houses in the Killacoran Area, which had no way of providing septic tanks, and asked that the matter be looked into. It was agreed to investigate this matter and inform the Council of the position.

Councillor J. McManus drew attention to the fact that the report clearly indicated that most of the finance for the schemes was emanating from planning contributions from the Bray Electoral Area and was being used to finance projects throughout the County. While he agreed that this was the correct strategy, he felt that the members from the other Electoral Areas should acknowledge this. In a further discussion on this aspect it was agreed that a full assessment could not be made until figures for Major Schemes were available on an area basis.

**ITEM 6 TO CONSIDER THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 60 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1966
SCHEME OF LETTING PRIORITIES.**

It was agreed that this item would be deferred to the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

**ITEM 7 TO CONSIDER THE MAKING OF HOUSING BYE-LAWS UNDER SECTION 70 OF
THE HOUSING ACT, 1966.**

It was agreed that this item also would be deferred to the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

ITEM 8 ARBITRATION REPORT NO. 049 - COUNTY COUNCIL RENT COLLECTORS.

The County Secretary outlined the proposed increase payable to County Council Rent Collectors, as outlined in Arbitration Report No. 049 from the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board.

It was proposed by Councillor D. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan, and unanimously agreed that the proposals included in Arbitration Report No. 049 for County Council Rent Collectors, be implemented.

**ITEM 9 REVISION OF SALARY SCALES FOR COUNTY ENGINEER AND ANALOGOUS
ENGINEERING GRADES AND COGNATE PROFESSIONAL GRADES.**

The County Secretary informed the members of the proposals, as set out in Circular Letter EL 17/80, of the application of the abovementioned grades of the third phase non cumulative increase of 5% from 1st September, 1980, as per revised scales set out in the appendix to the Circular Letter.

It was proposed by Councillor D. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor P. Deering, and unanimously agreed that the revised scales, as set out in the appendix to Circular Letter E.17/80, be implemented.

ITEM 10 PROVISION OF HOUSE FOR SIMON BYRNE, BALLINGLEN.

Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, informed the members that had been a tenant of a local authority house, but had sold same in 1974. He added that the Council were at present investigating as to the possibility of providing a demountable dwelling if he can provide a site.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. stated that there were a total of 8 people living in an overcrowded mobile home at the moment and asked that urgent attention be given to this item. While Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. indicated that he did not think the Council could adopt a rigid policy in this regard, but that each case should be taken on its merits.

It was agreed that this matter would receive further attention.

**ITEM 11 PROVISION OF SMALL FAMILY UNIT FOR GEORGE DOYLE, ST. MATTHEW'S
SCHOOL RESIDENCE, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY.**

Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, indicated that this man was at present living in an unfit house, but that it was proposed to rehouse Mr. Doyle in the next housing scheme in Newtownmountkennedy.

**ITEM 12 PROVISION OF REAR ENTRANCE TO THE HOUSES AT SEAVIEW HEIGHTS,
MERRYMEETING.**

The County Engineer, in his report, indicated that it is confirmed that all houses at Seaview Heights have rear access, with the exception of Houses 1 to 12. With regard to these houses, a means of rear access could be gained from the side of House No. 12. It would be necessary to remove the existing ditch and, perhaps, acquire a strip of land from the adjoining landowner. The acquisition of an additional strip of land will be necessary because some permanent out-buildings have now been constructed on the rear boundary. The estimated cost of carrying out this work, together with the erection of a permanent fence between the proposed rear access and the adjoining land, would be of the order of £2,500.

The Chairman indicated that this report was not correct, in that the adjoining land was, in fact, owned by Wicklow County Council, and that a resolution was passed to remove this ditch some time ago.

The County Engineer agreed to have this item re-investigated, and to return to the Council with a further report.

ITEM 13 PROVISION OF PRIVATE SITES FOR BUILDING.

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

"That the Council investigate actively throughout the county the provision of private sites for building."

Councillor H. Cullen indicated that it was agreed that private sites should be provided throughout the county and when County Council Schemes were being prepared, the acquisition of adjoining land for private sites could be borne in mind. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill enquired as to the scheme being undertaken by Riversdale Concrete Products Ltd. and asked if agreement had been reached for the next lot of houses. Mr. U. McCabe replied that this application would be examined in the near future and it might be possible to move ahead quickly in this case.

Councillor H. Cullen also stated that he did not think the Council's overall planning was adequate to obtaining land for housing schemes. Councillor J. Leeson stated that the people on the housing list should be encouraged to build for themselves if land became available in their own area, and that a circular should be sent out to people on the housing list stating that there would be an availability of sites, thereby providing them with the opportunity to provide their own housing if they wish to avail of it.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill enquired if there was any possibility of getting any other sites at Ballywaltrim. Mr. McCabe replied that the Council had only recently received the Chief Medical Officers report for private sites and the data had to be checked out. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. stated that he did not believe the sites in Ballywaltrim were being delayed by the Local Authority, who were awaiting applicants, as only 4 out of the 25 applications made, had confirmed that they were going ahead.

ITEM 14 CLEANING UP OF GLENEALY GRAVEYARD.

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

"That Wicklow County Council arrange to have Glenealy Graveyard cleaned up and the grass cut."

The County Engineer, in his report, indicated that works were carried out at Glenealy Graveyards (old and new) during the months of June/July. The grass was cut and the graveyards were tidied.

Councillor J. Giff enquired what system the Council had for the maintenance of Graveyards and if there was a special team of men to do this work. He asked if two men could be put on this job, and that a rota system could operate during the growing season. The County Engineer replied that the maintenance of graveyards was implemented in conjunction with the Road Works Schemes.

ITEM 15 SHELTERED HOUSING AT RATHDRUM.

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

"Can the County Manager tell this Council when he intends to start building sheltered housing at Rathdrum."

Mr. U. McCabe indicated that these houses could not be started for some time, as there were a lot of tenders still outstanding. Councillor J. Sweeney asked if this matter could not be speeded up in some way. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., stated that this was a very high priority. While Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., indicated that the Sisters were very anxious that these facilities would be provided in conjunction with the hospital.

Mr. U. McCabe informed the members that the matter has not yet been finalised with the Eastern Health Board, even though the price has been agreed. He added that there were legal formalities which were being dealt with between the Board and the Council's Law Agent.

ITEM 16 PROPER SEWERAGE FACILITIES AT BALTINGLASS.

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

"That the provision of proper sewerage facilities at Baltinglass be dealt with as a matter of urgency."

It was agreed that this item had been dealt with.

ITEM 17 19 ACRES AT MILL ROAD, GREYSTONES.

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

"That the Council be informed as to the layout arrangements for the 19 acres at Mill Road, Greystones, especially with regard to the area designated for recreation purposes."

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. enquired as to the latest position with regard to the area designated for recreation purposes.

The County Engineer stated that he had given a brief to the Consulting Architect and he had not given him any revised plans for the recreational facilities. He added that with regard to the layout of the plans, if the houses were to be put to the back of the land it would make them quite expensive as extra roads, and sewerage services would have to be provided. Councillor A. Murphy did not accept that the cost would be so much greater for simply putting the houses at the back, rather than at the front. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. indicated that this matter had been discussed previously and that the Council had advertised for people to establish a Co-ordinating Committee. The Chairman stated that this item had not been discussed by the full Council, and he asked that a further report be brought back on the layout of the schemes. It was agreed that a further report would be brought before the members.

ITEM 18 REPAIRS ON RURAL COTTAGES.

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

"That Wicklow County Council submit repairs on rural cottages and schemes in sparsely populated areas to public tender rather than repair same by Council staff."

Councillor J. Leeson indicated that he would like to make the point that he was of the opinion that the way Council's repair staff was organised was not conducive to getting a job completed on a single rural cottage. He stated that the work could be done for lesser cost through better organisation, and that when repairing individual cottages, the Council should attempt to get more value for money. It was suggested that these repairs could be completed by Contractor.

The County Engineer indicated that this had been tried some years ago, but having advertised, no tenders were received, and he was of the opinion that even Small Contractors were not interested in this type of work, and he was forced to return to Direct Labour.

Councillor A. Murphy suggested that tenants should be allowed to do their own repairs, where possible, and have these repairs certified as Council repairs and submit documentation for inspection by the Council's Engineers. Councillor Murphy indicated that this system would provide the tenant with a greater incentive to maintaining their own house.

In this connection the County Engineer stated that it is very difficult to evaluate the work once it is completed. It was agreed that the question of repairs to rural cottages should be re-examined and a report submitted to the Council.

CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOR NEW HOUSING STARTS.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that he was very concerned as to the allocation being given to Wicklow County Council for new starts and for on-going works in the second part of the year.

Mr. U. McCabe indicated that a further £550,000 had been allocated about a month ago and that brought the total allocation to £1,803,000, or £2,020,000 including approved overdraft. He added that up to 18th September, 1980, the Council had spent £1,773,500, and with an incoming debit balance at the start of the year of £378,000 together with draws on the Local Loans Fund, the Council has a current debit balance of £678,500,00.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that he could in no way accept this treatment and that a clear case would have to be made to the Minister for increased housing finance and we should not be forced to accept the present situation.

Councillor J. McManus indicated that he was very disappointed with this allocation and enquired as to what way it would effect the Council's housing programme for next year. He noted that Dublin City & County were being given money for new starts, and asked that the Department be made aware that Wicklow was under the same pressure as Dublin to provide housing. Councillor J. Leeson asked what deficit the Council came into this year with and also if there was any inclination that the Council would receive a further allocation at any later stage. Councillor P. Deering stated that this was a very short-sighted view on behalf of the Minister.

Mr. McCabe further informed the members that so far this year Barndarrig (12) and Ashford (32) had commenced, but that it was not possible to commence the Schemes at Greystones (58) Kilcoole (42) Ballinacash (12) or Dunlavin (20) (in the later case tenders were to be opened after the meeting) at present although the matter was being kept under review.

ITEMS 19 TO 36 WERE DEFERRED TO THE NEXT HOUSING MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

ITEM 37 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

Objections to Planning Permissions.

Councillor J. McManus referred to an article which appeared in a national daily newspaper concerning planning in another county, where at a Council Meeting, 12 Section 4 Notices were brought forward in order to obtain planning permission, the article further stated that this county was nearly as bad as Wicklow, as regards planning permission. Councillor McManus stated that it should go out from the Council that this was not the situation in Wicklow.

Public Lights in Parnell Park, Rathdrum.

Councillor H. Cullen stated that there were 4 public lights in Parnell Park, Rathdrum, one of which was actually working and he asked that the Council follow up the E.S.B. in this matter with a view to rectification.

Reconstruction of Rathdrum Bridge

Councillor H. Cullen enquired as to whose responsibility the reconstruction of Rathdrum Bridge was. The County Engineer indicated that this matter was at present with the Law Agent. Following discussion Councillor Cullen asked that this matter be clarified for next Monday's Meeting.

Flooding of Main Road from Blessington to Dublin

Councillor J. Miley expressed concern about flooding on the above road, where the Council had acquired land etc. The County Engineer stated that this was a very difficult situation and that legal advice would have to be sought.

Revision of Rents

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill asked that revision of rent in the case of Moorehouse, 37 Ballywaltrim and Lyons, The Glebe Delgany, be investigated sympathetically.

Roads in Greystones

Councillor G. Jones stated that the roads in Greystones were due for re-surfacing and asked the County Engineer if he could give a time schedule as to when this work would commence. The County Engineer stated that these roads would not be undertaken until the Contractor was finished and the trenches were consolidated.

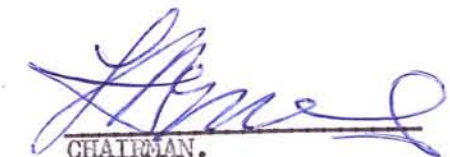
Deferred Payment of Rates for Farmers

Councillor J. Leeson enquired if there were any guidelines for deferred payment of rates for farmers. The County Manager outlined the situation for the Members' information.

Broken Pump - Mr. Farrington, Tullyfarris

Councillor J. Miley asked if the pump on the well of a Mr. Farrington could be fitted with new parts, as it had been broken for the past two years. The County Engineer indicated that he would have this matter attended to.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.


CHAIRMAN.

Date: 3/4/20

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON 13TH
OCTOBER, 1980 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW,
COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

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

ALSO Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager.
IN Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary.
ATTENDANCE Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E. County Engineer.
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, Env/Roads.
Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer, Motor Taxation Section.
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor J. Giff and
unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting, held on the 8th
September, 1980, be confirmed and signed.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., drew attention to Item 6 of the Minutes
of Ordinary Meeting 8th September, 1980 in which it was wrongly
stated that Councillor A. Murphy would like to see the cemetery at
Ballywaltrim, Bray called "St. Fergal's", whereas in fact Councillor
C. Murphy, T.D. wished to see the cemetery called "St. Fergal's" and
Councillor A. Murphy did not. Deputy Murphy asked that this point
be clarified.

ITEM 2 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT ROCKYPOOL, BLESSINGTON.

Councillor J. Miley enquired what was the amended sum agreed on, as a result
of this item being discussed previously. In reply Mr. L. Brennan stated
that an agreement had been reached for the transfer of the land to the Scout
Association of Ireland, 7th Wicklow (Blessington) Scout Group, for £600, to
be paid over a period of 6 years at the rate of £100 per annum.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins,
T.D. and unanimously agreed that this land, .499 acres approximately be
disposed of in accordance with the Statutory Notice circulated.

ITEM 3 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT KILBRIDE, BRAY.

Councillor A. Murphy expressed concern that the purchasers of sites at
Kilbride, Bray, had now come up against a condition requesting the payment
of £250 for right of connection to water and such services. He stated that
he did not think the Council were endeavouring to help people to provide
their own sites. He added that this might seem a small amount, but to
those people who are struggling to get money together, this extra sum might
tip the balance. Councillor Murphy recommended that this planning charge of
£250 be waived.

The Chairman stated that this was one of the most vital means of capital
revenue incoming to the Council and that in no way could a precedent be
established in this case.

Councillor A. Murphy further stated, with respect, that this case was some-
what different than a usual planning situation and that at no stage had the
people involved been informed of a charge of £250. He again asked that this
case be looked at sympathetically.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. supported Councillor Murphy and stated that by this contribution towards existing services, the Council was itself slowing up these sites, and he asked that the matter be re-examined. Councillor C. Leeson also supported this item, saying that these people decided to go ahead they were of the understanding that they were being provided with a serviced site, and they did not foresee that there would be any other charge on them. Councillor Leeson asked that the position be looked at again and recommended that this charge would in future be included in the price of the site.

The County Manager indicated that these purchasers did buy a fully serviced site and that the charge was for the availability of water and sewerage in the area, he added that this was a standard planning condition.

Councillor A. Murphy reiterated by stating that at a time when the County Council was trying to get people to take up this idea, the implementation of this planning charge was a retrograde step.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy T.D. seconded by Councillor A. Murphy that this charge of £250 be waived.

It was agreed that the County Manager would have a further look at this matter and return to the Council.

ITEM 4 DISPOSAL OF LAND AND PREMISES AT KILMANTIN HILL, WICKLOW.

Councillor J. Leeson enquired as to the proposals for keeping these buildings in repair or if there was going to be a figure set in lieu thereof. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. asked if this would affect any arrangements which the Council would hope to get from the Eastern Health Board with regard to obtaining land, and also what was the charge for the letting per square foot.

In reply to Councillor Leeson, the County Secretary indicated that the present occupiers of the abovementioned premises had decorated them internally. While the County Manager stated that the letting charge would be in the region of £2.00 per sq. ft.

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney and unanimously agreed that the land and premises at Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow be disposed of to the Eastern Health Board by temporary convenience letting, in accordance with the Statutory Notice circulated.

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

The County Secretary informed the Members that a resolution was required from the members to the granting of conditions under Section 7 of the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1967, in order to consider whether a waiver should be granted from the conditions of the Section. It was pointed out that this would only affect those ratepayers with a land valuation not in excess of £40.

Councillor H. Cullen referred to the cutbacks in agricultural grants and expressed concern for those in the £60 to £40 land valuation bracket, who were being deprived of the grant. In reply to Councillor K. Ryan, who enquired as to how rates on non-agricultural land were arrived at, the County Secretary stated that it would depend on whether or not these lands were listed on the valuation list. Councillor J. Leeson stated that for those people with valuations over £40 their rates had doubled and enquired as to the deferring of rates for those people who had not the income to pay them. In reply the County Manager stated that he would have to be clearly shown, with adequate documentation, that a person could not afford to pay his rates, before he could grant a deferred payment, but added that there was no question of writing off the amount due.

Following some further discussion, it was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy T.D. seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan, and unanimously agreed that the provisions of Section 7 of the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1967, be implemented.

ITEM 6 TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE TWO NEW FIRE APPLIANCES.

The County Secretary explained that due to the length of time it takes for the delivery of this equipment, the Council's approval was requested, in order that tenders could be invited in the current year. He also informed the members that the estimated cost of the machines would be £100,000 plus V.A.T. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. stated that he would like to have a report from the Chief Fire Officer on each area of the County, as he stated that all new engines were being placed along the east coast, and he enquired as to when new engines would be provided between Carnew and Blessington as the engines in these places were from 6 - 20 years old.

Councillor G. Jones enquired when the new fire appliance for Greystones would be provided. While Councillor G. Murphy, T.D. asked if it was the intention of the Council to buy a further 2 appliances next year or if the Council's plans were that proximate. He stated that it was essential that the County has a fleet of first class vehicles.

In conclusion the County Manager indicated that an assessment of the Fire Services including equipment was being carried out at the present time, and would be brought before the Members at a later date.

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor D. Kinsella, and unanimously agreed that provision be made for the purchase of two new fire appliances in next years estimates.

ITEM 7 COMPLETION OF THE RESURFACING OF KNOCKAFRUMPA LANE, MONEYSTOWN.

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

"That the necessary arrangements be made to ensure the completion of the resurfacing of Knockafrumpa Lane, Moneystown."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that the land at above is still unfenced and the road still un-tarred. He stated that there had not been, as far as he was aware, any change in the situation which existed in 1975, when the local farmers were at variance with a Mr. Jameson, and accordingly there is nothing can be done until such time as all the local farmers are in joint agreement and place their request before the County Council.

Councillor R. Miley stated that there was a problem in this case that the land was not fenced.

ITEM 8 FLOODING AT QUARRY STREET, SHILLELAGH, AND BALLYNULTA..

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

"That this Council prepare a report to stop flooding on the Shillelagh Road, at Quarry Street and Ballynulta."

Councillor V. Blake indicated that flooding was continuing in Shillelagh and he asked if the County Engineer would have a look at the small river which runs parallel with the Derry River which might provide a source for some relief of the flooding.

The County Engineer stated that Wicklow County Council did not have the legal responsibility with regard to arterial drainage. In this connection Councillor K. Ryan stated that while the river may not be the Council's responsibility, the roads were and he asked what assurances the County Engineer could give the Council that this road would be kept clear in order that the traffic can pass.

Councillor Ryan also stated that the river rises very quickly and, perhaps, the Council could give more attention to the road that is used as a bye-pass. While Councillor Blake suggested that if the road through Ballynulta was improved it might provide some relief.

Councillor J. McManus referred to the number of trees blocking up the river, and asked if it was not possible for the Council to have them removed themselves, as it would be years before this scheme would come up under Arterial Drainage. Councillor D. Kinsella also supported this item saying that the Council must have some responsibility for the people who are travelling the roads.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. seconded by Councillor J. McManus that the trees would be removed.

The County Secretary informed the members that he had written to the Office of Public Works conveying the immediate problem caused by the trees and requesting their removal but no reply had been received. Councillor J. McManus asked that the Office of Public Works be written to again by registered post, and that a further report be submitted to the Council.

Councillor J. Leeson suggested that the person who owns the land might be approached with a view to removing the trees. Councillor McManus suggested that it might be helpful to cost the removal of these trees and submit same to the Office of Public Works and ask them to devolve powers to have the work done. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., asked if it would be possible to call on the local branch of the Civil Defence for some form of effort towards the community, having regard to their public commitment.

It was agreed that this item would be pursued with the Office of Public Works and that a further report would issue.

ITEM 9 DEMANDS MADE BY THE RESIDENTS OF KILGARRON PARK, ENNISKERRY.

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

"That this Council give an indication that the demands of the Residents of Kilgarron Park, Enniskerry, be implemented over a suitable time period."

The County Secretary indicated that various items have been complied with and the entire matter was active at the moment, and that monies would be sought in the 1981 Estimates for completion of these works.

Councillor A. Murphy requested that the Council come back with a rough timetable as to when these works will be completed over a suitable time. Councillor J. McManus also supported Councillor Murphy and asked that the levelling up and re-seeding of the green space in the middle of Kilgarron Park, be completed under the Environmental Improvements Scheme, as this work was started last year. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. referred to a sum of £400 which had been provided for the above works and asked if this money had been spent. Councillor J. McManus also referred to the repair of the footpath on the Boghall Road, and stated that this was not the sort of work that could be put off for two years.

It was agreed that these matters would be taken up with the County Engineer.

ITEM 10 OPEN SPACE AT BEECHBROOK ESTATE.

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

"That the Open Space at the Beechbrook Estate, Delgany, be cleared, levelled and seeded."

Mr. U. McCabe, in his report, stated that this Open Space area was provided in conjunction with the provision of Private Sites at Beechbrook, Beechwood Park, Greystones. The estimate for the provision of the sites only provided for provision of essential services such as water, sewerage, roads, footpaths,

public lighting and underground E.S.B. and P. & T. services and did not provide for the tidying/landscaping of the Open Space. No money has, therefore, been provided in the current year for the proposed works. It was considered that the residents who obtained sites in this area should carry out this work themselves as they will directly benefit in appreciation of property in the event of the area being landscaped. Mr. McCabe suggested that an alternative to this would be to raise money in next year's Estimates to have the work done under the heading of Parks and Open Spaces.

Councillor J. McManus stated that it was ridiculous that these sites had been sold without the area in front of them being levelled, but that the Residents of Beechwood were quite prepared to maintain the open space if it was levelled. The County Engineer indicated that he had seen some of this area being levelled last week.

Councillor C. Murphy T.D., referred to the lack of public lighting and to the completion of the footpath in this scheme and indicated that he would submit a notice of motion with regard to same.

The County Engineer indicated that the E.S.B. were not finished work on the roundabout space yet, and stated that the matter would be followed up.

ITEM 11 FLOODING ON THE BACK ROAD - DONARD/BALTINGLASS

This Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., was deferred to the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council as Deputy Kavanagh was not in attendance.

ITEM 12 TAKING OVER OF SEASON PARK, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY.

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

"That Wicklow County Council inspect the Season Park Newtownmountkenedy, Estate with a view to taking it over."

The County Secretary informed the members that there was a 31 page report submitted on this item and the matter had been taken up with the Developer.

ITEM 13 RE-INSTATING OF GRASS VERGE AT DRUMDANGAN OUTSIDE MRS. BOLGER'S HOUSE.

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

"That Wicklow County Council re-instate the grass verge at Drumdangan outside Mrs. Bolger's house, as it was left in an unsightly condition following drain clearance."

The County Engineer indicated that this work had been carried out.

ITEM 14 REMOVAL OF BLIND CORNER AT THE ENTRANCE TO NEW ESTATE (CO) AUGHIRM

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

"That Wicklow County Council remove blind corner at the entrance to New Estate (Co) in Aughrim".

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that while the entrance onto the Main Street at Aughrim could be improved by the removal of a tree trunk and bank, and lowering of the Open Space in front of Mrs. Bolger's House, the present entrance was not considered dangerous. He added that the removal of the tree trunk and bank and general lowering and landscaping of this

Open Space could be considered for inclusion in next years Environmental Improvement Schemes.

Councillor T. J. Keenan indicated that money had been passed in 1978 and 1979 to have these ditches removed, but this work had not been carried out. He asked that this matter be attended to in 1981.

ITEM 15 ERECTION OF ONE PUBLIC LIGHT AT STRATNAKELLY CROSS ROADS, TINAHELY

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

"That this Council erect one public light at Stratnakelly Cross Roads, Tinahely".

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that there were no funds available in the current year to carry out this work, but that an Estimate could be obtained from the E.S.B. to carry out the work in 1981.

It was proposed by Councillor V. Blake, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan that provision be made in the 1981 Estimates to have a public light erected at the above.

ITEM 16 PROVISION OF DIP BATH AT BALTINGLASS

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

"That a dip bath be provided at Baltinglass".

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that a trial hole had been dug on the property of Mr. Donoghue, Holdenstown Lower, and the report of the Health Inspector is still awaited. He also stated that it was unlikely that any road improvement will take place in 1981 which will require the demolition of the existing bath at Newtownsaunders.

Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, stated that the design for the new bath has been prepared but it has not been constructed yet. He also stated that this matter was being actively pursued.

