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A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 3rd January, 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:-

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors John Quigley, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, J. Gregory and H. W. Hopkins.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers R. L. Farrell and P. McGuinness, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell and P. T. Hickey attended.

AGENDA:

1. Applications for Supplementary Grants in respect of Erection of New Houses at Carrig, Blessington, and Main Street, Blessington.
2. Application for Loan in respect of Reconstruction of Vested Council Cottage at Killincarrig.
3. To authorise raising of Loan for purposes of making Loans towards cost of Reconstruction of Dwellinghouses.
4. Applications for consent to sale of Vested Cottages:
 - (a) At Tober, Dunlavin—Deceased Tenant-Purchaser: Ml. Higgins;
 - (b) At Tober, Dunlavin—Tenant-Purchaser: Daniel Masterson; and
 - (c) At Kilpoole Hill, Wicklow—Tenant-Purchaser: Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy.
5. Application for consent to subdivision of Vested Cottage Plot at Ballymoney, Arklow.
6. Applications for provision of Cottages for Patrick T. Salmon, "Somerton," The Bawn, Greystones, on portion of Vested Cottage Plot at Carrig Villas, Killincarrig, and for Patrick J. Lawless on lands at Red Lane, Kilmurray.
7. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Temple, E. Byrne and H. B. Hipwell:- "That in view of the terms of the Housing Bill at present before the Dail we instruct the County Medical Officer to prepare a fixed priority list of tenants seeking houses in view of the dissatisfaction of the system at present operating."
8. Applications for Loans towards Purchase of Houses—Bentley Park, Bray, etc.
9. Repairs to Cottages carried out during month of December, 1965, and Cottages to be Repaired during month of January, 1966.

Item No. 1—Applications For Supplementary Grants in Respect of Erection of New Houses at Carrig, Blessington, and Main St., Blessington.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £450 to Mrs. Patricia Mahon, Carrig, Blessington, in respect of erection of new house at Carrig.

Passed unanimously

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £275 to Mr. Francis H. Reynolds, Main Street, Blessington, in respect of erection of new house at Blessington.

Passed unanimously

Item No. 2—Application For Loan in Respect of Re-construction of Vested Council Cottage at Killincarrig.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. John Noble, 1, Castlefield Terrace, Killincarrig, was carrying out repairs and improvements to his cottage, which were estimated to cost £712, and a State Grant of £140 and a Supplementary Grant of £140 had been paid to him. He had applied for a Loan of £400, but the maximum which could be paid under the terms of the Council's Scheme was £380. The balance remaining in the present Loan raised by the Council for the purpose was £330.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £380 to Mr. John Noble, 1, Castlefield Terrace, Killincarrig, in respect of repair and improvement of his house at Killincarrig, subject to compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously

Item No. 3—To Authorise Raising of Loan For Purposes of Making Loans Towards Cost of Reconstruction of Dwellinghouses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £5,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, re-payable over a period of fifteen years, to meet the cost of making Loans available for Repair and Improvement of Dwellinghouses.

Passed unanimously

Item No. 4—Applications For Consent To Sale of Vested Cottages.

(a) **At Tober, Dunlavin—Deceased Tenant-Purchaser: Michael Higgins.**

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to Mrs. Sarah O'Dwyer, Devisee under the Will of the late Michael Higgins, for the disposal of her interest in Cottage No. 226/2 at Tober, Dunlavin, to Mr. Michael Lawlor, Mullica, Hollywood.

Passed unanimously

(b) **At Tober, Dunlavin—Tenant-Purchaser: Daniel Masterson.**

In regard to the proposed sale of Vested Cottage No. 125/2 at Tober, Dunlavin, by the tenant-purchaser (Mr. Daniel Masterson) to Mr. Jas. O'Hara, 19, Church Terrace, Dunlavin, for the sum of £400, it was decided, following discussion on the matter, to defer consideration of the application for further inquiries.

(c) **At Kilpoole Hill, Wicklow—Tenant-Purchaser: Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy.**

In regard to the proposed sale of Vested Cottage No. 7/11 at Kilpoole Hill, Wicklow, by Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy (tenant-purchaser) to Mr. Michael E. Herbst (farmer) for occupation by one of his farm employees, for the sum of £500, the desirability of consenting to the sale of a Vested Cottage to a farmer even though it were to be used for the accommodation of his worker, was discussed by the Council. Councillor J. J. McCrea, expressed the opinion that the selling of Vested

Cottages to farmers was not desirable.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Resolved—That we refuse consent to Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy to dispose of her interest in Cottage No. 7/11 at Kilpoole Hill, Wicklow, to Mr. Michael E. Herbst, for occupation by one of his farm employees.

Passed unanimously

Item No. 5—Application For Consent To Subdivision of Vested Cottage Plot at Ballymoney, Arklow.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Resolved—That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government we hereby suspend the operation of the Statutory Condition under Section 16 of the Labourers' Act, 1936, in relation to portion of the plot attached to the Vested Cottage occupied by Wm. O'Reilly, "St. Jude's," Ballymoney, Arklow, so as to allow portion of the plot to be used for the erecting thereon of an additional cottage.

Passed unanimously

Item No. 6—Applications For Provision of Cottages For Patrick T. Salmon, "Somerton," The Bawn, Greystones, on Portion of Vested Cottage Plot at Carrig Villas, Killincarrig, and for Patrick J. Lawless on Lands at Red Lane, Kilmurray.

The Council, having noted the Report of the Council's Architect that the site at Carrig Villas, Killincarrig, was unsuitable for the erection of a further cottage because it would not meet the density requirement of one-eighth of an acre and was also affected by a high-tension power line which crossed the suggested boundary between the two sites, indicated that they were not prepared to approve of the proposal.

In the case of the application of Mr. Patrick Lawless the Council noted that Mr. Lawless was the occupier of twenty-eight acres of land and that objections had been received to the proposal that the Council acquire a plot from Mr. James Kelly as a site for a cottage at Red Lane. The Council decided not to accept the offer of Mr. Kelly to sell the plot to the Council.

Item No. 7—Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Temple, E. Byrne and H.B. Hipwell:— "That In View of the Terms of the Housing Bill at Present Before The Dail We Instruct the County Medical Officer To Prepare A Fixed Priority List of Tenants Seeking Houses In View of the Dissatisfaction of the System At Present Operating."

In proposing the Resolution Councillor Temple stated that he sought the agreement of the Council in principle to the proposal that a priority list of tenants be prepared. The proposal was seconded by Councillor E. Byrne. The County Secretary stated that Section 60 of the Housing Bill at present before Dail Eireann provided that it would be the duty of a Housing Authority to make within one year from the commencement of the Act, and thereafter from time to time as they thought fit, a Scheme determining the priorities to be accorded to categories of persons specified in the Scheme in the letting of dwellings provided by the Council. In preparing a Scheme

the Council were obliged to have regard to the following primary objectives:

- (a) The repair, closure, or demolition of houses which were unfit in any respect for human habitation;
- (b) The elimination of overcrowding;
- (c) The provision of adequate and suitable housing accommodation for persons (including elderly or disabled persons) who, in the opinion of the Council, were in need of, and were unable to provide such accommodation from their own resources;
- (d) The segregation of persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis.

Any Scheme made under this Section had to be approved by the Minister and the Section also provided that the Minister could from time to time require a Housing Authority to vary a Scheme in a manner directed by him. It was provided also in the Section that for the purpose of determining the order of priority to be followed in the making of lettings to persons in accordance with a Scheme the Council must obtain and have regard to a Report from their Chief Medical Officer. The making of the Scheme was a reserved function. The County Manager pointed out that the new Bill seemed to provide for a system of priorities, but not for a priority list. The Council utilised such a system at present and various matters had to be taken into account when lettings were determined. He felt it would be premature to anticipate what form the system of priorities would take and that it would be preferable to await the coming into operation of the Bill. Councillor Temple agreed to withdraw his Motion if the Council accepted the idea in principle and the Council agreed that the matter of preparing a Scheme be deferred until the Bill was enacted.

Item No 8—Applications For Loans Towards Purchase of Houses—Bentley Park, Bray, Etc.

A Notice was handed in by Councillors H. J. Byrne, H. B. Hipwell and Edward E. Byrne giving notice to the County Manager that it was intended to propose the following Resolution at the Meeting of the Council on the 10th January, 1966, in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:-

"That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Loans to the value of £2,175 per house in respect of houses being erected at Bentley Park, Boghall Road, Bray, as unanimously agreed at the County Council Meeting on Wednesday, 15th December, 1965."

Housing Sites At Dunlavin.

The County Secretary stated that as had been agreed by the Council at the previous Meeting offers were made to three landowners at Dunlavin for the purchase of sites. Mr. Edward Flood had replied indicating that he had recently sold the site to another person and Mrs. D. Coghlan indicated that the site was not for sale. Mr. Laurence O'Reilly (through his Solicitor, Mr. Millett) had indicated that he would accept the Council's offer of £100 for the site, but asked that the Council discharge the vendor's costs in the matter. The site contained one rood approximately and was suitable for the erection of two single-storey houses. The Council agreed that the site be acquired.

Item No. 9—Repairs to Cottages Carried Out During Month of December, 1965, and Cottages to be Repaired During Month of January, 1966.

The Council noted the list of Cottages repaired during the month of December, 1965, and of those to be repaired during the month of January, 1966. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., complained of failure to carry out necessary repairs in the Wicklow Area and handed in particulars of cases where persons claimed to have been waiting several years for repairs to their cottages. Councillor Quigley complained of the condition of a cottage at Threewells, Aughrim, and urged that repairs be carried out. Councillor Miss M. Walsh referred to the cottage of Mrs. P. Cullen at Ballanagh, Avoca, and stated that this cottage had been affected by the recent flooding. She asked that repairs be carried out as a matter of urgency.

Water Supplies—Ennis's Lane.

Councillor J. Temple complained again regarding the matter of a water supply for residents of Ennis's Lane, Greystones. Mr. R. L. Farrell, Chief Assistant County Engineer, stated that the only source of supply available was from the Templecarrig Reservoir and that there was insufficient water to supply Ennis's Lane. Councillor Temple contended that the amount of water needed was negligible as some of the tenants already had supplies. It was agreed that a Report on the matter be submitted to the next Meeting.

Water Supply For Cottages At Redford.

Councillor E. Byrne inquired concerning the water supply for cottages at Redford and it was agreed that a Report on the matter be submitted to the next Meeting.

At the request of Councillor H. B. Hipwell it was agreed that a Report in regard to the Carrigoona Group Water Supply Scheme also be submitted to the next Meeting.

Cottages At Boghall—Defective Sumps.

Councillor Temple complained of what he regarded as defective sumps at the cottages at Boghall. He asked when the matter would be remedied. The Chief Assistant County Engineer stated that the Contractor responsible for the extension of the water supply to the cottages had carried out his work satisfactorily, in accordance with the Specification, and this did not require him to carry out any work in connection with the sumps. It was intended that the sumps would be drained into an adjoining stream and arrangements would be made to have this done.

Refusal of Planning Permission.

Councillor Hipwell asked that a copy of the letter from the Council to the Minister for Local Government in regard to a Resolution passed by the Council requiring that permission be given to Mr. Reginald Heatley, Little Newtown, for the erection of Three Bungalows, be supplied to him, and stated that he intended to raise the matter at the following Monday's Meeting.

Notices of Motion.

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

1220 Minutes of Meeting held on Monday, January 3rd, 1966.

In the name of Councillor J. Miley:- "That I, or some Member of this Council, will move that this Council decide on a different type fence to wire at the new Housing Scheme at Blessington and that the ground be now developed so that it can be seeded in early Spring."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:- "That in view of the great demand for housing accommodation in the County area that I, or someone for me, will propose at the next Housing Meeting that a Survey be carried out with a view to having the necessary houses provided in the area."

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:- "That I, or some Member for me, will move a Motion requesting the Council to instal a hopper-head at Baltinglass Hospital to suit Ballinagee turf."

In the name of Councillor H. W. Hopkins:- "That I, or someone for me, will propose that the Council remove the concrete base in the bed of the River at Brittas Bridge and so remove the continuous flooding of the surrounding land."

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley:- "That I, or someone for me, will move that owing to colossal number of applicants for last two vacant cottages in Avoca that Council make provision immediately for erection of six houses there."

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A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 10th January, 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:

Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, J. D. Haughton and J. Gregory.

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, took the chair.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers R. L. Farrell and P. McGuinness, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N.D. Farrell and P. T. Hickey attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notice in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the names of Councillors Henry J. Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell and Edward E. Byrne, as follows:—

"That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Loans to the value of £2,175 per house in respect of houses being erected at Bentley Park, Boghall Road, Bray, as unanimously agreed at the County Council Meeting on Wednesday, 15th December, 1965."

2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 8th and 15th November, 1965.
3. To fix date for Estimates Meeting of Council.
4. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley—"That provision be made for sand-gravelling and tarring of the Killacoran Old Road, adjoining the Aughrim/Woodenbridge Road, when preparing the Road Estimates for the coming year."
5. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor A. H. Hadden—"That the Eye-Pass Road at Cronelea, Shillelagh, from Murphy's Garage to Hickey's Sawmills, be taken over by the Council and repaired."
6. Traffic lights at Quinsboro' Road/Main Street Crossing at Bray—Report of County Engineer.
7. Repair of damage caused by flooding—Report of County Engineer re boundary wall at Lower Dargle Road, etc.
8. Engineering Staff — Report of County Engineer. (Copy circulated to Members).
9. Main Road Realignment at Kilpedder and Newtown—Costs of Acquisition of Lands. (Details circulated to Members).
10. Water Supply for Cottages at Ennis Lane, near Redford—Report of County Engineer.
11. Water Supply for Cottages at Redford—Report of County Engineer.
12. Water Supply for three Council Cottages at Ballinapark, Avoca. (As requested by Councillor Quigley).
13. Carrigoona Group Water Supply Scheme.

14. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins—"That the Council extend the water supply at Stratford to Council cottages at Winetavern and Randalstown."
15. Report requested by Councillor Quigley as to best means of granting a water supply to Cottages at Kilqueeney and Ballymoneen, Avoca.
16. Report requested by Councillor Quigley regarding boundary fences at Greenane Cemetery.
17. To authorise additional expenditure in excess of the amounts provided in the current year's Estimates in respect of Council Services.
18. Services for the Aged—Report of Chief Medical Officer on (a) Provision of Health Services to the Aged; and (b) Investigation of Patients in St. Colman's Hospital (County Home), Rathdrum. (Copies of Reports circulated to Members).
19. Letter from Arthur Cox and Co., Solicitors, on behalf of Peamount Hospital Incorporated, regarding visit to Hospital of Representatives of Council.
20. Provision of Emergency Lighting for Council's Institutions—Reply from National Bank, Ltd., to application for Loan.
21. Alterations and Extension to Clinic at Bray—Report of County Engineer on examination of Tenders received in response to public advertisement.
22. Arrangements for filling of vacant post of Rate Collector for No. 12 Collection District—Determination of remuneration for post.
23. Revision of remuneration for Coroners.
24. Subdivision of plot at St. Brigid's Park, Blacklion.
25. Recommendations of Sheep Dipping Committee.
26. Minutes of Annual Meeting of County Councils' General Council held on 5th August, 1965.
27. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Quigley the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with Mr. Joseph Kavanagh, Kilpipe, Aughrim, Chairman of the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture and former Member of the Council, on the death of his wife.

Item No. 1—Loans in respect of Houses at Bentley Park, Bray.

In accordance with Notice given to the County Manager under the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Loans to the value of £2,170 per house in respect of houses being erected at Bentley Park, Boghall Road, Bray, as unanimously agreed at the County Council Meeting on Wednesday, 15th December, 1965.

Passed unanimously.

In proposing the Motion Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that he felt this to be a most important matter and that it concerned the happiness of twenty-five young families. He did not consider the County Council was running any risk in granting Loans of the amount

proposed. Councillor H. B. Hipwell, seconding the Motion, and the other Members for the Bray Electoral Area expressed similar views. In reply to Councillor A. H. Hadden, who stated he was not objecting to the Loans being granted, but wished to know the reason why the County Manager had not been inclined to approve of the Loans, the County Manager stated that the amount of the Loan normally depended on the valuation of the house and in the case of a new house the County Manager was guided by the valuation determined by the County Engineer, who had valued each house at £2,500. This figure was lower than the valuation of £2,830 accepted by the Members.

Item No. 2—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 8th and 15th November, 1965.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Date of Estimates Meeting.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby fix Monday, 21st February, 1966, as the date for the Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council in respect of the year 1966/67.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Notice of Motion, in Name of Councillor J. Quigley—"That provision be made for Sand-Gravelling and Tarring of the Killacoran Old Road, adjoining the Aughrim/Woodenbridge Road, when preparing the Road Estimates for the coming year."

The Council agreed that provision be made in the Road Estimates for submission to the Members of the Council for the Area in respect of this road.

Item No. 5—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor A. H. Hadden—"That the Bye-Pass Road at Cronelea, Shillelagh, from Murphy's Garage to Hickey's Sawmills, be taken over by the Council and repaired."

The Council agreed that the proposal to take over the road be submitted to the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area when the Road Works Programme for the coming financial year was being considered.

Item No. 6—Traffic Lights at Quiraboro' Road/Main Street Crossing at Bray—Report of County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that this matter originally came before the Council in 1961 when the Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Bray, had recommended that traffic lights be provided at this junction. The former County Engineer had estimated the cost at about £3,000 and provision had been made for the work in the Estimates at that time. It was not possible, however, to obtain the equipment and the money allocated was diverted to work on footpaths in Bray. The Council agreed that provision be made in the Estimates for submission to the Members of the Council for the Bray Area in the Road Works Programme for the coming financial year.

Item No. 7—Repair of Damage caused by Flooding—Report of County Engineer re Boundary Wall at Lower Dargle Road, Etc.

The following Report from the County Engineer was submitted:—

T. J. Donovan, B.E., M.I.C.E.I.
(County Surveyor/Engineer).

Ref.: TJD/SB.
County Secretary.

County Engineer's Office,
Court House, Wicklow.
20th December, 1965.

Re: Flooding at Dargle Road, Bray: Boundary Wall at Miss Barton's.
Dear Sir,

Reference has been made at recent Council Meetings to a broken and damaged boundary wall at Dargle Road, Bray, alongside the Dargle River.

It has been stated which is indeed true, that in flood, the river water passes through the breaches in this wall, with consequent flooding at Lower Dargle Road.

The position, however, is that the wall and the land between the river and wall are the property of a Miss Barton. Consequently, the Council had no direct function in the maintenance of this wall. There is also a gateway in the wall which, of course, would allow water through in any event, and always did.

However, it could well be that if the Council were to build up this wall and these openings, that the result would be flooding of other people, either by causing flooding to a greater degree to others, or causing flooding where it did not occur before. If this were to happen there would not be much doubt about liability.

The solution here is not the building up of walls, but the execution of a proper scheme. A drainage scheme from the Bray Harbour to say, within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of the Silver Bridge, would appear to suggest itself. An investigation of catchment area, run off, etc., would be a necessary prerequisite of such a scheme, and the experience of the Office of Public Works in this matter would be helpful.

The Council are not a drainage authority in the context of being responsible for the drainage of land or damage caused by flooding from drainage areas, unless they are responsible for the maintenance of the waterways.

The problem here is of an arterial drainage nature. Apart from the fact that the Council have not got the Staff to carry out the necessary survey, I consider that the Board of Works, who have specialised in this field, and were in fact established for this purpose, are best suited to tackle and assess the problem, from an engineering and economic point of view.

The question as to who will provide the funds and carry out the drainage scheme also arises. It would be a waste of money, time and effort, unless there is some assurance as to the likelihood that funds would be forthcoming from some source to carry out the work.

Mise, le meas,

TJD/SB.

T. J. DONOVAN,
County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had advised that no one could be made responsible for damage caused by an "Act of God," and flooding came under such heading. He stated that the Council were not entitled to compel the owner of property to do work that might be necessary to prevent flooding in future. The Council's Solicitor pointed out that the wall at Miss Barton's property was not a retaining wall to the road and that the Council

could not compel her to reinforce the wall and that, furthermore, if the Council repaired the wall there would be a possibility of the risk that flooding would take place at some further point, which would involve the Council in liability.

The Council noted the terms of the County Engineer's Report and the Law Agent's Advice on the matter. The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had informed Bray Urban District Council, in reply to that Council's request for financial assistance in repairing four separate damaged walls, that there was no objection to two of the walls being repaired provided the County Council agreed to divert moneys from either their Main Road or Arterial Road Fund Grant. The two breaches concerned were: (a) at the end of the People's Park, near Riverside Tce.—Estimated Cost, £1500; and (b) near Park Lodge—Estimated Cost, £300. The two breaches did cause flooding on the Main Road on November the 19th. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple:

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we approve of the Scheme for the repair of breaches in walls along the Dargle River (a) at the end of the People's Park, near Riverside Tce., Bray, at an estimated cost of £1500; and (b) near Park Lodge, Bray, at an estimated cost of £300; and authorise the defraying of the cost of these works from Road Fund Grants allocated to the Council.
Passed unanimously.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Temple regarding the carrying out of an Arterial Drainage Survey for the Dargle River the County Secretary stated that a letter had been addressed to the Board of Works immediately following the Council's Meeting in December and conveying the Council's request that the Board undertake Surveys immediately with a view to preparing Arterial Drainage Schemes for the Dargle, Slaney, Avonmore and Avoca Rivers, with a view to preventing a recurrence of flooding from these rivers. No reply had yet been received. The Council agreed to the suggestion of Councillor Temple that the Board of Works be asked for an immediate reply to the Council's request, and failing that, they be asked to receive a Deputation in the matter.

Woodenbridge Golf Club.

The following letter addressed to the Chairman and Members of the Council was submitted:—

Woodenbridge Golf Club,

Avoca, Co. Wicklow.

7th January, 1966.

Members of Wicklow County Council.

Dear Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

You will already know from the papers that our Golf Club and course were seriously damaged in the recent floods. The old Club-house and part of the new Club-house and bridge approaching the course were washed away and considerable damage was done to the course itself. The course is situated in one of the most beautiful parts of the County and is a great amenity both for Wicklow people and visitors. Last year we entertained 4,000 visitors, at least a third of whom were from abroad.

We are trying to re-build the bridge, restore the Club-house and course to their old condition and are trying to do it from our own resources, but we may need additional help. We understand that we may get some help from Bord Fáilte but for this would need the good-

will of the County Manager and the Members of the County Council. We would be very grateful if we could have this co-operation and that the County Council would say that our aims are worthy of support if and when we need help.

The Captain and all the Members of the Club would be very thankful for your help in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

R. J. KAVANAGH,

Hon. Secretary.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor A. H. Hadden:

Resolved—That Bord Failte be requested to provide a Grant towards the cost of re-building bridge and restoring Clubhouse and Golf Course at Woodenbridge, which represents a valuable tourist amenity in the County.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Engineering Staff—Report of County Engineer.

The Council noted the details circulated by the County Engineer in regard to the Engineering Staff and their respective duties.

Item No. 9—Main Road Realignment at Kilpedder and Newtown—Costs of Acquisition of Lands.

Details of the payments made by the Council in respect of acquisition of lands for Road Improvement between Kiltimon and Kilpedder had been circulated to the Members. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, stated that the figures had been circulated and did not call for any further comment. Councillor Gregory complained that the new section of roadway between Newtownmountkenedy and Kilpedder was dangerous and that there had been a number of accidents on that section. He asked if it would be possible to re-surface the road with a material which would give a better grip for tyres. It was agreed that the County Engineer report on the matter.

Item No. 10—Water Supply for Cottages at Ennis Lane, Near Redford—Report of County Engineer, and

Item No. 11—Water Supply for Cottages at Redford — Report of County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the tenants of ten cottages at Ennis's Lane had agreed to pay an additional 1/9d. per week towards the cost of having the water supply installed in their cottages. In December, 1964, the County Engineer had reported that the cost of providing a water supply to the cottages would be £950 and the Council had approved of documents being prepared for the purpose of obtaining sanction to the raising of a Loan to have the work carried out. So far, due to lack of Engineering Staff, it had not been possible to complete the documents. In regard to the cottages at Redford the tenants of the sixteen cottages had agreed to pay an additional 1/9d. per week as a contribution towards the cost of the work, but an estimate of cost was still required. The County Manager stated that the Council had been having difficulty regarding water supply extensions as it had not been possible to recruit a Temporary Engineer to replace the Engineer who had been previously engaged on this work. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., suggested that the Temporary Engineers who had been engaged on preparing Plans for Road Works might be assigned temporarily to complete these Water

Schemes. The Council asked that the necessary documents be available for the next Housing Meeting of the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we approve of engagement of Consultant to prepare documents for Ennis Lane and Redford Water Supplies.

Passed unanimously.

Water Supply in North Wicklow Area.

Councillor Temple stated that a serious position existed in the Northern Area of the County in regard to water supply as Dublin Corporation were not agreeing to grant any new supplies and were insisting that the Council should provide their own water supply for the Area. He inquired if the Council had employed a Consultant and when they could expect a Report from him. The County Secretary stated that Mr. J. B. Barry, Consulting Engineer, had been engaged by the Council to investigate the matter of providing a water supply for the Northern part of the County and was arranging to see the City Engineer in regard to the matter. Councillor Timmins stated that Kildare County Council had made representations directly to the E.S.B. for a water supply from Poulaphouca and he understood that they had obtained a supply. He asked that inquiry be made from the E.S.B. as to whether a supply could be made available from Poulaphouca for Hollywood and other parts of West Wicklow. It was agreed that an inquiry be addressed to the E.S.B. on the matter.

Item No. 12—Water Supply for Three Council Cottages at Ballinapark, Avoca.

The Council noted the Report of the Assistant County Engineer that there was no public supply to which these cottages could be connected and that the new supply to Avoca would not serve them as they were at a height of about 450 ft. The Council agreed with the recommendation of the Assistant County Engineer that a Group Water Supply be organised for these three cottages from a deep well operated by an electric pump.

Item No. 13—Carrigoona Group Water Supply Scheme.

In reply to the inquiry by Councillor H. B. Hipwell the County Secretary stated that the Group had an Engineer engaged for the purpose of preparing a Scheme and had been in touch with the Department of Local Government on the matter, but the Scheme was not yet finally approved. When the Scheme was approved it would be submitted to the Council.

Item No. 14—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins—"That the Council extend the Water Supply at Stratford to Council Cottages at Winetavern and Randalstown."

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That the County Engineer submit a Report and Estimate of Cost of extending the water supply at Stratford to serve Council houses at Winetavern and Randalstown.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Report requested by Councillor Quigley as to best means of granting a Water Supply to Cottages at Kilqueenny and Ballymoneen, Avoca.

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that the best means of providing a water supply for these cottages would be a short branch from the proposed new supply from Avoca. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 16 — Report requested by Councillor Quigley regarding Boundary Fences at Greenane Cemetery.

The Assistant County Engineer reported that the walls at Greenane Cemetery had crumbled and in many places there were large holes in the wall where concrete blocks had completely disintegrated. In his opinion this had been caused by frost action on the blocks, which were not sufficiently dense to resist water penetration. He stated that a sum of £50 would help to restore some of the blocks so as to leave the wall safe and not create an eyesore by indiscriminate patching. On the proposal of Councillor Quigley, seconded by Councillor R. Miley, the Council approved of the Assistant County Engineer's recommendation.

Item No. 17—To authorise additional Expenditure in excess of the amounts provided in the Current Year's Estimates in respect of Council Services.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure in excess of the amounts provided in the current year's Estimates under the headings and for the amounts set out hereunder:—

Road Services:

Road maintenance—Arising from damage to Roads and Bridges by Flooding	£20,000 0 0
Snow Clearance	£600 0 0
	£20,600 0 0

Health Services:

Extern Hospitals	£16,000 0 0
Mental Hospitals	£15,000 0 0
Ambulance Services	£2,700 0 0
	£33,700 0 0

Housing:

Superannuation	£1,400 0 0
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General Purposes:

Planning and Development	£1,000 0 0
Fire Brigades	£900 0 0
Libraries	£1,000 0 0
Overdraft Interest	£3,200 0 0
	£6,100 0 0

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 18—Services for the Aged—Report of Chief Medical Officer on (a) Provision of Health Services to the Aged; and (b) Investigation of Patients in St. Colman's Hospital (County Home), Rathdrum.

Copies of Reports of the County Medical Officer on (a) Provision of Health Services to the Aged; and (b) Investigation of Patients in St. Colman's Hospital (County Home), Rathdrum, had been circulated to the Members of the Council. The County Manager stated that arising out of the recent letter from the Department of Health on the matter of improving Services to the Aged the County Medical Officer had carried out a special investigation in regard to the patients in St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, and in regard to Health Services for the Aged generally. In recent years there had been a reduction in the numbers in the County Home, although the total number of old persons in the Home had increased. In order to deal with the problem of the aged the District Nursing Services were being extended and at a recent Meeting the Council had approved of the creation of two additional posts of District Nurse. It was intended that the District Nurses in their Areas would give special attention to old people who were living alone. It was considered desirable that where possible old people should be helped in their own homes rather than in Institutions and that the co-operation of Voluntary Aid Societies would be of great value in dealing with this problem. If the Council agreed it was proposed to call a Meeting of Representatives of the Voluntary Societies who were already dealing with the problem of the aged with a view to seeking their co-operation with the Council in the improvement of the Services for the Aged. The Council agreed that the County Manager and County Medical Officer arrange to meet the Representatives of the Voluntary Agencies.

The Council adjourned the remaining items on the Agenda to a Meeting to be held on Monday, the 17th January, 1966.

A Meeting of the County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, on the 17th January, 1966, at 2.30 p.m. to deal with the items remaining on the Agenda for the Meeting held on the 10th idem.

The following Members attended:—
Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, Roger Miley and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers R. L. Farrell and P. McGuinness, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell and P. T. Hickey attended.

Item No. 19—Letter from Arthur Cox & Co., Solicitors, on Behalf of Peamount Hospital Incorporated, Regarding Visit to Hospital of Representatives of Council.

The following letter from Arthur Cox & Co., was submitted:—

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

4th January, 1966.

re: Peamount Hospital Incorporated.

Dear Sir,

We are obliged for your letter of the 20th December, a copy of which we have sent to our clients.

Our clients have instructed us to state that they shall be very happy to permit Councillors Mrs. Ledwidge and Miss Walsh to visit the hospital, and would indeed, welcome such a visit. Our clients have however, suggested that, the Councillors would be kind enough to notify Matron in advance, so that Matron will be available to show the Councillors around the hospital. Perhaps you would ask the Councillors to be kind enough to arrange accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR COX & CO.,

In reply to Members of the Council who expressed the view that Councillors Mrs. Ledwidge and Miss Walsh should visit the Hospital without notice the County Secretary pointed out that Peamount Hospital was not a Local Authority Hospital and the Council had no right to appoint a regular Visiting Committee who might visit the Hospital at any time. It would seem a matter of courtesy that the Members appointed to visit the Hospital on this occasion would give notice of their visit.

It was

Proposed by Councillor A. H. Hadden;

Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne:

Resolved—That having noted letter of 4th January, 1966, from Messrs. Arthur Cox & Co., Solicitors, on behalf of Peamount Hospital Incorporated, we hereby appoint Councillors Mrs. Ledwidge and Miss Walsh as a Committee for the purpose of making a visit to Peamount Hospital and reporting to the Council.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 20—Provision of Emergency Lighting for Council's Institutions—Reply from National Bank, Ltd., to Application for Loan.

The following letter received from the National Bank, Ltd., was submitted:—

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

1st December, 1965.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 25th instant, has been submitted to my Board who have considered your application for a loan, £2,000, repayable over ten years, for the provision and installation of Electrical Generators in health institutions in County Wicklow.

I regret to advise you that they desire me to state that—in present circumstances—this proposal is not a suitable banking transaction, and it is suggested, therefore, that your Council should seek the necessary finance from the Local Loans Fund.

I return herein copy of Minister's sanction.

Yours faithfully,

R. P. SEALE, Manager.

The Council asked that the National Bank be requested to reconsider their decision in the matter and to make the Loan available to the Council.

Item No. 21—Alterations and Extensions to Clinic at Bray—Report of County Engineer on Examination of Tenders received in response to Public Advertisement.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended the acceptance of the lowest of the Tenders received in response to public advertisement, being that of Messrs. Kilmacud Construction Co., Ltd. (per Martin J. Bermingham) in the sum of £4,125, subject to the firm submitting an acceptance Schedule of Rates and particulars of works carried out by them.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer for the acceptance of the Tender of Messrs. Kilmacud Construction Co., Ltd. (per Martin J. Bermingham) in the sum of £4,125, for the Alterations and Extension to the Clinic at Bray, and hereby authorise the raising of a Loan of £4,125 from the Commissioners of Public Works, re-payable over a period of twenty-five years, to defray the cost of the work.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 22—Arrangements for Filling of Vacant Post of Rate Collector for No. 12 Collection District—Determination of Remuneration for Post.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. William C. Byrne, Rate Collector, had reached the Age Limit and retired from the post of Rate Collector in No. 12 Collection District, but was continuing in a temporary unestablished capacity until the 31st March, 1966, as was the usual practice in respect of Rate Collectors. It was recommended that for the new post the remuneration be by way of a Basic Salary of £745 plus five Bonuses of £50 each, subject to compliance with the usual conditions, making a total remuneration of £995 per annum. This rate of remuneration corresponded to the remuneration paid in respect of similar posts.

The following letter received from Mr. Thomas Kehoe, Rate Collector for No. 2 Collection District, Rathduffmore, Hacketstown, was submitted:—

Rathduffmore, Hacketstown,

Co. Carlow.

10/1/66.

Secretary,

Wicklow County Council.

A Chara,

I wish to make application for transfer from No. 2 Rate Collection District to No. 12 District on promotion. I understand this procedure has been adopted by your Council in filling previous vacancies.

I was appointed to No. 2 District on the promotion of Collector Michael Byrne to No. 8 District in 1961. Trusting my application will meet with the approval of your Council.

Mise, le meas,

THOMAS KEHOE,

The following letter from the Hon. Secretary, Irish Rate Collectors' Association (County Wicklow Branch), was submitted:—

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38, Main St., Arklow,
Co. Wicklow.
10th January, 1966.

IRISH RATE COLLECTORS' ASSOCIATION.
COUNTY WICKLOW BRANCH.

A Chara,

Mr. Thomas Kehoe informs me that he is making application for transfer from No. 2 Collecting District to No. 12 Collecting District on promotion and I would like to confirm that it is the wish of the above Association that this vacancy be filled in this manner.

Mr. Kehoe's salary and bonus is only £565 out of which he has to pay all his own car expenses, postage, etc., and we feel that he should have the opportunity of getting advancement to a better position.

I would be very grateful if these views are made known to members of the County Council when this vacancy is being filled, when I hope they will give his application their kindest consideration.

Mise, le meas,

MICHAEL J. MURRAY,
Hon. Secretary.

In reply to inquiries from Members of the Council the County Secretary stated that Mr. Kehoe's present remuneration was £480 by way of Salary plus a maximum Bonus of £140, making a total of £620 per annum.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we approve of the appointment on promotion of Mr. Thomas Kehoe, Rate Collector, No. 2 Collection District, to be Rate Collector for No. 12 Collection District, to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. William C. Byrne, and approve of applications being invited by public advertisement for the filling of the post of Rate Collector for No. 2 Collection District, with remuneration on existing terms.

As an amendment:

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the fixing of remuneration for the post of Rate Collector for No. 12 Collection District as follows: Salary £745, together with maximum Bonus of £250 payable subject to compliance with the prescribed conditions.

We approve of applications being invited by public advertisement for the post.

A vote having been called for on the amendment in the name of Councillor M. Deering, it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

In Favour—Councillors E. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Gregory, A. H. Hadden, J. D. Haughton, H. B. Hipwell, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh—Nine.

Against—Councillors J. Whelan, H. J. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, J. Quigley, J. Temple, and J. J. McCrea—Ten.

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The amendment was declared defeated by ten votes against to nine votes in favour and the original Resolution on being put was declared passed by ten votes in favour to nine votes against.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we approve of applications being invited by public advertisement for the post of Rate Collector, No. 2 Collection District, to fill the vacancy arising from the promotion of Mr. Thomas Kehoe to be Rate Collector for No. 12 Collection District.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 23—Revision of Remuneration for Coroners.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of revised remuneration to Coroners with effect from 1st April, 1965 (inclusive of 12 per cent. 'Ninth Round' increase) as set out hereunder and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of the revised remuneration:—

Name of Coroner	Present Salary	Salary from 1/4/65	Increase
Dr. J. M. Clearkin	£179	£208	£29
Dr. A. T. Byrne	£151	£175	£24
		Annual Increase	£53

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 24—Subdivision of Plot at St. Brigid's Park, Blacklion.

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been further examined by the County Engineer, who had reported that in the circumstances it would be unreasonable to insist that permission for the subdivision of the plot be granted only on condition that an adequate access road to the other plots be provided. It had been agreed, accordingly, to withdraw the condition in regard to the subdivision of the plot. The Council noted that the condition regarding the access road was withdrawn.

Item No. 25—Recommendations of Sheep Dipping Committee.

The County Secretary stated that the Special Sheep Dipping Committee had met at the Council's Offices at Wicklow on the 22nd November, 1965, to consider the Sheep Dipping Scheme for the coming year. The Committee recommended that as an incentive to Private Bath owners to repair and put their Baths in order that payment per sheep dipped in Private Baths be made at the rate of 3d. per sheep instead of the previous rate of 1d. per sheep. This payment, of course, did not apply to sheep owned by the owner of the Bath. It was considered that the cost would involve an increase of about £800 in the Estimate. The Committee recommended also that Public Baths be provided in the areas of Manor Kilbride, Lacken, Glen of Imaal, and the Roundwood-Laragh area, to deal with sheep from the mountain areas. On the recommendation of the Committee Private Bath owners had been informed of the Grants which were available for new Baths or repair of existing Baths.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;
Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of provision being made in the Estimates for the year 1966/67 for a payment at the rate of 3d. per sheep dipped in Private Baths in lieu of the present rate of 1d. per sheep and for loan charges in respect of a Loan to defray the cost of erecting new Sheep Dipping Baths, as recommended by the Committee.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 26—Minutes of Annual Meeting of County Councils' General Council held on 5th August, 1965.

The Council noted the submission of the Minutes of the Meeting of the County Councils' General Council on 5th August, 1965.

Item No. 27—Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

The Council noted the particulars of County Manager's Orders which had been circulated to the Members.

Tenders for Aughrim Housing.

Tenders received in response to public advertisement in respect of six houses at Aughrim were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council and resulted as follows:—

Name and Address of Tenderer	Amount of Tender
C. Byrne & Sons, Hacketstown	£13,810 0 0
Patrick O'Brien, Aughrim	£14,096 6 0
Redmond Bros, Ltd., St. Peter's Square, Wexford	£16,761 5 0

The Council agreed that the Tenders be referred to the County Engineer for his examination and recommendation.

Tenders for Petroleum Products.

Tenders received for Petroleum Products were opened in the presence of the Council. Tenders were received from the following firms and were referred to the County Engineer for examination and recommendation:—

Name and Address of Tenderer.

Arrow Oil Co., Ltd., Hawkins House, Hawkins Street, Dublin, 2.
Caltex (Ireland), Ltd., 6 & 7, Lower O'Connell Street, Dublin, 1.
Esso Petroleum Co. (Ireland), Ltd., Stillorgan, Co. Dublin.
Irish Shell and BP, Ltd., Shell-BP House, 13/16, Fleet St., Dublin, 2.
McMullen Bros., Ltd., 1-2, Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin, 1.
Munster Simms & Co. (Dublin), Ltd., Alexander Road, Dublin, 1.
S. R. Sheane, Quarantine Hill, Wicklow.

Tenders for Scrap.

The following Tenders for Scrap received in response to public advertisement were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council. Tenders were received from the following firms:—

Name and Addresses of Tenderer.

The Hammond Lane Metal Co., Ltd., 111, Pearse Street, Dublin, 2.
R. T. Knight, 4, Temple Street (West), Parkgate, Dublin.
Patrick Pearson, Parkmore, Baltinglass.
John Rourke, 37, Ross Road, Enniscorthy.
M. Teelan, Varvine House, Dargle Road, Bray.
S. and W. Woolfson, 70, 71 and 73a, Bride Street, Dublin, 8.

The Council agreed that the Tenders be referred to the County Engineer for examination and recommendation.

Roads—Vevay Road, Bray.

Councillor Hipwell complained of the condition of the Convent Hill on Vevay Road and stated that repairs to the surface were needed. He asked that provision be made in the Estimates for the coming year for its re-surfacing.