ITEM 17 & 39 ROADS SERVING TURF BANKS IN COUNTY WICKLOW

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

- (a) That the Department be asked to provide a special grant for the Aughrim and Rathdangan Baltinglass Road.
- (b) Roads serving Forestry Plantations and Turf Bogs in the County".

and

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

"That Wicklow County Council seek funds from Department of Energy to build roads to service turf banks in County Wicklow and that the Department be asked to contribute to purchase of turf cutting machine for demonstration in 1981 Season."

In relation to Item 39, the County Engineer, in his report, stated that there would be no objection to seeking such funds, provided that the provision of fund for these roads did not involve a complementary reduction of funds for the Roadworks Scheme. He stated that Main and County Road Improvements are already grossly underfunded and any switch of funds away from them should not be countenanced. He added that if it was decided to improve roads serving turf bogs a cost-benefit analysis would need to be carried out in each case to establish that there would be a reasonable return for money spent. These roads are usually at high elevation and often cut away below the level of the surrounding

They can, therefore, be subject to heavy flooding and work such as the placing of gravel can easily be swept away. It is possible that the best return for money would lie in the provision of culverts and adequate drains rather than improvement to the surface of the roads which would be very expensive.

Councillor J. Leeson requested that the Council apply for this Special Grant as it was losing out by not attending to the matter, when counties such as Mayo had 2 Turf Cutting Machines and nearly every county was getting money for turf bog roads. Councillor Leeson stated that he did not know the form under which these grants were being given out, but that the Council ascertain under what heading monies would be sought.

The Chairman stated that the County was now in a good position to increase the amount of turf cut in the county, with a small amount of money from the Council and the Department. He stated that it was futile talking about Energy Conservation when a person could have a turf bank cut for £100.

Councillor J. McManus indicated that he supported this resolution with reservations as he felt that where bogs were owned by the State or by the Forestry, the relevant bodies should provide the road into them and collect a return from the people who are cutting the turf.

The County Secretary indicated that to date grants paid for Turf Cutting Machines in Western Counties came from the Special Development Fund operated by the Department of Finance in Western Designated Counties. The views of the Council would be conveyed to the Department of Energy for attention.

ITEM 18 PROVISION OF FOOTPATH APPROACHING THE GRAVEYARD IN BALTINGLASS AND BETWEEN THE GARDA BARRACKS AND EDWARD STREET.

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

"That a footpath be provided approaching the Graveyard in Baltinglass and between the Garda Barracks and Edward Street."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that there was no money in the present financial year to carry out this work. However, it can be considered for the 1981 Programme and an estimate will be submitted at that stage.

ITEM 19 PROVISION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING AT PARKMORE, BALTINGLASS.

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

"That public lighting be provided in Parkmore, Baltinglass, at the scheme of houses recently completed and the scheme being completed now."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that there were no funds available in the current year to carry out this work. However, an estimate could be obtained from the E.S.B. to carry out the work in 1981.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., indicated that there were 12 houses in this particular scheme, 4 of which were inhabited by old people, and none of which were served by public lighting. He added that this matter should have been attended to before the houses were occupied and he asked that it receive urgent attention.

ITEM 20 TAKING OVER OF SPRINGWELL ROAD LEADING TO COUNTY COUNCIL HOUSES

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

"That I or some member move for me that Springwell Road, leading to the County Council houses be taken over and maintained."

The County Engineer reported that all the residents on the lane want it to be

taken over and maintained. He also stated that the lane at present is 7ft wide and 265 yards long, and serves seven houses occupied by twenty-five persons. The lane would have to be widened, and it would also require to be surface dressed. He indicated that the estimated cost of the carrying out of the work, including for labour and materials is £1,348.00. The County Engineer recommended that the work be carried out, provided the finance is made available to do so.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. seconded by Councillor T. Keenan and unanimously agreed that this item be submitted for inclusion in the 1981 Estimates.

ITEM 21 IMPROVEMENT OF EXIT FROM THE CO-OP AT AUGHRIM, ONTO THE MAIN STREET.

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

"That the exit from the Co-Op at Aughrim, onto the Main Street, be improved."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that it was considered that this entrance was satisfactory and due to the position of nearby occupied buildings, it could not be improved upon.

Councillor T. J. Keenan stated that people using this entrance were finding it very hard to get back up out of it and there had been accidents there on a few occasions. Councillor Keenan asked if signs could be erected on both approaches to indicate that the entrance is there. In reply the County Engineer stated that signs could be erected and that he would examine any other worthwhile improvements there.

ITEM 22 RENEWING OF SCHOOL MARKINGS ON THE ROAD AT TINAHELY SCHOOL.

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

"That this Council renew the School Markings on the Road at Tinahely School."

The County Engineer stated that this work has already been agreed, and will be carried out with the rest of the Road Lining Programme when funds are available for same.

ITEM 23 FILLING UP OF OLD MINES OR SHAFTS AT CONARY, AVOCA.

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

"That in the interest of safety, Avoca Mines Limited, be asked to fill up any remaining old mine or shafts at Conary, Avoca."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that all these shafts are on private property, and part of the Mining Operations, and that if the Members of the Council have a particular mining shaft in mind, which was considered a public danger, a Notice could be served on the Mining Company to have it made safe, or safely fenced off under the 1964 Sanitary Services Act re. dangerous places.

ITEM 24 ERECTION OF PUBLIC LIGHT AT THE PEDESTRIAN WAY BETWEEN BEECHWOOD PARK AND ROCKMANOR DRIVE, KILCOOLE.

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

"That the Council request the E.S.B. to erect a light at the pedestrian way between Beechwood Park and Rockmanor Drive, Kilcoole."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that the above matter was being examined and a quotation is being sought from the E.S.B. for the provision of the above light, which will be submitted, when received.

ITEM 25 ERECTION OF SIGNS AT ST. BODEN'S WELL.

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

"That this Council erect the signs to St. Boden's Well recommended by the Monuments Advisory Committee".

The County Engineer indicated that quotations were being sought for the above signs which will be ordered on receipt of a suitable quotation, and erected.

Councillor J. McManus referred to a National Monument at Aughall which was not sign posted and stated that the landowner had no objection to a sign being put up.

Councillor P. Deering enquired if his name could be put forward for inclusion on the Monuments Committee. In reply Mr. L. Brennan stated that the members to this Sub-Committee have been elected and would remain in being until such time as a vacancy occurred.

ITEM 26 HOLE IN PIER AT HARBOUR IN GREYSTONES

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

"That this Council be advised what action is to be taken with the Harbour in Greystones, the problem of the "Hole in the Pier" has now been outstanding for over one year."

The County Engineer indicated that the Council had had discussions with the prominent members of the District and Civics Association and that he hoped to have the problem resolved over the next few weeks.

Councillor G. Jones stated that this problem has gone from bad to worse. He added that the pier was in dreadful condition and there was a danger that somebody might fall into it. He also stated that there were volunteers in Greystones who would attend to such work, and they had been ignored earlier by the County Council. Councillor Jones urged strongly that this problem be resolved before the commencement of the winter months. Councillor C. Murphy T.D. also supported Councillor Jones in his plea to have this work undertaken.

ITEM 27 GENERAL MAINTENANCE OF KILCOOLE.

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

"That this Council improve the general maintenance of Kilcoole in view of the very poor attention it is receiving at the present time."

The County Engineer indicated that the County Council carry out maintenance in accordance with the funds available.

Councillor J. Leeson asked if the County Engineer was satisfied that the Council was getting good value for money, and if sufficient funds were being spent in Kilcoole and Greystones. He added that most of the Organisations in Greystones were not satisfied with the amount of maintenance that was being done, and that the state of the area was a fair reflection of the opinion of the people.

Councillor G. Jones asked that the County Engineer re-investigate this heading very quickly in this area that was rapidly expanding. Councillor A. Murphy also supported, saying that Kilcoole has been neglected in the past. Councillor McManus stated that Kilcoole could be substituted with many other areas in the county, but added that according to the last census the population of Kilcoole had gone up by 47%. Councillor A. Murphy also asked that the up-grading of the existing roads be attended to and that there be a re-assessment of the priorities involved.

ITEM 28 THE USE OF IRISH IN THE LOCAL SERVICE.

Councillor J. McManus stated that the Council had been circulated with a detailed document on the above last year and he was of the opinion that it was up to each individual to decide if he wished to use the Irish Language. He added that it was useful that this item should be brought to attention every so often.

Councillor J. Leeson stated that there should be no hinderance to people if they wish to use the Irish language within the local service. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. indicated that he would not like to see a lip service being paid to the language. Councillor P. Deering informed the members that efforts had been made in Dunlavin to have Irish classes, but that a Teacher could not be found. It was suggested that he should contact the Adult Education Officer in the County.

ITEM 29 REPAIRS TO HURLEY'S LANE AT BALLINTOMFILE, WOODENBRIDGE.

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

"That this Council carry out repairs to Hurley's Lane at Ballintomfile, Woodenbridge."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that there is inadequate drainage on this public road, and as a result water has damaged the surface. The matter has been discussed with Mr. Hurley and he has agreed to allow new cuttings to be made into his field. It is proposed to have this done in the near future and to repair the damaged sections of the lane. The County Engineer also stated that new cuttings into a field owned by a Mr. Byrne are also required, and it is hoped to contact him soon on the matter.

ITEM 30 RAISING OF KERBS NEAR MR. HILL'S HOUSE AT ROSANAGH, RATHNEW.

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

"That this Council raise the kerbs near Mr. Hill's house at Rosanagh, Rathnew, as cars drive on the footpath to bye-pass cars awaiting to turn to Greystones."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that there were twenty-six kerbs would be required and with adjoining concrete path would cost approximately £850. There is no money in the current year's Estimates for this work. It can, however, be included in the Estimates 1981. He further stated that it was considered that even if the raised kerbs are provided, cars will continue to drive on this footpath. Only the widening of the road with provision of a lane for cars turning to Greystones will obviate such footpath driving. Such widening will not be possible until this road is being realigned.

It was proposed by Councillor F. Hynes, seconded by Councillor K. Ryan that this item be submitted for inclusion in the 1981 Estimates.

ITEM 31 ERECTION OF "SAFETY SIGNS" AT THE NEW SCHOOL, KINDLESTOWN GREYSTONES.

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillor G. Jones and Miss N. O'Neill was considered:-

"That the Council provide and erect "Safety Signs" at the New School, Kindlestown, Greystones."

The County Engineer indicated that these signs have been erected.

ITEM 32 REPAIRS TO ROAD AT BARBER'S BRIDGE, BALLYRAHEEN, BALLYNUTA.

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

"That this Council carry out repairs to the road at Barber's Bridge, Ballyraheen, Ballynuta."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that the County Council has already carried out repairs to Barber's Bridge. The damage was caused by the extraction of timber by Mr. Victor Davis, Timber Merchant. The matter has been taken up with Mr. Davis, who accepted some responsibility for the damage to the road, and undertook to replace the fence which he admitted his employees had removed.

ITEM 33 ERECTION OF FENCE AT BARNISKEY NEW CAR PARK.

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

"I wish to propose that this Council erect a fence at Barniskey New Car Park in the interest of safety."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that about two years ago the road in front of Barniskey Church was raised considerably and realigned. Over a length of approximately 150 yds. there is a steep slope from the road edge to the field level. The difference in level between the road and the field varies from about 3 ft to 15 ft. While this drop is on the inside of the curve there is a possibility of traffic running off the edge of the road which at present is marked only with barrels. He stated that the provision of at least reflectorised roadside Hazard Marker Posts such as the "Vergemaster" is required. The estimated cost of providing these posts is approximately £400. However, to ensure safety, the provision of a crash barrier is required at an approximate cost of £2,000. In view of the fact that these roadworks were carried out two years ago, the Council could be held liable if these are not erected and a vehicle does go off the road. He further stated that due to the present financial situation it will not be possible to carry out this work, but the County Engineer recommended that it be included in the Roadworks Scheme for 1981.

Councillor T. J. Keenan stated that surely fencing with concrete posts and wire would be suitable in this case and would be less expensive than the crash barrier. He added that this Car Park was on very high ground and was subject to a lot of fog in the winter. It was proposed by Councillor Keenan, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. that this item be included in the Roadworks Scheme for 1981.

ITEM 34 REPORT ON DERELICT AND ABANDONED CARS IN THE COUNTY.

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

"That the Council draw up a report on derelict and abandoned cars in the County and prepare plans to deal with this problem."

The County Engineer reported that during 1977, a list of sites of abandoned cars on both public and private property was prepared. It was intended that the Irish Reclamation Company Limited would remove these cars at a fixed charge per car. The number of cars was insufficient to enable them to remove the cars at an economic rate. Quotations from other Companies were too high to be accepted. He stated that the present situation is that if an abandoned car is causing a problem such as obstruction, it can be removed, subject to Garda approval, by request of the Garda or by the Garda themselves. There are also facilities to dump cars at Fassaroe and Aughrim dumping grounds, and it is considered that it would be desirable to have a similar facility in West Wicklow. The County Engineer also stated that the Council has no powers to remove abandoned cars from private property. The dumping of cars, however, may constitute development under the Planning Act, and the Council can use its powers under this Act to prevent this type of dumping.

Councillor G. Jones indicated that there was a very large increase in abandoned cars on the Council's own property, where many are left for months on end. He asked that this Council reactivate its policy for dealing with this problem on an overall basis.

Councillor J. McManus asked how exactly an abandoned car was classified and stated that they were of particular danger to children. The County Secretary informed the members that if an abandoned car is registered it may take some time to have it removed, and if there is no number plate on a car the Local

Authority has to be careful to avoid subsequent claims as has arisen in the past.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. referred to the undue length of time it takes to have these cars removed and asked that the process be speeded up. Councillor A. Murphy stated that with the number of Engineers on the roads of Wicklow there should be no need for these vehicles to have to be reported.

It was agreed that the County Manager would have the position reviewed in the light of the discussion.

ITEM 35 EXEMPTION FROM PLANNING PERMISSION FOR AGRICULTURAL OUTOFFICES

The following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors J. Leeson and H. Cullen, was considered:-

"That Wicklow County Council grant exemption from planning permission for agricultural outoffices when a document is furnished by Agricultural Advisory Staff that building would be exempt."

Mr. U. McCabe stated in his report that the Council could not grant a certificate that proposed agricultural outoffices are exempted development solely on the advice of an Officer of A.C.O.T. who would not be in a position to properly advise on such a matter. He added that the Council would be obliged to act in a bona fide manner in relation to its powers and duties and would not act in the manner proposed for one sector of the community as there is the question of legal responsibility also. Mr. McCabe also said that the Council has endeavoured to handle written requests for exemption and planning applications for farm buildings expeditiously but on a few occasions the documentation and plans had been below acceptable standards.

Councillor H. Cullen referred to a recent meeting with the members of A.C.O.T. at which planning regulations in relation to farm buildings, etc. had been discussed and clarified. He stated that the farmers were not fully aware of the various procedures that have to be implemented. Councillor J. Leeson also stated that the meeting did clarify a lot of matters and was a move in the right direction, and that some of the suggestions made would deal with the position as it stands.

ITEM 36 TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT DOWNES INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

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

"That Wicklow County Council take over the road at the Downs Industrial Estate, as the Owner has had the necessary repairs and resurfacing completed to bring the road to a proper standard."

The County Engineer stated that the taking over of this road was at present being dealt with and a report would be available for the next Meeting of the County Council.

ITEM 37 MAINTENANCE TO ENTRANCE TO MR. B. O'NEILL'S, BALLYDOWLING, RATHDRUM.

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

"That necessary maintenance be effected at entrance to Mr. B. O'Neill, Ballydowling, Rathdrum, from public road."

The County Engineer, in his report, indicated that a section of the public road drains into Mr. O'Neill's entrance lane and has been doing so at least since the road was constructed in the 1950's or early 1960's. Mr. O'Neill claims that

before that time the old road had a channel along its side and discharged into the adjoining field which is owned by another farmer. The permanent diversion of water from Mr. O'Neill's land would cost at least £1,000 and will probably be opposed by the landowner into whose land it would have to be diverted. Accordingly, the County Engineer recommended that no action be taken in the matter.

Councillor H. Cullen indicated that the realignment of the road was responsible for the blocking of same and he agreed to have further discussions with the County Engineer regarding same.

ITEM 38 TAKING OVER OF ROAD LEADING TO CALARY CHURCH FROM MAIN BRAY/ROUNDWOOD ROAD.

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

"That Wicklow County Council take over road leading to Calary Church from Main Bray/Roundwood Road."

The County Engineer reported that the length of the road involved is 400 yds. and the average width of surfacing will be 12 ft. It will cost £4,700 to improve the lane as far as the Church i.e. 400 yds. It will also be necessary to improve the sightline at the junction with the Main Road and it will be necessary for this land to be made available before the taking over will be considered. He added that there is one church on the road and no houses and the road is only used by people going to Church on Sundays, and the landowners. The annual maintenance of the road when taken over is estimated at £200.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Leeson, seconded by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, and agreed that the above lane be included for taking over and also in the 1991 Estimates for improvement.

ITEM 40 LOWERING OF FENCE TO IMPROVE SIGHTLINE FROM THE ROAD AT DOYLES GARAGE ON THE AUGHRIM TO TINAHELY ROAD.

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

"I wish to propose that this Council lower the fence to improve sightline from the road at Doyles Garage on the Aughrim to Tinahely Road to the junction to Kilavaney Church."

The County Engineer stated, in his report, that it was not considered that there is any great difficulty with sightline at this junction. Traffic emerging from the side road onto the Main Road have very good visibility to their right. The owner of the property has recently erected a chainlink fence at this corner. The corner to the left would be more of a problem, arrangements have been made to have the vegetation of this ditch trimmed. The removal of the ditch itself, however, he stated would be expensive and could not be undertaken within the current financial year.

ITEM 41 GROUND OPPOSITE THE HOUSES AT CRONEYHORN, CARNEW.

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

"That this Council keep clean or remove a patch of ground opposite the houses at Croneyhorn, Carnew."

The County Engineer indicated in his report that arrangements have been made for the cleaning up of the patch of ground referred to at above. He added that its actual removal would be costly, unless it was carried out in conjunction with some other job where soil was required in the immediate vicinity. Councillor K. Ryan welcomed this report.

ITEM 42 PROVISION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING AT KINDLESTOWN (PHASE III).

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

"That Wicklow County Council provide the public lighting for Kindlestown Phase Three."

The County Engineer stated in his report that the E.S.B. have been requested to carry out the erection and installation of Public Lighting - Phase III, in accordance with their Estimate submitted, in the sum of £1,252.48, and it was hoped that this work would be carried out in the current year.

ITEM 43 USE OF LOCAL MATERIALS FOR VARIOUS COUNCIL WORKS.

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

"That this Council make use of local material when various Council works are taking place (i.e. Roadworks, fencing etc.)."

The County Engineer reported that the purchase of materials for roadworks has to comply with various Departmental Acts so that materials are purchased and public monies expended in an economical manner. Items listed on the List of Official Contractors issued under the Combined Purchasing Act, twice annually, must be purchased from those suppliers. Other items are approved for purchase following the invitation and submission of tenders, for by seeking a minimum of three quotations. He further stated that for materials commonly used in road making, the Council invites tenders annually in November, by advertisement in the Press. A Schedule of Prices for these materials is then issued to the various Engineering Sections, and materials are then purchased from the suppliers listed on this Schedule. Materials used for Roadworks must also comply with the requirements of the "Specification for Road Works" of the Department of the Environment. Finally, he stated that subject to compliance with the preceeding requirements, purchase of materials is made from Local Suppliers, as apart from any other factor, haulage costs will generally be lower.

ITEM 44 CLEANING OF STREETS IN COUNCIL ESTATES IN BLESSINGTON AND DUNLAVIN.

It was agreed that this item would be deferred as Councillor P. Deering was not present at this time.

ITEM 45 PROVISION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING AT CARRIGACURRA, VALLEYMOUNT.

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

"That public lighting be provided at Carrigacurra, Valleymount."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that it is not recommended that public lighting be provided at the above location, as it would set a precedent for numerous other areas where there are only a few houses.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. proposed that this matter be referred to the next Local Area Meeting.

ITEM 46 ERECTION OF APPROPRIATE ROAD SIGNS AT MOYNE, BALLINGLEN, AND AT TYNER'S CROSS, MINMORE, SHILLELAGH.

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

"That this Council erect the appropriate road signs at Moyne, Ballinglen, Tinahely, also at Tyner's Cross, Minmore, Shillelagh."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that there is a 'Yield' sign at this junction at Moyne. However, arrangements can be made for the erection of a 'T' junction sign at this junction, if desired. There is a 'Stop' sign on both the minor roads at this junction. He further stated that as this is a busy and potentially dangerous intersection, arrangements are being made to have a 'Junction ahead' sign erected.

Councillor K. Ryan indicated that Tyners Cross was a very dangerous junction and that people coming from Ballisland found themselves out in the middle of the road. He asked that the County Engineer take another look at it and reverse the signs.

ITEM 47 SURFACE DRESSING AT BALLYCUMBER, TINAHELY.

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

"That this Council carry out surface dressing at Ballycumber, Tinahely."

The County Engineer in his report indicated that it is presumed that Councillors Ryan and Kavanagh are referring to the Lane in Ballycumber. The lane is in need of surface dressing and he recommended that it be included in the Roadworks Programme for 1981.

ITEM 48 IMPROVEMENT OF SIGHTLINE AT DOYLES CORNER, SHILLELAGH.

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

"That this Council improve the sightline at Doyle's Corner, Shillelagh."

The County Engineer informed the members that the above would entail the lowering of the existing ditch and the erection of a chainlink fence. There would be no land acquisition involved. The Landowner, Mr. Pratt, has indicated that he would have no objection to allowing the work to be carried out, subject to certain conditions. The County Engineer recommended that this work be included in the Roadworks Programme for 1981. It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan that this be done.

ITEM 49 IMPROVEMENT OF SIGHTLINE AT THE ANATESKIN/COUNTY BROOK JUNCTION NEAR ENNISKERRY.

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

"That an improved sightline be organised at the Anateskin/County Brook Junction near Enniskerry."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that the estimated cost of improving the sightlines at above junction is £3,000. It could cost more depending on land acquisition and special fencing costs i.e. this is only a grass margin pending land acquisition agreement. The County Engineer recommended that this matter be included in the Estimates for 1981.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. indicated that this was a large amount of money and asked if the ditch could not be removed rather than acquiring land. It was agreed that the County Engineer would further examine this matter.

ITEMS 50 TO 62 WERE DEFERRED TO THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

ITEM 63 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

Provision of Stationary to Members.

The County Secretary informed the members that it was hoped to make notepaper and envelopes available to the members of the Council in the near future.

The Members expressed their appreciation in this matter, having regard to the very high expenses involved in their day to day correspondence with the Council.

Sewerage Facilities on the Mill Lane, Enniskerry.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill referred to the lack of sewerage facilities on the back of the site itself and asked that this matter be investigated.

Payment for Land Acquisition on the Dual Carriageway.

Councillor O'Neill enquired when it was proposed to make payment to the people from whom land was acquired on the Dual Carriageway, and referred to the particular case of Mr. Colin Devlin. The County Engineer replied that all payments had been made as far as he was aware but that he would have this matter looked into.

Path at Back Road from Blacklion.

The Council was asked if provision could be made for the digging out of a path at the Back Road from Blacklion out of the bank, as the local people were prepared to do the work themselves. It was requested that the exact location of the proposed path be pointed out to the Local Engineer.

Road from Templerrainey Church to Ferrybank.

Councillor J. Sweeney stated that people going to Mass were being destroyed with mud during the bad weather and he asked that this road receive urgent attention.

Drain Outside the Methodist Church at Ferrybank.

Councillor J. Sweeney stated that the above drain was blocked and that water was flowing across the road at the above location. He added that the local people intended to close off this road if the problem was not resolved.

Councillor M. Weadick enquired as to how much it was costing the Fire Brigade to have this shore relieved. It was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor M. Weadick that this road be strengthened and realigned to rectify the problem without further delay.

Local Amenity Grants.

Councillor J. Leeson enquired when it was hoped to have the Local Amenity Grants ready. Mr. L. Brennan stated that same would be circulated for the November Housing Meeting.

Roads in Greystones.

Councillor G. Jones enquired as to the position with regard to resurfacing of roads in the Greystones area. In reply the County Engineer stated that there was a water scheme still going on in this area and pipes were being laid.

Public lighting in Coolkenno.

Councillor K. Ryan expressed concern at the lack of public lighting at Coolkenno, where there had been three or four fatal accidents, and he asked that the E.S.B. be contacted in the immediate future in this regard.

Amenity Grant Schemes

Councillor J. Miley enquired as to the amount of work that has been completed as a result of the Amenity Grants Schemes. In reply Mr. L. Brennan again stated that a full report would be before the members in November.

Grotto in Rathnew.

Councillor F. Hynes asked if the Council would take over the lighting of the Grotto in Rathnew as the nearby shop which provided public lighting for the Grotto has now closed down.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.



CHAIRMAN.

Date: _____

CONFIRMED AND SIGNED AT HOUSING MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 1980.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW, ON MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER,
1980.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO

Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager.

IN

Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Mr. J. Solon, B.E. Chief Assistant County Engineer.

Mr. A. Fidgeon, Finance Officer.

Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, Housing/Planning.

Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, Env/Roads.

Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.

Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer, Motor Taxation Section.

Mr. P. O'Meara, Staff Officer, Housing Section.

Mr. J. Madigan, A/Staff Officer, Environmental Section.

Mr. B. Quigley, Social Worker.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., proposed a vote of sympathy to the wife and family of Garda Seamus Quaid, who was brutally murdered, on his own behalf and on behalf of the members of his party. He paid tribute to the work of the Garda Force and condemned this outrageous killing. Councillor Kavanagh also extended a vote of sympathy to the families of Garda Byrne and Morley who were murdered in Roscommon.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded this proposal and stated that it was the duty of each member of the public to assist the Garda Siochana in their work as they were at risk daily. Each Councillor wished to be associated with these remarks and condemned these outrageous killings. The Chairman also associated himself with the vote of sympathy. The County Manager expressed sympathy on behalf of the Council's staff.

A minutes Silent Prayer was observed.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

It was proposed by Councillor D. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of Housing Meeting of the Council, held on 6th October, 1980, be confirmed and signed.

ITEM 2 FIXING OF DATE FOR SPECIAL MEETING ON TOWN COMMISSIONERS STATUS FOR GREYSTONES.

Following some discussion it was agreed that a Special Meeting to deal with Town Commissioners Status for Greystones would be held on Monday, 24th November, 1980, at 2.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber. A meeting of the Sub-Committee on Itinerants was also fixed for 24th November, 1980 at 11.30 a.m.

ITEM 3 TO APPROVE OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

The County Secretary informed the members that the raising of £800,000 was recommended by way of temporary overdraft for the period ending 31st December, 1980. In reply to Councillor J. Leeson, who enquired as to what section of the Council's accounts this allocation was for, the County Secretary stated that it would cover the whole range of the Council's expenses, including

expenditure incurred on Housing Construction, Industrial Sites and preliminary expenses on Sewerage Schemes.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., stated that the Council should be informed of the exact problems, especially with regard to the employment situation, as a result of shortfalls in income. While Councillor J. Leeson stated that the Council should be quite clear what further finances it is going to receive, and added that it was grossly irresponsible to leave the Council in a position that it would have a very big debt carried over into next year. He enquired how the Council was in line with projected figures and if further funds were going to be made available. The Chairman asked that the discussion of this matter be deferred until figures became available for the current year. Councillor H. Cullen enquired as to how much of a shortfall would result in the abolition of the 2nd Moisty of Rates for farmers of between £40 and £60 valuation. In reply the County Secretary stated that there had been no official notification in this connection.

The County Manager indicated that it was necessary to obtain this overdraft due to the fact that the Council was carrying a lot of capital expenditure. The County Manager stated that a further Meeting could be held to discuss the overall financial position, when documentation would be available.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor F. Hynea and agreed that subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, the Council request accommodation, by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account up to a maximum of £800,00 with the Council's Treasurer, the Bank of Ireland, Main Street, Wicklow, for the quarter ending 31st December, 1980.

ITEM 4 COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME, 1980.

A Schedule of the Community Grants Scheme, 1980, was circulated to each member of the Council. Mr. L. Brennan informed the members that the Council had received 21 applications, 14 of which qualified and were accepted, as listed. Mr. Brennan stated that if the members accepted the Scheme, arrangements could be made to have the money paid as soon as possible.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., indicated that he was glad to see that money was being fairly distributed. He made reference to the allocation of £850 to St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club which was in the process of providing a building which would cost in the region of £50,000 and would provide a much needed facility for the Town.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. referred to the absence of monies going to West Wicklow. He stated that from Rathdangan to Kilbride, 40 miles, there was no worthwhile project and only £2,500 out of the £10,000 was being allocated to the West. In reply Mr. Brennan stated that allocations under this scheme were made as a result of the activities of Clubs and organisations and the value of their project to the Community. It was not the objective of the scheme to do the work, but merely to assist financially in the work being carried out. He pointed out that Blessington Boys and Girls Club had received a substantial grant in 1979.

Councillor J. McManus expressed the opinion that it was not sufficient for the Council Officials to wait for applications to come in, as it was the most organised Organisations which were receiving grants, while other less informed Organisations were not receiving any assistance. Councillor McManus asked if Mr. Brennan had a list of all Organisations in the County and also that each Organisation should be communicated with next year, as not every Club understood clearly the terms of the Scheme.

In reply Mr. Brennan stated that this Scheme is advertised every year and a copy of the Scheme is circulated to each Councillor. He added that the number of applications received this year indicated that the Scheme was gaining momentum

and it was the responsibility of everyone to inform the public of the availability of these Grants. In reply to Councillor J. Leeson, Mr. Brennan stated that the upper limit payable to any Club, was £1,250 per annum.

Councillor P. Deering referred to an application made by Dunlavin Community Hall Organisation, who had to find £40,000 in a small area.

In conclusion Mr. Brennan stated that consideration was also given to the possibility of raising money in any particular area, when grants were being allocated.

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor J. Leeson and unanimously agreed that the recommendation made for Community Grants Scheme 1980, be approved and implemented.

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME, 1980

1. Tinahely Community Hall Committee	£1,250
2. Roundwood Recreation Centre	£1,250
3. Avondale Field Committee	£ 850
4. Arklow Rugby Club	£ 850
5. St. Patrick's G.A.A.	£ 850
6. Arklow Town Soccer Club	£ 850
7. Knockananna Old Church Preservation Committee	£ 850
8. Wicklow Rugby Club	£ 600
9. Enniskerry G.A.A. Club	£ 600
10. Catholic Youth Council (Valleymount)	£ 600
11. Association for Adventure Sports (Tiglin, Ashford)	£ 600
12. Arklow Boxing Club	£ 600
13. Arklow Lawn Tennis Club	£ 150
14. Greystones Soccer Club	£ 100
TOTAL ALLOCATION	£10,000

ITEM 5 TO CONSIDER THE PROVISION OF HALTS FOR TRAVELLERS

The Chairman proposed that this matter be taken in Committee as the proposals from Bray Urban Council had not been finalised and it would be more opportune to issue a joint statement involving both Authorities regarding the location of these sites. He added that it was essential that this matter be discussed in order that a decision could be made in principle.

Councillor K. Ryan proposed that this item be deferred until the proposals from Bray U.D.C. were forthcoming, and objected to it being discussed in Committee. Councillor D. Kinsella also objected to the Council going into Committee.

Councillor J. McManus stated that Bray Urban District Council was very mindful of the situation and had fully committed itself on this issue. He further stated that there were some difficulties with most of the sites being examined in Bray. They had not been resolved and stressed the importance of announcing all the sites together and agreed with the Chairman's proposal.

The Chairman proposed that a vote be taken on the proposal to go into Committee. The voting was as follows:-

In Favour: Councillors V. Blake, J. Byrne, P. Deering, F. Hynes, G. Jones L. Kavanagh, T.D., T. Keenan, J. Leeson, J. McManus, J. Miley R. Miley, A. Murphy, Miss N. O'Neill, G. Timmins, T.D. and M. Weadick.

Against: Councillors H. Cullen, D. Kinsella and K. Ryan.

The proposal was carried by 15 votes to 3 and the Council then went into Committee.

The County Secretary read report from Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, indicating that the Committee established by this Council to examine the "Travellers Problem" in this County and made recommendations on how best to solve the problem had recommended that as follows:-

- (1) That Halting places be provided in the County and that the Halts be located throughout the County at suitable locations and on properly selected and developed sites.
- (2) That small conventional houses be provided in selected areas for families who may not wish to be housed in built up or Urban Areas.
- (3) That all Housing Authorities in the County continue with their policy of providing houses for Travellers as part of the over-all housing programme.

The Committee had recognised that the best strategy lay in the provision of halts as a first priority. Accordingly, it was recommended that one be provided on the West of the National Primary Route, North of Newtownmountkennedy, to cater for approximately 10 bays and that a similar development be provided in Ballywaltrim Area, by Bray Urban District Council. In addition to these two proposals it had been recommended that detached conventional type houses be provided in the Hollybrook area of Bray to serve a maximum of three families. The development in Bray is a matter for Bray Urban District Council and would be considered by that Authority at an early date. The Committee strongly advocated that halts be provided throughout the County and as an initial step one should be provided in each County Electoral Area. Every effort is being made at present to identify suitable sites.

The Report also stated that in relation to the site at Newtownmountkennedy it was proposed, subject to the approval of this Council, to prepare detailed drawings, costings, etc. and to have same submitted to the Department for approval. On receipt of approval and subject to the availability of finance, the implementation of the project could be considered. The meeting was given details of a report submitted by the County Engineer in relation to the above proposals. This report indicated that the cost of providing say 10 halting Bays at Newtownmountkennedy would be in the region of £80,000. The County Engineer then outlined the disadvantages to the proposal and stated that he would not consider the site a suitable one for the following reasons:-

- (a) A site beside and opening onto the National Primary Route could create a traffic hazard which could result in the loss of human lives.
- (b) There has already been a number of accidents due to the camping of itinerants and their activities.
- (c) Loss of amenities along the National Primary Route.

In relation to the proposed site in Bray on the 11 acres at Ballywaltrim, the County Engineer stated that as the site was located in the Bray Urban District it was a matter for that authority.

With regard to the Halting Bays at Newtownmountkennedy, Councillor J. McManus indicated that the proposal made by the Sub-Committee would undoubtedly improve the situation.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., referred to action which had been taken against the Council with regard to unofficial sites and stressed that the Council have the responsibility to do something about this problem. He also stated that

the proposed site was not totally satisfactory, but it was the best halt available north of Newtownmountkennedy, just another few 100 yards up the road, and if properly fenced off, it would be a great improvement.

It was proposed by Councillor J. McManus, that the proposed site north of Newtownmountkennedy, be adopted. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.O. seconded this proposal.

The Chairman stated that as a member of the Sub-Committee, they had gone to a lot of pains to try to come to agreement on the most suitable site for Halting Bays, and he recommended that the issue be passed on to this Committee who had done such a lot of good work.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill wished to be recorded as dissenting on this decision.

ITEM 6 TO CONSIDER THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 60 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1966 IN RELATION TO SCHEME OF LETTING PRIORITIES.

Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, indicated in his report that it is the duty of Housing Authorities to make a scheme determining the priorities to be accorded to categories of the persons classified in the scheme in the letting of dwellings provided by Authorities under the Housing Act, 1966. This duty is imposed by Section 60, Sub-Section 1 of that Act. Moreover, Sub-Section 8 of that Section required Housing Authorities to obtain and have regard to a report from the Chief Medical Officer. This Sub-Section has now been repealed by the Housing Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1979. This new provision provided that a scheme of letting priorities may specify that particular priorities shall be accorded to particular categories of persons in the letting of particular dwellings and for the purpose of determining the order of priority to be followed in the letting of dwellings to persons in accordance with the Scheme, Housing Authorities shall obtain and have regard to report from the Medical Officer of the Health Board established under the Health Act, 1970, in whose functional area the functional area of the Housing Authority is situated.

In effect, the new provision means that a Housing Authority is no longer obliged to obtain the report of a Medical Officer of health and consequently there are three options open to Housing Authorities:-

- (a) They may dispense entirely with a report of a Medical Officer of Health.
- (b) They may acquire a Medical Officers report in the making of all lettings, or
- (c) They may require a Medical Officers report in relation to the making of lettings which are claimed on medical grounds only.

Mr. McCabe reported that having considered the matter in detail, it is not recommended to the members that they make any change in the existing procedure whereby the report of the Medical Officer is obtained in all cases. This system is considered to have operated satisfactorily and has withstood the test of time. To depart from the system would not be considered advisable and could also mean that the Council would have to recruit its own Inspectors. Accordingly, the members of the Council are advised to adhere to the present system, for the moment, where the report of the Medical Officer of Health is obtained in the making of all such lettings.

The County Manager stated that the Council can change its priority scheme at any time, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment. On the question of the involvement of the Chief Medical Officer, the County Manager stated that this procedure seemed to work satisfactorily, despite some delay by the Chief Medical Officers department in returning their reports.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that he felt the priorities were forcing people to adopt a way of life in order to qualify for housing, such as moving in to live with in-laws. He added that there were people who bettered their housing situation, with the result that, although still in need of housing, they were bye-passed time and time again. Councillor Murphy also stated that these priorities are something that the Council would have to look further into, as the Scheme was forcing the applicants to conform and the majority of them were not inclined to improve their situation.

Councillor J. Leeson indicated that he would not like to see the County Councillors having any greater part in the letting of houses. He did not think that it was a fair reflection on the people to say that they maintained the houses in the worst possible state and crammed an overcrowded family into it, but added that he could not condone people who are not looking after their accommodation to the best of their ability. Councillor Leeson also stated that the Chief Medical Officer can only report on conditions as he finds them, and that it was the people with reasonably good accommodation who get passed over time and time again. He was of the opinion that people who are doing the best they can should get full consideration.

With regard to Caravans and Mobile Homes, Mr. McCabe informed the members that the Scheme of letting priorities provided that such applicants could only be regarded as being in unfit accommodation if they were in this type of accommodation for at least 2 years. He also indicated that this scheme would be reviewed and amended from time to time.

Councillor K. Ryan made the point that continuous reference was being made to those people with large families whereas the couple with no family were being bye-passed on the list every time.

Councillor H. Cullen drew attention to the delays of several months in the re-letting of premises which became vacant. Councillor Miss N. O'Neill referred to the long delays in getting reports back from the Chief Medical Officer. Councillor D. Kinsella also expressed reservations with regard to people making application for housing, saying that some applications were not being investigated. Councillor Kinsella stated that while he was in agreement with the Chief Medical Officer being involved, he was not satisfied with the way the Health Inspectors were operating. He said that he had made representations for the past two years with regard to a specific case in Aughrim, which had not to date been investigated, this applicant also applied for a vacant house in Aughrim, which was advertised, but received no reply. In reply, Mr. McCabe stressed that his staff were always meticulous in making sure that each applicant was examined and replied to.

Councillor J. McManus stated that it seemed that there will always be some group of the public who will be seen to be unfairly dealt with, and the situation represented the situation that the Council were not building enough houses. Councillor McManus referred to the private renting of housing, which was costing in the region of £120 per month, for what would be considered reasonable accommodation, and asked that this be taken into account when houses are being allocated.

Councillor G. Jones stated that on reading the present Housing Progress Report, it clearly indicated that the houses were not being provided. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., drew attention to the fact that the Council has houses that are unoccupied, while the housing list is growing, and stated that it appeared that the applicants were not being visited and thus they were concerned that they would not be considered for housing. Councillor Kavanagh asked that the scheme be worked efficiently if it is to continue and that representations be made to the Chief Medical Officer to ensure that reports are returned within one month after the vacancy occurs. Councillor T. J. Keenan also asked that the Council bring pressure to bear in this regard.

Councillor J. McManus also raised the question of local preference when housing was being allocated, in that people from different areas were applying for

housing, and were being allocated same according to priority.

The Chairman informed the members that it was interesting to note that the Council were now paying a contribution in the region of £50,000 per annum for the services of the Eastern Health Board and he stated that surely the Council were entitled to a better service, as houses in some cases were being left many months without a recommendation being made, with the result that they were being vandalised and the Council had to have them repaired and this applied particularly in the area of two health inspectors.

In conclusion the County Manager stated that, in the light of the discussions, he would relay the views of the members to the Chief Medical Officer and he would return to the members at a later date. He added that 1 month should be sufficient time to deal with reports, as applications for schemes were sent out well in advance, and the Council will have to be given a better service and would inform the Director of Community Care accordingly.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor H. Cullen that the present system in relation to scheme of letting priorities be adopted.

ITEM 7 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES, 1980.

Mr. L. Brennan, informed the members that the position with regard to the Environmental Improvements Scheme had changed in that money expended in 1979, which was not claimed was now being deducted by the Department from the present years allocation.

Mr. Brennan stated that the Council had expended £27,529.00 in 1979, which had not been claimed back from the Department due to a number of circumstances, one of which was the continuing employment of all people employed on the scheme to December, 1979, and as a result the Council was not in a position to claim its allocation before 31st December, 1979. Mr. Brennan added that the £43,471 allocated for the present year had been expended in full and any schemes that have not been started to date would not be commenced.

Councillor K. Ryan stated that it was a disgraceful situation that the claim was not submitted in 1979, in order to recoup the cost, and added that it was far too late when the schemes were brought before the members of the Council.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., stated that if the Department were introducing a new system under which allocations were made then they should inform the Council of same. Councillor Timmins, proposed that the Council go back to the Department seeking a revised allocation for next year.

Mr. L. Brennan informed the members that the Department had notified to the Council in April that their allocation under the above heading would be £75,000, but when deductions were made for 1979 expenditure, the nett allocation was £43,471.

Deputy L. Kavanagh, T.D., enquired where the £43,471 had been spent in the county and what areas had received the benefit of this money. He stated that the Council was down to £43,000 this year, and if this is compared with other counties i.e. Kildare, they were considerably down the scale. He urged that the strongest possible representations be made for an increased allocation for next year. Councillor J. Leeson indicated that the Department had effectually reduced the Councils allocation from £90,000 to £43,000 over a period of two years and that the Council should seek a greater allocation in 1981.

The County Secretary stated that the Council was under the understanding that they would be able to claim under last years heading, what the Council spent in the first few months of the year. He further indicated that the views of the members would be conveyed to the Department, expressing the Council's dissatisfaction at their 1980 allocation.

Councillor J. McManus referred to works undertaken at Kilgarron Park under this heading which were only half completed, including the levelling of the Open Space, and he asked for a report on this matter.

An extension of time of 15 mins. was proposed and agreed.

ITEM 8 TO CONSIDER RECEPTION OF DEPUTATION FROM ASHFORD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The County Secretary informed the members that representations were received from the Secretary of the above Association seeking a meeting with the Area Councillors. It was agreed that this Deputation would be received at the next Wicklow Area Meeting.

Western Area members agreed to meet a deputation from the Blessington Residents and Tenants Association after their next planning meeting.

ITEM 9 CARNEW SEWERAGE SCHEME.

The members were informed that negotiations for the acquisition of land and wayleaves for the proposed sewerage Scheme in Carnew had progressed. However, some difficulty was being incurred in relation to the land for the proposed treatment works.

In the event of this matter not being resolved, a further report will be brought to the Members.

ITEM 10 HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT.

It was agreed that this item be deferred to the December Housing Meeting.

ITEM 11 PROVISION OF BACK ENTRANCE LANE TO THE HOUSES BACKING ONTO THE OPEN SPACE IN KILGARRON PARK.

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

"That finance to provide a back entrance lane to the houses backing onto the Open Space in Kilgarron Park be provided for in the Estimates for 1981."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that this matter can be considered at the Estimates Meeting, in 1981, if it is considered that the provision of this access does not conflict with the 10% Open Space criterion which has been mentioned in relation to other Estates e.g. Kilcoole. He added that these back entrances become unsightly and become a dump for rubbish and are usually very badly kept.

Councillor J. McManus referred to the unsightly space to the front of the above houses, which was caused by the absence of a back lane. The Residents have no access by which to bring items to the back of their houses, thus causing a build up of unsightly articles around the front of the houses.

It was proposed by Councillor J. McManus, seconded by Councillor A. Murphy, and agreed that this item be included for consideration in the 1981 Estimates.

ITEM 12 LAND FOR HOUSING IN RATHDRUM.

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

"That the acquisition of additional land for housing in Rathdrum be investigated."

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.O. indicated that it had been decided some time ago that land would be used for playing area and he asked what progress was being made in this regard.

Mr. U. McCabe stated that the County Engineer had submitted a report to the Wicklow Electoral Area Meeting in which he did not recommend that land be acquired by C.P.D. on Mr. O'Flynn as there was already quite adequate land available. The County Engineer indicated that there was 7.1 acres in the entire site, including the portion recently acquired and that a total of 3.23 acres could be made available as Open Space at the lower area of the site by appropriate levelling. The County Engineer also stressed that serviced land was scarce and it was at the time of building of the first scheme that this land was delegated for use as open space. He referred to the piece of ground at the lower end of the field, which could be made suitable for use as a playing area, at an estimated cost of about £2,000 which he indicated would be a more economic way of solving the matter. Mr. McCabe indicated that the next Scheme in this area would be developed to cater for approximately 24 houses.

Councillor L. Kavanagh T.D., indicated that it was just not acceptable that this plan had not been put into operation and any change will just not be acceptable.

The County Manager stated that this matter could be put on the Agenda again, having regard to the County Engineer's recommendation regarding the general availability of land to be used as play area.

The County Engineer also indicated that the land in question had been acquired for housing purposes and it would be a waste of easily serviced land if it was to be turned into a playing area.

Councillor H. Cullen indicated that there had been no mention of an alternative on what had already been suggested, and if houses were continued to be built in Parnell Park, it would quickly turn into an excessively dense housing area. Councillor Cullen appealed to the County Engineer and County Manager that this matter be given further consideration.

ITEM 13 AWARD SCHEME FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF COUNCIL HOUSING ESTATES.

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

"That the setting up of an Award Scheme for the Management of Council Housing Estates be examined."

The County Secretary informed the members that the above matter was being examined and he asked that it be deferred to a later date.

ITEM 14 POSSIBILITY OF ERECTING 'APEX ROOF' ON THE HOUSES IN KINDESTOWN PARK, GREYSTONES.

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

"That this Council carry out a detailed examination of the houses in Kindlestown Park, Greystones, with a view to the erection of an 'Apex Roof' on the houses and report to the Council on the cost involved and the feasibility of such an alteration."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that:-

- (1) The roofs in their present state are generally satisfactory, and the cost involved would be in the region of £4,000 per house.
- (2) The alteration would have to be made to the rainwater discharge system. Chimneys would have to be re-built. Piped T.V. Cables and Aerials would have to be re-located.
- (3) Water Tanks would have to be re-positioned and plumbing altered. Special Type of roof trusses would have to be constructed. In fact the houses would have to be vacated while the work was

carried out.

- (4) As the type of flat roof constructed has generally been accepted as a standard of building, and also as the construction of the houses were approved by the Department, it is considered that finance would not be made available from the Central Funds for the proposed roof conversions.

Councillor G. Jones asked that the above matter be kept in mind for consideration at a future date, if finances became available.

ITEM 15 REMOVAL OF FENCE ALONG THE ROAD IN THE RATHDANGAN HOUSING ESTATE.

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

"That the tenants in the Rathdangan Housing Estate be granted permission to remove fence along the road to allow them keep cars off public road at night time."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that he did not agree that these fences should be removed as they form part of the boundary of the Council's Housing Scheme. It is usual to have a railing fronting gardens as a feature of all Housing Schemes. However, he understood that the tenants are being allowed to take down this fencing, they should be only given permission to do so, on condition that they do it at their own expense, and provide proper hard standings for their cars to the Council's satisfaction. The County Engineer added that the fencing should be taken down from all the houses in the interest of uniformity and presentation of the Scheme.

ITEM 16 HOUSE FOR DONOGHUE FAMILY AT KNOCKRIGG, GRANGE CON.

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

"That this Council build a house for the Donoghue family on site provided by themselves at Knockrigg, Grange Con."

Councillor J. Miley indicated that these people had not been visited for inspection. Mr. U. McCabe stated that it was hoped to receive a report on this case in the near future, when the position would be examined.

ITEM 17 IMPROVEMENT OF WATER PRESSURE TO THE FOLLOWING HOUSES IN EMMET PLACE, CARNEW - BILL BARNES, JOHN KEOGH, MRS. BARNES AND T. JORDAN.

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

"I wish to propose that this Council improve water pressure to the following houses in Emmet Place, Carnew, - Bill Barnes, John Keogh, Mrs. Barnes and T. Jordan."

The County Engineer reported that due to the height of the water Treatment Works in Carnew relative to the height of the houses in Emmet Place, trouble will be experienced due to lack of pressure. This was particularly so during periods of heavy draw off. He also stated that attempts have been made over the past month or so to effect minor improvements in the Scheme. It has been found that some sudden high draw offs of water have taken place and these have lead to shortages in Emmet Place. The matter is being further considered.

ITEM 18 PROVISION OF NEW BUILDING TO HOUSE THE FIRE ENGINE AT ARKLOW.

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

"That this Council provide a new building to house the Fire Engine at Arklow."

The County Secretary informed the members that this matter had been referred to the Chief Fire Officer, who indicated that the Fire Station in Arklow is in poor condition and badly located, from a roads point of view. However, he stated that the needs of other areas are more pressing and must take precedence over Arklow and that a priority list and construction programme should be established for Fire Stations in this County.