Moor Park Bridge.

Councillor O'Toole stated that the surface of the Bridge at Moor Park, Kilmacanogue, was bad and asked that repairs be carried out to it.

Road at Calary.

Councillor H. J. Byrne asked that an estimate of the cost of re-pairing the road running eastwards from Sutton's of Calary to Calary Upper be submitted.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea—"That the County Engineer be asked to provide an estimate of the number of roads handed in by Councillors for the Arklow Area with a view to having the proposed roads improved and moneys allocated from the Road Works Estimate to be submitted to the Members for the Arklow Area."

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—"That the County Engineer alter drainage and camber of Cappagh Road."

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley—"That the Council erect one public light opposite Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim."

In the name of Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge—"That the Council provide a proper water supply for Council tenants at Ballybawn, Kilmacanogue."

In the name of Councillor James Whelan—"That I, or somebody for me, intend to propose at the next Meeting of the County Council that the Wicklow County Council take over one mile of Killabeg Lane and put it in proper repair. That they also take over the Bawns Lane which runs between Knockananna and Rathduffmore. Carlow County Council, I understand, is about to take over the part which is in County Carlow."

In the name of Councillor J. O'Toole—"That the Golden Jubilee of 1916 Rising be included as an item on the Agenda for next Meeting."

Wicklow County Council

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 7th February, 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.
Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mary Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, Roger Miley, J. D. Haughton and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers R. L. Farrell and P. McGuinness, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell and P. T. Hickey, attended.

AGENDA.

1. Notice in Names of Councillors H. B. Hipwell, E. E. Byrne and J. Temple of intention to propose the following Resolution in accordance with the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, and the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 (Section 4):
"That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of three dwellinghouses to be built on the lands of Mr. Reginald Heatley at Newtown, Glencormac, Bray, as described in Plan submitted on Mr. Heatley's behalf on 7th January, 1966."
2. Aughrim Housing Scheme—Report of County Engineer on his examination of Tenders received.
3. Kilgarron Housing Scheme—To consider Layout and House Plans for development of site for Council houses and private dwellings.
4. Housing Scheme at Blessington—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley: "That Council decide on a different type fence to wire at the new Housing Scheme at Blessington and that the ground be now developed so that it can be seeded in early Spring."
5. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh and J. Quigley: "That in view of the great demand for housing accommodation in the County area that a Survey be carried out with a view to having the necessary houses provided in that area."
6. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley: "That owing to the colossal number of applicants for last two vacant cottages in Avoca that the Council make provision immediately for erection of six houses there."
7. Application for consent to sale of Vested Cottage—Daniel Master-son, Tober, Dunlavin.
8. Application for Supplementary Grant for New House at Blessington—Mr. J. Davin.
9. Reports of County Engineer on water supplies for cottages at Ennis's Lane, near Redford, and for cottages at Redford.
10. Drainage for cottages at Boghall—Report of County Engineer.
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge: "That the Council provide a proper water supply for Council tenants at Ballybawn, Kilmacanogue."
12. Authorisation of excess expenditure on Housing Services in respect of Gratuity to Legal Personnal Representative of deceased Officer and Repairs to Cottages.
13. Repairs to Cottages carried out during month of January, 1966, and Cottages to be repaired during month of February, 1966,

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Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the family and relatives of the late Mr. Joseph McDonnell, Accountant to Bray Urban District Council. The County Manager asked that he be associated with the Council's Vote of Sympathy and stated that the late Mr. McDonnell was a most conscientious and very competent official, both as a member of the County Council's staff and later as Accountant with Bray Urban District Council. His sudden passing was very much regretted by all.

Item No. 1—Notice in Names of Councillors H. B. Hipwell, E. E. Byrne and J. Temple of intention to propose the following Resolution in accordance with the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, and the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 (Section 4): "That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of three Dwelling-houses to be built on the lands of Mr. Reginald Heatley at Newtown, Glencormac, Bray, as described in Plan submitted on Mr. Heatley's behalf on 7th January, 1966."

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;
Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of Three Dwellinghouses to be built on the lands of Mr. Reginald Heatley at Newtown, Glencormac, Bray, as described in Plan submitted on Mr. Heatley's behalf on 7th January, 1966.
Passed unanimously.

The County Manager stated that an Order would be made, as required by the Resolution, but pointed out that the County Engineer had recommended that if permission were granted the houses should be set back some distance from the public road to allow of future road improvement and it was proposed to include this as a condition in the Grant of Permission. The Council noted that this condition would be included in the Grant of Permission.

Item No. 2—Aughrim Housing Scheme—Report of County Engineer on his Examination of Tenders Received.

The following Report of the County Engineer on his examination of the Tenders received for Aughrim Housing Scheme was submitted:
It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;
Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer for the acceptance of the Tender of Messrs. C. Byrne and Sons, Hacketstown, in the sum of £13,810 for the Erection of Six Houses at Aughrim, and hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £2,440 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of fifty years, to defray the increase in cost of the erection of these houses.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Kilgarron Housing Scheme—To Consider Layout and House Plans for Development of Site for Council houses and Private Dwellings.

The County Secretary stated that the Plans prepared by the

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Council's Architect for the development of the site at Kilgarron (both for Council housing and for private housing) were displayed in the Council Chamber. The Council had proposed that twelve houses be built at Kilgarron, but, in addition, a number of applications had been received from people wishing to build their own houses on the site. It was understood also that the Applicants might be agreeable to build their houses to a plan prepared by the Council's Architect. At the suggestion of Councillor Temple the Council agreed that the Plans be considered by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at a Meeting to be held on Wednesday, the 16th February, 1966.

Item No. 4—Housing Scheme at Blessington — Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Miley—"That Council decide on a different type fence to wire at the New Housing Scheme at Blessington and that the ground be now developed so that it can be seeded in early Spring."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that he agreed that the open space be levelled, cleaned up and seeded. He stated that the existing houses had a low 18" high wall, without gates, and that it was considered that either no fences or similar low walls should be erected in the new Scheme. The County Engineer stated that these suggestions had been put to the Consulting Architect and he had asked for his recommendations and the extra cost which the work would entail. Councillor Miley stated that he felt that either a low wall should be provided or that it might be better to leave the space open altogether.

Item No. 5—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors Miss M. Walsh and J. Quigley—"That in view of the great demand for Housing Accommodation in the County Area that a Survey be carried out with a view to having the necessary Houses provided in that area."

County Surveyor/Engineer
County Secretary

Courthouse, Wicklow.

Re: AUGHRIM HOUSING SCHEME.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 17th instant.

It is recommended that the lowest Tender received, that is, of Messrs. C. Byrne and Sons, Hacketstown, be accepted in the sum of £13,810. I am satisfied from previous experience of this contractor, that he is capable of carrying out the work satisfactorily.

It should be noted that while the Contractor's Tender is only £120 less than that submitted before, the specification on which the recent tender is based, includes the following works, which were not covered in the previous tender:—

1. Approximately 100 yards of site boundary wall, as recommended by the Council.
2. To tarmacadm road and footpaths.
3. A contingency sum of £300.

It is estimated that the cost of these three items would be in the region of £700. It can be seen, therefore, that the tender now submitted is approximately £800 less than that previously rejected.

An Analysis Form, in duplicate, is enclosed for forwarding to the Department.

Tenders returned herewith.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN, County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that a Survey had been made of the housing needs throughout the County during the past year and suggested that details of this might be circulated to the Members of the Council for the next Meeting. The Council agreed that details of the Survey be supplied to the Members and that the matter be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting.

Item No. 6—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Quigley:
"That owing to the colossal number of applicants for last two vacant cottages in Avoca that the Council make provision immediately for Erection of Six Houses there."

The County Secretary stated that the Council had been seeking a site at Avoca for six houses, but it was very difficult to obtain a suitable site in the area.

Item No. 7—Application for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottage—Daniel Masterson, Tober, Dunlavin.

The County Secretary stated that this application had been deferred from a previous Meeting as the Council was not satisfied that Mr. Daniel Masterson would have alternative housing accommodation. It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;
Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we recommend that consent be granted to the application of Daniel Masterson for the sale of his vested cottage at Tober, Dunlavin.

Passed—Councillor A. H. Hadden dissenting.

The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary to await the receipt of the expected Circular from the Department of Local Government regarding the provision of the Labourers' Act, 1965, before consent could be issued.

Application for Assignment of Cottage.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. William Dunne, tenant-purchaser of cottage No. 272/8 at Stump, Rathdrum, sought consent to assign his cottage to his daughter (Mrs. Rose Murtagh), who at present lived at Gilbert Row, Rathdrum. Mr. Dunne stated that as he and his wife were getting on in years they wished to reside in Rathdrum, where they would be nearer to Church and shops. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. D. Haughton;
Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of the assignment by Mr. William Dunne, tenant-purchaser of cottage No. 272/8 at Stump, Rathdrum, to his daughter (Mrs. Rose Murtagh) and note that Mr. Dunne and his wife intend to reside in house at Gilbert Row, Rathdrum, at present occupied by Mrs. Murtagh.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Application for Supplementary Grant for New House at Blessington—Mr. J. Davin.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £275 to Mr. John F. Davin, N.T., in respect of the erection of a house on site at Blessington.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Reports of County Engineer on Water Supplies for Cottages at Ennis's Lane, near Redford, and for Cottages at Redford.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the estimated cost of providing a water supply for ten houses at Ennis's Lane was £1,336 and for seventeen houses at Redford was £1,217, making a total of £2,553. The estimates included for providing sinks in the houses with soak-pits and subsoil drainage to take effluent from sink wastes. The water extensions would be taken off the Council's existing 4" diameter main, which got its supply from Dublin Corporation mains. It might be necessary to get permission from the Dublin Corporation for the supply of the extra water, which was estimated to be 2,400 g.p.d.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne;

Resolved—That subject to approval of Department of Local Government we approve of Tenders being invited for the provision of water supplies for ten houses at Ennis's Lane and seventeen houses at Redford (in accordance with Plans and Specification submitted by the County Engineer).

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Drainage for Cottages at Boghall—Report of County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had forwarded a Report of the Chief Assistant County Engineer, with which he agreed, regarding the drainage of twenty-seven houses at Boghall. The Chief Assistant County Engineer stated that these houses were supplied with water, the sink in each case discharging into a soak-away. The soakage of the ground was poor, but at the time of installation a Sewerage Scheme for the area was in the hands of a Consultant Engineer and it was understood that in a year or two the waste from the sink would be connected to the new Sewerage Scheme. As a joint Sewerage Scheme with Bray Urban District Council was now being arranged this meant that the original proposals had been completely altered. To alleviate the existing flooding around the soak-away pits he suggested that drains be run to the nearest stream and it was estimated that the cost would be approximately £30 per house, or a total of £810. Councillor Temple stated that when the Scheme was originally being installed he had told the Council that the system being adopted would not be satisfactory. He asked who would meet the cost of the extra expense involved and would the tenants have to pay. The County Manager stated that there was no question of the tenants being asked to pay any extra money.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure of £810 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of drainage for twenty-seven houses at Boghall Road.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge: "That the Council provide a proper Water Supply for Council Tenants at Ballybawn, Kilmacanogue."

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge stated that eighteen Council tenants living at Ballybawn had to depend on a pump that went dry during the Summer and that they had to go a half-mile to obtain water

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from other people. At present the water was very discoloured. The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had submitted a Report on the matter and the Council decided to refer consideration of the Report to the Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area to be held on the 16th February, 1966.

Item No. 12—Authorisation of Excess Expenditure on Housing Services in respect of Gratuity to Legal Personal Representative of Deceased Officer and Repairs to Cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates on Housing Services and Sanitary Services of the amounts set out hereunder:—

Housing Services:

Labourers' Act Expenses	...	£1,700
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Sanitary Services:

Water Supplies	...	£1,912
Drainage and Public Sanitary Works	£405	£2,317

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Repairs to Cottages carried out during Month of January, 1966, and Cottages to be repaired during month of February, 1966.

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired during the month of January and of those to be repaired during the month of February, 1966.

Alteration in Date of Estimates Meeting.

The County Secretary stated that the Council at the previous Meeting had fixed the 21st February as the date for the Estimates Meeting for the current year. The County Engineer had some difficulty in compiling the Roads Estimate due to the damage caused to roads by the recent flooding and he suggested that the Council might agree to defer the date for the Meeting to the 28th February. It was

Proposed by Councillor E. E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That we defer the date of the Estimates Meeting in respect of the financial year 1966/'67 to 28th February, 1966.

Passed unanimously.

Employment of Clerk/Typist at Newcastle Mental Hospital.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had deferred any decision on the recruitment of Nursing Staff for Newcastle Mental Hospital pending the receipt from the Department of Health of their views in regard to the eventual accommodation which could be provided at the Hospital. A Clerk/Typist had been employed temporarily at the Hospital and he suggested that since there was no doubt that one Clerk/Typist would be essential at the Hospital the Council might consider approving of the creation of a permanent post of Clerk/Typist. Councillor Temple stated that while he agreed that a Clerk/Typist was necessary he did not feel that the Council at this stage should approve of a permanent appointment until the decision of the Department of Health on the eventual bed complement was received.

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It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Resolved—That we approve of the creation of an additional temporary post of Clerk/Typist for Mental Health Services.

Passed unanimously.

Application for Reception of Deputation.

The Chairman stated that he had received a letter from the Blessington Development Association stating that at a Meeting in Blessington between Members of the Council and Officials of the Association it had been suggested that a Deputation should seek a Meeting with the County Council before the Estimates Meeting. The Association asked if the Council would receive a Deputation from the Association at the Meeting to be held on the 14th February. It was stated that the Deputation would consist of Mr. Brendan O'Riordan, Chairman of the Association, and Rev. Fr. McGillicuddy, C.C. The Council agreed that the Deputation be received at the Meeting to be held on the 14th February.

Water Supplies in North-East Wicklow Area.

Councillor J. Temple stated that the position regarding water supplies in the North-Eastern part of the County was very serious in that the Dublin Corporation was not allowing any additional connections from its supplies. In consequence building had now stopped on the erection of twenty-five houses in Bray, which were urgently needed to meet the demand for houses in the area.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That we request the Minister for Local Government to receive a Deputation from this Council in regard to water supply from Dublin Corporation to area adjoining Bray.

Passed unanimously.

The Council agreed that the Deputation would consist of the Chairman, together with the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area, the County Engineer and the Bray Town Engineer.

Flooding at Bray.

Councillor Hipwell inquired if the Council intended to carry out any works on the section of the Dargle River in the County Council area. Councillor H. J. Byrne inquired as to the possibility of purchasing the piece of land known as "The Slang" and stated that there was a gateway on this land and if the River rose the water flowed out through the gate on to the public road. He saw that some metal sheets had been placed against the gate and sand put there to close off the gateway. He suggested that the Council might purchase the land and build up the gate. He also mentioned that there were tree-trunks and an accumulation of stones and gravel in the bed of the River and that if the land at this point were acquired the River could be cleaned out and these obstructions dumped on the bank. The County Manager stated that the matter of acquiring this plot of ground had been considered some years previously, but that the price sought by the owner was regarded as unreasonable. He stated that a full Report in regard to the matter of the flooding would be submitted to the Council at the next Meeting.

Ambulance Service at Bray.

Councillor J. Temple submitted a letter received from Messrs. P.

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Savage and Co., Ltd., in regard to the Bray Ambulance Service, which was provided by the firm, giving particulars of the Service which was provided and stating that it was regrettable that a Private Company such as theirs should have been singled out for attack in the newspapers by Civil Defence Officers and stating that no telephone call had been received during the period referred to, although their phone had been manned at all times. They stated that what they described as the "unwarranted attack" had brought forward the decision of the Directors that unless the Service could carry itself they would withdraw it from public use as from 1st March, 1966. Councillor Temple stated that he considered the attack was an unwarranted one and felt that the matter should be investigated. He proposed that Mr. Savage, together with the persons referred to in the letter published in the paper, be asked to attend at the Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area to be held in the following week so that the matter could be fully investigated. Councillor Edward Byrne supported Councillor Temple in his remarks. The County Manager stated that the County Secretary had received a letter from a member of the Civil Defence Service in Bray complaining that the Civil Defence Ambulance had to answer two calls during the night because of the fact that the ambulance of Mr. Savage's firm was not available. On the same morning, before it was possible to examine the letter in detail or discuss it with the County Manager, the County Secretary had received a telephone call from a Newspaper Office stating that it had received a similar letter and asking for the Council's observations. It appeared that it was claimed that efforts were made to obtain the ambulance on Sunday morning, the 30th January, but that no reply was received to the telephone calls and in consequence the Gardai called out the Civil Defence Ambulance. In another instance an ambulance was obtained from Loughlinstown Hospital. The County Manager stated, however, that Messrs. P. Savage and Co., claimed that they had received no telephone call and that they were available if a call had been received.

The County Manager stated that the Ambulance Service in the County cost about £15,000 in the current year and would cost about £18,000 in the coming year. The Council had four ambulances, three of which were always in commission and one in reserve. In the present year the Council had two new ambulances on order and it was proposed to order another in the coming year. Normally ambulances were only stationed where there were Hospitals and the Council's ambulances were stationed at Wicklow, Rathdrum and Baltinglass. There were hired ambulances at Arklow and Bray and the Civil Defence Ambulance in Bray was also available in the event of emergencies. The County Manager agreed that the matter could be investigated by the Committee of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area and a full Report then given to the Council. He stated that the Members probably would also wish to discuss reviewing the present Service in Bray and the question of paying a retaining fee in respect of the ambulance there. He stated that the matter of the Telephone Service was being taken up with the Post Office Authorities. The Council agreed that the matter be examined by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area.

Glenealy Water Supply.

Councillor Haughton inquired as to what progress was being made in preparing a Water Supply Scheme for cottages at Drumdangan, Glenealy. The County Secretary stated that he understood the Plans were not yet available, but that the matter would be looked into.

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Erection of Houses at Coolmoney.

In reply to Councillor Miley and Councillor Timmins (who stated he had handed in a Motion in the matter some three years previously) the Council's Architect stated that he expected to have the Plans in respect of these houses ready within about ten days.

Protection for Workers.

Councillor Whelan asked that some form of protection be provided for workers in the Tinahely area who had to travel to work in an open lorry. It was agreed that the matter be inquired into.

Dispensary Doctor at Rathdrum.

Councillor Haughton raised the matter of there being no resident Dispensary Doctor in Rathdrum and inquired as to whether there was any hope of a Doctor being appointed in the near future. The County Manager stated that the new Health Legislation would affect the matter and that at present no further appointments of District Medical Officers were being made as it was understood that the present system might not be continued in future. Councillor Haughton pointed out that the nearest temporary Doctor was resident in Wicklow and that this was a retrograde step. The County Manager stated that the Council had endeavoured to obtain a temporary District Medical Officer who would reside in Rathdrum, but had not been successful. It was agreed that the position be advertised again.

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

In the name of Councillor Mrs. Mary Ledwidge: "That I, or someone for me, will move a Motion asking the Council to consider building an extra twenty houses in Gratian Park, Greystones, in view of the number of applications received in the Greystones area, and that the Council enter into a Contract with the present Contractor to build extra houses."

In the name of Councillor Mrs. Mary Ledwidge: "That I, or someone for me, will move a Motion that a light be provided between the village of Enniskerry and Monastery and also an extra light be provided at Kilgarron Road and the existing one be re-sited."

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley: Requesting a Report on the possibility of providing a right-of-way to the cottage at Preban, Aughtim, occupied by Thomas Hayden.

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley: "That I, or someone for me, will move that the Council request the Government to introduce legislation granting Travelling Allowance and Subsistence Allowance to all Jurors summoned, similar to that allowed to County Councillors."

Wicklow County Council

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th February, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.
Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, Roger Miley, J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory and H. W. Hopkins.
An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor J. O'Toole. The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers R. L. Farrell and P. McGuinness, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell and P. T. Hickey, attended.

AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 6th, 13th and 15th December, 1965.
2. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. J. McCrea:—"That the County Engineer be asked to provide an estimate of the number of roads handed in by Councillors for the Arklow Area with a view to having the proposed roads improved and moneys allocated from the Road Works Estimates submitted for the Arklow Area."
3. Report of County Engineer regarding Knockeen Lane.
4. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:—"That the Council take over one mile of Killabeg Lane and put it in proper repair and that the Council also take over the Bawns Lane which runs between Knockanna and Rathduffmore."
5. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:—"That the County Engineer alter drainage and camber of Cappagh Road, Aughrim."
6. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor H. W. Hopkins:—"That I, or someone for me, will propose that the Council remove concrete base in the bed of the River at Brittas Bridge and so remove the continuous flooding of the surrounding land."
7. Damage to Roads by Flooding:— (a) Letter from Parliamentary Secretary re application to Commissioners of Public Works to undertake Arterial Drainage Schemes; and (b) Report of County Engineer on Tenders received for Temporary Bridges.
8. To receive Deputation from Blessington Development Association regarding Swimming Pool for Blessington.
9. Report of County Engineer on proposed Regional Water Supply Scheme for Carlow which could serve area in County Wicklow.
10. Letter from Hon. Secretary, Greystones Swimming Club, re assistance towards providing equipment.
11. Public lighting at Glenealy—Quotation from E.S.B. for providing additional public light.
12. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:—"That the Council erect one public light opposite Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim."
13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—"That Council instal a hopper-head at Baitinglass Hospital to suit Ballynagee turf."
14. Letter from Glenealy Residents' Association re erection of Poultry-Houses on Lands at Drumdangan, Glenealy.
15. Report of Councillors Miss M. Walsh and Mrs. M. Ledwidge on visit to Peamount Hospital.
16. Health Services—Letters from Department of Health re Supple-

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- mentary Health Grant being made available for year 1966/67.
17. Loan for purpose of defraying expenditure on purchase of Generators for Hospitals—Letter from National Bank Ltd.
18. Presidential Election—Letter from Eoin O Mathghamhna, Uas., seeking nomination for the Presidency.
19. Golden Jubilee of 1916 Rising.
20. Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme for 1966.
21. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

10th February, 1966.

K. J. BRANGAN,
County Secretary.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 6th, 13th and 15th December, 1965.

Passed unanimously.

- Item No. 2—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. J. McCrea:—**
“That the County Engineer be asked to Provide an Estimate of the Number of Roads Handed In By Councillors for the Arklow Area with a View to Having the Proposed Roads Improved and Moneys Allocated from the Road Works Estimates Submitted for the Arklow Area.”

Councillor McCrea stated that he wished to have available for the Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area when considering the Road Works Estimates for the coming year particulars of all roads which Members of the Council in the Area had asked to have taken over as Public Roads, together with an estimate of the costs involved, so that the Members of the Committee might consider allocating moneys and taking over certain of these roads. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh and approved.

Item No. 3—Report of County Engineer Regarding Knockeen Lane.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported in regard to the Notice of Motion handed in in October by Councillor Miss M. Walsh in relation to flooding which occurred on Knockeen Lane and stating that the laneway fell away very steeply from the County Road and that the longitudinal drain was turned into the adjoining land so that the only water which caused damage was rainwater falling on the junction. Due to the fact that the laneway was so steep and straight the rain if it continued for a prolonged period, would cause a considerable amount of scour and damage to the lane. The Assistant County Engineer believed that if the side drains on the laneway were opened and sufficient inlets made through the ditch the flow of rainwater could be taken off the lane before it gathered momentum and caused damage. As the laneway was private the Council appeared to have no responsibility in the matter. The Council decided to refer the matter to the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area for consideration in connection with the Roads Estimates for the coming year.

- Item No. 4—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:—**
“That the Council Take Over One Mile of Killabeg Lane And Put It In Proper Repair And That The Council Also Take Over The Bawns Lane Which Runs Between Knockanna and Rathduffmore.”

The Council agreed to refer this matter to the Roads Estimates Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area.

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- Item No. 5—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:—**
“That the County Engineer Alter Drainage and Camber of Capagh Road, Aughrim.”

The Assistant County Engineer informed the Meeting that this work had been carried out.

- Item No. 6—Notice of Motion in name of Councilor H. W. Hopkins:—**
“That I, or Someone For Me, Will Propose that the Council Remove Concrete Base in the Bed of the River at the Brittas Bridge and so Remove the Continuous Flooding of the Surrounding Land.”

The County Secretary stated that the District Officer of the Land Project had informed the Council that to facilitate land drainage work at Sallymount, Arklow, it was necessary that the invert level of the bridge at that point be lowered by 2.5 ft. and had asked if the Council would give an estimate of the cost of the work for carrying out by the Council under the arrangements for the recoupment of the cost by the Land Project Office. The County Engineer reported that he considered it unwise to interfere with the bridge and that if it were necessary to drain the place a pipeline at the required level could be sunk across the road near the bridge. This information was supplied to the Land Project Office. Subsequently the Council notified the Land Project Office (in reply to their inquiry) that the cost of laying a pipeline across the road would be £180. In reply to a further inquiry the Land Project Office was informed that the estimate was for a pipe 30" in diameter. On the 21st of January the District Officer of the Land Project stated that he was not satisfied that a 30" diameter pipe would be sufficient to drain the catchment area and that he estimated that it would require the equivalent of a 72" diameter pipe to cater for the amount of water in the stream and he asked for an estimate of the cost of placing a pipe line equivalent to that size across the road. The County Engineer replied that he considered it would not be practicable to lay a pipe of 6ft. diameter across the road at Sallymount and even if it were practicable the cost would be about £800. This information was supplied to the Land Project District Officer on the 8th February. It was the view of the Assistant County Engineer that if the land below the bridge were drained it would help to drain Sallymount Bog. The Council noted that the matter was being dealt with by the Land Project Officer.

- Item No. 7—Damage to Roads by Flooding:—** (a) Letter from Parliamentary Secretary Re Application to Commissioners of Public Works to Undertake Arterial Drainage Schemes; and (b) Report of County Engineer on Tenders Received for Temporary Bridges.

The following letter received from the Parliamentary Secretary regarding the Council's application to the Commissioners of Public Works to undertake Arterial Drainage Schemes in the County was submitted:—

Oifig Rúnal Parlaiminte an Aire Airgeadais,

51 Faiche Stiabhna.

BAILE ATHA CLIATH, 2

26th January, 1966.

P.S.

An Runai

Comhairle Conndae Chille Manntain.

Ard Chille Manntain,

Cill Manntain.

A Chara,

I have to refer to your letters of 16th December, 1965, and 17th January, 1966 regarding damage caused by flooding in the Wicklow area.

The functions of the Commissioners of Public Works in relation to arterial drainage works are derived solely from the Arterial Drainage Act, 1945. Following the passing of this Act the catchment areas throughout the country which were thought to be most in need of drainage were listed in order of priority. Of the rivers you mention only the Sianey (including the Derry) is so listed—it is No. 28 on the priority list of major catchments, i.e., those exceeding 100,000 acres in area.

The national drainage problem is being tackled as energetically as possible and both the survey and operations staff are fully committed on very urgent works throughout the country. I regret that in the circumstances it would not be possible to accede to your request to undertake the surveys mentioned.

I am loth to put your Council to the trouble of sending a deputation to Dublin since there is little more I could add to this.

Yours sincerely,

JIM GIBBONS.

Councillor J. Temple stated that the letter must shock the Members of the Council because it seemed that the Dargle River was not included in the list of Rivers considered to be in need of drainage and in respect of which Surveys were to be carried out. He proposed that the Council still press for the reception of the Deputation. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge and approved by the Council. Councillor Quigley pointed out that there was a problem of flooding also in Aughrim. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, stated that the flooding caused by the River Dargle was the most urgent matter before the Council and that it was essential that some action be taken concerning it. The County Manager stated that there seemed to be some general misunderstanding by the public in relation to the position of the Local Authorities in the matter of flooding. Local Authorities endeavoured to do all they could to minimise the effects of flooding when it occurred, but it was not their statutory responsibility to ensure that flooding did not occur because of the overflowing of a River. In regard to Surveys carried out under the Arterial Drainage Act as far as he knew Surveys had not been done for the purpose of preventing flooding which might occur at times in towns and villages but were primarily for the purpose of the drainage of lands. The Council did not have the specially skilled staff required to carry out such surveys. The engagement of special staff to do such work and to make recommendations to prevent flooding of a River would entail heavy expense, which would be beyond the resources of the normal Local Authority. The Co. Manager stated further that he thoroughly agreed with the Council that representations should be made to the Minister to ensure that something was done. The County Secretary submitted a letter received from the Little Bray Residents' Association in regard to the flooding at Little Bray and the Members of the Council decided to refer the matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the **Bray Electoral Area** at their Joint Meeting with the Members of the Urban District Council in relation to flooding.

The County Engineer informed the Council that while he had not completed the full Report on his examination of the Tenders for the supply of Bridges to replace permanent Bridges damaged in the recent flooding he wished to submit a verbal Report on the matter. Documents in relation to the Tenders had been issued to sixteen Contractors but only seven Contractors had tendered, giving in all nine Tenders. Only four of these were complete and only portion of the work was tendered for in the remaining Tenders and consequently it was impossible to assess the final price to make a comparison. The most suitable Tenders appeared to be the following:—

Tender of Acrow (Engineers) Ltd., Dublin—For the supply and delivery of FIVE Bailey Bridges, capable of carrying a 10 ton load, for the sum of £18,015. These Bridges would be available for use at Ballard (1), Ballisland (2) and Stratford (2). The estimated cost of preparing sites to take the Bridges and supplying labour for their erection was £1,075, making a total cost of £19,090. This Tender was for new Bridges.

Tender of Acrow (Engineers) Ltd., Dublin—For the supply of FIVE Reconditioned Bridges instead of new Bridges, which would effect a saving on their Tender for new Bridges of about £4,341, making the Tender for these Five Bridges £14,750.

The County Engineer stated that the firm were willing to guarantee the Bridges and that they were structurally equal to new Bridges. They had sufficient conditioned units on hands to do all the Bridges. The County Engineer stated that if it was decided to purchase Bridges he would recommend the acceptance of the Tender of Acrow (Engineers) Ltd., for the supply of the Reconditioned Bridges. The County Engineer stated that Tenders had been received for the Hire of New Bridges from Ascon Ltd., Clonsilla, in the sum of £13,400 and from Cullen Bros., East Wall, Dublin, for two sites being for three Bridges, one at Ballard and two at Ballisland in the sum of £8,260. These figures were for hire based on a twelve months hire period. Tenders had also been received for Footbridges from Ascon Ltd. for Five Footbridges in the sum of £7,600 and from Portarlinton Engineering Products Ltd., in the sum of £17,908. No Tender had been received for the Hire of Footbridges. The County Engineer stated that he felt that the prices received for the hire of temporary Roadbridges was not an economical proposition when compared with Tender for outright purchase and that it was quite likely that the period of hire might be even longer than twelve months.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the Tender of £14,750 for the purchase of Five Reconditioned Bridges and request a Grant from the Department of Local Government to defray the cost of the Bridges.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had already agreed to the County Engineer's proceeding with any necessary repairs following the recent flooding but that it would be necessary to pass a Resolution authorising the expenditure as direct provision for such work had not been made in the Estimates. In addition following a more up-to-date assessment of the expenditure on Health Services and Assistance and General Purposes, it was found that there was a likelihood of expenditure being incurred in excess of the Estimates under certain headings and details were supplied to the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates in respect of the Services and for the amounts as specified hereunder:—

Roads:			
Flood Damage	£76,355.
Road Maintenance and Reconstruction	£4,000.

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Health Services:

Institutional Services	£1,471.
Mother and Child Health Services	£1,192
Specialist Services	...	...	£1,780.
Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Disabled Persons	...	...	£1,191.
Ambulance Service and Transport of Patients	...	...	£1,550.
Extern Institutions	...	...	£2,287
Other Purposes	...	...	£910.
			£10,381

Public Assistance:

Home Assistance	£203.
Government Grant Scheme	£30.
			£233.

General Purposes:

Other Purposes	£4,768.
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Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—To Receive Deputation from Blessington Development Association Regarding Swimming Pool for Blessington.

The Council received a Deputation from Blessington Development Association consisting of Rev. C. McGillicuddy, Chairman, and James Power, Secretary. Mr. Power thanked the Council for receiving the Deputation and stated that the Association had been set up for the purpose of promoting the economic and social development of Blessington, which they felt had great potential because of its natural attractions and proximity to Dublin. They felt that a Swimming Pool was one of their greatest needs. The Department's Standard Plan for a Swimming Pool would cost £16,000 of which £8,000 would be given by way of Grant from the State, and the Development Association were prepared to contribute £1,000 of the balance. He asked that the Council give their best consideration to the Association's application for a Grant from the Council to meet the balance of the cost. Fr. McGillicuddy also stressed the need for a Swimming Pool at Blessington on account of the growing population, expanding Technical School, and the likelihood of a Secondary School being available shortly. The Chairman stated that the Council had already agreed to discuss the matter in the course of the Estimates Meeting.

Item No. 9—Report of County Engineer on Proposed Regional Water Supply Scheme For Carlow Which Could Serve Area in County Wicklow.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—
T. J. Donovan, B.E., M.I.C.E.I. County Engineers Office
(County Surveyor/Engineer) Court House
Ref. TJD/SB Wicklow.
County Secretary 4th February 1966

Re: Carlow Regional Water Supply Scheme.

A Chara,

Some time ago, I was requested to attend the office of Messrs. Nicholas O'Dwyer, Son and Partners Consulting Engineers, 6 Burlington Road, Dublin 4, to discuss the practicability of serving part of Wicklow from the Carlow Regional Scheme which is at present being designed.

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Present at the Meeting were the Consulting Engineers, represented by Mr. O'Riordan, Professor Purcell, Mr. Harding, Department Inspector, Mr. Bernard, Carlow County Engineer, and Mr. O'Donoghoe, Kildare County Engineer.

I enclose copy of Consulting Engineer's Report, together with Plan, showing area which would be served from this scheme in County Wicklow. The scheme would serve a total, approximately, of 13,500 acres, comprising the Electoral Divisions of Rath, Money, Aghowles and Killinure, serving approximately 300 houses, at a total cost of £116,000.

I consider the scheme a practical and economical one, and recommend it for approval. If the Council agree to go ahead with the Scheme it would be necessary to get in touch with Carlow County Council and make application to them for the water. An agreement would, I presume, have to be reached eventually as to what charge Carlow County Council would require for the service by way of an annuity payment or on a 1000 gallons used basis.

The entire scheme need not proceed immediately. It would, however, be necessary, if it is agreed to accept the Scheme, to contribute £12,000 towards the capital cost and works so that the pipes, head works and treatment works constructed by Carlow County Council, would be sufficiently large to supply County Wicklow's eventual demand.

ENCLS.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. Donovan,

County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer we approve in principle of associating with Carlow County Council in the Carlow Regional Water Supply Scheme and contributing towards the capital cost and works so that the pipes, head works and treatment works will be sufficient large to supply the eventual demand for areas in County Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Letter from Hon. Secretary, Greystones Swimming Club, Re Assistance towards Providing Equipment.

The County Secretary submitted a letter received from the Hon. Secretary, Greystones Swimming Club, asking if the Council could assist the Club in providing equipment for the use of swimmers at Greystones. They were faced with replacing a raft and repairing diving-boards and starting-board, and as they relied solely on subscriptions for finance, they found it difficult to meet the expenditure. The Council decided to refer the matter to the County Engineer for examination and recommendation.

Item No. 11—Public Lighting at Glenealy—Quotation from E.S.B. for Providing Additional Public Light.

The County Secretary stated that the E.S.B. had quoted a sum of £146 for the provision of a public light at Glenealy as this involved the erection of three poles.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the acceptance of the quotation of the E.S.B. in the sum of £146 for the provision of a public light at Glenealy village and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the

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cost of provision of the light.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:—
"That the Council Erect One Public Light Opposite Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we approve of quotation being obtained from the E.S.B. for the provision of one public light opposite Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—
"That Council Instal a Hopper-head at Baltinglass Hospital to Suit Ballinagee Turf."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that he had written to the Consulting Engineers in connection with the installation of an automatic firing and stoking system for the new Boiler and was awaiting his Report. The County Secretary added that he understood, however, that it might be difficult to obtain a hopper-head which would be suitable for dealing with turf produced at Ballinagee as automatic firing of turf-burning boilers usually required the use of macerated turf or special machine processed turf.

Item No. 14—Letter from Glenealy Residents' Association Re Erection of Poultry-Houses on Lands at Drumdangan, Glenealy.

The following letter received from Glenealy Residents' Association was submitted:—

Glenealy Residents' Association.

Hon. Secretary,
Mr. D. Kinsella,
Drumdangan,
GLENEALY.

5th January, 1966.

The County Manager,
Wicklow County Council,
Court House,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

It has come to the knowledge of our committee that Messrs. Philips of Ballyfree Farms, Glenealy, intend to erect a number (probably 9) of Poultry Houses on their lands at Drumdangan, Glenealy.

To the best of our knowledge no notice of intention has been published in the Press, or on the lands. Yet already a site for three houses has been prepared in close proximity to certain dwellinghouses occupied by members of this Association and we have reason to fear that a further site also is to be located close to dwelling houses.

As many of our members already have suffered and continue to suffer grievously as a consequence of the earlier erection and operation of similar poultry houses at Ballyfree, and from the highly objectionable stench caused by the disposal of the excreta from these houses, we intend to lodge a vigorous objection to permission being granted to erect further houses at Drumdangan.

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Would you please inform us if you have, as yet received any application for permission to erect these Poultry Houses.

For and on behalf of Glenealy Residents' Association,

J. S. Deans, Chairman,

D. Kinsella, Secretary.

The following letter received from Mr. Philips was also submitted:—
21st Jan., 1966

Mr. Brangan,
Wicklow Co. Council Offices,
Wicklow.

Dear Mr. Brangan,

I have to thank you for your letter of the 20th January in which you refer to complaints from residents in Glenealy in regard to the disagreeable smells resulting from manure spread on my lands.

In the operation of an activity such as ours, very large quantities of poultry manure must be disposed of by spreading them on the lands which benefit as a result of the manurial value. I appreciate that under certain conditions a very disagreeable smell results from this activity and I can't do other than sympathise with the local residents. When we planned our current operation a great deal of thought was given to the problems of manure disposal and I made visits both to America and the U.K. to study methods employed for the disposal of slurry without causing undue nuisance to people living in the vicinity. This is a matter which has posed problems of a very severe nature in the U.K. where very large flocks are maintained under intensive conditions on a relatively small acreage. In such circumstances the operator has had to spread his manure daily in very large quantities over 3/4 acres because alternative methods of manure disposal were not available. We decided, however, to go to a considerable expense in building enormous underground tanks, each holding up to 25,000 gallons, into which the manure could be stored for periods of up to four months. This arrangement has the advantage of enabling us to spread the manure under the most favourable conditions, that is to say when the wind is blowing in the most favourable direction, and when the weather is humid. The arrangement also has the advantage of enabling us to spread all the manure produced over a period of approximately three days each month. Thus, if any nuisance is caused due to a change in the wind or excessively dry weather, it is limited to the very short period of three days per month, whereas without storage tanks it would have been continual.

We are also experimenting with a new chemical by May and Baker—C.P.M.—55—X (Alamask). The makers claim that the chemical acts as an odour control and will either cancel out the original manure odour or leave a pleasing neutral odour in its place. Supplies are not currently available to us but arrangements are being made for the importation of supplies from the U.K.—where we understand the chemical has given valuable results. We have acquainted the local Residents' Association with this proposal and when supplies are received we will invite them to a demonstration in order that they may see that we are doing all we can to assist with the problem.

I feel I must add that although I would admit the smell is disagreeable, it is not sufficiently intensive to justify widespread complaint. Glenealy is a very spread out village and whereas the residents of one or two houses might notice an objectional smell it is highly unlikely that all the residents would notice it at the same time having regard to the dispersed areas where the manure is spread—and the prevailing wind.

We are in the course of building up a very large undertaking which is to the benefit of the community as a whole. Over the past year, something over £23,000 has been paid in wages and feeding stuffs in excess of £55,000 were purchased from the local Co-Op. We very much regret that there should be a certain amount of nuisance to the local residents but there are considerable compensating factors. It is interesting to note in this respect that no complaints have been raised by any of the many families who derive employment from our activities. If, in the course of time, other possibilities present themselves of abating any of the nuisance that it is alleged we cause, we will certainly take advantage of them.

I trust the above gives a clear answer to your letter and if there is anything further by way of information I can give you do not hesitate to let me know.

Yours very truly,

O. David Philips.

ODP/JL

It is interesting to note that we have been spreading in the village area for the past three days (wet and humid) and there has been NO smell.