Councillor D. Kinsella stated that he hoped Arklow would fall in line, and said that it was urgent that accommodation be provided for the Fire Engine as soon as possible.

ITEM 19 PROVISION OF MOBILE HOME FOR JAMES WILSON AND FAMILY, STRATNAKELLY SHILLELAGH.

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

"I wish to propose that this Council provide a Mobile Home for James Wilson and his family, Stratnakelly, Shillelagh."

Mr. P. O'Meara, Staff Officer, Housing Section, indicated in his report that the Wilson Family are living in a grossly overcrowded, unserviced vested cottage, the tenant purchaser of which is James Wilson. He also added that the County Medical Officer has recommended the provision of a mobile home as a temporary measure to relieve the gross overcrowding until such time as other arrangements can be made.

ITEM 20 PROVISION OF WATER TO THE THREE COUNCIL COTTAGES IN LISCOLMAN.

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

"I wish to propose that the Council provide water to the three Council Cottages in Liscolman."

The Members were informed that Liscolman is one of the areas which will be supplied from the Carlow Regional Water Supply Scheme. A public enquiry was held to allow Carlow County Council to abstract water from the River Slaney. The Order was confirmed by the Minister for the Environment on the 5th June, 1980. A Court Hearing was pending in this particular case. As there is no money available at present in the Small Water and Sewerage Schemes it would not be possible to sink a well to cover the immediate situation. =

ITEM 21 PRIVATE SITES ON BALANCE OF LAND AT KINDLESTOWN LOWER.

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

"That Wicklow County Council prepare the necessary plans with a view to making available private sites on the balance of the land at Kindlestown Lower returned to the Council by Riversdale Concrete Products Ltd."

The County Secretary informed the members that, as of yet, no report had been received from the County Engineer and with the recent licence approved by the Council, it would be premature to have plans drawn up.

ITEM 22 ERECTION OF HOUSE FOR JOHN DAWSON, AT COOLNARRIG, TUCKMILL, BALTINGLASS.

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

"That the Council build a house for John Dawson on a site provided by his Mother at Coolnarrig, Tuckmill, Baltinglass."

Mr. P. O'Meara, Staff Officer, Housing Section, stated in his report that the County Medical Officer recently carried out an inspection of the above-named housing circumstances and has indicated that the Council should build a rural cottage for this family on a site to be provided by his Mother. However, the County Medical Officer has also indicated that the site offered is most unsuitable for the building of a rural cottage. The Council are, therefore, requesting Mrs. Dawson to allocate another site which will be inspected by the Engineering Staff in due course.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Miley that the above recommendation be implemented if Mrs. Dawson is agreeable.

ITEM 23 PROVISION OF DEMOUNTABLE DWELLING FOR MOLLIE DUNNE, EDWARD STREET, BALTINGLASS

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

"That the Council provide a demountable dwelling for Mollie Dunne, Edward Street, Baltinglass."

The members were informed that a report on the provision of a demountable dwelling for Mollie Dunne, Edward Street, Baltinglass has been requested from the County Medical Officer and also that Mrs. Dunne has applied for inclusion on the housing list.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., stated that this was a very urgent case as the occupiers had been served with a notice to quit in 4-5 months, and he asked that the matter be dealt with as expeditiously as possible.

ITEM 24 PROVISION OF EXTRA ACCOMMODATION FOR MR. PETER BYRNE, BALLYMORRIS AUGHIRM.

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

"I wish to propose that this Council provide extra accommodation for Mr. Peter Byrne, Ballymorris, Aughrim, who has a large family living in a very overcrowded house."

The members were informed that Peter Byrne is the tenant purchaser of an unserviced rural vested cottage at Ballymorris, Aughrim. The County Engineer has estimated that the cost of the provision of services to this cottage would be in the region of £5,000. Before the Council could consider carrying out these works, it would be necessary for Mr. Byrne to transfer his cottage back to the Council. The County Medical Officer has been requested to submit an up to date housing report on Mr. Byrne's circumstances, and on receipt of same, the matter will receive further attention.

Councillor T. J. Keenan indicated that Mr. Byrne was willing to give back the house to the Council and asked that the matter be pursued.

ITEM 25 DIVIDING OF PLOT OF WASTE AND UNSIGHTLY GROUND IN MILLFIELD PARK, ENNISKERRY.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors J. Leeson, G. Jones and A. Murphy, was deferred to the December Housing Meeting:-

"That Wicklow County Council divide plot of waste and unsightly ground in

Millfield Park, Enniskerry between tenants of nos. 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 18, and 20."

ITEM 26 EXTENSION OF REFUSE COLLECTION IN THE BRITTAS BAY AREA.

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

"That the Council domestic refuse collection service be extended in the Brittas Bay area from Ardinary through Sallymount to Tonlagree Cross Roads."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that it is not possible at present to extend the refuse collection at above location. Due to shortage of funds, investigations are being undertaken to see how the system could be reduced, as a considerable amount of money is being spent on overtime to maintain the service.

ITEM 27 CLEARING AND LEVELLING OF OPEN SPACE AT BEECHBROOK PARK, GREYSTONES.

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

"That the Open Space at Beechbrook Park, Greystones, be cleared and levelled."

The members were informed that this work has been completed.

ITEM 28 PROVISION OF ADEQUATE LIVING ACCOMMODATION FOR SEAN HUGHES UMRIGAR, CARNEW.

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

"That this Council provide adequate living accommodation for Sean Hughes, Umrigar, Carnew."

The County Secretary informed the members that no report had been received from the Chief Medical Officer on the above case and it was agreed that this item would be repeated for the December Housing Meeting.

ITEM 29 CARRIGACURRA WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.

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

"I, or some member for me, move that instructions be issued to have the work carried out on the Carrigacurra Water Supply Scheme, with £12,000 agreed at Area Meeting held at Blessington in May last."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that £12,000 was not made available to carry out work on the Carrigacurra Water Supply Scheme. He added that the position at present is that drawings and estimates have been made for the scheme and these will shortly be transmitted to the Department under the Small Water and Sewerage Schemes. The total cost of the work will be £22,218.00. Provision will be made in 1981 for the completion of the Scheme.

ITEM 30 TAKING OVER OF BALLINAPARK GROUP WATER SCHEME (AVOCA).

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

"I wish to propose that this Council take over Ballinapark Group Water Scheme (Avoca) as it is now complete and working well."

The County Engineer reported that some years ago it was proposed that the above Scheme be taken over. The Council's electrician carried out an

inspection and recommended that certain electrical work be carried out. He further stated that the Council's electrician has again been instructed to inspect the electrical work and if this and everything is in order, the Scheme will be taken over.

ITEM 31 REFUSE COLLECTION - 'THE FORGE CROSS', KILLINURE.

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

"That this Council make alternative pick-up arrangements for the Refuse Collection which used to be picked up at 'the Forge Cross' Killinure."

The County Engineer stated in his report that there appears to be no suitable pick-up point in this area, which could be an alternative to the site at the 'Forge Cross' Killinure. The only remaining solution would be to re-route the refuse truck to collect the rubbish from the individual dwellings.

Councillor K. Ryan indicated that the Refuse Collection vehicle could be re-routed about 10 yds up the road, where there is a cross convenient for turning.

ITEM 32 EXTENSION OF SEWERAGE TO THREE COUNCIL HOUSES AT MILLTOWN, DUNLAVIN

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

"That this Council extend sewerage to three Council houses at Milltown, Dunlavin."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that a scheme has been prepared for submission to the Department to serve the three Council houses mentioned above. The cost of this scheme will be £1,826.

ITEM 33 REQUESTS MADE BY RESIDENTS OF BALLYWALTRIM HOUSING ESTATE.

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

"That the requests of the residents of the Ballywaltrim Housing Estate be investigated urgently with a view to solving them."

The County Engineer stated that a small number of complaints regarding house repairs have been received from residents of Ballywaltrim Housing Estate and these are being attended to.

Councillor A. Murphy indicated that there were 2 new Ballywaltrim Housing Schemes and he asked that the present roadway serving the existing Estate be re-opened. He stated that it was very remiss of the Council to close off this entrance that has been there for many years without even informing the residents, as they have a right to be notified.

Councillor J. Byrne stated that he met with the residents about 2 weeks ago, and he asked that the County Engineer contact the Architect and return to the Council at their next meeting, with their proposals. Councillor J. McManus also supported saying that the road should be left open.

The County Engineer stated that this road was closed in the interest of safety and the situation was being reexamined. A further report would be submitted when a solution was obtained.

ITEM 34 IMPROVEMENT OF ROOF OF THE FUEL STORES AT THE RERE OF THE HOUSES AT BALLYWALTRIM

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

"That the roof of the fuel stores at the rere of the houses at Ballywaltrim be improved to prevent the water falling onto the back step and cutting a hole thereon."

The County Engineer reported that the fuel store is a building of approximately 7' x 7' at the rere of each house, but not adjoining the houses. The store has a concrete roof. Rainwater which is falling on the roof is drained away by means of a concrete "lip" which protrudes from the roof allowing water to fall to the ground. This water naturally cuts a hole in the ground, and splashes back against the wall of the store causing discolouration. The County Engineer further stated that in view of the number of houses involved, the cost of forming soakaways will be £1,000. It is considered that as the problem is more of a nuisance than a danger, and is only noticeable during times of heavy rainfall, that the expenditure would not be justified.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that these people have to live with this nuisance every time they open their back door and he asked that the matter be considered in the 1981 Estimates. Councillor J. Byrne stated that the same type of problem existed in most of the Housing Schemes in Bray, and as a result of which the concrete of the pavements was being eaten away.

ITEM 35 BUILDING OF BATHROOM AND BEDROOM FOR MR. JAMES SHANNON, 13, CHURCH ROAD, NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY, CO. WICKLOW.

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

"That this Council build a bathroom and bedroom for Mr. James Shannon, 13, Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy, as this child is handicapped and needs this accommodation. This tenant made application for this extension 5 years ago."

Mr. P. O'Meara, Staff Officer, reported that Mr. Shannon and family are the occupiers of a rented Council cottage at Newtownmountkennedy. On the 2nd February, 1980 Mr. Shannon applied for a disabled persons grant on behalf of his son James, who is mentally handicapped for the provision of a bathroom and bedroom at the above house. He further stated that on the 10th February, 1980, the Council wrote to Mr. Shannon requesting him to submit a plan or rough sketch of the proposed work, together with the Planning permission approval, but no reply has been received. Mr. Shannon has again been requested to submit these documents and as soon as same are received, the matter will receive immediate attention.

ITEM 36 PURCHASE OF TWO SITES TO BUILD TWO COUNCIL HOUSES FOR JOHN TOOMEY AND RICHARD SEALE COAN, KNOCKANARRIGAN.

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

"I or some member move for me that this Council purchase from the Department of Defence two sites to build two Council houses for John Toomey and Richard Seale Coan, Knockanarrigan."

The County Secretary informed the members that a report had been received from the Housing Section stating that the provision of rural cottages in the above two cases is currently under investigation by the County Medical Officer.

ITEM 37 ERECTION OF PUMP FOR THE ENGLISH FAMILY AT LOUGHMORE.

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

"I or some member move for me that this Council have the pump erected for the English family at Loughmore and not leave it unfinished."

Mr. L. Brennan reported that the provision of a pump for the English family at Loughmore is in progress and it is expected that the work will be completed by the 31st December, 1980.

ITEM 38 KNOCKRAHEEN WATER SUPPLY.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors C. Murphy, T.D., J. Giff and R. Miley was considered:-

"That steps be taken to have the Knockraheen Water Supply function adequately by replacing the broken slabs over the well by fencing the area; by attending to the overflow at Peter Hatton's Gateway and by fitting a hose on the hose-pipe."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that the water supply situation at Knockraheen is being investigated with a view to improving the supply. It has been found that the existing source of supply is unsatisfactory. He also stated that it is not envisaged that any major improvements can be carried out in the present financial year as funds are not available.

It was proposed by Councillor R. Miley, seconded by Councillor F. Hynes that these improvements be carried out in the future.

ITEM 39 LEVELLING OF OPEN SPACE OR PLAY AREA AT RERE OF DUNLAVIN NEW HOUSING ESTATE.

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

"That the Open Space or Play Area at the rere of Dunlavin New Housing Estate be levelled and rubble taken away and generally cleaned up."

The County Engineer reported that this play area is totally inaccessible to machinery, attempts were made to break up the ground and level it with a rotavator, but failed due to hardness of the ground. A further attempt could be made now after the prolonged wet weather. Some rubble will also have to be removed by wheelbarrows. All this work would cost approximately £300 and could be charged to Parks and Open Spaces, if money is available.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Deering, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., that this work be undertaken.

ITEM 40 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

Vote of Sympathy.

Councillor J. Miley proposed a vote of sympathy to Mr. Charles Egan, B.E., Assistant County Engineer, in the Blessington Area Office, on the death of his mother. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. also associated himself with these remarks, as did the Chairman and other members, along with the County Manager on behalf of the staff.

Newtownmounckennedy.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. referred to neglect under many headings in Newtownmounckennedy, including Planning, Sewerage, and Roads. Councillor Kavanagh, underlined the situation of the condition of the road at the North end of Newtownmounckennedy, which is in a bad condition since the beginning of August and getting worse as weeks go by. He asked if something could be done as an emergency measure. It was indicated that it was hoped to have remedial work completed as soon as possible.

play Area: Councillor Kavanagh enquired if a landowner in the Newtownmount-kennedy area had been approached with a view to acquiring land in that area for playing purposes, as he stated that if the new school is built there will be no play area.

The Chairmen stated that there was going to be a problem in providing playing facilities in this area and requested that the question of a C.P.O. be finalised as a matter of urgency.

Bend at Lathaleer, Baltinglass.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., referred to £6,800 which had been allocated to improve bend at Lathaleer, Baltinglass, and asked when this work would commence as the money was allocated especially for this work and the land involved had been in the possession of the Council for the last 6-9 years, he added that the bend nearest the town could be incorporated in the over-all scheme eventually. Councillor Timmins, asked that the County Engineer, County Manager and County Secretary have this matter attended to.

Repairs to 30 Kilgarron Park, Enniskerry.

Councillor A. Murphy referred to outstanding repairs to the above house and stated that the tenant had transmitted the various complaints to the Council and was told that the work would be done within a few days. Councillor J. McManus also asked for a commitment from the County Manager in this genuine case. He added that this particular tenant would be prepared to do the work himself if he was provided with the materials.

Traffic Lights at Kilmacanogue.

Councillor A. Murphy also referred to the provision of Traffic Lights at Kilmacanogue and asked if there had been any official word from the Department. The County Secretary indicated that no reply to the application had been received. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. enquired if the application had indicated that the Council proposed to use portion of the Block Grant for the work. County Secretary indicated that he understood the County Engineer had discussions with Department officials which may have given rise to his report that a proposal be submitted to the Department requesting an allocation for the installation of the required lights.

Members indicated that they required an explanation as to why this procedure was followed, rather than the use of the Block Grant as indicated.

Roads in Greystones area.

Councillor G. Jones again raised the question of roads not being repaired in the Greystones area and made specific reference to two roads, Rathdown Road and Church Road, which were in a very bad condition. He stated that this Council gave a commitment at the beginning of the year that roads would be maintained as the first priority. A report from the County Engineer was requested for the December meeting.

Greystones Sewerage Scheme.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill enquired as to the present position in relation to Greystones Sewerage Scheme and in particular to disposal of effluent at present being catered for by the septic tank at Woodlands. The County Engineer indicated that Contract Documents for Stage 2 of the Scheme were being examined and would be submitted to the Department in early course. It is hoped that Stage 2 would cater for the area referred to by Councillor O'Neill.

Playing Fields at Greystones.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill referred to the setting up of an Organising Committee for the Sporting facilities being provided at Greystones. It was requested that a further report would be made available by the County Engineer on the positioning of the Playing Area.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER,
1980, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW, COMMENCING
AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO

Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary.

IN

Mr. J. Moloney, B.E. Acting County Engineer.

ATTENDANCE:

Mr. K. Griffin, B.E. Acting Chief Assistant County Engineer,
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, Roads/Environmental.
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, Housing/Planning.
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section.
Mr. P. O'Meara, Staff Officer, Housing Section.
Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer, Motor Taxation Section.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan,
and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council
held on the 13th October, 1980, be confirmed and signed.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill stated that no work had been commenced on the Harbour
Wall in Greystones.

Mr. K. Griffin, B.E. indicated that the delay was due to some difficulty with
dumping trucks, which were proving hard to hire, but he added that the work
would go ahead within a few days.

ITEM 2 TO CONSIDER THE POST OF SENIOR LIBRARY ASSISTANT.

The County Secretary informed the members that a recommendation had been received
from the County Librarian that the grade of Senior Library Assistant be introduced
to Wicklow County Library Service in accordance with terms of Circular 1(a) (B)
14/80. He also indicated the cost of introducing this grade.

It was proposed by Councillor N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan,
and unanimously agreed that the post of Senior Library Assistant be created within
the Wicklow County Library Services, and that one existing post of Library Assistant
be abolished on the filling of the post, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the
Environment.

ITEM 3 TO CONSIDER THE MAKING OF HOUSING BYE-LAWS UNDER SECTION 70 OF THE
HOUSING ACT, 1966.

It was proposed that this item be deferred until Mr. U. McCabe was in attendance
at the meeting.

ITEM 4 FLOODING ON THE BACK ROAD DONARD/BALTINGLASS.

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

"That Wicklow County Council take steps to alleviate the problem of water
flooding off the hill, onto the road and into the houses, on the back road
Donard/Baltinglass."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that surface water tends to flow
down the road from Donard Mountain and when passing entrance to the Housing
Estate is inclined to flow in onto the Estate Road which is at a lower level.

Altering the levels by raising of ground at entrance would channel back onto the County Road. The estimated cost of carrying out this work to cover labour and materials is approximately £50.00.

It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. seconded by Councillor F. Hynes, that the aforementioned work be carried out.

ITEM 5 TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT DOWNS INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

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

"That Wicklow County Council take over the road at the Downs Industrial Estate, as the owner has had the necessary repairs and resurfacing completed to bring the road to a proper standard."

The County Engineer indicated that the taking over of this road is at present being dealt with and a report will be available for the next meeting of the Council.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., stated that this item had been on the Agenda for some time, and as this was an industrial site there was a great need for jobs in the County, and Wicklow County Council was making it difficult for the people involved. Councillor A. Murphy also supported this item.

ITEM 6 CLEANING OF STREETS IN COUNCIL ESTATES IN BLESSINGTON AND DUNLAVIN.

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

"That the Council make arrangements to have streets cleaned in Council Estates in Blessington and Dunlavin."

The County Engineer stated in his report that the Dunlavin Council Estate streets are swept at present once every two weeks. The Blessington Council Estate streets are swept intermittently. If money could be made available, the County Engineer recommended that these streets be swept by one man for three days each week. This would cost at present approximately £110.00 per week.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill indicated that this Notice of Motion could apply to every Council Estate in the County, and she suggested that the workers might be assigned on a shared basis between the villages, as some areas were being totally neglected. Councillor A. Murphy also supported this item indicating that the Council would have to make a conscious decision with regard to cleaning of this nature. He added that the people in these villages feel that they are being badly treated and surely the Local Overseer would be in a position to allocate a rota of duties. It was agreed that the matter would be considered further at Estimates for 1981.

ITEM 7 PROVISION OF PROPOSED TELEPHONE KIOSK AT RATHNEW.

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

"That an up-to-date report be given to the Council on the provision of the proposed Telephone Kiosk at Rathnew."

Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, informed the members that Posts and Telegraphs had finally notified the Council of the Kiosk Cost in the above regard and that the Agreement was being completed.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., enquired as to what criterion was being used for the erection of these kiosks, and asked that a list of the proposed kiosks be prepared. It was agreed that a comprehensive list of work carried out in providing telephone kiosks this year would be brought before the Council at their December meeting.

ITEM 8 ERECTION OF TELEPHONE KIOSK AT CROSSBRIDGE, TINAHELY.

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

"I wish to propose that this Council bring pressure on the P. & T. to erect telephone kiosk at Crossbridge, Tinahely, which was promised some years back."

Councillor V. Blake stated that the people in this area have been promised a Telephone Kiosk for the past three years and even the frame of the kiosk had been located in Crossbridge but was taken away again.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. indicated that the Posts and Telegraphs were transferring their responsibility onto Wicklow County Council, who were being forced to guarantee the majority of the kiosks. Councillor Kavanagh also referred to length of time kiosks were left out of order during which time there was no income coming from them.

Councillor V. Blake referred to a kiosk at Crab Lane, to which people had to travel 5 miles in order to make a telephone call.

The County Secretary informed the members that at present the Council were obliged to pay approximately £4,000 towards the guaranteeing of Kiosks at present and stated that the present trend is that the P & T will not erect kiosks unless the Council are prepared to guarantee them.

Councillor K. Ryan proposed that the Council include a telephone kiosk in the services made available when building all new housing schemes. Councillor J. McManus enquired as to the provision of a telephone kiosk at Ballywaltrim, a resolution for which had been put in some time ago. Councillor A. Murphy also expressed concern that the Council was being lumbered with the responsibility of guaranteeing kiosks, while the onus should be on the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to provide such a facility.

It was agreed that the views of the Members would be conveyed to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

ITEM 3 TO CONSIDER THE MAKING OF HOUSING BYE-LAWS UNDER SECTION 70 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1966

Mr. P. O'Meara, Staff Officer, Housing Section, informed the members that bye-laws are made by the Wicklow County Council under Section 70 of the Housing Act, 1966, by which the Housing Authority are required to provide certain standards in relation to houses let for rent or other valuable consideration. These bye-laws place certain obligations on tenant, owner and the housing authority and the draft bye-laws were placed before the members for consideration.

Councillor J. McManus enquired if it would be possible to approve of the bye-laws in view of the fact that there were no fire regulations in the County, and he asked if it would be possible to introduce our own Fire Regulations locally. Mr. O'Meara stated that this document was purely a draft one and fire regulations could be incorporated into it at a later date if and when appropriate.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. advocated that houses should be let in a proper condition, and he posed the question if the Council had the right to impose bye-laws when they themselves have not got houses to let out to people, and these bye-laws would mean that the stock of available letting premises will be curtailed and people will not be allowed to let houses. He added that he would be very loathe to pass these bye-laws as it would cause a difficult situation for the tenant, and, especially for young couples who were in dire need of housing at the present time.

Councillor A. Murphy indicated that the reality of the situation was that the bye-laws do not seem to have a great deal of 'teeth'. He asked who would have the redeeming factor in mandating the owner to keep his premises to a certain level and also who would be the Arbitrator in the event of the premises not being in a proper condition. Councillor Murphy also referred to the terms

"working classes" used in No. 7 of the draft Bye-Laws, and said that surely this sort of term could be removed from the document.

Councillor J. Leeson enquired if a person was obliged to inform the Local Authority if he intended letting a premises, and also what Officer of the Council would implement these bye-laws, and in the case where disrepair exists at present what officer would see to the closing down of this accommodation.

Councillor J. McManus stated that the danger of passing regulations was that there was a basic shortage of housing accommodation, and this was partly due to the fact that there has been a failure to provide Local Authority Housing and because of this he stated that the Council must hold back on the implementation of basically responsible regulations.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that renting solely with the idea of obtaining Local Authority Housing could not be accepted and that the only way the Council could act would be to ensure that renting is not going to be a means of getting local authority housing in the ultimate, while he was of the opinion that let accommodation will play a much greater role in the community of the future in line with European experience. Councillor Murphy indicated that he would be in agreement with these bye-laws from a health and safety point of view, but expressed concern with regard to the shortage of accommodation available. He also referred to a practical case in Bray where the landlord had increased the rent from £12 to £17.

In reply to questions raised, Mr. U. McCabe stated in cases of the accommodation being unfit for human habitation, the Council would get the report of the Local Engineer on the general structure of the house and then take the necessary action. Such a case could subsequently be brought to Court to ascertain which party was neglecting the house, for which there is a fine of £25, with a continuing fine of £5 per day at the discretion of the Court until the matter was rectified. Mr. McCabe also stated that Bray and Arklow Urban District Councils had already passed these draft bye-laws. With regard to the term "working classes", Mr. U. McCabe stated that this term originated from the Working Classes Acts which was the former enabling legislation for the erection of houses in Urban areas and consequently had to be retained to cover these houses.

In reply to Councillor A. Murphy on the question of responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of the accommodation, Mr. McCabe stated that the primary onus would be on the Owner and it would be a matter for him to establish his innocence or guilt. He further stated that the Bye-Laws would provide a means of judging a house and whether or not the bye-laws were being complied with and the Local Authority would be guided by it's Law Agents advice as to taking any particular case to the District Court.