The County Secretary stated that two of the Poultry-Houses at Glenealy were "Unauthorised Structures" under the Planning Act and would have to be removed. In reply to inquiry from Councillor Miss Walsh as to whether there was a public health problem involved the County Secretary stated that he understood that there was no danger to public health, but a disagreeable smell did exist. Councillor Haughton agreed that there was a most unpleasant smell which arose when the manure was being spread on lands and that while he had sympathy with Mr. Philips since the industry was an asset to the community he considered that there should be some other way of dealing with the manure so as to avoid this offensive smell. The Council noted that Mr. Philips was arranging to use chemicals which he considered would avoid the nuisance from the smell and deferred action to see if these steps would prove effective.

Item No. 15—Report of Councillors Miss M. Walsh and Mrs. M. Ledwidge on Visit to Peamount Hospital.

As Councillor J. Everett, T.D., who had raised the matter, was absent due to illness the Council decided to defer consideration of the Report to the next Meeting. Councillor Miss Walsh asked that the County Secretary convey thanks to the Authorities of Peamount Hospital for the courtesy and help afforded to them on their visit.

Item No. 16—Health Services—Letters from Department of Health Re Supplementary Health Grant Being Made Available for Year 1966/67.

The County Secretary stated that a further letter had been received from the Department of Health in regard to the Supplementary Health Grant which was being made available for the coming year. The Supplementary Grant would apply in respect of expenditure in 1966/67 in excess of the expenditure actually incurred during the year 1965/66. It had been pointed out by the Department, however, that while additional expenditure arising from circumstances outside the control of the Council, or from a decision of the Council approved by the Minister, would be included in the calculation of Grant, any other expenditure arising from departures from revised Estimates for 1965/66 and preliminary Estimates for 1966/67 furnished by the Council to the Department would be excluded.

Newcastle Mental Hospital.

The County Manager stated that a lengthy letter had been received from the Department of Health in regard to Newcastle Hospital, in which was set out the Department's views as regards the eventual total accommodation to be provided in the Hospital. The Council agreed that a copy of the letter be circulated to the Members and considered at the next Meeting.

Clerk/Typist at Newcastle Mental Hospital.

Councillor E. Byrne raised the matter of the Clerk/Typist at Newcastle Mental Hospital and stated that it would be unfortunate if the Clerk/Typist at present filling this post, and who resided in Bray, and had been transferred from her previous post at Baltinglass Hospital, should have to return to the post in Baltinglass. The County Secretary stated that a difficulty did arise in connection with the post at Newcastle, which was not a permanent one. On the proposal of Councillor E. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge, the Council passed the following Resolution:—

"That we approve of creation of a permanent post of Clerk/Typist for Newcastle Mental Hospital."

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 17—Loan for Purpose of Defraying Expenditure on Purchase of Generators for Hospitals—Letter from National Bank, Ltd.

The County Secretary submitted a further letter received from the National Bank Ltd., regarding the Council's application for a loan of £2,000 to defray the cost of the purchase and installation of electrical Generators in Hospitals in the County, in which it was stated that the Board of the Bank did not consider the proposal a suitable banking transaction, particularly in the existing difficult credit conditions, and regretted that they had to adhere to their original decision in this matter. The Council noted the decision in the matter.

Item No. 18—Presidential Election—Letter from Eoin O Mathghamhna, Uas., Seeking Nomination for the Presidency.

The following letter from Eoin O Mathghamhna Uas., was submitted to the Council:—

Friday, 14th January, 1966.

The Chairman and Members of the Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen:

The Presidency of Ireland becomes vacant this year and you with two other County Councils can nominate a candidate. In a Democracy I feel strongly that every position in the gift of the people should be contested so that there should be life and healthy rivalry. For this reason I urge you to exercise your constitutional rights and nominate a candidate. Should you honour me by considering my name among others I am willing to allow my name to go forward and risk defeat at the hands of the Electorate. I would be a strictly non-political candidate.

If, however I should be successful I should willingly be prepared to forfeit all chance of permanent academic employment in the United States so that I might have the honour of discharging my duties faithfully and well. I think that I know my country as thoroughly as any man or woman living and I fain would serve her well.

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Should you be willing to give me audience I should be glad to appear before you at any time which is convenient to you and your staff.
I am always at your service and remain your very devoted servant.

EOIN O MATHGHAMHNA.

"Iona",
Douglas Road,
Cork.
'Phone: Cork 31127.

As Mr. O Mathghamhna was present at the Meeting the Council agreed to allow him to address the Meeting. Having heard Mr. O Mathghamhna the Council agreed that the matter be included on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Item No. 19—Golden Jubilee of 1916 Rising.

The County Secretary stated that this item had been included on the Agenda at the request of Councillor J. O'Toole, as approved by the Chairman. The following letter received from Mr. Cearbhall O Dalaigh, Chief Justice, was submitted:—

An Chuir Uachtarach,
Na Ceithre Chuir,
Baile Atha Cliath 7,
7th January, 1966.

A Dhuine Uasail,

I would like to suggest for your consideration and for that of the Council that some suitable memorial (a plaque in Irish and English or, perhaps, something more fitting) might be erected at Kilcoole in this, the jubilee year of the 1916 Rising, to commemorate the Kilcoole 'gun-running' of Sunday, August 2, 1914. This event and the landing of arms at Howth on the preceding Sunday, July 26, were the sine-qua-non of the Rising.

Rev. Professor F. X. Martin, O.S.A., who edited the work **The Howth Gun-running and the Kilcoole Gun-Running** (Browne and Nolan, 1964) has sent me a copy of a letter (which I enclose) from Mr. Harry Nicholls, one of the surviving Volunteer officers who helped at the landing, identifying the spot on the beach where the landing took place. Wickiow deserves to have the place where the arms were landed marked and commemorated.

Beir beannacht,
CEARBHALL O DALAIGH.

The following letter from Mr. Harry Nicholls had been enclosed:—
42, Grafton Street,
DUBLIN, 2.
13th November, 1965.

Dear Father Martin,

Although, as you say, I was working in the dark on the night of the gun-running, I can identify the stretch where the guns were landed.

There is a road at right angles to the railway line at the old Station of Kilcoole and the landing took place along the shore immediately to the north of this—in fact along the shore for about 100 yards.

I think this should identify the place—the charabanc into which most of the stuff was loaded was on the road close to the railway.

Hoping I have made myself clear.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) Harry Nicholls.

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In reply to inquiries from Members the County Secretary stated that this was not the function of the Council, but that if there was a Committee dealing with the matter in the County the letter might be forwarded to them. The County Secretary stated that Comdt. M. Kavanagh, Arklow, had previously suggested that a plaque be erected on the wall of the former gaol in Wicklow and that the Council had agreed to this proposal. Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge stated that there was an old I.R.A. Committee in Bray and suggested that the letter be forwarded to them. The Council agreed that the matter be forwarded to the Secretary of the Bray Chamber of Commerce, who was forming a Committee in connection with the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the 1916 Rising.

Item No. 20—Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme for 1966.

The County Secretary submitted the draft Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme for 1966 which was on similar terms to the Scheme operated in 1965. The County Secretary stated that the Scheme was not being availed of to any great extent in recent years as there were only five borrowers in 1964 and three in 1965.
It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor A. H. Hadden:

Resolved—That we hereby adopt Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme under the provisions of the Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Act 1956, in respect of the year 1966, in accordance with the Draft Scheme as submitted to this Meeting.

Passed unanimously.

Dunlavin Courthouse.

Councillor Deering referred to the recent fire at Dunlavin Courthouse which caused considerable damage and expressed appreciation of the speedy attendance of the Blessington and Baltinglass Fire Brigades and of their work in preventing further damage to the building. He suggested that Bord Failte should again be approached in regard to assisting in work of restoring the building. Councillor Miley stated that the Gardai had done very good work in assisting the Fire Brigades and stated that they should be complimented on their valuable assistance.

Opening of Tenders.

The following Tenders were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council:—

Tenders for Dentures:

Tenders were received from J. J. Condon, 34, Patrick Street Cork, Nicholas J. Monaghan, 6, Blessington Street, Dublin. E. J. McEvoy and Sons Ltd., 44, Westland Row, Dublin, and Aidan T. McDonough, 73, Flower Hill Navan.

Tenders for Spectacles:

Tenders for Spectacles were received from Harold J. Ryan, (trading as Charles F. Ryan), 32 Lower O'Connell Street, Dublin 1, and from J. A. O'Brien, 17, Trinity Street Dublin 2.

The Tenders were referred for examination and recommendation.

Tenders for Printing and Stationery.

The following tenders for Printing and Stationery were received:—

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The Council has been working closely with the Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Ministry of Education and Science to develop a comprehensive strategy for improving the quality of education in the country.

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Wicklow County Council

The Estimates Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on 28th February, 1966.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D.; Roger Miley, J. Gregory and H. W. Hopkins.

In the absence of Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, due to illness, Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, presided.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Fire Officer, and Chief Assistant County Engineer R. L. Farrell attended.

The Council proceeded with the examination of the Estimates in detail, commencing with the Roads Estimates.

The County Manager indicated that the provision for Maintenance of Main Roads showed an increase of £1,656 and the figure for Maintenance of County Roads an increase of £8,530 to cover the estimated extra cost of Maintenance in the coming year due to the damage to Roads caused by the flooding in November, 1965.

The County Manager stated that the Department of Local Government had indicated that a Grant of 75 per cent. of the cost would be made available for works of restoring Bridges on Main Roads, but as the Council were aware, the greater part of the damage caused by the flooding occurred on County Roads and County Road Bridges. To date over £20,000 had been spent on restoring County Roads. The Council agreed that the Department of Local Government be asked to agree to the costs of repair of flood damage, whether on Main or County Roads, being charged against Arterial Road Grants and Main Road Improvement Grants. The Council considered further that the additional cost of Maintenance for Main and County Roads in the coming year, consequent on the damage caused by flooding, should also be charged against Road Grants and, accordingly, the figure for Main Roads Maintenance was reduced by £1,656, being a net reduction of £828 on account of 50% Maintenance Grant, and Maintenance of County Roads by £8,530. The Council decided to reduce the provision for Snow Clearance on Main Roads to £2,000, representing a net reduction of £1,000, having regard to the provision made for 50% Grant, and to strike out the provision of £1,000 which had been made for Snow Clearance on County Roads. In reply to inquiries from Members of the Council the County Secretary stated that the effect of the alterations made in the Roads Estimates represented a reduction of about 9½d. in the £.

HEALTH SERVICES.

In regard to the recent letter from the Department of Health concerning the Mental Hospital at Newcastle, Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, inquired as to how the cost of the erection of the proposed extension would be met. The County Secretary stated that the cost of extension and alterations at Newcastle Mental Hospital would be met in the first instance from the sum of £100,000 compensation receivable by the Council in respect of their share of the Assets in the Dublin Mental Hospitals and any additional cost would be met from State Grant. The County Manager stated that it was expected that

as a result of the Council providing better services through the Mental Hospital at Newcastle a reduction in the number of patients to be maintained in the Mental Hospital would be effected.

In reply to Councillor J. Miley, the County Manager stated that in view of the proposed changes in the Medical Services, as indicated in the White Paper recently issued by the Department of Health, it would not be possible to proceed with the proposal for the erection of a Clinic at Blessington.

In regard to the Ambulance Service the County Manager stated that negotiations were in progress with the Contractor for the Ambulance Service in Bray with a view to arranging for payment by way of retention fee, together with a mileage rate, but agreement had not yet been reached on the matter.

The Council approved of the Estimates for the Health Services as submitted.

ASSISTANCE.

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

Councillor Temple, supported by Councillor Hipwell and others, asked that Meetings of the Public Assistance Committees quarterly be resumed. The County Manager explained that the number of new cases arising for Public Assistance was very limited and that quarterly Meetings of Committees would hardly be necessary. It was agreed that the matter be looked into.

SANITARY SERVICES.

Councillor Gregory urged that provision be made in the Estimates for a Scavenging Service at Newtownmountkennedy. The County Manager stated that it would be necessary to determine the area to be served by the Scavenging Service and invite Tenders in order to arrive at the cost of this Service. It was agreed that a Report be submitted to the Council in regard to the provision of the Service.

In reply to Councillor J. Miley, the County Manager stated that provision had not been made in the Estimates for a Grant towards the cost of a Swimming Pool at Blessington because no estimate of the cost had yet been obtained and he felt that there was little likelihood of obtaining a Loan to meet the cost of a Grant in respect of the provision of a Pool. It would appear that the loan charges and maintenance of a Swimming Pool would cost in the region of £1,000 per annum. Councillor J. Miley pointed out that the local Development Association was prepared to contribute £1,000 towards the cost of the Pool and:

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole:

Resolved—That we provide £1,000 towards the cost of loan charges and maintenance for a Swimming Pool at Blessington.

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, suggested that it was not an opportune time to consider providing moneys for Swimming Pools having regard to the amount of the Estimates as submitted to the Council. Councillor Hadden pointed out that in view of the present credit restrictions there did not appear to be any likelihood that moneys could be made available by way of Loan to meet the cost of a Grant for this purpose.

As an amendment:

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That County Engineer proceed with Plan and Estimate of Cost of Swimming Pool at Blessington.

Councillor J. Miley deferred to the views expressed by other Members and agreed to withdraw his proposal, with the consent of his seconder. The amendment in the name of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell, was accepted.

HOUSING SERVICES.

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, suggested that the estimated figure of £14,240 provided for Cottage Repairs might be reduced. Councillor Quigley pointed out that the necessary repairs to cottages could not be carried out by the County Engineer if sufficient funds were not made available and the County Manager indicated that in the present year the Council would be spending over £14,000 on Repairs to Cottages. Councillor Hipwell proposed that the figure for Cottage Repairs be reduced to £12,000 and Councillor J. Miley seconded the proposal. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, proposed that the figure be reduced to £10,000 and Councillor A. H. Hadden seconded. Councillor J. Whelan suggested that the Council agree on a figure of £11,000 as a compromise. A vote having been taken on the proposal that the provision for Repairs be reduced to £11,000 it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

In Favour—Councillors J. Whelan, H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, A. H. Hadden, H. B. Hipwell, H. W. Hopkins, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh—Twelve.

Against—Councillors E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Gregory, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, P. McCarthy, J. Quigley, P.C., and J. Temple—Seven.

The Council agreed to a reduction in the Estimate for Cottage Repairs of £3,240 to leave the amount provided £11,000.

At this stage the Council adjourned further consideration of the Estimates to a Meeting to be held on the 7th March, 1966.

The adjourned Estimates Meeting of the Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on 7th March, 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors P. McCarthy, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D.; Roger Miley, J. D. Haughton and J. Gregory. In the absence of the Chairman (Councillor J. J. McCrea) due to illness, Councillor H. J. Byrne presided.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Fire Officer, and Chief Assistant County Engineer R. L. Farrell attended.

The Council proceeded with the examination of the Estimates for General Purposes.

In reply to Councillor J. Miley regarding the Estimate for Libraries the County Manager explained that efforts had been made to arrange for the provision of a Library in Blessington and it had been proposed to include the Library with the new Dispensary. As had been indicated at the previous Meeting, however, there appeared

to be no possibility of proceeding with the provision of the Dispensary at present.

In regard to the provision for Planning, the County Manager pointed out that he had urged on previous occasions that a Grant should be made available from the Road Fund towards the costs of Planning. It was clear, however, that no Grant would be available to meet the costs arising under this heading. The Council was obliged under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to prepare a Development Plan for the County and for Greystones/Delgany and Rathdrum and it was essential to have the necessary staff for this purpose.

On the suggestion of Councillor J. Miley the Council agreed to strike out the provision of £3,000 for Local Elections.

In regard to provision for Sheep Dipping the Co. Manager pointed out that the increase under this heading was due to the new Regulations in respect of double-dipping of sheep and resulting increase in the remuneration of Sheep Dipping Inspectors and the recommendation of a Special Committee appointed by the Council that an increased payment be made to owners of Private Baths in respect of sheep (other than their own) dipped in these Baths. The County Secretary stated that he understood that it was the Committee's intention that the previous rate of payment of 1d. per sheep dipped in Private Baths be increased to 1½d. in respect of each dipping, which would be equivalent to 3d. per sheep double-dipped. On this basis the Estimate might be reduced by £500. The Council agreed to reduce the Estimate under this heading by £500.

REPAIRS TO COURTHOUSES.

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge and Councillor Temple urged that in view of the Council's Resolution on the matter that the Department of Justice should be responsible for the maintenance and repair of Courthouses that the provision made under this heading be struck out. The County Secretary pointed out that there was a legal obligation on the Council to meet these costs and if the Council failed to comply with their obligations necessary works of repair could be carried out by the Department of Justice and the cost recovered from the Council. On the suggestion of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the Council agreed that the provision under this heading be reduced from £1,200 to £600.

In regard to the increased provision for Overdraft Interest the County Manager pointed out that in view of the amount of the Credit Balance which had been absorbed during the past two years it had been necessary to resort to overdraft accommodation and the authorised overdraft for the present Quarter was £250,000.

In reply to inquiries from the Members of the Council the County Secretary stated that the effect of the alterations made by the Members in the Estimates was a reduction of approximately 1/4d. in the £. Councillor M. J. O'Neill proposed that the Estimates be determined at a figure representing 52s. in the £. Councillor J. Quigley seconded the proposal. As an amendment it was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., that the Estimates be determined at a figure involving an increase of 5s. in the Rate only and that the balance be met by borrowing over a period of years. Councillor J. Haughton seconded this proposal. In reply to Councillor Timmins the County Manager stated that the excess of Assets over Liabilities of the Council at the 31st March, 1965, was £151,102 and that Credits had been applied in the previous year's Estimates of £75,656, while, in addition, there had been excess expenditure during the year of £37,200. The net balance at the 31st March, 1966, was estimated, accordingly, at about £40,000.

Councillor Haughton proposed that Credits be availed of to effect a reduction in the Rate proposed by 3/4d. Councillor H. J. Byrne felt it would not be prudent to adopt Councillor Haughton's proposal and pointed out that the Council were feeling the effects of the use of Credits to such a large extent in the previous year and he now felt that the Council had been unwise in availing of Credits to that extent. If Credits had not been availed of in the previous year the increase in the coming year's Estimates would have been only 4/-. Councillor Hadden pointed out that he had been the only Councillor who had disagreed with the use of Credits to reduce the Estimates in the previous year and it was clear that the Council's present difficulty would be the matter of the Bank Overdraft, on which Interest would have to be paid. Councillor M. Deering, having seconded Councillor Haughton's proposal, which had been accepted by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., in lieu of his original proposal, a vote was called for on the proposal to avail of Credits to effect a reduction in the Estimates equivalent to 3/4d. in the £. The voting resulted as follows:—

In favour—Councillors E. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton, J. Quigley and Miss M. Walsh—Seven.

Against—Councillors J. Whelan, H. J. Byrne, A. H. Hadden, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, P. McCarthy, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, J. Temple and G. Timmins—Twelve.

The amendment in the name of Councillor J. Haughton was declared defeated by twelve votes against to seven votes in favour.

Councillor J. Temple proposed that Credits be availed of to reduce the increase in the Estimates over the previous year to one of 9/- and this proposal was seconded by Councillor Haughton. Councillor O'Neill stated that he would withdraw his original proposal for an increase of 10s. In reply to inquiry from the Chairman the County Manager stated that he did not think it would be wise to avail of Credits to the extent proposed, but that it was a matter for the Council. In view of Councillor O'Neill having indicated his wish to withdraw his original proposal Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that he would propose that Resolution himself and the Resolution was seconded by Councillor Hipwell.

The following amendment in the name of Councillor J. Temple, seconded by Councillor Haughton, was submitted to the Council:—

"That we determine the Estimates on the basis of an increase of 9/- in the General Rate to bring the Rate for 1966/67 to 51/-."

A vote having been called for on the amendment, the Members present voted as follows:—

In Favour — Councillors J. Whelan, E. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D.; J. Gregory, A. H. Hadden, J. D. Haughton, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, M. J. O'Neill, J. Quigley, J. Temple and Miss M. Walsh—Twelve.

Against—Councillors H. J. Byrne, H. B. Hipwell, P. McCarthy, J. Miley, R. Miley, J. O'Toole and G. Timmins—Seven.

The amendment was declared carried by twelve votes in favour to seven votes against. The amendment having been put as a substantive motion the Council passed the Resolution on the same voting. It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton:

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

of Table 'C' and Column 15 of Table 'D' to be Rates in the £ levied for the several Services specified in the said Estimate for the Financial Year ending on the 31st March, 1967:—

Roads	...	...	...	...	11/0.85
Health	...	...	...	...	22/3.04
Assistance	...	...	...	...	1/6.24
Sanitary	...	...	...	...	3/7.08
Housing	...	...	...	...	4/11.09
General Purposes	...	...	...	...	7/7.70

Separate Charges:

Vocational Education	...	...	...	...	2/2.12
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board	...	...	...	...	0/1.23
Criminal Injuries	...	...	...	...	0/2.02

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton:

Resolved—That we hereby determine, in accordance with the Estimates, the amount to be demanded from each Urban District in respect of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1967, as follows:

	Arklow	Bray	Wicklow
	£	£	£
Roads	2,342	9,931	1,919
Health	13,703	58,109	11,226
Public Assistance	995	4,220	815
General Purposes	1,279	5,425	1,048

Separate Charges:

Vocational Education	...	1,425	Nil	1,167
Malicious Injuries	...	110	468	90

Passed unanimously.

The following Statement of the County Manager on the Estimates had been circulated to the Members, together with the attached Table giving details of the Estimates:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow.

17th February, 1966.

ESTIMATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1966/67.

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In the attached Tables details are given, under the principal Service headings, of the Estimates of Expenses and Receipts of the County Council for the year ending 31st March, 1967.

The total expenditure for the coming year is estimated at £1,543,844. (In this amount the outlay described as Materials Expense Account and Machinery Expense Account at the end of the General Purposes Table is not taken into account. It is required under the Public Bodies Order to show expenditure and receipts in respect of Material Expense Account and Machinery Expense Account—the receipts in fact correspond to the outlay. But it would be a duplication to include them under Expenditure and Receipts for estimating purposes as in reality the outlay on Plant and on Road Materials is costed for the various Works and the recording of the details of these two

Accounts in the Estimates is, consequently, merely a pro forma accounting detail necessary in order to conform to statutory requirements. Likewise the receipts appearing under these two headings are not taken into account). The total Receipts come to £773,276, leaving the net amount to be raised from Rates £770,568. In the present year the amount raised from Rates was £703,636. The increase, it will be seen, is £66,932. In the present year the total Expenditure provided for in the Estimates was £1,488,120 and the Receipts were taken at £784,484, leaving a net Outlay of £703,636. However, in determining the Rate in the £ the Council took into account Credits of £75,656. This was equivalent to a reduction in the Rate Levy of about 6s. As a result the Rate struck for the present year did not reflect the true costs for the period. The Rate levied in the present year was 42s. in the £ and for the coming year the Estimates now submitted would require a Rate of 53/5d. The increase of 11/5d. is undoubtedly an unusual and very steep one but 6/- of it is due to the decision to use Credits last year. In the absence of applied Credits the Rate for the coming year would automatically have to be higher by 6/-.

Briefly the increase in the Rate which would be required could be broken down as follows:—

Roads	...	...	8½d.	Rise mainly due to provision which has to be made to restore damage to road surfaces by floods.
Health	...	...	2/7d.	Attributable to excess outlay in present year—mainly on hospital costs—which will not be met in full from the new Supplementary Health Grant in the coming year.
Assistance	...	...	1½d.	Due to Superannuation charge.
Sanitary Services	...	...	1d.	Arises from loan charges on new Water Supply Schemes.
Housing	...	...	6½d.	It is necessary to make additional provision for loan charges—mainly on Loans for Improvement and Reconstruction of Private Dwellings—and an extra of £2,000 is included for Repairs. There will be a decrease in Rental Income of about £2,400 due to the number of tenants availing of Tenant Purchase with consequent automatic reduction in their rents.
General Purposes	...	...	7/4d.	Here the application of Credits last year, which represented 6/- as a Rate, will leave the Rate in the coming year higher by a corresponding amount. The reduction in the Council's Credit Balance has meant that there has had to be almost continuous resort to overdraft accommodation from the

Bank and this will mean that new interest charges, representing a Rate of 4d. in the £, will have to be met next year. The Demand of the Committee of Agriculture is up by about 31d. and additional provision to be made for Planning and Development accounts for 41d., whilst the Public Libraries will require an additional 2d. For the Diseases of Animals Acts (sheep dipping) an extra 3d. will be necessary. Provision to be made for General Purposes would even be higher if it were not for some reductions in Expenditure under a few headings and some increases in Receipts.

ROADS.

The Rate required for Roads is 11/11d. which compares with 11/2½d. in the present year—this, as already mentioned, is an increase of 8½d. The amount required for Roads, in all, comes to £395,368 and of this it is expected that £216,925 will come from the Road Fund, which is derived from Motor Taxation. For Main Roads £136,170 is included in respect of Special Grant Works. These Grants are nowadays assigned in greater part to improvements on the two "Arterial Routes" in County Wicklow, these being the road from Bray via Rathnew and Barndarrig to Arklow and the other Route in the Western part of the County which runs through Blessington and Baltinglass. The amount of £136,170 is the same as that which was allowed by way of Grants for Special Works on Main Roads in the present year and of this £78,200 was assigned to the "Arterial Routes" and the balance of £57,970 to other Main Roads in the County.

Grants are made from the Road Fund also for the Improvement of County Roads and the amount included (£30,910) corresponds to the sum which was received in the present year. In the past few years there have been progressive small deductions in the amounts allocated from the Road Fund for County Road Improvements and this can be ascribed to the progress which has been made with the Programme for reconstructing County Roads.

For the Maintenance and Reconstruction of Main Roads the Council last year allowed £92,534. One-half of the cost in this instance is recouped by the State from the Road Fund. For the coming year the County Engineer has indicated that £94,190—an increase of £1,656—will be required. His reason for including a somewhat larger sum is that damage to road surfaces by floods in the present Winter will require special restoration works.

Again in the case of County Roads the amount allowed by the Council last year was £79,033, but for the coming year the County Engineer has recommended that £87,563 be provided. Extensive damage was done to County Roads, especially those in the mountainous parts of the County, in recent months by flooding and because of this it is considered that additional provision of £8,530 should be included for restoring damaged road surfaces. Whereas one-half of the cost of the additional sum included for Main Roads will be met from the Road Fund no recoupment from that source will be obtainable towards the cost of County Roads. The additional sums which would have

to be provided for Road Maintenance and Reconstruction from Rates would be: Main Roads £828 and County Roads £8,530.

Last year the Council agreed to provide £3,000 for Winter Employment Schemes. A similar amount is included in the present estimates and of this £1,500 is being assigned to Main Roads and £1,500 to County Roads. With these moneys it is possible to give employment during the period of the year where it is usually found that workmen may be laid off in other employments because of bad weather and such-like causes.

For Snow Clearance £6,000 was included when presenting the Estimates last year, but it was decided not to make any special provision under this heading. During the present Winter, however, it was necessary to take special measures to clear some roads from snow and, in addition, precautions against dangers from frost had to be taken. In the coming year £4,000 is being provided under this heading for Main Roads and £1,000 for County Roads. As no provision was made last year it, consequently, will be seen that the Estimate in this respect is up by £5,000.

There are some variations in the amounts included under the various other headings in the Roads Estimates, but some slight increases in some instances are counter-balanced by reductions in other cases and the only substantial increase is in the provision which is to be made for Superannuation of Workmen and this is up by £895.

During the present year the Council continued the Programme of improvements on the Arterial Road (T.7) from Bray via Rathnew and Barndarrig to Arklow. The new Works were at Timore and on the stretch between Kilpedder and Newtownmountkennedy. It is felt that the completion of these two sections on this Route should lead to an easier traffic flow. At the beginning of the year the section at the Southern end of the Glen O' Downs was also completed.

During the coming year it is intended to proceed with large-scale new road realignment on the stretch between Kilmacanogue and Bray. In this section provision is also being made for a new bridge across the Dargle River near St. Valerie. Much difficulty has been found in acquiring the necessary land in this area, but as a result of protracted negotiations it is now expected that agreement will shortly be reached for obtaining all the land which is required. In this instance sufficient land is being acquired to permit of the construction of a dual-carriageway. It is also proposed to construct a new length of roadway between the Southern end of the Glen O' Downs and Kilpedder for a distance of about one and three-quarter miles. The total cost of completing these two sections of new roadway would be, if constructed on the basis of a dual-carriageway in each instance, up to about £520,000.

Traffic Counts taken at a number of points on Main and County Roads some months ago showed that the density of traffic on Main Routes is rising rapidly. It is evident that the number of vehicles on the roads nowadays is much in excess of that which had been forecast seven or eight years ago when work was first being undertaken on the Arterial Route T.7 in East Wicklow. Whereas it had been expected that the number of motor vehicles might increase two-fold in a period of ten years it has been found that this has happened in a much shorter period. To cope with the rapidly increasing traffic on this Route it is now considered that a roadway of dual-carriageway type would be required between Bray and Rathnew.

During the present year the work of widening the road bridge at Arklow was completed. Having regard to the heavy traffic which this bridge has to carry this improvement has helped to ease conditions on the approach to Arklow, but the County Engineer is of

the opinion that the congestion which occurs in the centre of the town, and which slows up long-distance vehicles and makes shopping and other pursuits difficult and almost hazardous, will only be relieved eventually by the construction of a new By-Pass Road and bridge upstream from the present road bridge. Whilst this should be a costly undertaking it seems that it will in time have to be faced if the needs of through traffic, especially the many heavy lorries which nowadays pass through Arklow, are to be met.

The Programme of Reconstruction Co. Roads continued during the present year and at 31st March, 1965, had reached the stage where 83% of the total mileage of County Roads had been completed. It is expected that by 31st March, 1966, the total mileage of County Roads so reconstructed will reach 84.5%.

HEALTH SERVICES.

As in all recent years the cost of the Health Services again shows a steep rise and in the coming year will require an additional Rate of 2/7d.

The total Outlay on the Health Services, including Mental Hospitals, for the coming year is estimated at £758,122. After deducting Receipts of £410,592 the net Outlay is £347,530. This latter figure compares with an amount of £322,399 provided for the present year. The Rate struck for the Health Services for 1965/66 was 19/8d.; for the coming year the requirement is 22/3d.—an increase of 2/7d.

Supplementary Health Grant.

Up to the present year one-half of the cost of the Health Services, excluding loan charges and capital items, was met from State Funds. Local Authorities continuously had submitted that the level of Rates was being very much affected by the rapidly rising cost of the Health Services and that in consequence further subventions should be provided by the State. Recently it was indicated by the Department of Health that as from the beginning of the coming financial year Supplementary Grants to meet the costs of the Health Services would be forthcoming. With the aid of these Grants it was intended to stabilise the Rate for Health at that which would represent the expenses of this Service for the present year (1965/66). This means that the Rate will be stabilised at a higher figure than that which was in fact struck for the present year and which was 19/8d. In assessing costs and arriving at the Rate applicable to the present year regard must be had to any additional expenditure over and above that which had been provided for in the Annual Estimates for the year. Every Health Authority has had to meet additional costs, especially in respect of hospital treatment, in the present year. These costs could not be foreseen when Estimates were being prepared or when the Rate was being determined. In some cases new rates of charge for Extern Hospitals were notified after the beginning of the financial year and, in addition, it was found that the number of admissions to hospitals continued to rise. The effect of the rising costs in the present year is that the expenditure which has to be met for Health will exceed that provided in the Estimates. The ultimate stabilised Rate for the Health Services will be known after the actual costs for the current year have finally been determined.

General Medical Services.

The cost under this heading is estimated at £59,400 and in it provision is made for the Dispensary and Domiciliary Services provided through District Medical Officers for patients who are included in the

General Medical Register and are eligible for all Health Services free of Charge. The Estimate does not vary much from the provision made in the present year.

At present the proportion of the population registered for free services in County Wicklow is 34.8% and it is found that this is higher than the average for the country as a whole.

County Institutions.

The amount required for the Council's own Institutions, these being the District Hospital, Wicklow, District Hospital, Baltinglass, and St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum (County Home), is £95,350 and is almost similar to the provision included in the Estimates for the current year.

Extern Institutions.

The provision which has to be made for General Hospitals again shows an upward trend, the requirement being £170,000 as against £157,500 for 1965/66. Maternity Hospitals at £33,000 show an increase of £1,900 and Homes for Mental Defectives, Deaf and Dumb, etc., show a rise of £4,300. An examination of the records in the present year shows that the main reason for the increase in Extern Hospital costs is the rise in the number of admissions. Generally it is the experience that whereas the stay in hospital may be for a shorter term there is increasing resort to hospital treatment. Having regard to the very varied range of specialist services which the larger hospitals now can offer, and also to the methods of diagnosis obtainable through a stay in hospital, it could be expected that admissions would show a tendency to rise. The following details for General Hospitals will provide evidence as to this trend:—

Year	Number of Admissions	Number of In-Patient Days
1962/63	2,657	59,514
1963/64	2,919	64,190
1964/65	3,489	70,713

As already mentioned, the cost of Maternity Hospitals at £33,000 will be up by £1,900 in the coming year. As in the case of the General Hospitals the number of admissions to Maternity Hospitals in Dublin also continues to rise, the figures for the past three years being:—

Year	Number of Admissions	Number of In-Patient Days
1962/63	749	6,907
1963/64	751	8,197
1964/65	1,170	11,608

Mental Hospitals.

For Mental Hospitals the total amount required is estimated at £208,919; the provision made in the present year was £152,100. After the beginning of the present financial year the Council were notified of increased costs for the maintenance of patients in the Dublin Health Authority Mental Hospitals and this is reflected in the amount included for 1966/67, which is £119,250, being £42,650 more than was provided for the present year. For the Council's own Mental Hospital at Newcastle the sum included is £89,669 and in this provision is being made for the cost of accommodating patients in the two Front Units of the Hospital buildings. It is expected that about

eighty patients can be accommodated in these two Front Units and that in the Main Block, as a result of some alterations, it may be possible to accommodate about a further sixty-four patients. Recently a letter has been received from the Department of Health in which it has been urged again that the Council would agree to proceed as soon as possible with the proposal to use the two Front Units and also saying that the Minister would be prepared to consider a proposal for the erection of a new 60 bed Unit.

Maternity and Child Health Services.

The cost here is intended to cover medical care and hospital treatment for mothers and children and the sum included is £31,500, which is £3,590 greater than the provision (£27,910) made for the present year. The rise in cost is mainly due to the revision in the fees payable to medical practitioners who provide maternity services on a "choice of doctor" basis.

Tuberculosis and Other Infectious Diseases.

The costs under this heading are estimated at £12,050, which is a slight reduction on those for the present year (£12,275).

Dental, Ophthalmic and Aural Services.

Here the Outlay is estimated at £8,330, an increase of £552 over 1965/'66, which is attributable mainly to the additional provision being made for Dental Services. It is proposed in the coming year to appoint a Senior Dental Officer who will be mainly occupied in connection with the Schools Service. It is not expected, however, that he will take up duty until some time well after the beginning of the financial year.

Specialist Services.

There is a rise of £1,750 under this heading and this arises from the increasing number of patients who are resorting to the Specialist Services provided through Out-Patient Clinics in Dublin Hospitals.

Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Disabled Persons.

Each year has shown an upward trend in the cost under this heading, but undoubtedly the payment of Special Allowances to persons who suffer from disabilities has resulted in their being retained in their homes rather than being sent to Institutions. Not only is it better that these persons should remain in the community rather than be sent to Institutions but, in addition, the cost of institutional maintenance would certainly be much greater. For the coming year the cost is estimated at £29,500 as compared with £22,000 last year. A large number of persons at present are receiving these Allowances, but the provision now being made also takes into account the recent upward revision in such Allowances.

Ambulance Services and Transport of Patients.

For a number of years past the Ambulance Services have been rising in cost. At present the Council has three ambulances (attached to the Hospitals at Wicklow, Rathdrum and Baltinglass) in continuous service and one other ambulance is held in reserve. In addition to having a number of permanent drivers for these ambulances reserve drivers, who work at week-ends and during holiday periods, etc., are also available. In Arklow two ambulances are hired by the Council from Contractors and paid for on a mileage basis. The Bray area is served by an ambulance hired from a Contractor in Bray. The

provision being made in the coming year under this heading is £17,500 and this is £4,250 more than the Estimate for the current year. In the coming year it is intended to purchase another ambulance and this is the main cause of the rise in costs, but, in addition, it is intended to provide a radio-telephone system for the ambulances. At present negotiations are taking place in relation to the Ambulance Service for the Bray area and it is not unlikely that the outcome of these may be additional costs for that district.

Contributions to Societies.

At present five Nursing Associations (in Arklow, Bray, Delgany, Enniskerry and Wicklow) are assisted by special subsidies from the Council. In the coming year the cost of these subsidies will come to £3,000, which is somewhat more than £500 over the Outlay in the present year.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

The cost of Public Assistance at £26,625 is £2,475 greater than the amount which was allowed for the present year. The rise in cost here is due to some additional provision which is being made for Home Assistance Allowances, but in the main is attributable to Superannuation.

SANITARY SERVICES.

The gross amount required for Sanitary Services is £57,299, which is an increase of £2,424 over that allowed for 1965/'66. The Receipts are estimated at £11,940. The net requirement will be £45,359 which compares with £43,610 for 1965/'66. The increase in the Estimate is almost altogether due to loan charges, but provision also has to be made for additional payments to Dublin Corporation for water supplied from the Vartry System to Council houses to which connections were made in the past year or so.

Water Supplies and Sewerage.

A number of small extensions to existing water supplies were carried out during the present year, the two main undertakings which were completed being at Rathnew and Knockroe, North of Kilcoole. A number of Group Schemes were also given assistance.

Further progress was made with some of the large-scale Schemes which the Council had approved. A start was made with the new Water Supply for Blessington and a Tender for the Laragh/Annemoe Supply was accepted. At present sanction to the Loan for this latter Scheme is awaited. The former Scheme will cost £42,000 and the Laragh/Annemoe Supply £56,920. The final Plans for the Regional Scheme to serve Shillelagh, Tinahely and Carnew districts were received some time ago and were submitted for approval. When approval is received Tenders for the work can be invited. It is expected, however, that this will be a very costly Scheme involving an Outlay much in excess of any Scheme undertaken by the Council previously. Of late there have been negotiations with Carlow County Council for the extension of one of their Regional Supplies to serve an area in South-West Wicklow. It is contemplated that this extension would serve up to three hundred houses and again the total cost would be considerable, probably reaching about £120,000.

For some time past considerable difficulty has been found in obtaining water supplies for new developments in North-East Wicklow. This area had been served by the Dublin Corporation Vartry System, but of late the Corporation has been informing persons who propose

to carry out new housing development that owing to the demands on their resources they would be unable to afford to give supplies in places outside of Bray Urban District. A few years ago the Council carried out a special Survey with a view to ascertaining the water supply needs of North-East Wicklow over the next fifteen years. It is intended that this Survey should serve in determining how the requirements of future years might be met. A consultant was engaged by the Council to examine possible sources of supply and he also has had discussions with Dublin Corporation. From the information derived it seems that the needs of North-East Wicklow, if it be accepted that Dublin Corporation either would not find it possible to meet an expansion in demand or would not be under an obligation to do so, could be met by taking a water supply from the Dargle or Glencullen Rivers, or, alternatively, by taking a supply from Lough Dan. The latter would be a source which would not only be able to meet all foreseeable future requirements in North-East Wicklow, but could also augment existing supplies in the Metropolitan Area. The views of the Department of Local Government in relation to these alternative sources recently have been sought.

Domestic Scavenging and Dumping Grounds.

Last year a Household Refuse Collection Service was introduced in Greystones district and in the present year a similar Service is being provided for the Delgany area and also for the Boghall/Ballywaltrim district outside Bray. In the coming year it is intended to provide a Scavenging Service for Enniskerry and the necessary amount is included in the attached Estimates.

It should be mentioned that there have been some changes in the classification of Expenditure under the heading of Sanitary Services for the coming year as compared with the classification used in the Estimates for the current year, but this, however, does not affect the comparative costs involved. As already mentioned, the increase in the net cost of the Sanitary Services is £1,749 and this is almost altogether due to the additional provision being made for water supplies under the two headings of Loan Charges and Payments to Dublin Corporation in respect of Water Supplied to Council Cottages.

HOUSING.

The gross cost of Housing is £142,364 and after deducting Receipts of £76,900 the net amount to be met from Rates is £65,464. This would require a Rate of 5/2d. which is 6½d. more than the Levy for this year.

Repairs.