It was proposed by Councillor J. McManus, seconded by Councillor A. Murphy, and agreed that the draft Housing Bye-Laws under Section 70 of the Housing Act, 1966 be approved.

ITEM 9 NEW FIRE STATION IN GREYSTONES.

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

"That a report be given to this Council on the plans for a new Fire Station in Greystones."

The County Secretary informed the members that the Chief Fire Officer was examining the entire situation in relation to Fire Stations and Equipment in the County. He stated that the Council were already aware of the situation pertaining to Bray and Tinahely. He further indicated that the Chief Fire Officer had made a number of proposals in relation to the implementation of a temporary arrangement and he recommended that a 'nissen hut' type construction be erected as an interim measure.

Councillor G. Jones referred to the bad condition of some of the Fire Stations in the County and he stressed that with new fire appliances being purchased

and at such a high cost, it was essential to provide proper housing for them. Councillor A. Murphy stated that it would be neglectful to let the machines depreciate and added that the members were worried that a nissen hut would become permanent once located, but he was of the opinion that the machine would at least be covered until finance could be obtained for a permanent building.

Councillor V. Blake referred to the Fire Appliance in Tinahely, which was waiting to be housed for the past seven years, and he stressed that in no way would he be in agreement with accepting a nissen hut as a temporary measure, as once it was provided it would become permanent accommodation. Councillor K. Ryan also stressed that the Council cannot allow machinery to deteriorate in Tinahely and added that there had been no mention of temporary accommodation when the equipment was being provided. Councillor T. J. Keenan stated that the situation in Tinahely had dragged on for far too long and the equipment was at present being protected under poliothane bags.

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor T. Keenan, that temporary accommodation be provided for the Fire Engine and equipment in Tinahely.

With regard to tenders sought two years ago for Tinahely, the County Secretary indicated that they had been sent to the Department, who had asked for some modifications to same, these had been finalised by the Engineering Staff and were submitted. The County Secretary also informed the members that a Fire Station fully equipped was very expensive, being in the region of £700,000. and the Council at present had a programme whereby they were pressing for Bray and Tinahely, and if they received an allocation for one station per year they would be doing well. He further stated that the provision of a nissen hut would cost £23,000, as per County Engineer's estimate.

Councillor J. Leeson stated that a nissen hut would be a good investment, to be used as a temporary accommodation, with the proviso that it could be moved around to other areas where the Council might have Fire Engines in bad conditions, and until the Council were in a position to obtain finance to build permanent accommodation. Councillor G. Timmins, T.O., enquired if there had been any effort made to rent a suitable building in the area of Greystones, but the County Secretary assured him that all such possibilities had been explored both by the Chief Fire Officer and by the County Engineer, who were unable to obtain a suitable building.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.O., that the nissen hut be provided for the Greystones Fire Appliance, on the understanding that there would be adequate landscaping and screening of the visual aspect of it, and he asked if drawings could be made available in this regard. Councillor J. Leeson seconded this proposal.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.O., also enquired if an application for an allocation of finance for both Tinahely and Bray had been lodged with the Department, and he proposed that the revised proposals for Tinahely be firemd up immediately and submitted for consideration. Councillor G. Timmins, T.O. also stressed that the proposals be sent to the Department, as the Estimates were at present being looked into and it was imperative that the Department have the proposals before them. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had had negotiations with the Consulting Engineers and Department Officials, and he assured the members that the proposals would be forwarded as soon as possible.

In reply to Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.O., who enquired if there was any restriction on the monies which the Council can borrow outside the Local Loans Fund, the County Secretary indicated that if the finance is not available from the Local Loans Fund, the Council can make application for special sanction from the Department.

ITEM 10 EXTENSION TO THE NATIONAL SCHOOL AT CARNEW.

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

"That this Council provide land for an extension to the National School at Carnew."

Mr. U. McCabe indicated that following recent discussions the sale of land required to the Carnew N.S. Management Board would be recommended to the members in the next month.

ITEM 11 SOCCER PITCH AT SHILLELAGH.

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

"That this council provide a Soccer Pitch at Shillelagh."

Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, indicated in his report that the Council own approximately 8.5 acres of land in Shillelagh which are at present let for grazing. The lands cannot at present be used for housing as they are some distance from the village of Shillelagh and from water and sewerage services. However, the Council is considering the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order for a more suitable site in Shillelagh village and Mr. McCabe felt that it may be possible to execute an exchange of lands. It was considered that the site at Shillelagh should be retained in fee simple, free from encumbrances as it is very useful to have a land bank like this even though it is not serviced. Mr. McCabe, therefore, could see no objection to a temporary letting of the lands to the Soccer Club who would have to leave the lands on request from the Council, without any responsibility on the Council to provide an alternative elsewhere for them.

The County Engineer also reported that the lands involved are adjacent to County Road No. 232, and are served to the rear by a Council Lane, and there is no objection, in principle, to the letting of this land to the Soccer Club. This should be on a temporary basis, as suggested, and should be reviewed whenever the Tinahely/Sewerage/Carnew Regional Water Scheme is completed. He also stated that at present there are overhead E.S.B. wires stretching across this land, and if the Soccer Club require these wires to be moved, it is suggested that the work be carried out at the Soccer Clubs expense.

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor V. Blake and unanimously agreed that the Council execute a temporary letting of lands to the Shillelagh Soccer Club, according to the above recommendation.

ITEM 12 REMOVAL OF RATES FROM ALL GROUNDS USED FOR SPORTS AND GAMES.

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

"That this Council request the Minister for the Environment to remove all Rates on all the grounds used for sports and games."

Mr. P. Heraty, Staff Officer, Rates Section, reported that the position at the moment is that playing fields are not exempt from Rates. Football pitches, however, would only be subject to Rates of about £3 or £4, as they would be under £20 valuation and accordingly, would qualify for full agricultural grant allowance. Likewise, pavillions and club houses are not exempt from Rates. Community Halls are allowed relief of Rates provided that they are subject to use by all members of the community.

Councillor K. Ryan indicated that where there were soccer pitches or football pitches being rated they run into a lot of land and he proposed that the Council request the Minister of the Environment to waive all Rates on such land, this proposal was seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney.

ITEM 13 PLAYING FIELD AT NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY.

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

"That the Manager explain to the Council the reasons for not approaching Mr. Watson, Newtownmountkenedy, in connection with the purchase of a playing

field as there is a resolution passed to compulsorily acquire this field."

Mr. L. Brennan indicated that consideration has been given for some time to the acquisition of this land, and that an application for planning permission had been submitted by the landowner and until same had been dealt with, no final decision could be reached on the acquisition of the land by the Council. Mr. Brennan added that this acquisition had not been sufficiently explored to go for a Compulsory Purchase Order and he undertook to report back to the members in six weeks, by which time the Council would be in a position to know if a firm recommendation can be made.

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Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, informed the members that a detailed report had been carried out on the Housing Development at Applewood Heights, Greystones, by the Building Control Engineer, who had submitted a list of finalisations which would have to be carried out, and until such time as these works were completed in accordance with the terms of the Contract, this Estate could not be taken over. In reply to Councillor G. Jones, Mr. McCabe indicated that the Developers had received this final report in early October. Councillor Jones stated that little progress had been made since this item had last appeared on the Agenda.

Councillor J. McManus also indicated that the same position was pertaining to Applewood Heights Estate, and he enquired how long the Council would give the Developers in this case to complete outstanding works and what did the Bond amount to in both cases. Councillor C. Murphy I.D., asked that the matter be expedited before the end of the year, in order that the Council would be able to allow for the extension of the necessary services into these areas on its 1981 Estimates.

In reply to Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, who enquired as to the position with Sylvan Homes Limited, the County Secretary stated that the latest report had been received on the 30th September, 1980, and a reply was awaited from the above. In relation to Applewood Heights, Councillor O'Neill also asked if the Council had made any decision on what they are going to permit at the Church Lane end of the Estate, and she pointed out difficulties arising with two different Contractors at each end on the Estate. Councillor O'Neill asked if any positive response had been received from the Developers.

Mr. U. McCabe stated that the Council have lodged a claim under the Bond in relation to Applewood Heights, and that some work had been undertaken in the recent past.

Councillor G. Jones requested that this item be repeated for the December meeting of the Council, with more urgency placed on same, as there was little progress taking place with regard to same.

ITEM 17 MATTERS RELATING TO GREYSTONES.

It was agreed that the following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillors G. Jones, J. Leeson and A. Murphy would be dealt with at the Special Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday 24th November, 1980.

"That this Council:

- (i) recognise and accepts the position of Greystones as the fastest growing town under the administration of this Council.
- (ii) provide plans in the short term to bring this area up to an acceptable standard and in the long term.
- (iii) discuss proposals in connection with structures for the future administration of Greystones."

ITEM 18 CHANGING OF RULES GOVERNING SEPTIC TANKS.

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

"That this Council request the Minister for the Environment to change the rules governing septic Tanks."

Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, indicated in his report that the Institute of Industrial Research and Standards published a booklet entitled 'Recommendations for Septic Tank Drainage Systems suitable for Single Houses' in 1975 which is widely accepted as general guidance in relation to septic tank drainage. The recommendations were made by a Committee of technical officers drawn from the Department of the Environment, Dublin County Council Eastern Health Board and I.I.R.S. itself.

From the detailed recommendations contained therein it is clear that individual site assessment must be resorted to in all cases by reference to water table,

percolation qualities of soil, space for percolation area and reserve area, location of existing and proposed wells and houses, safety margins for public health, stream and river locations and the need to ensure that the percolation of effluent outside the site boundaries does not create a public health nuisance rather than by fixed arbitrary rules.

Taken all round it is considered that the Councils own rules requiring the siting of the septic tank at least 60 ft. from the house, 30 ft. from site boundaries and 100 ft. from and not uphill of any well are more easily administered and contain adequate public health and safety margins. The main difference is that in the I.I.R.S. system percolation areas replace soakpits, a septic tank may be sited not nearer than 23 ft. from the dwelling it serves (and not nearer than 60 ft. from any other dwelling) but any part of the percolation area must not be nearer than 60 ft. of any house. Another difference is that in a seldom met situation a site need only be $\frac{1}{4}$ acre in area but (as with the Councils rules) on average the site must be $\frac{1}{2}$ acre in area and in some cases 1 acre in area. While these new standards are written into the new C.O.P. and accepted by the Council, they do not alter the position of an applicant for planning permission to any great extent because of the similarity with Council rules. They are an application of more scientifically based criteria rather than the more arbitrary Council ones (for it should be noted single houses) with particular reference to the need for a safety factor in the interest of public health due to the empirical nature of the tests (water table and percolation).

Councillor K. Ryan indicated that it was the case that the Council required that a septic tank be put in the middle of a patch of ground, but he proposed that the septic tank should be placed in the corner of a site, thereby leaving the piece of ground with more value. Mr. McCabe stated that the I.I.R.S. try to be as fair as possible, but in some areas which are badly drained, or have bad bolder clay, the septic tank has to be sunk in a grassier area where the soakage is better. The Chairman was of the opinion that the Council are on occasion too rigid in their regulations in this regard. Councillor McManus stated that it was the soakage that was the important criteria, and in cases of an isolated house in a rural area, unfortunately one would want to have an agreement with the adjoining landowner when providing a septic tank. Councillor J. Leeson enquired if it was written into the standards that it has nothing to do with the percolation area that the site has to comply. Mr. McCabe again stated that the minimum requirement is $\frac{1}{2}$ acre to guard against sewerage draining into someone else's property.

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan, that provision be made for the placing of septic tanks nearer to the ditch in a given site application having obtained the permission of the adjoining landowner.

Councillor J. Miley enquired if the regulations referred to above applied in the areas near the Dublin Corporation Reservoir where the septic tanks had to be placed 200-250 yards out from the streams. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. also supported this item and the proposal made and stated that if same could be implemented with the adjoining landowner's consent, then the Council has high-lighted and done something useful.

ITEM 19 PROVISION OF 'BLACK SPOT' INDICATOR SIGN FROM MONASTERY TO ENNISKERRY VILLAGE.

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

"That Wicklow County Council provide a 'Black Spot' indicator sign on the bad bend on the secondary road from Monastery to Enniskerry Village, where many cars have crashed into the Bog Meadow."

The County Engineer indicated that discussions have taken place with the Gardai at Enniskerry in regard to revised signposting at the above bend and a further report will issue at an early date.

Councillor C. Murphy indicated that this was a matter in need of urgent attention as week after week there were accidents occurring on this section

of road, there were also a notable number of children coming up towards this junction on bicycles who had no protection whatsoever. Councillor Murphy stated that a certain amount of money had been spent at this bend, but it had never got off the ground and he added that it will require some form of major one-way traffic around the area towards Monastery together with two-way traffic on the other road. Councillor J. McManus also asked that something be done about this particularly bad bend as soon as possible. While Councillor J. Leeson asked if some means of preventing these vehicles from crashing into the Bog Meadow could be investigated at the same time. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., suggested some form of fence that would allow for cars to deflect and slide off it could be provided.

It was agreed that this item would be repeated at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

ITEMS 20, 21 & 22. ADVANCE WORKSHOPS.

Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D.:-

"That Advance Factory Units be provided by the Council on the Industrial Site at Baltinglass".

Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor G. Timmins T.D.:-

"That an advance Workshop be provided at Carnew."

Notice of Motion in the names of Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. and H. Cullen:-

"That an Advance Workshop be provided in Rathdrum."

The County Secretary indicated that the County Development Officer was in ongoing touch with the I.D.A. with regard to ascertaining what their programme for the county of Wicklow would be.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., stated that he felt that the Council could be more active in the pursuit of furthering the setting up of industry in the County, and he proposed that the County Council seek the receipt of a deputation with the I.D.A. as they had given the Council to understand that they would undertake to provide Advance Factory Units within the County, but there had been no evidence of progress on same to date.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, also supported this item and the seeking of a Deputation with the I.D.A. and he added that unless the Council moves the position will remain static. Councillor Kavanagh, T.D. also asked that the Murrough Site be included for consideration, when proposals were being considered. He also enquired as to when the Council would receive an Annual Report from the Development Team, covering the whole area of Wicklow.

Councillor J. McManus stated that Wicklow County Council should try to encourage private development, as it seemed to be apparent that the I.D.A. were trying to withdraw on the direct development of the sites in County Wicklow. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., indicated that he would be in favour of the three locations mentioned, but added that there were other considerations as well and he asked that some sort of interim report be made available to the Council, as soon as possible. Councillor J. Leeson enquired what the position would be with regard to finance, if the I.D.A. were not going to pursue the providing of Workshops, and the Council were to put the process in motion itself, and he also enquired as to the facilities open to the Council in undertaking such a programme.

Councillor A. Murphy, referring to the proposed deputation, stated that the Council would want to have its own thoughts well prepared and put together before going to the I.D.A.

With regard to the drawing up of an Annual Report, the Chairman stated that each sub-committee of the Council was obliged to bring a report before the members once a year and he undertook to see that this was done by the County

Development Team through the Chairman and the County Development Officer.

It was agreed that a Deputation would be sought with the I.D.A. with regard to ascertaining their standing in relation to the setting up of Industry in the County of Wicklow, this proposal to be co-ordinated with the County Development Teams proposals in this regard.

ITEM 23 PUBLIC LIGHTING AT BEECHWOOD PARK PRIVATE SITES.

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

"That the Council be notified re. the present position of the E.S.B. Estimate for Public Lighting at Beechwood Park Private Sites."

The County Engineer stated, in his report, that the Electricity Supply Board was contacted on the 11th November, 1980, in the above regard and they indicated that they intended commencing this job immediately.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.O. enquired as to the total amount of money in the Estimate for Public Lighting at Beechwood Park Private Sites. He stated that a situation had occurred where one Company had used another Company's ducting, and he asked if pressure could be brought to bear to have the lights switched on as the situation had existed for too long.

Mr. J. Moloney, B.E. indicated that the E.S.B. had not got permission to put in a cable in the Post and Telegraphs ducts.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.O., expressed the hope that these lights would be switched on before the next meeting of the Residents on Friday next.

ITEM 24 PROVISION OF LIGHT AT TOMACORK CROSS ROADS.

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

"I wish to propose that this Council ask the E.S.B. to provide a light at Tomacork Cross Roads."

The County Engineer stated, in his report, that this is a busy junction at the intersection of County Roads No. 229 and 230. The provision of a light would be an advantage. Provided that funds are available in 1981 it is recommended that an estimate be obtained from the E.S.B. to carry out the work. The County Engineer added that the E.S.B. are being asked to submit a quotation for the provision of this light.

ITEM 25 COMPLETION OF WORK ON THE LANE AT BALLYMACRONEY, RATHDANGAN.

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

"That this Council complete the necessary work on the lane at Ballymacroney Rathdangan."

The County Engineer stated in his report that the lane at Ballymacroney, Rathdangan, was taken over by the County Council in March, 1969. There are two narrow bends on the lane which makes the movement of agricultural machinery impossible. The removal of these bends would cost an estimated £800. He also indicated that there are no funds available in the current year to carry out this work, but recommended that it be included in the 1981 Roadworks Scheme.

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan that the removal of two narrow bends at Ballymacroney, Rathdangan, be included in the 1981 Roadworks Scheme.

ITEM 26 REMOVAL OF BURNT OUT UNUSED TEMPORARY COUNCIL UNIT AT BALISLAND.

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

"That the burnt out, unused temporary Council Unit at Balisland be removed and that the Open Space left following the building of the bridge be cleared."

The County Engineer reported that arrangements have been made to have the Council Unit removed. The Open Space requires to be landscaped at an estimated cost of £700, but he indicated that there are no funds available in the current year to carry out this work.

ITEM 27 WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT IN KINDLESTOWN PARK, GREYSTONES

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

"That the following works be carried out in respect of Kindlestown Park, Greystones:-

- (1) The felling of all unsafe trees.
- (2) That a proper surface be placed on the path outside Cox's of 111, Kindlestown Park.
- (3) That the Estate be cleaned and swept regularly.
- (4) That heavy duty manhole covers be placed on shores in the Estate.
- (5) That a wall be provided at the sides of 61/62 Kindlestown Park."

The County Engineer reported:-

- (1) An examination will be made of all unsafe trees in the area and those found unsafe will be removed.
- (2) This path has recently been reinstated with macadam.
- (3) This is under investigation at the moment, but it will be cleaned up on a regular basis.
- (4) The sewage in the above Scheme is being investigated at present.
- (5) The matter of providing a wall is being investigated. If it is found desirable this work will be recommended. However, there is no money available in this years Estimates, even if the report was favourable.

Councillor J. McManus indicated that in relation to No. 1, a tree was cut down, but it transpired to be the wrong tree. And in relation to No. 3, Councillor McManus stated that the Residents have gone to great lengths to clean the Estate themselves. In relation to No. 4, Councillor McManus stated that the Estate was only half finished and the residents were afraid of the children lifting the manhole covers and falling down the drains. With regard to No. 5, he stated that it had been previously agreed that this wall would be provided.

ITEM 28 ERECTION OF SIGN TO SHOW 'THE GROVE' REDFORD.

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

"That a sign be erected to show 'The Grove', Redford, at an appropriate position."

The County Engineer reported that the above sign has been ordered and will be erected when received.

ITEM 29 TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT KILMACANOGUE VILLAGE.

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

"That a report be given to the Council on the latest position with regard to traffic lights at Kilmacanogue Village."

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. enquired if the application made to the Department for the erection of Traffic Lights at Kilmacanogue, had referred to the effect that the Council would provide finance for these lights out of the Council's Block Grant, as agreed at an earlier meeting.

The County Secretary indicated that he had attended a Meeting in Kilmacanogue re. the Traffic Lights, and the County Engineer had had negotiations with the Department as to the type of traffic lights to be provided. He added that this was a National Primary Route and an official application had been lodged with the Department for finance, at an estimated cost of £16,000.

Councillor C. Murphy pointed out that agreement had been reached between Residents and Elected Members, and the County Engineer had on-going proposals with the Department, and the elected members were now to find that the allocation was being sought from the National Primary Allocation. Councillor Murphy stated that there had been total negativity on the part of the Officials and insisted that there must be some way of speeding up the matter.

Councillor A. Murphy stressed that the people of Kilmacanogue had been promised that the lights would be provided, and now it transpires that the Department has not even sanctioned the Council's application yet. Councillor Murphy asked that the matter be pursued vigorously, as the feeling of the people in Kilmacanogue was very strong on this issue.

Councillor J. McManus supported Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., stating that this was an unacceptable situation. While Councillor C. Murphy stressed that everyone was aware of the time factor involved and he requested that the Department of the Environment be written to again indicating that the finance for the aforementioned Traffic Lights could be made available out of the Council's Block Grant. Councillor L. Kavanagh T.D., asked that a tender be placed and that same be fulfilled out of the Block Grant.

Councillor A. Murphy, proposed that a Contractor be issued instructions to fulfill the Contract, this proposal was seconded by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D.

It was agreed that a further report would issue on this item at the next Meeting of the Council.

ITEMS 30 TO 32 WERE DEFERRED TO THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

ITEM 33 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

Road Markings on National Primary Route.

Councillor J. McManus indicated that the road markings in the Herbert Road and Killarney Road area need to be redrawn and improved and also those coming on and off the National Primary Road from Enniskerry and he asked that these matters be looked into as quickly as possible.

Boghall Road.

Councillor J. McManus also asked for report relating to Boghall Road could be listed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Maintenance in Greystones/Kilcoole Area.

Councillor McManus indicated that the Council could have a report on the manning level in the Greystones/Kilcoole Area in relation to general maintenance in comparison to other areas, in order to ascertain if this area is keeping pace

with growth rates of the Area.

Season Park Residents Association.

Councillor L. Kavanagh T.D., indicated that there had been a Meeting of the Season Park Residents Association, from which a list of problems in the area had been forwarded to the Council, and he asked what action had been taken on these matters.

Slurry Handling Facilities.

Councillor J. Leeson asked if the County Engineer had made any contact with the owner of a Slurry Pit in his area, which it was intended that the Council would use.

Councillor Leeson also enquired as to progress made on the Promenade in Bray.

Drumdangan Bridge - Cuisin Bridge, Glenealy.

Councillor H. Cullen indicated that allocations have been made in the order of £9,000 and £8,000 for improvements to the Buisin Bridge in Glenealy but no works have taken place on same to date. Councillor Kavanagh, T.D. also added that works in the Eastern Area were not being done with monies allocated and he enquired as to where the money was going.

Relief of Rates - 2nd Moiety.

The County Secretary indicated to Members present that a Circular Letter had been received from the Department of the Environment, indicating that:-

"At a recent Meeting with An Taoiseach and the Minister for Finance and Agriculture, renewed representations were made by the Farming Organisations about the difficulties of farmers in current circumstances, particularly farmers in the £40 to £60 valuation category in meeting the second moiety of rates. In the circumstances it is expected that local authorities will adopt an understanding attitude towards individual farmers who clearly have temporary difficulties in meeting their rates liability."

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. enquired if it was the case that the County Manager may consider the postponement of rates for farmers in the category of £40 - £60 valuations, and he asked if each individual case would have to be investigated to qualify for this concession, and if so how was this money going to be recouped.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. indicated that he was very pleased to see these new measures going through and he stated that he knew the County Manager would deal sympathetically with the deserving cases.

Councillor J. McManus indicated that this exercise would entail a good deal of work for the Council Staff and he pointed out that the Council are going to be out in the region of £162,000 and enquired what provision would be made to off-set the expenses incurred by this Council in order to keep the services going.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. also stated that this was only a system of deferment and he proposed that those people who have already paid the second moiety of their rates, that this refund be made by Paying Order and not by credit note.

The County Secretary gave statistics in relation to the number of holdings involved and the amount of finance.

The Chairman intervened in the discussion and stated that he would have the matter of Relief of Rates on Agricultural Lands included for discussion on the Agenda for the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council as the matter had very serious complications and he was anxious to have a fully attended meeting to consider same, with advance notice of the item.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.


CHAIRMAN.
Date; _____

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 24TH
NOVEMBER, 1980, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW, COMMENCING
AT 2.30 P.M.

Present:

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

Also

Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,
Mr. U. McCabe, A/County Secretary,

in

Attendance:

Mr. A. Fidgeon, Finance Officer,
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, Env/Roads,
Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer, Motor Taxation Section,
Mr. P. O'Meara, Staff Officer, Housing Section.

ITEM 1 TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION MADE BY GREYSTONES & DISTRICT CIVIC
ASSOCIATION FOR TOWN COMMISSIONERS STATUS FOR GREYSTONES.

The Chairman welcomed the Deputation to the Meeting and he indicated that he would like to hear a constructive discussion on the consideration of Town Commissioners Status for Greystones.

The County Manager asked Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, to outline the Preliminary Report, which had been produced for the information and assistance of the Members.

Mr. Brennan indicated that following some research the only statutory function which the Town Commissioners could perform would be that of a licencing authority. Councillor K. Ryan indicated that in other words the Town Commissioners would have no statutory function. Councillor A. Murphy stated that the purpose of setting up a Town Commission was to identify this particular area and it would provide a base for formal discussion in the local area, in liason with the principal Local Authority and he believed it would achieve its purpose in this area, having regard to the difficulties being incurred and the deprived state of the services in the area.

Councillor J. McManus suggested that it would be more constructive to obtain all views on the document, and then have a general discussion. He stated that the report outlines the nature of a Town Commission and the impact it would have comparing it with an Urban District Council. He further indicated that the functions of Town Commission had been outlined in that it is an elected statutory body, and consequently is a formalised voice for the local people. This elected body would provide a forum for discussion and for the expression of local views. Councillor McManus stated that the central point would be that it would have the power to ask Officers of the County Council to come to Greystones to attend their Meetings, even though they would have no function in the implementation of resolutions, etc. He felt that it would be some time before a Town Commission could be brought into being, given that it had the support of the Council, and in the meantime there should be some interim set-up reached, and while he did not agree with some of the suggestions made in the Report, he stated that an Area Committee would be a useful interim measure to serve the immediate needs of the area. Councillor McManus proposed that the Council agree to petition the Minister to grant Town Commissioners Status to Greystones, and added that this status would not mean an extra burden on the rest of the County. He felt that Greystones should be granted Town Commissioners Status, with the interim setting up of an Area Committee and a Local Office.

Councillor G. Jones indicated that since coming to this Council it had become clear that the Local Authority needs to be overhauled and updated. He stated that the Greystones Area had developed at a greater rate than any other town under the administration of Wicklow County Council.

Councillor Jones stated that he would agree that there were other areas who have a large scale development in their area, they should also be looked at when finance was being considered at the beginning of the year. Councillor Jones also stated that as a public representative, he saw a continuous mirage of criticism against the County Council, but he said that there were other responsible parties in the area, i.e. Greystones did not have a 24 hour Garda Service, together with poor transport facilities from C.I.E. Councillor Jones stated that there was no question of an Urban Council, as this would not be acceptable to the people of Greystones, and there was no question of it being required. He added that the Town Commission would provide a platform for the people of the area to come forward to discuss the problems of the area, for what is now the largest town in the administration of Wicklow County Council. Councillor Jones concluded by reiterating his support of the application made for Town Commissioners Status for Greystones.

Councillor J. Leeson also supported the plea for Town Commissioners Status and stated that since joining the Council the proliferation of the problems of Greystones has never been greater. He said that the same problems arise month after month, and he could not see that in an area with the population of Greystones & District that we should stand in these peoples way if they want to go for Town Commissioners Status, the cost of which would be very little. He added that no-one in the Council could claim such Civic Leadership in their problems as the Association in Greystones. He stated that he would not be in agreement to the area in the very north of the map being included in the application, as this was a different area and would be best left on its own, while he added that he would have to have reference to the Development Plan before filing an opinion, but he said that if there was only to be low density housing there would be some logic in leaving Delgany in the application. Councillor Leeson also stated that it would be helpful to this Organisation if they felt that they were about to have direct access to the Council Officials and he had no hesitation in supporting the Civic's application for Town Commissioners Status, following the resolution of the question of area to be included.

Councillor J. Byrne also stated that he would like to support the application made, as he had given his commitment to the Association, and the area had the 2nd highest growth rate in the county outside Bray. Councillor J. Byrne also indicated the support of Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., who was unavoidably absent. Councillor Byrne indicated that there would be no real financial burden involved in the application and the people of the area were entitled to the services of such a body, to make their views known.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., stated that what was being sought for the area is Town Commissioners Status and this is the application that has been lodged with the Minister. Councillor Murphy felt that further discussion may be necessary on the Administrative Area, which he stated, could be finalised between the Local Authority, Residents and the Minister. Councillor Murphy drew attention to the fact that Greystones is now a massive conurbation, with a massive growth rate, resulting in enormous stresses, and it had now become necessary to have a local forum, which could be clearly identified with the area. Councillor Murphy also indicated that he knew that the people of the Area were worried lest something be initiated which would evolve to a different status, but he stressed that the objective of the Residents was to obtain Town Commissioners Status, and that only. Councillor Murphy drew attention to the fact that the Area is most fortunate in having people within its' community, who are anxious to see the town promoted and are willing to give of their tiem and he assured them that all the members along with Officials were keen to see Greystones advance. He stated that it will be some time before a decision would be made but consideration would have to be given to interim measures. With regard to the local office being set up in Greystones, he felt that in the intervening years, the members as a Council, should demand to have an Engineer and certain administrative staff based within this administrative area. We must also see that a reasonable amount of our Budget for the coming year will be allocated in such a manner as to meet some of the stresses in the Greystones Area. Councillor C. Murphy, then proposed that the Council take cognisance of this in their Estimates and move accordingly.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.O., also expressed his support of the Application for Town Commissioners Status, and he welcomed the provision of a forum at which the local representatives opinion would carry more weight. He stated that while Greystones has developed, it was repeatedly indicated that Greystones was a neglected area, however, some years ago when there was great difficulty in getting money for Water & Sewerage, £300,000 was spent in Greystones. Councillor Timmins also complimented Mr. Brennan on the excellent and informative report which had been circulated, and referring to the area being put forward Councillor Timmins felt that Delgany should be left out of the application, with the question of the North and North-Western boundary also requiring examination.

Councillor A. Murphy stated that it was very gratifying to hear such support for the application and he stated that he was one of the first public representatives to consider that Greystones should consider attaining some sort of formalised status. He fully supported the application from the Association and added that it would be a tremendous gain to an area that has been deprived for some time, and it would provide a two-way communicating system, and problems to which there was no instant solution, could be examined more intensively at local level. Councillor A. Murphy, seconded the proposal made by Councillor G. Timmins, T.O. that a local Committee be set up, consisting of Elected Members, and members from the Greystones Community, and he gave his full support to the application.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill emphasised that the application made was for Town Commissioners Status only and he commented on the document which had been compiled, saying that it was "most misleading" and that the figures given were inaccurate. She also said that it was not today or yesterday that Greystones are looking for a local office, and she insisted that a Local Engineer and Local Officer was a necessity. With regard to area involved Councillor O'Neill stated that this aspect had been considered by a Special Committee of the Civics and at this stage she did not consider that Delgany should be included as it was an entity of its own and it would loose same if it was tied up with Town Commissioners Status for Greystones. Councillor O'Neill also took the opportunity to thank the Greystones & District Civic Association, which has been in existence for the past 20 years, for the amount of work they have put into the area and she fully supported the application and proposed that the members consider the granting of same.

Councillor K. Ryan stated that he would like to hear how much money the Council has spent in Greystones over the last few years and what was the expected target for the next few years. Councillor Ryan also asked if he would have a declaration from Greystones in writing to effect that they were not looking for an Urban Council as a lot of money would be spent in Greystones and Area and the repayments will be the responsibility of the Council. In reply to Councillor Ryan, Councillor J. McManus stated that an Urban Council for Greystone was not an issue, and money spent in Greystones has been spent on required services. Mr. L. Brennan stated that in the last five years £288,000 had been spent on Stage I and £419,000 for Water & Sewerage Supply.

With regard to the area involved in the application, Councillor C. Murphy, T.O., stated that it would be ideal if the Council and Representatives of the Civics Association could get together and discuss the area. Councillor A. Murphy stated that from the Meeting he had had with the Civics, he was of the opinion that they would consider the division of townlands.

A vote was taken on the proposal of Councillor G. Timmins, T.O., seconded by Councillor A. Murphy, "That we approve in principle of the proposal to give Town Commissioner Status to Greystones, subject to mutual agreement of boundaries at Meeting between the Council, Officials and representatives of Greystones & District Civic Association." This Motion was carried.

The County Manager complimented the members on the quality of the discussion, and he stated that at no time were the executive of the Council against the granting of Town Commissioners Status to Greystones. The County Manager also stated that Town Commissioners Status would be a good thing for Greystones, despite the fact that they would have limited statutory functions. He stated that Mr. Brennan was being objective in his report, and complimented him on same.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. suggested that a Committee be set up immediately in order to have a recommendation back before the full Council for their December Meeting. Some discussion then took place as to the number that the Committee should consist of and it was proposed by Councillor A. Murphy, seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, that it be made up of all the members of the Northern Area and 2 Members from each of the other areas, together with 4 members of the Greystones & District Civics Association, and Officials.

It was agreed that a meeting of the aforementioned Committee should meet In Committee at 2.00 p.m. on Monday, 15th December, in order to finalise the area involved in the Application, and this Meeting would be followed by the Ordinary Meeting of the Council at 3.00 p.m.

ITEM 2 FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COUNCIL.

Mr. A. Fidgeon, Finance Officer had compiled a report in response to the wishes of the Council at previous Meetings. He indicated that the situation as from the Local Authority Housing point of view with regard to Capital Works was that the Council received an allocation of £2m. towards the housing programme, this was to be financed by £1.8m from the Local Loans Fund and the balance to be met from overdraft accommodation. He stated that our expenditure in the current year is £2,134,000, and the Council are carrying a debit balance of £383,000. Receipts to date total £10,003, with approximately £700,000 on overdraft to meet the housing programme, with an additional £200,000 on house building to the end of the year, thus giving a total of £900,000 on Local Authority Housing.

Despite restrictions which were placed on the Council in the limiting of money made available, the Council had decided to proceed with a number of new houses, the capital outlay for which a capital allocation would be made in the New Year. The Finance Officer stated that at the moment there were 223 houses in the course of construction, and in relation to house purchase loans and supplementary grants there had been an allocation of £840,000 from the Local Loans Fund, total expenditure is £1.2m. with a further £180,000, before the end of the current year. With the anticipated income from redemption of loans and some further instalments, the Council will be carrying £1m. under S.D.A. loans at the end of the year.

In relation to Water & Sewerage Supply Schemes, the Finance Officer indicated that substantial preliminary expenses were incurred during the year, with a debit balance of £172,000, in the case of the Water Supply Schemes, and it is intended to come before the Council to raise loans to meet this over-expenditure at the next Meeting of the Council. The Finance Officer also stated that there has been £250,000 capital expenditure under the heading of Development of Industrial Sites, at Kilcoole and Wicklow.

In connection with our Revenue Account, the Council's account in the Bank has an Overdraft of £312,000, and this does not take into account £600,000 - £700,000 for Paying Orders that have been issued. He added that half yearly loan charges would come to over £1m., and when this particular payment is released, it will result in a serious strain on the Council's finances.

With regard to Rate Collection, the Councillors were aware of the position and the Council were down 15% approximately on collection in the current year as against the same period last year, and the Collectors are experiencing certain difficulties in collection the rates. The overall position of finance will depend on the state of the Rate Collection at the end of the year.

The Finance Officer stated that most of the headings show over expenditure, with 6 to 8 weeks to go, these headings being:-

- (1) Cottage Repairs.
- (2) Maintenance of Main and County Roads.
- (3) Maintenance of Water Supply Schemes.
- (4) Domestic Refuse Collection.
- (5) Fire Services.

Employment would be maintained as far as possible and this, the Finance Officer, stated has by in large been done this year with the limited finance available, and this may have contributed somewhat to our serious financial situation at the present time.

The Finance Officer also referred to the terms of the new National Understanding which were to be effected from 1st October, 1980. He stated that the Council did make provision to meet a wages increase on the basis of wage increases that have been 23% in the last year, but this provision would not meet the increase that will have to be paid.

Councillor J. McManus stated that this report was very timely and stated that the Council's estimated total expenditure last year was £9m. and it is now apparent that our borrowing requirement will be substantial. On the question of the collection of rates he stated that the communication received from the Department was very confusing. Councillor J. McManus stated that those farmers with a rateable valuation of between £40 - £60 were being considered as exempt from the payment of the 2nd Moiety of their Rates, and that the Government had given a commitment to re-emburse the Council, but there had been no commitment regarding those above the £60 valuation, who could make a claim for a deferment of their rates, and he stated that this was a very serious situation, and asked how this postponement of rates would be financed. He also added that he would not be in agreement with any cut in employment.

Councillor K. Ryan indicated that as far as the County Council's outdoor staff was concerned, those people who had retired or died had not been replaced. He stated that the Council had taken on more Engineers and increased their wages, and yet their outdoor staff was diminishing. He added that there were miles or road-way being taken over by the Council and surely this justified the maintaining of the roadworks staff.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. indicated that it was very distressing to hear that the Council was so substantially down in their finances. He stated that at present the County Council was being asked to maintain services in the county of the basis of an allocation substantially below Government Departments. Councillor Timmins proposed that the General Council of County Councils, on behalf of the County Council, be asked to take up the question of financing of Local Authorities in order that they could maintain services in the County.

Councillor J. Leeson stated that the Council was nearing a critical situation, and stressed that the Council could not keep increasing their overdraft account. He enquired as to who pays the interest on this overdraft and if the Council was entitled to recoup interest on this amount off next years allocation. He stated that there was no doubt that the Council would not be in a position to build more than 120 - 130 houses next year unless substantially more funds became available.

Councillor A. Murphy, seconded Councillor G. Timmins' proposal that the financing of Local Authorities be brought to the attention of the Minister, and he stated that the Local Authorities have been carrying financial regression for some years, and had very little control with regard to finance. He stressed that it should be made clear to the Minister that the situation is critical, as the Local Authority were being used by the Government to solve their financial problems, and as a result the services in County Wicklow were deteriorating.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. referred at length to the limitation of rate increase directed by the Minister and the real increase of 13% in spending capacity available to the Council. This was considered reasonable having regard to the economic climate and other factors and enabled employment to be maintained and the services to proceed. Having regard to the present downturn in farming income the validity of the limitation was becoming more apparent.

In relation to the relief of rates to those ratepayers with valuations between £40 and £60, the County Manager stated that the Department had only guaranteed the recoupment for this category in its Circular Letter, and to date rates were down by 15% approximately and proceedings would have to be taken if cases for deferment were not made by those concerned.

The County Manager also stated that there was no way that the Council could cut down on their housing programme, as Contractors could not be asked to wait for their money. Some other Schemes that the Council has tenders for will be commenced and these rank as commitments rather than new starts for 1981, these schemes would include Greystones, Kilcoole, Ballinaclesh, Dunlavin and Rathnew.

Councillor J. McManus stated that he was still very concerned as to the financing of the postponement of rates for farmers with valuations over £60. Councillor McManus also stated that rates should have increased by more than 10% to ensure that all the people of this county could have decent roads, houses and services. Councillor A. Murphy again emphasised that the Government was using the Local Authority to effect its Budget.

The County Manager in reply to Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, stated that Wicklow County Council was spending what they were allocated, plus all the money that is in their Budget.

ITEM 3 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

C.P.O. - Kilruddery Estate.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., enquired as to what progress had been made with regard to the making of a C.P.O. at Kilruddery Estate. In reply the County Manager stated in committee that Bray Urban District Council were dealing with this matter and continuing negotiations were in progress.

Extension to Vocational School in Rathdrum.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. informed the members that the Department have agreed to build a new permanent block for the Vocational School in Rathdrum on the existing Site.

Improvement Works in Newtownmountkennedy.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., enquired from the County Engineer if the Main Road Improvement Work in Newtownmountkennedy will commence soon. In reply the County Engineer stated that it would commence next Wednesday.

Provision of Lights in Shillelagh.

Councillor K. Ryan enquired as to the provision of public lighting in Shillelagh at Chapel Lane and Coolatin. The E.S.B. had indicated that the poles had been put up but this was not the case, and he asked if this matter could be looked into. In relation to the erection of lights, Councillor T. J. Keenan indicated that the Council should request the E.S.B. to indicate the exact location of the lights when same were being erected.

Mr. L. Brennan stated that the E.S.B. were given an order for the provision of Public Lighting at the exact locations requested. Councillor K. Ryan again stated that no lights had gone up at any location in Shillelagh.

Old School in Valkeymount.

Councillor J. Miley indicated that as a result of Notice of Motion being submitted the Council made a decision that they would purchase the Old School in Valkeymount for the purpose of housing old people. He stated that a public meeting was called which was chaired by the Parish Priest. Councillor Miley requested that the Council ensure that immediate steps would be taken by the Council to have the school in Valkeymount retained in accordance with the resolution already passed. Further to Councillor Miley's remarks, Councillor P. Deering, stated that there was some unrest as a result of a letter received from the Bord of Works indicating that they were intending to knock down the Old School immediately. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. asked that a deputation be sought with the Bord of Works to clarify the matter. Councillor Timmins also stated that there were plenty of voluntary workers in the area, who were willing to give of their time towards this project.

Roadway at Mrs. Clarkins Property, Blessington.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. referred to the roadway at the entrance to Mrs. Clarkins Property, in Blessington which had been left unfinished, and asked that this be attended to together with the provision of a gate similar to those along the road.

Rathnew Road.

Councillor F. Hynes stated that the work on the Rathnew Road had stopped, and that the kerbs were laid but the work had not been completed and he asked that this matter be investigated.

Votes of Sympathy.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., proposed a vote of sympathy to the widow of Mr. Jim Meagan, who had given service to the Council for many years.

Councillor J. Miley also proposed that the Council move a vote of sympathy to Deputy Murphy's parents, in connection with the death of his Uncle. A minutes silent prayer was observed.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.



CHAIRMAN.

Date: 5/1/81

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HOUSING MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER, 1980, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

Apology received in respect of unavoidable absence of
Councillor M. Weadick.

ALSO

Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,

IN

Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary.

ATTENDANCE:

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

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor J. McManus and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the Housing Meeting of the Council held on Monday, 3rd November, 1980 be confirmed and signed.

ITEM 2 HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT

With regard to the Housing Progress Report, it was indicated that the stage has been reached that in addition to the number of houses under construction a report should be circulated on:-

- (a) the general position of finance in the Council.
- (b) the cost of building houses by the various schemes.

The Chairman then proceeded to take the list of houses in progress

BRAY

Mr. J. Solon, C.A.C.E. stated that 24 houses were expected to be completed between Christmas and early January and the remainder will come in batches between early January and the end of March. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. enquired when the last contact had been with the Consultant. Mr. Solon replied that a meeting had been held with the Contractor last Thursday, who had promised that the houses would be completed by the middle of February.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill enquired as to the approaches to these new houses, and Mr. Solon replied that arrangements have already been made to ensure that the road in front of these 12 houses will be done by the Council's Housing Road Works section or the Builder of the new Scheme. Councillor O'Neill stated that she wanted to make it quite clear that she was referring to the road coming around the end of the New Scheme and into the Old Kendlestown Park Estate.

It was agreed that the situation in relation to Bray should be monitored again in January to ascertain what progress has been made.

Newcastle

Mr. Solon, C.A.C.E. stated that the 12 houses in Newcastle were finished, except

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for some external decoration, for some time but the Council was being held up by the E.S.B. who had failed to come in with the electricity supply which had been paid for on the 28th March, 1980.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., stated that there was a similar problem with the E.S.B. in Rathdrum, and in regard to the Newcastle Scheme, Councillor Kavanagh stated that the future tenants were anxious to get into the houses before Christmas. Councillor Kavanagh requested that the E.S.B. be contacted from this Meeting relaying the Council's strong feeling on the lack of action on their part. Councillor H. Cullen also strongly supported any positive move the Council could make. Councillor K. Ryan proposed that a deputation be invited from the E.S.B. to meet with the Council. Councillor J. McManus asked for an explanation as to the delay of 8 - 9 months by the E.S.B. and in reply Mr. Solon stated that the Council continues to have a problem with the E.S.B. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., stated that it was scandalous that the E.S.B. should be allowed to hold money for so long without providing the service, and he urged that each member make whatever representations they could in order to expedite the matter, he suggested that a series of phone calls to the E.S.B. might be to some avail. Councillor K. Ryan's proposal to seek a deputation with the E.S.B. was seconded by Councillor T. J. Keenan, and it was agreed that this be done.

Rathdrum

Mr. Solon, C.A.C.E. indicated that the 14 houses have been ready for some length of time, and the remaining 8 houses were ready to be handed over as well. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. enquired if the tenants would be in the houses before Christmas and he recommended that the Council should get the recommendations for the first 10 and get the people into them, and hopefully the others would have the E.S.B. supply for Christmas. He also referred to 3 houses in Rathdrum which were vacant for so long and he asked that they be allocated without further delay. The Chairman also referred to these 3 houses and indicated that he had been inundated with phonecalls regarding the allocation of same. The County Manager undertook to take this matter up with the Chief Medical Officer direct.

Baltinglass

Mr. Solon C.A.C.E. indicated that the 8 houses in Baltinglass were finished except for some minor matters and painting and should be completely finished by the end of the year.

Shillelagh

It was indicated that it was not envisaged that these 8 houses would be allocated before the end of the year.

Ashford

Mr. Solon, C.A.C.E. stated that 3 blocks of houses were at present being roofed and he hoped that the completion date of 30th November, 1981 would be met.

Barndarrig

It was indicated that the floor slabs in these houses had been completed.

Kilcoole

This Scheme has commenced and the walls were progressing.

Ballinaclash

Mr. Solon, C.A.C.E. indicated that this Scheme is to commence in the near future.

Dunlavin

Mr. Solon, C.A.C.E. stated that the foundations will be poured into the first

block of houses in the near future.

Rathnew

This Scheme had commenced and the walls were rising. Councillor F. Hynes enquired if there were to be any further houses coming on stream. In reply, Mr. U. McCabe indicated that these 8 houses were being built to satisfy the present need for housing in the area, but there was a facility for a total of 18 houses.

RURAL COTTAGES

Knoxters Hill and Ballymaghroe these two rural cottages are being commenced and Knockrath, Tombrean, Ballingate are to commence today. In relation to Knoxters Hill Councillor P. Deering enquired if there was a problem with the Builder. Mr. Solon stated that the only problem was with the roof trusses which did not comply to standards and this was receiving attention.

Problem on Newcastle Site.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. enquired as to the overtime problem on the Newcastle Site. Mr. Solon, C.A.C.E. indicated that he was not aware of any significant problems and the County Secretary stated that whatever problem there had been, he understood, had been resolved. The situation was that there had been an objection by some of the workers to the reduction of the working day from 5.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. due to the lack of light in the evenings, but following consultation with their Official Union the situation in relation to overtime had been resolved.

Tenders Accepted and Awaiting Contractor to Start Work.

Greystones - 58

The County Engineer indicated that the Consulting Architect has had discussions with the Contractor recently, but this was an old Contract and it was hoped to have same finalised in the near future.

In relation to rural cottages at Ballinacor, Boleylug and Tomnafinogue, it was indicated that the Contractor was being pressed to firm up the Contract. In reply to Councillor V. Blake, Mr. U. McCabe, indicated that Thomas Myler was the Contractor involved in the building of these three rural cottages.

Contract Documents in Preparation

Laragh Councillor R. Miley enquired as to when this Scheme of houses would be commenced as there were people very badly in need of housing in the area. In reply Mr. McCabe stated that this scheme would be advertised for tender shortly and then taken from there.

Kiltegan Mr. McCabe informed the members that the layout for 4 houses has been prepared, but same was being held up by the completion of the land exchange which was in progress.

Carnew Mr. Solon, C.A.C.E. indicated that the layout has been prepared for this unserviced site and at the present time negotiations were in progress in relation to the Sewerage Treatment Works. Councillor K. Ryan enquired as to how far ahead plans were on this Scheme, and in reply the County Engineer indicated that until such time as the Council could be absolutely sure of the Sewerage facilities, these houses could not be commenced. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. also commented on this delay and stated that the Council had this McCrea land for some years. On looking at the Contract Documents in preparation, Councillor Kavanagh stated that there were only a handful of houses coming on stream for next year. In reply the County Manager indicated that this Scheme would be advertised as soon as the way was clear and stated that the Council had already made substantial commitments. The County Secretary also stated that the Council would have in excess of 200 houses as an ongoing programme for 1981. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., stressed the ever

growing demand for housing and that an early submission be made to the Department to have monies made available in 1981. Councillor J. McManus also asked that the Council have as many schemes as possible prepared.

With regard to the housing scheme for Carnew, Councillor V. Blake asked that a final report be submitted on the Sewerage Scheme as soon as possible.

Mr. U. McCabe explained that there were four areas where plans were being prepared at the moment, and also schemes were being prepared for Sheltered Housing in Rathdrum, and Schemes in Baltinglass, Blessington and Enniskerry where the purchase of a considerable site was being undertaken.