Last year an Estimate of £14,240 was submitted for Repairs to Council Houses, but it was subsequently reduced by £2,000 to £12,240. Nowadays the money provided for Repairs is almost altogether used in repairing cottages for which applications to purchase have been received from the tenants. The sale of cottages to tenants has been proceeding at a fair speed in the past ten or twelve years. This year the amount for Repairs having been found inadequate the Council agreed to vote another £2,000. In view of this experience it has been felt that the minimum provision for next year should be £14,240.

The total number of cottages vested for ownership in tenants up to the present is 2,142 out of a total of 3,324. This progress with cottage purchase can be regarded as quite satisfactory having regard to the fact that for a period of almost twenty years after the coming into operation of enabling legislation practically no vesting whatever was arranged.

New Housing Projects.

Recently a number of new houses were completed at Laragh and Carnew and at present building is going on at Blessington, Kilcoole and Kindlestown (Greystones). Arrangements are being made for the building of more houses at Kilgarron Park, Enniskerry, and at Ballywaltrim, near Bray. In addition negotiations for the acquisition of lands are proceeding with a view to building houses at Newtownmountkennedy, Ashford, Baltinglass, Dunlavin and Tinahely, whilst it has been recommended that a fairly large area of land should be acquired in the vicinity of Bray so as to meet housing needs for an expanding population in this district. It is also considered that this land should be acquired prior to the Council carrying out a Sewerage Scheme which would enable building development at an urban density to take place there.

Housing Grants for Private Dwellings.

The Council is assisting the provision of private housing accommodation in two ways: (a) by giving Grants for the Improvement, Repair, or Reconstruction of Private Houses; and (b) by making Grants to persons who are building houses for their own occupation. There is no income limit applicable in the case of Grants for Improvements, Repairs, or Reconstruction, but such a limit applies where persons seek Grants from the Council for New Houses.

So far 1,298 Grants have been allocated for Repairs and Improvements to Private Houses and the total amount involved is £130,000. Of these 1,168 already have been paid, bringing the Capital Outlay in this respect to almost £120,000. These Grants, it should be mentioned, are in addition to those which are paid by the State. In addition, moreover, Supplementary Grants are being provided by the Council for the installation of Private Water and Sewerage for Dwellings. So far 609 such Grants have been allocated and the cost comes to £25,000. For the erection of new houses 55 Grants have been made and it involves Outlay of over £12,000.

In the Estimates now submitted provision is included for a half-year's loan charge on a new Loan of £45,000 which will be required to meet allowance of Grants at present being made and also for new Grants during the coming year. The yearly Outlay on Grants nowadays runs at about £25,000 and judging by the number of applications which continue to be received it seems as if expenditure at this rate may be expected for some time to come.

The Grants for the Improvement of Private Dwellings undoubtedly have made a very worthwhile contribution towards preserving in good condition the existing stock of houses throughout the County. They also have been used for the purpose of providing facilities such as laid-on water, sewerage and bathrooms which have improved living conditions for many people in towns, villages and rural areas. The loan charges arising on these Grants will reach £13,300 in the coming year, which is almost £1,700 more than the Outlay for 1965/'66. It means that a Rate of 1/- in the £ is required to meet the loan charges on these Grants and this could be regarded as being in the nature of a subsidy from the Rates to private housing. It must also, of course, be borne in mind that private housing is subsidised from State Funds.

Loans for Private Dwellings.

The Council has for years past been making Loans to persons building their own houses. The total amount raised for this purpose so far is £210,000. The loan charges in the coming year are expected

to reach £7,500, but they are offset by a corresponding Receipt. The borrowers re-pay in full the advances made to them by the Council and, consequently, no charge falls on local Rates.

Housing Income.

The Rental Income from Council houses shows a decrease of £2,425. For 1965/'66 it was estimated at £41,525, but it is now evident that this amount will not be realised. Having carefully examined the matter it is now concluded that the maximum Rental Income for which credit can be taken in 1966/'67 will be £39,100. It has often been mentioned that the Rental Income would be bound to decline as a result of the continued vesting of Council houses, as rents are automatically reduced by one-half when vesting takes place. In the last two years over five hundred houses have been vested and it happens that many of these were houses carrying rents at the higher levels. Seeing that by this time over 64% of Council houses have been vested it could inevitably be expected that the income from rents would decline. Furthermore, it can be expected that this decline in Rental Income will continue as vesting proceeds.

GENERAL PURPOSES.

For General Purposes, which includes a large number of items such as Scholarships, Demand of the Committee of Agriculture, Public Libraries, Fire Brigades, Blind Welfare, Electoral Lists, Elections, Coroners and Inquests, Reformatory Schools, Weights and Measures, Conveyance of Prisoners, Diseases of Animals, and Courthouses, the net charges, after deducting Receipts, are: Chargeable to County-At-Large (including Urban Districts)—£36,542; Chargeable to County Health District—£84,975. The corresponding charges in the current year's Estimates were £31,822 and £71,299.

In determining the Rate last year it was decided to take advantage of the Council's Credit Balance to the extent of £75,656 and this made a very big reduction in the Rate to be levied for General Purposes. If the Rate for the current year had been directly related to the Expenditure which had to be made then it would have been 7/7d. But bringing in a Credit of £75,656 was equivalent to reducing the Rate by 6/- so that the actual Levy was only 1/7d. When arriving at the Rate for the previous year (1964/'65) substantial Credits amounting to almost £40,000 were also applied and the Rate for that year was thereby reduced by 3/2d. It will be seen, consequently, that in the past two years Expenditure which might have been met directly from Rates has instead been met to the extent of £115,356 from Credits. At the same time the Council's Credit Balance was also used for the purpose of meeting rather heavy excesses over the provision made in the Estimates, which were due in the main to rises in hospital costs.

The Rate required for General Purposes in the coming year, and which will be one representative of the actual expected Outlay during the period, would be 8/11d. which is 7/4d. more than that in the current year.

Elections.

It has been indicated that Elections to Local Authorities will be held in 1966 and it is necessary to meet the cost of them. Consequently £3,000 is included for this purpose. It should be mentioned, however, that this is an item which only recurs every five years.

Committee of Agriculture.

The Demand of the Committee of Agriculture is up by £3,897. For the coming year it is £16,238 as compared with £12,341 for 1965/'66.

Public Libraries.

The Estimate for Public Libraries is higher by £2,216-£9,316 for 1966/'67 as compared with £7,100 for 1965/'66. This Estimate has been carefully reviewed by the Library Advisory Committee and has been submitted by them for the approval of the Council. The principal items accounting for the rise in costs are Repairs to Greystones Library—£350; Heating—£200; and Remuneration of Branch Librarians—£241. In addition it will be necessary to purchase a new Van in the coming year as the present one has been almost twelve years in commission and is now regarded as being at the end of its useful life.

Planning and Development.

Last year the amount allowed for this purpose was £2,000. In the coming year, however, the costs will reach £7,000, an increase of £5,000. It is obligatory on the Council to complete a Development Plan for the County within three years from 1st October, 1964, and a special Planning Staff is already engaged on this. Originally it was hoped that some measure of recoupment from State Funds towards the costs of Planning might be available, but it is now clear that this will not happen.

Scholarships.

Nowadays special assistance towards the provision of Scholarships is given from State Funds. In the coming year the total Outlay on Scholarships—both Secondary and University—will be £12,210 and of this £6,752, or somewhat more than one-half, will be met by the State.

Diseases of Animals—Sheep Dipping.

Some time ago the Council decided to review the arrangements for sheep dipping. A Special Committee was set up to examine the matter and they recommended that additional remuneration should be allowed to the Sheep Dipping Inspectors and that a number of new Baths be provided. In addition they recommended that an increase in payments to owners of Private Baths on the basis of number of sheep dipped should be made. An increased Outlay will also arise from the fact that double dipping is now prescribed. In all it is expected that the revised arrangements for sheep dipping will cost £3,216 more in the coming year—for 1966/'67 the cost would be £5,270 as compared to £2,054 in 1965/'66.

Courthouses.

For Repairs and Maintenance of Courthouses £700 extra is included for the coming year.

Overdraft Interest.

To meet interest on overdraft, which has to be resorted to increasingly because of the absorption of Credit Balance, £1,500 was allowed last year. The experience, however, has been that the Outlay on overdraft interest will be much in excess of this sum and has reached £4,700. In the coming year, however, the temporary borrowing commitments of the Council to meet current Expenditure can be expected to be much heavier and, consequently, the provision for overdraft interest has been increased to £6,000.

It should be mentioned that the net Outlay under the heading of General Purposes would have been greater but for an increase in the income from the Bounty in lieu of Rates and Contributions to Superannuation.

SEPARATE CHARGES.**Vocational Education Committee.**

The cost of Vocational Education is defrayed by means of a Separate Charge on the County, exclusive of Bray Urban District—Bray Urban Council operates its own Service. In the coming year the gross cost of Vocational Education will be £40,426 as compared with £35,925 in the present year. The Receipts are estimated at £6,514 (£6,053 in 1965/'66), leaving the net charge on Rates at £33,912. The Rate Levy for this purpose next year will be 2/2d. which is about 1d. lower than that required last year; this is due to the existence of a Credit Balance on this Account.

Malicious Injuries.

It is found that the provision to be made for Malicious Injury Decrees will be much greater at £2,797 compared with £311 in the present year. This will be leviable off the County-At-Large. It is disturbing to find, moreover, that there have been many further Awards in the Courts recently which will have to be met in the following year. The number of Decrees covered by the Levy for 1966/'67 is thirty-one.

Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.

The charge in respect of the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board for maintaining the Cemetery outside Wicklow at Merrymount is levied on Rathdrum Rural District and Wicklow Urban District. The amount required in the coming year is £335.

Level of Costs for the coming year.

As mentioned at the beginning of this Statement the major item affecting the Rate to be levied for the coming year is the Credit which was applied in 1965/'66. At the time the Rate for 1965/'66 was being determined it was pointed out that the process of applying Credits on a large scale towards the reduction of the Rate could not go on indefinitely and that in consequence it could be expected that the Rate for the following year would show a marked increase. Last year's Rate, if Separate Charges be excluded, was 42s. in the £ and it was the lowest in the entire State, except for County Meath. The average level of Rates last year, taking the country as a whole, was well over 50/- in the £. The Rate of 42/- was only determined after a very large sum had been applied from Credits.

As local Rates are only paid in any volume towards the end of each half of the financial year, that is, say, in August and September and from January to March, it is necessary to have available in reserve moneys which will obviate the necessity for resorting to special Bank accommodation. In a way this sort of provision could be looked on in the nature of what is termed in business "Working Capital." Roughly it could be taken that if heavy charges for overdraft interest were to be avoided an amount approaching one-sixth of the Outlay of a Local Authority should be available so as to enable the Authority to carry on during the months of April to July and November, December and January, without having to borrow temporarily to meet current expenses. In former years it was the practice of the Central Authority to draw the attention of Councils to the inadvisability of borrowing on a large scale to meet current expenses. In consequence Local Authorities endeavoured to acquire modest Credit Balances which would enable them to tide over the period during which the Rate Income would not be expected. The existence of such Credit

Balances meant that not only was overdraft interest avoided, but, in addition, ratepayers were not pressed to pay Rates on the dates set out in statutory prescription, which in fact were on the dates Demand Notes were received and the 1st of October in each year. But there is another aspect of this matter which seems to be overlooked and it is that the keeping of such modest Credit Balances with local Banks meant that the latter were enabled to make Credits available to persons requiring temporary advances for business and other activities. At a time when for various reasons there may be some restriction on Credits generally the position can become more complex if Local Authorities' Credits be absorbed in the endeavour to reduce Rate Levies. In the final analysis the disappearance of Credits will involve Local Authorities in eventually having to make further provision in Rates to meet charges resulting from temporary borrowing.

Whilst the effect of the Supplementary Grants towards Health costs which were announced some time ago will be to stabilise the Rate for Health as from 1966/'67 onwards it is not possible to keep the Rate for this Service to that which was struck for the present year. The reason for this, as already explained, is that the actual Expenditure in the current year, because of rising hospital costs and some other Health items, exceeded the provision made in the Estimates to the extent of about 1/3d., expressed as a Rate, and the consequent Debit Balance, together with a correspondingly increased provision for 1966/'67, results in the increase of 2/7d. over the provision made in the present year.

There has been much criticism of the existing Health Services, but perhaps the public generally may not realise, or may conveniently overlook, the extent to which they are being availed of each year. The figures which have been given, however, in this Statement will serve to show that the admissions to hospitals continue to rise and the Specialist Services available through both Hospitals and Clinics are being increasingly sought. The effect of the Health Services provided through the Council may in some part be measured by the progressive decline in the incidence of infectious disease. Diphtheria, which some years ago could be such a menace to youth, has now practically disappeared, whilst tuberculosis has shown quite a remarkable decline—the number of patients now undergoing institutional treatment for this disease is only eleven. In the past twelve months a Campaign for the elimination of poliomyelitis through vaccination was launched and the response was quite encouraging. Apart from the crippling effects which may follow from contracting this disease the giving of treatment can be very costly. During the year, over 17,000 young persons were provided with first and second course oral vaccine and almost 15,000 came forward for a third course. The number of persons in receipt of Disability Allowances continues to rise and at present it is 282, but the existence of these Allowances undoubtedly helps towards keeping persons in their own homes, which is much preferable to consigning them to Institutions. The inspection of school children and the provision of special treatment for those found to be suffering from defects was carried on during the past year and B.C.G. Immunisation and other measures aiming to maintain the health of the young continued to be carried out.

The unprecedented flooding in November last caused much damage in this County and has involved the Council in costly repairs to roads. Consequently the County Engineer found it necessary to ask for sums representing an additional Rate of 8½d. for this purpose. But, unfortunately, this does not reflect the full cost and the construction of new bridges will cost up to £80,000. The Council, however, has asked the Department of Local Government to meet these

latter costs from State Funds and having regard to the extraordinary character of the Expenditure it is hoped that this application will be successful.

The Rate for Housing, which is up by 6½d., would be 5/2d. if approved and this represents the extent of the subsidy which is being afforded by the Council towards public and private housing. The provision for Housing Repairs was increased because it was felt that having regard to present experience a larger sum should be made available so as to proceed with repairs required preparatory to the vesting of ownership in tenants. The Grants which are being given by the Council towards both the improvement of existing dwellings and the erection of new houses will cost £1,700 more in loan charges next year, but with their aid much useful work is being done and there is no doubt but that most of the people who are being assisted through these Schemes would not have proceeded with essential repairs and improvements, or have built their own homes, if help from the Local Authority had not been forthcoming.

Living conditions for many people have been improved through the laying on of water for their homes and in some cases by the provision of sewerage. It is hoped to make further progress with the provision of these amenities in the next few years, but, inevitably, the costs will be reflected in the level of Rates, especially when loan charges on the larger Regional Schemes come to be met. Demands for other special amenity services such as Scavenging also are being acceded to by the Council and in a number of towns and villages Household Refuse Collection already has been arranged or will shortly be introduced.

The increased Outlay on a Service such as Sheep Dipping is intended to help the farming community and it will be noted that additional funds are being provided next year for the Committee of Agriculture. As frequently mentioned when submitting the Estimates the voting of additional moneys in successive years for the Agricultural Grant has helped very much to cushion the impact of Rates on agricultural holdings.

Through Vocational Education new Schools and better opportunities are being provided for young people and in time the effects of the building of new Vocational Schools at a number of Centres in the County will be readily seen; the result should be to serve to equip the community the better to deal with the technological needs of the present era.

The data required for the Estimates has been carefully compiled by the Council's staff and mention must be made of their application, especially the County Secretary, in the administration of Services which nowadays require attention and application of unusual quality. The Estimates Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday, 28th February, 1966, and any further information required in connection with them will then be supplied.

Once again in presenting the Estimates opportunity is taken of conveying to the Chairman and Members of the Council sincere appreciation and thanks for their assistance in administering the Council's Services during the year.

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M. FLANNERY, Wicklow County Manager.

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Table Explanatory of the Estimates for the Local Financial Year ending on the 31st day of March, 1967.

ROADS

Purpose of Expenditure:	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas Are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Ordinary Road Works:				
Maintenance and Reconstruction	£ 94,190	£ 92,534	£ 87,563	£ 79,033
do. Winter Employment Schemes	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Snow Clearance	4,000	2,000	1,000	
Loan Charges	2,728	2,728	944	944
Contingencies	500	500	500	500
Special Grant Works:				
Road Fund	136,170	136,170	30,910	30,910
Other Purposes:				
Salaries, etc., of County Engineer and Assistants	5,395	5,395	7,145	7,145
Travelling Expenses of Co. Engineer and Assistants	950	950	1,800	1,800
Salaries—Clerical Staff—Co. Engineer's Office			3,778	3,778
Superannuation Allowances and Gratuities—Officers	1,568	1,568	710	710
do. Servants	4,698	4,698	4,419	4,419
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	150	150	650	650
Postage and Telephone	300	300	300	300
Stamp Duty—Paying Orders	100	100	100	100
Road Opening and Reinstatements	100	100	100	100
Miscellaneous	100	100	1,500	1,500
	£252,449	£248,793	£142,919	£133,389

ROADS:	Amount Estimated			
	In which Urban Areas Participate		In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Nature of Income:	£	£	£	£
Road Fund—Maintenance Grant	47,845	47,017		
do. Snow Clearance	2,000	1,000		
do. Special Grant	136,170	136,170	30,910	30,910
Other Receipts:				
Road Openings and other refunds	100	100	100	100
Miscellaneous Receipts (inc. refund of Insurance Claims)	100	100	1,000	1,000
Proportion of salaries and Travelling expenses of Co. Engineer and Assistant Engineers chargeable to Health, Housing and Sanitary Services	3,171	3,171	4,474	4,474
Refund of Road Fund Bonus	140	140	200	200
Weighbridge Receipts	200	200		
Superannuation Contributions	1,500	1,500	2,000	2,000
	£191,226	£189,398	£38,684	£38,684

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HEALTH

Purpose of Expenditure:	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES:	£	£
Salaries—District Medical Officers, District Nurses and Compounder	36,500	36,500
Fees for professional assistance	100	100
Medicines	16,500	16,500
Medical and surgical appliances	2,000	2,000
Dispensary, Clinic or Health Centre Expenses	3,250	3,250
Insurance, etc.	450	450
Loan Charges	600 (£59,400)	600 (£59,400)
INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES		
District Hospital, Wicklow	19,000	19,000
District Hospital, Baltinglass	31,350	31,350
Home for Aged and Infirm—St. Colman's Rathdrum	45,500 (£95,350)	45,500 (£95,350)
Extern Institutions:		
General Hospitals	170,000	170,000
Maternity Hospitals	33,000	33,000
Tuberculosis	13,500	13,500
Fever Hospitals	6,500	6,500
Homes for mental defectives, deaf and dumb, etc.	17,800	17,800
Homes for other persons	2,000 (£242,800)	2,000 (£242,800)
MENTAL HOSPITALS:		
Mental Hospital, Newcastle	89,669	89,669
Dublin Health Authority Hospitals (Mental)	119,250 (£208,919)	119,250 (£208,919)
MATERNITY AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES:		
Medical Care for Mothers and Infants:		
Fees to medical practitioners	9,000	9,000
Fees for professional assistance	50	50
Midwifery and nursing services	6,750	6,750
Obstetrical requisites	1,350	1,350
Milk for Mothers and children	3,500	3,500
Maternity Cash Grants	2,500	2,500
Child Welfare Service	3,650	3,650
School Health Service	4,700 (£31,500)	4,700 (£31,500)
C/fwd.	£637,969	£637,969

HEALTH—Contd. Purpose of Expenditure:	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
B/fwd. TUBERCULOSIS & OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES: Tuberculosis:	637,969	637,969
Salaries	4,800	4,800
Dispensary, clinic or health centre expenses	1,000	1,000
Domiciliary Welfare Service:		
Food, clothing, bedding	300	300
Mass Radiography Service	1,500	1,500
B.C.G. Service	1,500	1,500
Other Expenses:		
Fees to District Medical Officers	50	50
Other Infectious Diseases:		
Diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease	300	300
Immunisation, Vaccination and Disinfection of cloth- and bedding (inc. Polio- myelitis Vaccination)	1,000	1,000
Notification and prevention of disease	100	100
Maintenance allowances to persons suffering from in- fectious diseases	1,500 (£12,050)	1,500 (£12,050)
DENTAL, OPHTHALMIC & AURAL SERVICES: Salaries and travelling ex- penses	4,880	4,880
Fees for professional services	1,550	1,550
Dental, optical and aural ap- pliances	1,350	1,350
Extern Institutions—Out- Patients' Services	300	300
Furniture and equipment	150	150
Clinic or Health Centre expenses	100 (£8,330)	100 (£8,330)
SPECIALIST SERVICES: Out-Patient Clinics, X-Rays & Analysis of Specimens	9,800 (£9,800)	9,800 (£9,800)
REHABILITATION AND MAINTENANCE OF DIS- ABLED PERSONS: Cash Grants and other ex- penses	29,500 (£29,500)	29,500 (£29,500)
BOARDING OUT, ETC., OF CHILDREN: Maintenance, clothing and education	6,700	6,700
Approved Schools	1,000 (£7,700)	1,000 (£7,700)
AMBULANCE SERVICES & TRANSPORT OF PATIENTS	17,500 (£17,500)	17,500 (£17,500)
C/fwd.	£722,849	£722,849