Development of Private Sites:

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| (a) <u>In Progress</u> | Kilbride | Mr. McCabe indicated that 4 houses had been commenced and 4 more were due to be started and more sites will be allocated in the New Year. |
| (b) <u>Other Proposals</u> | Baltinglass | Mr. McCabe indicated that layout, design and estimates are to be prepared for services, subject to the availability of land. |

Acquisition of Land:

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| Johnstown/
Kilpedder | Councillor G. Jones insisted that surely some legal machinery could be used to finalise this acquisition as the people who had appealed had not taken any further action. In reply Mr. McCabe stated that this was a very complex situation, but stated that he would ask the Law Agent to bring forward the case as soon as possible. |
| Baltinglass/
Ballyconnell/
Kilquiggan | The Council hope to appropriate 1 acre of their site for housing purposes. Mr. McCabe stated that the terms of sale in this case were unreasonable, and it was envisaged that a C.P.O. would be made on this 1 acre of land which would cater for about 8 houses. The Chairman asked that a final effort be made to enter into an agreement with the landowner and asked if Councillor V. Blake could be of any assistance. |
| Kiltegan | Mr. McCabe indicated that the Law Agent is finalising the arrangements for an exchange of lands in Kiltegan. |
| Ballycoogue | Site of 1.2 acres transferred to Council. |
| Ashford | 17 acres approx. purchased and now being built on. Agreement reached with owners for purchase of a further adjoining lot of 5 acres which is in course of transfer to Council's ownership. |
| Valleymount | Councillor J. Miley indicated that investigations have been going on for the past 4-5 years and he stated that he understood that the Dublin Corporation had agreed to a particular type of sewerage scheme that would serve the houses there, and he enquired when the final position would be indicated. In reply Mr. Solon, B.E. stated that the Sanitary Services Dept. had completed a survey with regard to water and sewerage and they were actively in the process of preparing a design. Councillor J. Miley asked that an up to date report be submitted to the members for the February Meeting. |
| Shillelagh | The Chairman asked that one last effort be made to reach agreement on the sale of land before effecting a C.P.O. |
| Glenealy | Mr. McCabe indicated that negotiations were underway, but this acquisition would probably end up as a C.P.O. The Chairman proposed that the Council go for a C.P.O. as there had been no houses built in Glenealy for the last couple of years. |
| Kilmacanogue | It was envisaged that a C.P.O. would have to be made in this case. |

- Grangecon Mr. McCabe indicated that the land in Grangecon has now been acquired.
- Rathdrum C.P.O. for site of 1.6 acres adjoining new housing site confirmed by the Minister. Site in course of transfer.
- Tinahely Exchange of land agreed and in course of transfer to Council's ownership.
- Thomastown/Johnstown. C.P.O. made to acquire site at Thomastown.
- Dunlavin C.P.O. confirmed by Minister in respect of plot required for housing purposes.
- Stratford Councillor P. Deering asked if the Council would not go back to the landowner in this case to see if an agreement could be reached, and Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. asked Mr. McCabe if he was satisfied that this was the most suitable site. In reply Mr. McCabe indicated that he had been back to the landowner several times, but to no avail.
- Greystones Further land bank under investigation.
- Blessington Mr. McCabe indicated that the C.P.O. in this case was in the balance at the moment and it is complicated by a change in the proposed Town Development Plan for Blessington. He added that he would suggest that the C.P.O. be withdrawn. Councillor J. Miley was in agreement with the suggestion made as he understood that it would be possible to acquire a suitable site from the McGoff 40 acres, for a Vocational School. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. seconded the proposal that the C.P.O. be dropped. The County Manager stated that the design population was reduced from 20,000 to 5,000 the original proposal was based on the land required for a Vocational School and a National School.
- Coolboy A review of the other available sites has been undertaken and it was agreed that a further report should come before the Members.
- Enniskerry Mr. McCabe indicated that negotiations were in progress to acquire a site in Enniskerry and there were some hopeful indications.
- Laragh Mr. McCabe indicated that this site has now been acquired by the Council.

Wicklow Town and Environs.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. referred to the lack of housing on the periphery of the County Area. In the Dunbur Area there was no possibility of people living just on the boundary being able to avail of Council Housing. Councillor Kavanagh stated that it was agreed that some of the sites in these areas should be taken up, 1980 to build 10 houses on the Council Scheme in Mount Carmel, and he asked if there had been any further investigations, as people in the Silver Strant, Ballyguile, Marlton Road, on on the Main Wicklow/Rathnew Road would be interested in taking occupation of such houses. Councillor Kavanagh asked that this matter receive further consideration.

ITEM 3 NATIONAL UNDERSTANDING, 1980.

The County Secretary informed the Members that sanction had been received from the Department to the implementation of Phase 1 of the New National Understanding for 1980, which would cater for an increase of 8% plus £1. in salary scales per week.

It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Byrne, and agreed that the terms of Phase 1 of the National Understanding, 1980, be implemented with effect as from the appropriate dates.

Councillor J. Leeson enquired as to what direction had been received from the Minister in relation to increased productivity. The County Secretary quoted under Paragraph 11 of the Agreement, and also stated that negotiations in this regard have been ongoing at national level and it was an ongoing process.

ITEM 4 PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AT GLENDALOUGH.

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been discussed previously and the Finance Officer has been in touch with the Bank, who have stated that no finances would be available for this work. The Investment Bank of Ireland were subsequently approached.

It was proposed by Councillor R. Miley that this figure of £90,000 be raised to finance the provision of public conveniences at Glendalough. Councillor J. Leeson stated that there was to be an effort made to get a lower tender, as at the present price this facility would be costing £14,000 in interest charges alone, together with maintenance costs, and all in all they would cost in the region of £300 per week to run. He also stressed that he had no objection to the providing of toilet facilities, but this was a high figure by any standards. Councillor R. Miley stated that every Councillor knew of the number of people who visited Glendalough each year, as it was now the 3rd highest tourist attraction in the Country. Councillor K. Ryan referred to the location of the toilets and indicated that they should be dispersed throughout the grounds of the area, rather than placing them at one central point. On this Councillor R. Miley stated that the plans did not cater for a toilet block alone, but also for an extension to the Car Park and he felt that the Council had a responsibility to provide this facility.

The County Engineer agreed that this facility was an absolute necessity and required to be well designed, well built and attractive to such a scenic area. It was agreed that the loan be raised as proposed.

ITEM 5 SMALL WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE SCHEMES - 1981 PROPOSALS.

Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, informed the members by report dated 26th November, 1980, that the Council was required to submit its proposals for the 1981 Small Water Supply & Sewerage Schemes, and he submitted a list of priority schemes with this report. Mr. Brennan stated that it was hoped that the allocation under this heading would be substantially increased because of the large number of schemes being submitted and their estimated cost. And it was recommended that the Council now adopt a priority list of proposals for 1981.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., enquired if the 15 schemes listed would complete the list of proposals existing under capital works for Small Schemes in 1981.

Mr. Brennan stated that the Glenealy Sewerage Scheme has now been incorporated as a Major Scheme to serve Glenealy and Drumdangan. The Chairman then indicated that money had been allocated twice for Drumdangan, and he failed to understand why the effluent should still be allowed to flow from the houses onto the road. He stressed that for two years £20,000 has been provided for Drumdangan Sewerage Scheme, and there had been no agreement to have this money transferred. With regard to the Major Scheme for Glenealy the County Engineer stated that this scheme was being designed by the Council's staff and it was well advanced and would be coming up under the Council's Major Schemes. Mr. Brennan re-assured the members that it was as a result of requests made that Glenealy/Drumdangan be included as a Major Scheme, and a report was circulated in October last and was agreed by the members.

In relation to the list of Small Water Supply & Sewerage Schemes, Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. indicated that the Council should endeavour to have these Schemes submitted to the Department for consideration without delay. Councillor Timmins also referred to a Notice of Motion which had been submitted in relation to Group Schemes in the County, and stated that the Council had a report before them in relation to Small Water & Sewerage Schemes, but they were falling behind in relation to Group Schemes.

Councillor J. Miley proposed that any Schemes for which the Council had designs and documentation, should be submitted to the Department immediately. This proposal was seconded by Councillor P. Deering.

Councillor K. Ryan referred to the provision of a Water Supply for Emmet Place, Carnew and for Shillelagh, and stated that there was an urgent need for same with the construction of 8 new houses and a Health Centre. Councillor J. McManus also asked that early submission of the Council's Schemes be made, in order that an allocation would be received, regardless of what part of the county it was for. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. also welcomed the submission of these Schemes and asked if this priority list had been agreed by the Department of the Environment and if they actually selected the schemes in conjunction with the County Engineer. In reply the County Engineer stated that this was a priority list from the list of schemes for which the Council had plans prepared for.

Councillor J. Miley stated that he was very disappointed to see that a scheme for the Grangecon area had not been included. In reply the County Engineer stated that this scheme would be very uneconomic for the amount of people it would serve and having regard to the capital investment involved. In relation to Group Schemes the County Engineer stated that he did not know of any applications which had been refused by the County Council and stressed that the initiative for a Group Scheme must at all times come from the local people. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. stated that the first Group Scheme was initiated in Manor Kilbride and subsequently the whole idea had been dropped and he asked that the Council adopt a policy of promoting Group Schemes in the future, wherever possible.

The Chairman again expressed concern for the services to the 8 extra houses in Shillelagh. Mr. J. Moloney, B.E., stated that the Council had sunk an additional 4 wells up near the Water Works, but the Council would not have the E.S.B. capacity to put in any additional wells there. Councillor V. Blake stated that there was a demand for 400 gallons of water per day in this area, while Councillor K. Ryan enquired as to when the Regional Scheme would commence.

It was agreed that the 1981 Proposals, as listed, for Small Water Supply & Sewerage Schemes, would be submitted to the Department, with a view to obtaining a capital allocation for 1981.

ITEM 6 GREYSTONES SEWERAGE SCHEME (STAGE II)

Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, in his report to the members, stated that Contract Documents for Stage 2 of this scheme have been examined by the County Engineer and are now available for submission to the Department of the Environment. He added that the County Engineer has recommended that, due to the magnitude of the scheme, it should be divided into two further stages, and it is proposed to seek Departmental approval to proceed with the following works:-

- Eliminating the existing septic tank near Railway Bridge, Victoria Road, and pumping the sewage therefrom to the existing sewerage treatment works at North Beach and laying the necessary pumping line, and enlarging the northern disposal works.

The estimated cost of this stage of the work is in the region of £410,000.

It was proposed by Councillor Miss N. O'Neill, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne, and agreed that the Contract Documents for Stage 2 of the Greystones Sewerage Scheme be submitted for sanction to the Department of the Environment.

In relation to Major Water Supply Schemes, Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. stated that the Council should get on with the Schemes it has prepared and get them up to the Department. The Council had schemes costing in the region of £1½m. on their books, but there could be instances where the Department would have lesser amounts of finance available and it would be wise to have schemes in when such allocations were being made.

ITEM 7 TO CONSIDER TAKING OVER GRANGE NORTH GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.

Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, informed the members that a request has been made that this Council take the Grange North Water Supply Scheme in charge for maintenance purposes. This request has been signed by all the participants and they have also agreed to pay water charges in the normal way. The County Engineer reported that the scheme is in a satisfactory state of repair and recommended the taking over of the Scheme.

It was agreed by the Members that the Council should take in charge the Grange North Group Water Supply Scheme.

ITEM 8 TO CONSIDER MAKING A DECLARATION THAT THE ROAD AT ROBERTSON'S TINAHELY, BE TAKEN IN CHARGE

The County Secretary informed the members that a notice had been placed in the press that Wicklow County Council would consider the making of a declaration that the road described hereunder shall be a public road:-

Lane which adjoins Main Road No. 208 at Robertson's, Tinahely
Length of Road - 51 Metres Width of Road - 12 Metres.

It was proposed by Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor V. Blake and agreed that the road at Robertson's, Tinahely, be taken in Charge by the Council and be declared a public road.

ITEM 9 UNSIGHTLY GROUND IN MILLFIELD PARK, ENNISKERRY

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

"That Wicklow County Council divide plot of waste and unsightly ground in Millfield Park, Enniskerry, between tenants of Nos. 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, and 20".

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that the plot of land referred to is designated as an "Open Space". He recommended that this plot of land which borders on a stream be retained as a space open to all residents within the Estate.

Councillor J. McManus stated that he was not satisfied with this report and stated that the Council has done nothing with this Estate, which was now beginning to look like a dump, and suggested that it would be far better giving out this piece of ground to the tenants as it was not wide enough to use as a play area. Councillor McManus proposed that the County Engineer have another look at this item and return to the Council with his further report.

ITEM 10 PROVISION OF ADEQUATE LIVING ACCOMMODATION FOR SEAN HUGHES, UMRIGAR, CARNEW

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

"That this Council provide adequate living accommodation for Sean Hughes, Umrigar, Carnew".

Mr. P. O'Meara, Staff Officer, Housing Section, reported that the County Medical Officer, having investigated this case, has reported that the family occupy a small council cottage, which is overcrowded and lacks water and sewerage. He has recommended the provision of an extra bedroom together with a bathroom and sewerage facilities. The County Engineer has estimated the cost of this work to be in the amount of £3,550. The County Manager approved of the provision of these services and a financial provision is to be made for these in the 1981 Estimate, to cover the cost of this work. It was agreed by the Council that this be done.

ITEM 11 MISS PERROTT, 'FIRCROFT', KILCOOLE ROAD, GREYSTONES

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

"Re:- Miss Perrott, 'Fircroft', Kilcoole Road, Greystones - That demountable dwelling be provided at the house of Mr. E. Martin for Miss Perrott as the latter is presently being evicted from her present dwelling, and the former has agreed to provide a site for this dwelling".

Mr. P. O'Meara, Staff Officer, Housing Section, reported that the County Medical Officer has reported that Miss Perrott has rented her present accommodation from a former employer, but has not been asked to vacate the house.

Miss Perrott, in addition to caring for her 87 year old mother, also cares for a Mr. Edward Martin, The Cottage, Killincarrig, who is 88 years of age. Mr. Martin lives on his own, and has offered to sign over a site for a house to Miss Perrott in return for her care for him through the winter. Miss Perrott has indicated that a mobile home would not be suitable for her and her aged mother. She has also indicated that she would not be prepared to move from this locality, as it seems likely that some of the small family units in Bray, might become vacant within the next couple of months or so. However, before the Council could consider the placement of a Demountable Dwelling or the building of a small cottage on the site, it will be necessary for the Engineering Staff to investigate the site as to its suitability. In that regard, Mr. Martin has been written to asking him to indicate, if possible on a map, the location of the site, in order that the Engineering Staff can have it inspected.

Councillor McManus indicated that there could be problems with regard to this site and it was agreed to repeat this item when further developments come to hand.

ITEM 12 DIRECT LABOUR SCHEMES.

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

"That a full and detailed breakdown on the cost effectiveness of the Direct Labour Scheme be given to the Council."

A detailed report was submitted to the members by Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, and it was proposed by Councillor McManus that this report should be circulated to the members and be placed on the Agenda again, in order that the matter could be dealt with at further length.

ITEM 13 ANDREW GRACE, STRATNAKELLY UPPER.

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

"Re:- Andrew Grace, Stratnakelly Upper.
That the Council build a bathroom, toilet and kitchen extension and carry out all necessary repairs on this house."

The County Medical Officer reported that the Grace Family are living in an unserviced cottage, which is occupied by a man and wife and five children. He has recommended that an extra bedroom together with a bathroom and sewerage facilities be provided. The County Engineer has estimated the cost of this work to be in the region of £3,000. The County Manager has approved of the provision of these services and a financial provision is to be made in the 1981 Estimate to cover the cost of this work.

Councillor McManus stated that it was imperative that these improvements be carried out as the circumstances in this case were very bad. It was agreed by the Members that this item be included in the 1981 Estimates.

ITEM 14 INSTALLATION OF SOLID FUEL COOKERS IN RIGID FRAME HOUSES AT TINAHELY.

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

"That this Council install solid fuel cookers in the Rigid Frame Houses at Tinahely, where such cookers have not already been installed."

The County Engineer, in his report, stated that the Rigid Frame Houses in Tinahely are at present being repaired. The provision of solid fuel cookers would entail the additional expenditure of £2,250. The Council has previously installed solid fuel cookers to other houses in this Estate and would, accordingly, it is felt, be obliged to provide solid fuel cookers to the houses now under repair. It was agreed that this should be carried out.

ITEM 15 PROVISION OF BACK ENTRANCES TO HOUSES AT EMMET PLACE, CARNEW.

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

"That this Council provide back entrances to houses where it is possible at Emmet Place, Carnew."

The County Engineer stated in his report that the land to the rear of the houses at Emmet Place, Carnew, is the property of a Mr. McCrea of Carnew. Accordingly, either a right-of-way or more practically a tract of land will have to be acquired from Mr. McCrea.

Councillor K. Ryan asked that this the County Engineer have another look at this item and return to the Council.

ITEM 16 PROVISION OF WATER FOR THE HOUSES OF MR. KIRWAN AND MR. FLANAGAN AT BALLYBREW, ENNISKERRY.

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

"That Wicklow County Council provide water for the houses of Mr. Kirwan, and Mr. Glanagan at Ballybrew, Enniskerry."

The County Engineer reported that investigations are being carried out with a view to determining the possibility of sinking a well to service both of these cottages. It was understood that a nearby neighbour is willing to provide water from his well in return for the Council taking over the running of his well and pumphouse. This possibility is being investigated. A test is to be made on the well to determine if the supply is adequate to service the three houses in question and a further report will be submitted when all the facts are available.

Councillor J. Leeson indicated that he understood that money had been provided in 1978 to have this work completed, and he asked that this matter be expedited.

ITEM 17 MOBILE HOME - MRS. ANNIE HANBRIDGE, KILBRUFFY, DONARD.

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

"That Wicklow County Council arrange to have a Mobile Home for Mrs. Annie Hanbridge, Kilbruffy, Donard, Co. Wicklow transferred from Ballinascullogue, Manor Kilbride to Kilbruffy without any further delay."

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. stated that it had been a considerable length of time since he had received a letter stating that this matter was being attended to, and he asked that this Demountable Dwelling be transferred as a matter of urgency.

ITEM 18 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

Boghall Road.

Councillor J. Byrne asked if something could be done with the surface of the above road, as it is in a deplorable condition, and is one of the busiest roads in the county. In reply the County Engineer stated that permanent restoration of the trenches was required and it was hoped to have the surfacing of the road completed before the end of the year.

Land at Redford.

Councillor J. Byrne also enquired if the Council had any extra land available in Redford. Mr. L. Brennan stated that negotiations are well advanced on this acquisition and agreement had been reached in principle.

Road at Newtownmountkennedy.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., referred to the condition of the road at Newtownmountkennedy, which is deteriorating, and he stated that he was happy to see some solid materials going into their maintenance. The County Engineer stated that it was not envisaged that the road would have to be closed and improvements were being undertaken.

Wicklow People - Northern Area Staffing

Councillor G. Jones asked that the County Council make representations to the Wicklow People Group of papers to re-consider their decision to re-establish the the second post of Journalist in Bray.

Miss Ryder, Parknasilloque

Councillor J. Leeson referred to repairs which were outstanding to the above Miss Ryder's house. He stated that she had neither light nor water, and only required a 20 yds. water connection and a 7 yd. electricity connection, which would cost £57 and it had taken a year to obtain this figure from the E.S.B. The County Engineer stated that it would take a considerable sum to repair this house as it was in very bad condition. Councillor Leeson then asked that the electricity be installed and the front door repaired to keep out the draught, at least, as an interim measure. The County Engineer agreed to investigate the proposal.

Refuse Collection in Silverpine Estate, Bray.

Councillor Leeson also referred to refuse collection in the above estate and stated that Bray U.D.C. were not prepared to take it on and the County Council were not taking on any new collections. It was indicated that negotiations have taken place with Bray Urban Council and it was hoped that some progress could be made on this matter in the near future.

Ballinameesda Road.

Councillor H. Cullen indicated that there appears to be no provision for resurfacing of the above road, on which there has been a number of serious accidents. The County Engineer replied that a major realignment job was necessary and stated that he would have signs erected as an interim measure.

Aughrim/Tinahely Road.

Councillor V. Blake referred to holes which had been left on the above road by the Posts and Telegraphs following some repair works and he asked that the matter be followed up. The County Engineer indicated that he would contact the Department of Posts and Telegraphs in this matter.

Repairs to Houses in Kindlestown Park.

Councillor J. McManus referred to Blocks Nos. 43 to 51, in Kindlestown Park, where with the recent bad weather water was again pouring into these houses and he enquired when the ash-felting of these houses would be carried out. In reply the County Engineer stated that monies for cottage and council repairs has been exhausted for the current year.

Lights on Main Street, Arklow.

Councillor D. Kinsella referred to the lights being placed on the Main Street in Arklow, saying that they were big tree trunks which were put up in a hap-hazard manner and were very unsightly. The County Engineer agreed to take this matter up again.

Ida Martin, Toherbeg, Dunlavin

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. enquired as to the provision of accommodation for Ida Martin and for her mother, and asked that the matter receive attention.

Flooding at Crehelp.

Councillor P. Deering asked if anything could be done to rectify the flooding at Crehelp, Dunlavin.

Financing of the Council

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that he was not aware that the Council was holding a discussion on its' finances at its Special Meeting dealing with Town Commissioners Status for Greystones, and pointed out that he would not have agreed to the discussion of such an important matter in his absence.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

CHAIRMAN.

Date: 6/1/81

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1980, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW, COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

Present:

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

Also

Delegation from Greystones & District Civic Association.

in Attendance:-

Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,
Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary,
Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer,
Mr. A. Fidgeon, Finance Officer,
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, Housing/Planning,
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, Env/Roads,
Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer, Motor Taxation Section,
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section,
Mr. P. O'Meara, Staff Officer, Housing Section.

TOWN COMMISSIONERS STATUS FOR GREYSTONES.

The Chairman welcomed the delegation from Greystones & District Civic Association and stated that he hoped the Meeting would reach a successful conclusion. He indicated that the application for Town Commissioners Status for Greystones had been considered at the Special Meeting of the Council held on Monday, 24th November, 1980, and it was proposed to reach agreement in relation to the boundaries to be included in the proposal. The Chairman then asked Mr. Brennan, Administrative Officer, to give details of the map showing the proposed boundary, which had been circulated.

Mr. Brennan indicated that on the map circulated, the area coloured pink represented the area proposed by the Civic Association, while the area hatched in pink represented the area proposed by Wicklow County Council. Mr. Brennan stated that having considered the proposals, and as a result of recommendations received from the Planning Consultants, it was generally felt that Rathdown Upper should be left out of the application and that consideration could be given to the recommendation that Delgany/Greystones be combined as one area, for the purpose of administering the Council's overall plans for the area and he asked the delegation if they could clarify as to whether Delgany was to be included or not.

Mr. Roche began by thanking the Council for having received their Deputation and stated that the original choice was picked to facilitate what the Civics felt would be a natural town area, and he added that their reasons for not including Delgany were strong, in that the Civic Association did not speak for the people of Delgany, nor do they have any right to do so, as they have no wish or interest to be associated with Greystones, while it was true to say that both areas were associated in a planning sense. He added that the people of Delgany have not expressed any views in relation to the Application and, therefore, the Civics have no right to effect a course of action which would effect these people. He also stated that when the original proposals were submitted it was felt that it would not be in anyone's interest to include Delgany with Greystones, and as the area under Town Commissioners Status would not have any statutory functions, Delgany and Greystones would continue to be associated for planning purposes.

Councillor G. Jones stated that whereas he would agree that it may be better for the application to have Delgany and Greystones linked, he would have to support the Civic Association when the people of Delgany had given no indication of interest in the Application.

Councillor K. Ryan enquired as to what population would be taken in under the Application. In reply Mr. Brennan stated that area would consist of 17,000 acres approximately, while the exact details were not available, with a population of 6,500 people, which was taken from the census count,

as Greystones was not considered as a town for census purposes to date, and the area would consist of 14,400 acres excluding Delgany, with an approximate population of 6,000. While Bray Urban District Council cater for a population of 21,000, and covers an area of 850 acres. The original area submitted by the Civic Association was 2,524 acres.

Mr. Brennan stated that while the Council understood the position with regard to Delgany, they had to take cognisance of the overall development of the area. Mr. Brennan also stated that the map was as up to date as possible, but it would be necessary to do an on-the-spot check to ensure that leaving out any area that should be included.

Mr. Roche stated that on the point of the townland boundaries, it would be more beneficial if the boundaries were subject to negotiation. With regard to Rathdown Upper, areas to the seaward side of the road have to come into Greystones area, this was an area which is not likely to develop very much and it was hoped that the Council would accede to include this area in the revised map, and this would not substantially increase the proposed acreage, and it would seem senseless to leave a finger of land to the east of the sea, as you came over Bray Head.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., enquired as to the Electoral Division of the area and asked what Electoral Registers would be taken into it, and asked if any approach had been made to the people of Delgany to have them included.

Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, referred to the area of Rathdown Upper, at the 800 ft. contour line, and stated that the Council's Planning Consultant has put forward as a recommendation that there should be a substantial green belt between Bray and the area to be taken in by the Commission, and proposals to include Rathdown Upper would bring the boundary very close to the present Bray Urban District Council boundary, and added that it would be quite unwise to extend the area beyond the 300 ft contour.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. indicated that a compromise would have to be made in order to obtain a balance, and he suggested that the area of Coolagad could be left out, and having an overall composition of part of Rathdown Upper and Windgates, and excluding Delgany, and the remaining area as included on the map. Councillor J. McManus agreed with the proposals broadly, but he stated that it would not be viable to have one side of the street in Killincarrig under Wicklow County Council with the other side under the Commissioners, and said that it would have to be looked at on the ground and that the argument for limiting the area to the 300 ft. contour was cogent.

Mr. Roche stated that the Civic Association felt it desirable that Rathdown Upper should be included, but they felt happy with the compromise solution, and if Rathdown Upper was going to be the bone of contention they would not wish to delay the submission of the Application on this boundary.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. again raised the question of the electorate, stating that there were 4,219 people registered in Greystones, and this proposal will leave out a number of areas, in which the people traditionally regard Greystones as a centre. Some discussion then took place on the electoral break-up of the area. The County Secretary stated that following the granting of the Application the question of the Polling Districts in this particular area could be examined.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor G. Jones, that the Application for Town Commissioners Status for Greystones be approved, and it was indicated that a formal resolution in this regard would be passed on the commencement of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

The Chairman then stated that the Council were in total agreement with the outcome of the meeting and proceeded to thank all present for a very constructive discussion and wished the Greystones & District Civic Association luck in obtaining Town Commissioners Status for Greystones.

Mr. Roche, Chairman, Greystones & District Civics Association then thanked the Members and the Management for their assistance in the Application.

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1980, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, WICKLOW, COMMENCING AT 3.00 P.M.

Present;-

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

Also

Mr. S. Hayes, County Manager,
Mr. B. Johnston, County Secretary,
Mr. T. J. Donovan, B.E., County Engineer,
Mr. A. Fidgeon, Finance Officer,
Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer,
Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer,
Mr. J. Holohan, Staff Officer, Motor Taxation Section,
Mr. K. Roberts, Staff Officer, General Purposes Section,
Mr. P. O'Meara, Staff Officer, Housing Section.

in Attendance;-

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Sweeney, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne, and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held on 10th November, 1980, be confirmed and signed.

Having regard to the previous Committee Meeting of the Council, it was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor G. Jones, and unanimously agreed that the Application for Town Commissioners Status for Greystones, on the basis of the revised area, be approved.

ITEM 2 TO APPROVE OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR 1981.

County Secretary referred to previous approval of the Council in respect of Overdraft in the sum of £800,000 for the quarter ending 31st December, 1980, and indicated that approval for the revised sum of £1.25m. was now necessary. This was due to a number of factors but principally, because of the rates collection situation. The situation was that the level of rate collection was down by approximately 15% compared to the same period last year. County Secretary referred to Circular Fin. 19/80 of 12th September, 1980, wherein it was indicated that the Local Authorities were expected to adopt an understanding attitude towards individual farmers who clearly have temporary difficulties in meeting their rates demand. Circular Fin 25/80 of 4th November, 1980, had specified as follows;-

- that (I) the Government will remove the obligation of farmers in £40 - £60 P.L.V. to pay the second moiety of rates.
- (II) the Government will see to it that no farmer who is in temporary financial difficulties will be pressed for his current rates and that no interest will be payable on outstanding accounts.

The circular indicated that in relation to (I.) local authorities will be recouped the cost of the remission in the current year. In Wicklow County Council's case this would amount to £161,000 approximately, of which £31,000 approximately had already been paid and would have to be refunded to the individual farmers concerned.

The situation was that the Collectors were encountering a general impression that rates need no longer be paid and a reluctance to make application or provide data indicating financial difficulties was widespread.

Councillor J. Leeson asked if the Council were now to understand that the financial position had deteriorated since the previous approval, and enquired if the interest arising on the revised figure sought would be recoupable from Central Funds.

The County Manager indicated that no provision had been made in the Circular referred to for the recoupment of interest and that it appeared that many farmers in the over £60 P.L.V. category were not paying their rates.

Councillor J. McManus stated that his understanding of the Circulars was that there was no question of exemption over £60 valuation, but rather that sympathetic consideration would be given to farmers in temporary difficulty to defer their rates to a later date. Councillor McManus stated that (i) it would be left to this Council to carry the overdraft representing the shortfall and (ii) the people who will have to pay for the farmers will be the P.A.Y.E. workers and added that no one could tell him that farmers over £60 valuation could not afford to pay their rates. These farmers were expected to pay their rates and it would be the exception and not the rule to consider a deferment. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. stressed that it was essential that the Council continue to receive rates. He was aware that many farmers had come through a bad time, and many of the big farmers had borrowed money, or crops had failed, and thus would not be in a position to meet their commitments. Councillor Timmins also made the point that the Council was not just getting sufficient money to run its services, thereby getting into the situation of such a high overdraft.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that the problem of rates had arisen and various pronouncements were causing chaos among the farming community, and he was aware that there was now a serious financial situation in farming. Councillor Kavanagh enquired as to what instructions were going to the Rate Collectors and how much the Council would be down by the end of the year. He also asked what was the situation in relation to bonus for the Collectors and enquired if they too would be considered sympathetically.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., asked what the position would be if the Council did not agree to the Overdraft Accommodation for 1981. In relation to those farmers over the £60 P.L.V., Deputy Murphy stated that it was up to an individual to make a case to the County Manager, who will decide if a rates payment due this year could be deferred to a later date, provided their claim is accompanied by the relevant documentation showing clearly that they are not in a position to pay. Councillor J. McManus again stressed that the issue at stake was that the other people paying tax in the county were depending on services and they were paying more tax, while suffering reduced services, due to the non-payment of rates.

Councillor A. Murphy enquired if the County Manager decides in his discretion that rates should be deferred, what is the situation regarding this County and its finances. He stated that the Local Authority was bearing the burden of the Government and that each member had a duty to the electorate of the county to solve this financial crisis.

In replying the County Manager stated that the Council, due to shortfalls, would have to finance its services by way of the overdraft which was being sought. With regard to the non-payment of rates he indicated that the initiative should come from the ratepayers involved, and if they decide not to pay their rates without any application, they will be issued with a 6 Day Notice in the usual manner. While those with temporary difficulties could make a case, it should not be interpreted by the farmers that they do not have to pay rates. In relation to the Rate Collectors, he stated that they will have to rely on the usual means of collecting their rates, and in reply to Councillor C. Murphy the County Manager indicated that if the Council did not approve of the Overdraft Accommodation the Council will be in very serious difficulty. The Government had given a commitment to recoup the County Council the 2nd Moiety for those with valuations between £40 - £60 before the end of the financial year, but there was no commitment from the Government to pay anything else. Those people in the £40 - £60 category would receive a refund.

Councillor P. Deering asked for some clarification on the Circular Letter received from the Department, and the County Manager duly quoted from Circular Letter Fin. 25/80, as follows:-

"An Taoiseach announced the following measures in relation to farmers rates

- (I) the Government will remove the obligation on farmers in the £40 - £60 PLV to pay the second moiety of rates.
- (II) the Government will see to it that no farmer who is in temporary financial difficulties will be pressed for his current rates and that no interest will be payable on outstanding amounts."

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., requested that the Council write to the Minister seeking clarification as to whether he proposed to recoup Local Authorities the cost of the additional interest payments arising from his deferment of rates payment.

Councillor K. Ryan stated that he was not sure that the Council should approve of this Overdraft, but the County Secretary stated that the Council will at best be liable for penal interest if the Overdraft sought is not approved. It was agreed that the Council should forward a letter seeking clarification of the Circular Letter received.

Following further discussion on the proposal of Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. seconded by Councillor J. McManus. Resolved: "That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Mr. R. Burke, T.D., the Council request accommodation, by way of temporary overdraft, on the Councils General Account up to a maximum of £1.25m. with the Councils' Treasurer, the Bank of Ireland, Main Street, Wicklow, for the quarter ended 31st December, 1980 and 31st March, 1981.

ITEM 3 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT CARNEW.

Councillor K. Ryan indicated that he was very disappointed to learn that the amount of £3,600 was being asked for less than 1 acre of land at Carnew which was being disposed of to the Parish School Management Committee, and he added that building sites in this area were only going around £900. Councillor Ryan then proposed that this plot of land be sold at a revised figure of £2,000. And he asked where in Carnew was land being bought for £3,600 for a site and added that it was costing £20,000 to meet the present commitments on the School.

In reply to Councillor Ryan, Mr. U. McCabe, Administrative Officer, indicated that the price of the land was £2,100 per acre and the figure of £3,600 was arrived at by adding a holding charge of 12%. He added that at the date of purchase the figure of £3,600 will be well below that paid for comparable serviced land in this area, and £3,600 was the very least the Council could ask. The Co. Manager reiterated what Mr. McCabe had stated and added that there was no way that the Council would replace this land for the same money.

Councillor K. Ryan also stated that there will be a housing estate built there in the near future and there will have to be a play area put into that particular scheme. Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. asked if there was any consultation with the Board of Management, and stated that this item was a matter for the Board of Management and the Council.

Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. proposed an amendment to the proposal of Councillor K. Ryan, that the land in question be sold at £3,600, this amendment was seconded by Councillor V. Blake. The amendment was carried 18 in favour, 3 against., and it was agreed to proceed with the disposal in accordance with the Section 83 Notice.

ITEM 4 DISPOSAL OF PREMISES AT FERNHILL, ARKLOW.

Section 83 Notice circulated in connection with the disposal of 1/10 acre approximately and contains a completed semi-detached house at 70 Fernhill, Arklow. In reply to Councillor D. Kinsella, who enquired as to the position with regard to this house and the proposals for it, Mr. McCabe indicated that it would be rented to someone under Arklow Urban District Council.

It was proposed by Councillor D. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor J. Sweeney, and agreed that this land and premises be disposed of in accordance with the Section 83 Notice circulated.

ITEM 5 GRANTS UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE ARTS ACT, 1973.

Mr. L. Brennan indicated that it was proposed to allocate grants to the following in accordance with the Scheme of Assistance adopted by the Council, and formal agreement to pay was being sought:-

1.	Kilcoole Music Festival	£150
2.	Carnew Musical Society	£175
3.	Avonmore Musical Society	£200
4.	Wicklow Musical Society	£250
5.	Wicklow Opera Society	£150
6.	Wicklow Choral Society	£175
7.	Arklow Music Festival	£175
8.	Greystones Operatic & Dramatic Society	£225
TOTAL GRANTS RECOMMENDED:		£1,500

Councillor C. Murphy enquired when this money would be paid out, and Mr. Brennan stated that it would be paid after Christmas.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. that the above grants be paid out.

ITEM 6 PROVISION OF TRAVELLERS HALT AT HOLLYBROOK, BRAY,

Councillor J. McManus asked that this item be taken in Committee as proposals from Bray U.D.C. had not been announced and it was hoped to announce both proposals together. Councillor D. Kinsella strongly objected to this item being taken in Committee and stated the public had a right to know the Council's proposals in this case. Councillor G. Jones stated that he would be in agreement with holding the discussion in Committee, and felt that the Council should get a number of sites agreed on and then go public on them.

Mr. L. Brennan indicated that the suggestion that the matter be taken in Committee came from the Sub-Committee dealing with the problem and the Sub-Committee had expressed the hope that if dealt with in Committee by both this Council and Bray U.D.C., the Manager would then be in a position to indicate the proposals of both Councils simultaneously.

On the question of site for Tigeen or housing development for travellers at Hollybrook, the County Engineer indicated that the site was not suitable due to the junction of the Main Road from Bray with the National Primary Route. Recently there was a fatal accident at this junction. He considered that further development in this area could give rise to serious and possible fatal accidents. In addition, it would probably entail, in the interests of safety, the removal of some mature trees, thus eroding the scenic area and contrary to the Council's policy on Tree Preservation.

Councillor Miss N. O'Neill enquired if there were any maps available showing the location in question, and asked if the proposed houses would be in full view of the Main Tourist route.

Councillor J. McManus stated that those Councillors on the Sub-Committee had gone to look at the site. He also stated that the entrance to the site could be made off the old main road and not off the dual-carriageway, and this road was considered ideal as it was not used very much. Councillor C. Murphy, T.D. enquired if there were services adjacent to the site.

The County Engineer stated that he was just giving his opinion on the site in his report, and stated that the site being surveyed is not a definite site. Mr. Brennan stated that the proposal was for rural type houses and no caravans etc. would be permitted on the site.

Councillor G. Jones asked if more information could be submitted with regard to the sites, etc. He mentioned that there was a large scale garage business going on, and also the Council had given permission for an indoor arena, which would cater for horses of the other type. Councillor A. Murphy also stated that it was not fair to ask Elected Members to make a decision based on the matter on the information before them, and he asked that the item should be postponed until the Council was provided with more accurate information.

Councillor J. McManus stated that Wicklow County Council had been one of the worst County Councils for dealing with the problem of Itinerants. Councillor McManus stated that proposals were for 3-4 small rural type dwellings, with an entrance that is hardly used at all. He stated that this site had been examined in great detail and in fairness to the itinerants and the people the Sub-Committee represented, he asked that the site be approved, and the details of same could be finalised later.

Councillor J. Leeson enquired if the occupiers of the proposed houses would be allowed keep livestock and in reply Mr. Brennan stated that the proposed tenants would not be allowed to keep any of their livestock or horses, etc. at the houses.

The County Manager stated that while full detailed plans were not available at this stage, it was hoped that same would be available in early course so as to permit a final decision on the matter.

ITEM 7 LETTER FROM DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL RE. TRAVELLERS JOINT COMMITTEE.

Mr. L. Brennan, Administrative Officer, confirmed that at a Meeting of the Travellers Committee held on Monday, 20th October, 1980, it was agreed to recommend that this Council should not participate in the Joint Committee suggested by Dublin County Council for the area south of the River Liffey, and the purpose of putting the matter on the Agenda for this Meeting was to obtain the Council's approval to this procedure and to inform Dublin County Council accordingly.

Councillor A. Murphy asked if it could be taken that by not participating in the Joint Committee that Wicklow County Council would not be showing interest in furthering the cause of Itinerants. Councillor J. McManus stated that there was very good liaison between the Officials of this Council and adjoining Local Authorities and he stated that the decision to abstain from the Joint Committee had been made in the knowledge that Wicklow County Council was making progress in dealing with its problems.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that he intended to support the recommendation of the Sub-Committee. While Councillor J. McManus stated that perhaps at a future Meeting the members could review in principle, whether it was still best to remain uninvolved. Councillor L. Kavanagh, then asked for the views of the Social Worker who was present.

Mr. B. Quigley, Social Worker, stated that he would have very strong reservations about working on a formal basis with a Dublin Authority. He added that the problem in Dublin was much different to that in Wicklow and that this Council was basically concerned with the problems of 35 families.

It was agreed that the Council should not participate in the Joint Committee suggested by Dublin County Council, but that the situation should be kept under review.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that the brick at Main Street is never working

ITEM 8 TO APPROVE RAISING OF SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN FOR WICKLOW REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.

The County Secretary read report from Finance Officer, which stated that a loan of £87,000 was raised in November, 1978, to finance the above scheme. Actual payments together with outstanding liabilities indicate that the all-in cost of the scheme will be of the order of £112,000. Accordingly, Council approval to the Supplementary Loan of £25,000 is required to the raising of this Loan, subject to Departmental sanction. This loan will qualify for 50% subsidy.

It was proposed by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., seconded by Councillor H. Cullen, that the Supplementary Loan of £25,000 be sought, subject to the sanction of the Department. Agreed.

ITEM 9 RELIEF OF RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND - CIRCULAR LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

Already dealt with.

ITEM 10 REPORT ON TELEPHONE KIOSKS.

A discussion took place on the report on Telephone Kiosks, which was circulated to the Members, and the provision of kiosks in various areas were dealt with in order as set out in the report.

Granabeg, Vallemount.

The Council agreed that a Telephone Kiosk should be provided at Granabeg, Vallemount, under the Guarantee Scheme.

Kilcarra, Arklow.

A site for this kiosk is currently being selected and the Department will send on notification of site location as soon as possible.

Rockmanor Drive, Kilcoole.

It was indicated that the kiosk at Main Street, Kilcoole, is frequently out of order, which is a major reason for it not being used and it was agreed that this kiosk should be resubmitted.

Ballyknockan, Village, Vallemount.

It was agreed that the Council proceed with the erection of a kiosk at Ballyknockan Village under the Guarantee Scheme.

Coolattin Row, Carnew.

Agreement received from the Department on 26th November, 1980, and signed and returned to Department of Posts & Telegraphs on 2nd December, 1980. REply awaited from Department as to when kiosk will be ready for use.

Merrymeeting, Rathnew.

Kiosk is being provided under Guarantee Scheme.

Crossbridge, Tinahely.

Kiosk is being provided under Guarantee Scheme.

Quarry Street, Shillelagh.

Letter from Department of Posts & Telegraphs on 21st December, 1977, stated the existing kiosk at Main Street is not used to the extent that would warrant the provision of an additional kiosk.

Killinure.

Councillor J. Langan indicated that the kiosk in Enniskerry Village, which is The Council agreed that a Kiosk be provided at Killinure under the Guarantee Scheme, on the proposal of Councillor K. Ryan, seconded by Councillor T. Keenan. up again with the Department of Posts & Telegraphs.

O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkennedy.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that the kiosk at Main Street is never working and this is one of the main reasons why it is not being used, and he asked that it be taken up again with the Department of Posts & Telegraphs.

Re-siting of Two Kiosks at Main Street, Bray.

Estimate for re-siting of two kiosks in the sum of £930.00 approved.

Coolruss, Tinahely.

The Council were informed that Department had indicated that a kiosk could only be provided at Coolruss under the Guarantee Scheme. Councillors Ryan and Blake considered that a kiosk should be provided at Coolruss in preference to Bally-raheen, Tinahely, and asked that this matter be followed up with the Department.

3 Housing Estates - Dunlavin, Blessington and Baltinglass.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Timmins, T.D., seconded by Councillor P. Deering, and agreed that the above three housing estates be served by a kiosk under the Guarantee Scheme.

Coolattin, Shillelagh.

The Council agreed that a kiosk be provided at Coolattin, Shillelagh, under the Guarantee Scheme.

Kiltegan.

An alternative site is now being selected.

Raheenraney, Clonegal.

It was agreed that the Council provide a kiosk at Raheenraney, Clonegal, under the Guarantee Scheme.

Upper Ballynerrin, Wicklow.

Department indicated that use likely to be made of a kiosk at above location would not be sufficient to warrant its provision.

Parkmore, Baltinglass.

As in the case of above.

Crab Lane, Coolkenno.

Agreement under Guarantee Scheme in respect of provision of kiosk at Crab Lane Coolkenno, returned to the Department on 1st December, 1980, reply awaited from them as to when the kiosk will be provided.

Ballisland, Shillelagh.

Agreements executed and returned to Department 5th December, 1980.

Kilpedder.

Kiosk to be provided as soon as a suitable site had been selected.

Ballywaltrim, Bray.

Arrangements have been made to provide this Kiosk in the near future.

Season Park, Newtownmountkennedy.

Department stated that this kiosk has been erected and will be open for service shortly.

Kilgarron Park, Millfield Estate, Enniskerry.

Councillor J. Laeson indicated that the kiosk in Enniskerry Village, which is approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Kilgarron Park is often out of action and therefore cannot be used by the public. The Council requested that this matter be taken up again with the Department of Posts & Telegraphs.

ITEM 11 TO 60 WERE DEFERRED TO THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

ITEM 61 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

Public Toilets at Avoca.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. enquired if there was any sign of the public toilets being provided in Avoca, which was a major tourist area and badly in need of same. In reply the County Engineer stated that this matter was receiving attention.

Advance Factory Units.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. enquired if there had been any word from the I.D.A. regarding the setting up of Advance Factory Units in the County in general.

Parkmore Housing Estate.

Councillor G. Timmins, T.D. also stated that clay was being dumped at the above Estate, and he asked if it could be spread, as soon as possible, as it could cause flooding in the Housing Estate.

Certificates of Annuity.

Councillor K. Ryan asked if Certificates of Annuity for the houses where there are 2 names in the one townland and asked if they could be cleared up before April. Mr. P. O'Meara, Staff Officer, Housing Section stated that there were some problems in relation to the Certificates and that one member of the Staff was full-time on them at the moment. He added that the documentation has to go to the Land Registry which takes from 9 months to a year, and once the Certificates are returned they will be given out immediately.

Planning in Southern Area.

Councillor Ryan referred to planning on the borders of Wexford and the fact that planning permission could not be obtained in this area, and he asked how this could be rectified. Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. stated that this problem pertains to the whole county, while areas close to Wicklow under Wexford County Council had no problem in attaining permission to build houses. The Chairman added that on the October list of Planning Applications there was a 50% refusal and he asked the County Manager if he would have a look into this matter as a matter of urgency.

Councillor Ryan also stated that the charge of applying for a loan had been increased from £5.25 to £10.00 without any apparent reason. The County Secretary stated that this particular charge of £10.00 was not the highest in the Country by any means and said that it was an equitable charge which previously had not been increased for many years.

Flooding at Crehelp.

Councillor P. Deering asked if something could be done about the flooding at Crehelp, Dunlavin, immediately. The County Engineer stated that this problem has been examined and it was hoped that the problem could be resolved.

Pump Supplying 4 houses at Killinure.

Councillor V. Blake enquired if any tests had been carried out on the water supply to 4 houses at Killinure and in reply the County Engineer stated that instructions had been issued, but it was not easy to have these tests carried out.

Youth Employment Schemes.

Councillor J. Leeson enquired as to the possibility of providing youth employment schemes in the Council, having regard to the fact that the Advance Factory Units

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were not being proceeded with immediately, in order that some form of permanent employment could be provided rather than letting people go after a few weeks. He also stated that the allocation under Environmental Improvement Schemes would be better spent in the creation of 8 to 10 permanent jobs.

Mr. L. Brennan stated that the Council had been given no indication of their allocation to date, and this matter could receive further attention at a later date.

Regulations for Retention of Diesel Stocks.

Councillor H. Cullen asked if the Council could pursue the Department of Energy in relation to regulations for the composition of Diesel Oil in that the present problem of solidifying could be overcome.

19 Acres at Greystones

Councillor G. Jones asked what progress was being made with the 19 acres site at Greystones.

Lott Lane.

Councillor G. Jones also stated that the building construction at Lott Lane, was cause the roads to be left in a dreadful state, and he asked if something could be done with the roadway.

Council Yard in Dunlavin.

Councillor J. Miley stated that a Deputation had been received from the Dunlavin Community Council in relation to the above and he asked what was the outcome of this meeting was. The County Secretary gave detailed position for the members information.

Meeting of Sub-Committee on Travellers.

A Meeting of the above Committee was fixed for 2.00 p.m. on Monday, 5th January, 1981, in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Wicklow.

Lights for Grotto at Rathnew.

Councillor F. Hynes enquired if anything had been done about the provision of lighting for the Grotto in Rathnew, and it was stated that this matter is being attended to.

Direct Labour Schemes.

Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D. referred to the Direct Labour Schemes in Rathnew and Ashford on which there were two groups of workers working under different conditions. The Chairman also stated that the Council at present only employed 2 blocklayers and 2 Plasterers, and asked what was going to happen when the building programme was increased and the Direct Labour Force was decreased.. It was indicated that this matter would receive attention at the next Meeting of the Council.

Travelling & Subsistence Allowance for Members.

The County Secretary drew attention to Circular Letter G. 5/80 received from the Department of the Environment, stating that the Minister will raise no objection to the continued payment of expenses and allowances on the basis set out in Circular Letter G. 21/74, subject to the revised version of enclosure to Circular Letter G. 5/80.

Roadworks Scheme - Main Road No. 220 - Widen Road, Carnew, Ballyellis.

The County Secretary read report from County Engineer, which stated that the above location is on the Wexford Boundary. No significant improvement could be obtained without corresponding realignment on the Wexford side. This work could not be completed before the end of the year. Accordingly it is recommended that the money allocated be transferred to reconstruction of footpaths on the same road.

It was proposed by Councillor C. Murphy, T.D., seconded by Councillor L. Kavanagh, T.D., that monies allocated for the above, be transferred in accordance with the recommendation of the County Engineer.

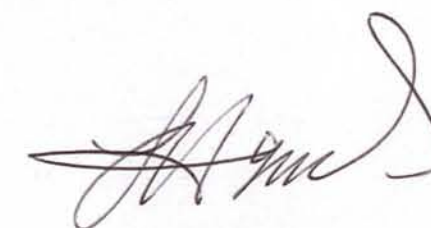
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The Chairman concluded the Meeting by wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

On behalf of the Staff, the County Manager also wished the Members of the Council and the Press, every Best Wish for Christmas and the New Year.

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This concluded the business of the Meeting.



CHAIRMAN.

Date: _____