HEALTH—Contd. Purposes of Expenditure: B/fwd.	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
SUPERVISION OF FOOD & DRINK	3,300 (£3,300)	3,300 (£3,300)
FLUORIDATION OF WATER SUPPLIES	700 (£700)	700 (£700)
CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIETIES: (Dist. Nursing Associations)	3,000 (£3,000)	3,000 (£3,000)
GENERAL ADMINISTRA- TION: Salaries—Co. Medical Officer and Staff	5,600	5,600
do. General Office Staff	6,100	6,100
Travelling Expenses	750	750
Stationery, Printing and Advertising	1,450	1,450
Postage & Telephone Charges	2,200	2,200
Other Expenses—Heating, Lighting, etc.	708	708
Insurances	100 (£16,908)	100 (£16,908)
ASSESSMENT—NURSES ACT 1950	30 (£30)	30 (£30)
RETIRING ALLOWANCES AND GRATUITIES	8,435 (£8,435)	8,435 (£8,435)
OTHER EXPENSES: Fees and travelling expenses: Mental Treatment Act	200	200
Proportion of salaries of En- gineers, Law Agent and Analyst	2,200	2,200
LOAN CHARGES	500 (£2,900)	500 (£2,900)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	£758,122	£758,122

HEALTH:	In which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
Nature of Income:		
Government Grants—Health Grant	363,046	363,046
Additional do.	22,366	22,366
Contributions from patients for Institutional Services:		
Council Institutions	10,750	10,750
Extern Institutions	1,400	1,400
Mental Hospital	1,030	1,030
Other Receipts:		
Hire of Ambulances	600	600
Sale of Farm Produce	1,500	1,500
Sale of offal and old stores	50	50
Rents & Ins refunds, etc.	350	350
Officers' emoluments	5,600	5,600
Contribs to Superannuation	3,200	3,200
Miscellaneous	700	700
	£410,592	£410,592

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Purpose of Expenditure	To which Urban Areas Contribute	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Home Assistance	11,500	11,500
Footwear Scheme	1,550	1,550
Cost of Burials	450	450
Registration Expenses	665	665
Salaries	8,300	8,300
Retiring Allowances	2,460	2,460
Fuel Schemes and other Expenses	1,700	1,700
TOTAL:	£26,625	£26,625

Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	
Government Grant—Footwear Scheme	775	775
Other Receipts:		
Repayments of Home Assistance	150	150
Repayments of Burial Expenses	10	10
Refund of Fees	300	300
Superannuation Contributions	150	150
TOTAL:	£1,385	£1,385

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SANITARY

Purpose of Expenditure:	From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Sewerage Schemes & Public Sanitary Conveniences—Repairs and Maintenance	5,250	5,250
Water Supplies—Repairs and Maintenance	9,810	9,810
Domestic Scavenging	3,800	3,800
Dumping Grounds	1,400	1,400
Burial Grounds	4,370	4,370
Public Lighting	4,300	4,300
Maintenance of Open Spaces	750	750
Clearance of Derelict Sites	600	600
Contribution to Water Safety	50	50
Other Expenses	450	450
Salaries—Office Staff	1,800	1,800
Engineering Staff—Proportion of salaries & travelling expenses	3,104	3,104
Shop Acts—Inspectors	10	10
Analyst—Proportion of salary	75	75
Superannuation	200	200
Loan Charges:		
Sewerage & Public Sanitary Conveniences	2,130	2,130
Water Supplies	19,200	19,200
	£57,299	£57,299

SANITARY: Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
State Grants—Contributions to		
Loan Charges	7,040	7,040
do. Derelict Sites	300	300
Water Undertakings	3,200	3,200
Burial Fees	800	800
Miscellaneous	400	400
Contributions to Superannuation	200	200
	£11,940	£11,940

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HOUSING

Purpose of Expenditure:	From which Urban Areas are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Salaries	£ 3,161	£ 3,161
Retiring Allowances	250	250
Superannuation—Employees	100	100
Remuneration of Engineers and Law Agent (portion)	6,124	6,124
Rent Collectors' Poundage	6,020	6,020
Repairs to Council Houses	14,240	11,000
Construction of Council Houses—Loan Charges	72,464	72,464
Insurances	1,400	1,400
Rates on Council Houses	17,000	17,000
Other Council Housing Expenses	305	305
Printing, Stationery and Advertising, etc.	500	500
Loan Charges:		
Housing (Loans and Grants) Acts—Erection of Private Dwellings	7,500	7,500
Housing Grants for Improvement and Erection of Private Dwellings	13,300	13,300
TOTAL FOR HOUSING CHARGES:	£142,364	£139,124

HOUSING:	In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Nature of Income:		
Labourers' Acts:	£	£
Rents of Council Houses	39,100	39,100
Housing Subsidy—State	30,000	30,000
Other Receipts	150	150
Housing (Loans & Grants) Acts—Loan Repayments	7,500	7,500
Contributions under L.G. (Superannuation) Act	150	150
TOTAL FOR HOUSING RECEIPTS:	£76,900	£76,900

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Explanatory Table of the Estimates for Financial Year ending 31st March, 1967.

GENERAL PURPOSES

Purpose of Expenditure:	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas Are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Committee of Agriculture—Demand	£	£	£	£
Public Libraries			16,238	16,238
Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963			9,316	9,316
Tourist Development	500	500	7,000	7,000
Scholarships: Secondary University	8,500	8,500		
Public Works—Local Authorities (Works) Act—Drainage Scheme	3,710	3,710		
Other Purposes:				
Salaries and Travelling Expenses	6,485	6,485	5,000	5,000
Cost of Rate Collection—Commission and Assessment			12,772	12,772
Cost of Rate Collection—Superannuation			15,245	15,245
Irrecoverable Rates, Discounts and Remissions			1,638	1,638
Tramway Employees' Pensions			1,200	1,200
Pensions: Late Union Officers	387	387	290	290
Co. Officers and Servants	906	906		
Franchise and Jurors Lists	3,000	3,000	2,673	2,673
Valuation	175	175		
Legal Expenses			200	200
Coroners and Inquests	700	700		
Postage and Telephones	750	750	1,250	1,250
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	100	100	1,150	1,150
Elections	3,000			
Assessments:				
(i) Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act	600	600		
(ii) Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act	328	328		
C/fwd.	£29,141	£26,141	£73,972	£73,972

GENERAL PURPOSES— Contd.	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas Are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Purpose of Expenditure:				
B/fwd.	£ 29,141	£ 26,141	£ 73,972	£ 73,972
Fire Brigades			17,583	17,583
Drainage of Land	100	100		
Reformatories and Industrial Schools	1,600	1,600		
Conveyance of Prisoners	100	100		
Weights and Measures	635	635		
Food and Drugs	120	120		
County Analyst	300	300		
Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Schemes	2,000	2,000		
Milk & Dairies & Slaughter of Animals Acts			850	850
Road Fund Expenses	5,278	5,278		
Blind Persons Acts	1,160	1,160		
Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Expenses	300	300		
Civil Defence	7,391	7,391		
Diseases of Animals:				
Veterinary Inspectors	1,085	1,085		
Sheep Dipping Scheme	5,270	4,770		
Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	1,000	1,000		
Courthouses and Offices:				
Repairs and Renewals	1,200	600	900	900
Rents and Expenses	600	600	750	750
Courtkeepers and Office Attendants	257	257	835	835
Loan Charges	596	596	886	886
Expenses of Pounds			75	75
Audit Fees			550	550
Travelling Expenses:				
County Councillors	1,860	1,860		
Harbour Guarantees	332	332		
Interest on Overdraft:				
General Account			6,000	6,000
Miscellaneous	200	200	600	600
	£61,065	£56,965	£103,001	£103,001
Materials Expenses	30,000	30,000		
Machinery Expenses	85,000	85,000		
	£176,065	£171,965	£103,001	£103,001

GENERAL PURPOSES— Nature of Income:	Amount Estimated			
	In which Urban Areas Participate		In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Grants—Local Authorities (Works) Act — Drainage Schemes			5,000	5,000
State Grant—Local Author- ities (Education Scholar- ships) (Amendment) Act, 1961	6,752	6,752		
Contribution to Retiring Allowances	500	500		
Licence Fees:				
Poison	6	6		
Cinematograph			7	7
Fines under Food and Drugs Acts	50	50		
Public Libraries			233	233
Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Scheme: Repayments	2,000	2,000		
Recoupments:				
Franchise & Jurors' Ex- penses	1,500	1,500		
Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Expenses	300	300		
Civil Defence—State Grant	5,153	5,153		
Fire Brigades—Contributions by Urban District Councils			4,492	4,492
Fire Brigade—Other Receipts			250	250
Diseases of Animals:				
Compensation—Bovine T.B. Order	1,000	1,000		
Milk and Dairies Acts— Contributions from Urban District Councils			97	97
Motor Registration Recoup- ment	5,278	5,278		
Valuation Certificates			3	3
Proportion of Analyst's Salary chargeable to Health and Sanitary Services	150	150		
Contributions from Urban District Councils to County Checker's Salary			50	50
Bounty in lieu of Rates			6,474	6,474
Rents from County Property	140	140	120	120
Contribution to Harbour Guarantees	94	94		
Contributions to Super- annuation	1,500	1,500	1,000	1,000
Miscellaneous	100	100	300	300
	£24,523	£24,523	£18,026	£18,026
Materials Expenses	30,000	30,000		
Machinery Expenses	85,000	85,000		
	£139,523	£139,523	£18,026	£18,026

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SEPARATE CHARGES

Expenditure:	Amount Estimated			
	To which Urban Areas Contribute		From which Urban Areas Are Exempt	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Vocational Education Committee:—	£	£	£	£
Demand	28,397	28,397		
Repayment of Loans	9,546	9,546		
Retiring Allowances	2,483	2,483		
Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board			335	335
Criminal Injuries:—				
County-At-Large	2,797	2,797		
TOTAL FOR SEPARATE CHARGES:	£43,223	£43,223	£335	£335

Nature of Income:	In which Urban Areas Participate		In which Urban Areas do not Participate	
	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£	£	£
Recoupment from Dept. of Education — One-half Expenses of Loans for Vocational Education Schools	4,773	4,773		
Recoupment proportion of Pensions	1,241	1,241		
Superannuation contributions	500	500		
	£6,514	£6,514		

CALCULATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND FOR COUNTY CHARGES

SERVICES	Estimated Gross Expenditure of the County on each Service for the ensuing Financial Year		Estimated Income of the County in respect of each Service during the ensuing Financial Year, other than those included in the Rate Account		NET EXPENDITURE on each Service being the difference between the sums in columns 2 and 4, and 3 and 5		NET AMOUNTS CHARGEABLE TO DISTRICTS			COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	CALCULATION OF NET SUM REQUIRED TO BE RAISED			RATE IN THE POUND IN COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT
	Charge-to the WHOLE COUNTY	Charge-to the COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	Applicable to the WHOLE COUNTY	Applicable to the COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	Charge-able to the WHOLE COUNTY	Charge-able to the COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	URBAN AREAS				Estimated BALANCE (if any) IN FAVOUR OF COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT at Close of Financial Year	Estimated BALANCE (if any) AGAINST COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT at Close of current Financial Year	AMOUNTS LEVIABLE OFF COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	
							Urban District of ARKLOW	Urban District of BRAY	Urban District of WICKLOW					
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8a)	(8b)	(8c)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
ROADS ..	248,793	133,389	189,398	38,684	59,395	94,705	2,342	9,931	1,919	139,908			139,908	11/0-85
HEALTH ..	758,122		410,592		347,530		13,703	58,103	11,226	264,492		16,700	281,192	22/3-04
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	26,625		1,385		25,240		995	4,220	815	19,210			19,210	1/6-24
SANITARY ..		57,299		11,940		45,359				45,359			45,359	3/7-08
HOUSING ..		139,124		76,900		62,224				62,224			62,224	4/11-09
GENERAL PURPOSES ..	171,965	103,001	139,523	18,026	32,442	84,975	1,279	5,425	1,048	109,665			96,560	7/7-70
	£1,205,505	£432,813	£740,898	£145,550	£464,607	£287,263	£18,319	£77,685	£15,008	£640,858	£13,105	£16,700	£644,453	51/0-00

The total rateable value of hereditaments effective for the purpose of the determination of the Rate in the £ to be raised on the County Health District is £250,443 8s. 0d.

CALCULATION OF

Expenditure	Estimated Income of the County in respect of each Section during the financial year		Estimated Expenditure of the County on each Section during the financial year	
	Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4
Vocational Committee;—				
Demands				
Repay				
Retiree				
Rathdrum				
Burial				
Criminal				
County				
TOTAL CHARGE				
Nature of				
Recoupment				
Educational				
Pensions				
tional				
Recoupment				
Pension				
Superannuation				

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Following the termination of the Estimates Meeting a Meeting of the Members of the Council to deal with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill Wicklow, on 7th March, 1953.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors P. McCarthy, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett T.D., Roger Miley, J. D. Haughton and J. Gregory. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-chairman, presided in the absence of Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, due to illness.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers R. L. Farrell and P. McGuinness, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell and P. T. Hickey attended.

AGENDA:

1. Application for Supplementary Grant for New House at Blacklion, Greystones.
2. Housing Scheme at Kilgarron, Enniskerry—Recommendation of Members of Council for Bray Electoral Area on leasing of Sites.
3. Housing Survey.
4. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:—"That Council provide a fully serviced cottage at Kilcasshel, Avoca, for Mr. J. Moody on lands offered by Mr. Leslie Sharpe, as Mr. Moody is already living in an overcrowded house at Kilcasshel."
5. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—"That the Council consider building an extra twenty houses in Grattan Park, Greystones, in view of the number of applications received in the Greystones area and that the Council enter into a Contract with the present Contractor and build extra houses."
6. Housing Scheme at Laragh—Proposed erection of two additional houses.
7. Acquisition of plots at Oldcourt, Bray, for Housing.
8. Housing Sites at Ashford.
9. Provision of Rural Cottages.
10. Sites for private houses at Blessington.
11. Vacant allotment at Tomnaskela, Aughrim.
12. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley requesting "Report on possibility of providing a right-of-way to cottage at Preban, Aughrim, occupied by Thomas Hayden."
13. Vacant cottage at Moneyteigue, Aughrim — Report of Assistant County Engineer on repairs required.
14. Supplementary Grants for provision of Private Water Supplies and Sewerage Facilities—To authorise borrowing of £15,000.
15. Labourers' Act, 1965—Letter from Department of Local Government re provisions of Act in relation to sale of Labourers' Cottages.
16. Applications for consent to sale of Vested Cottages at (1) Ballybeg, Rathnew; (2) Ballinglen; (3) Coolgarrow, Avoca; and (4) Blessington.
17. Applications for consent to sub-division of Vested Cottage Plots.

18. Application for Loan for Erection of New House at Blacklion, Greystones.
19. Water Supply for houses at Ennis Lane and Redford—Letter from Dublin Corporation re Water Supply.
20. Repairs to Cottages carried out during the month of February, 1966, and Cottages to be repaired during month of March, 1966.

Item No. 1—Application for Supplementary Grant for New House at Blacklion, Greystones.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That subject to the necessary moneys being available we approve of the payment of a Supplementary Grant of £300 to Joseph Hoey, 53, Lower Windgates, Greystones, in respect of the erection of a house at Blacklion, Greystones.

Passed unanimously.

Funds for Housing in Coming Year.

The County Manager stated that it appeared from preliminary information supplied to the Council by the Department by telephone that the amounts of Capital which would be made available to the Council by way of Loans in the coming year would be limited. From the preliminary information given it seemed that the Council might not be in a position to proceed with all the Housing Schemes which had been planned or proposed for the coming year and that sufficient funds might not be available to enable the Council to meet all applications for Supplementary Grants for Repair and Improvement of Houses, in respect of New Houses, and Provision of Private Water Supply and Sewerage Facilities, nor to meet applications for Loans for the Purchase of Houses. It had been indicated to the Council that the maximum amount which was likely to be made available in the coming year for the purpose of making Loans to persons wishing to build their own houses would be only £30,000. The Council had received sanction to a Loan of £20,000 within the previous few weeks, but it was not clear whether the £30,000 indicated as being available in the coming year would be in addition to the £20,000 recently notified. In consequence it seemed that sufficient funds would not be available to the Council to meet in full all applications for Loans for the purpose of the purchase or erection of new houses. The amount which the Council had been expending on Supplementary Grants for Repair and Improvement of Houses had been increasing each year and in the current year £12,931 had been paid and applications on hands amounted to £17,000. A Loan of £30,000 had been sought to meet these applications, but so far sanction had not been received. In consequence the Council agreed that any approvals to payments of Supplementary Grants would have to be made subject to the condition that the necessary moneys were available to the Council to defray the cost of such Grants or Loans.

Item No. 2—Housing Scheme at Kilgarron, Enniskerry—Recommendation of Members of Council for Bray Electoral Area on Leasing of Sites.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we approve of the Layout and House Plans for the development of the remaining part of the Council's Housing Site at

Kilgarron, Enniskerry, and note that the documents will be submitted for the approval of the Department of Local Government. We approve also of the leasing of sites on the Scheme to suitable applicants wishing to erect houses for themselves with the aid of Loans and Grants (where appropriate) from the Council and of these applicants availing of the Council's House Plans, and of a charge of £10 per annum being made by way of Ground Rent in respect of the proportion of the cost of the site and development.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Housing Survey.

Particulars of the Housing Survey carried out during May and June, 1965, with the recommendations as to the likely housing needs for the various areas in the County over the next five years, had been circulated to the Members. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., expressed disagreement with the Report and pointed out that at least ten applications had been received from persons in Rathnew living in overcrowded houses and that the figure of eight houses for Rathnew was inadequate. He considered also that the estimate in respect of Newtownmount-kennedy was also too low. Councillor Miss Walsh pointed out that no separate provision for additional houses in Avoca was included and Councillor Temple pointed out that there were seventy-three applicants for nine houses at Grattan Park, Greystones, and that there appeared to be a much greater demand for houses in that area. The Council decided to refer the matter of the Housing Survey for examination by the Members of the Council for each Electoral Area at separate Meetings. Meetings were arranged to be held at Blessington on Thursday, 10th March, at 7.00 p.m.; at Wicklow on Tuesday, 15th March, at 3.00 p.m.; and at Bray on Tuesday, 15th March, at 7.30 p.m. It was agreed to defer fixing a date for the Meeting for the Arklow Electoral Area until Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, could be available. The Council agreed that the County Medical Officer attend at each Meeting.

The following Report of the Housing Survey had been circulated to the Members:—

HOUSING SURVEY

ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS

As a result of an examination of housing needs carried out in May and June, 1965, the following details were compiled:

Unfit Dwellings.

It is estimated there are 48 unfit dwellings in the County Health District, of which 18 are capable of repair and improvement, leaving 30 to be dealt with as completely obsolescent. Of the latter 20 are occupied by farmers.

During the five year period, 1960 to 1964, 64 unfit houses were dealt with under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931. 41 houses were ordered to be demolished and Repair Notices were served in 23 cases.

On the basis of these figures it would appear the Council will require to build 8 houses each year on the grounds of obsolescence or 40 houses over the next five years.

An estimate of the number of houses which will become unfit due to obsolescence in the period to 1970 is subjoined.

Greystones/Deiganey area	5
Kilcoole	3
Rathnew	5
Rathdrum	3
Baltinglass	5
Blessington	3
Aughrim	3
Dunlavin	5
Newtownmountkennedy	3
Carnew	3
Roundwood	2
Enniskerry	2
Ashford	2
Rural areas	15
Total:	59

Overcrowding:

Records show there are approximately 80 families living in overcrowded conditions at the moment. It is anticipated that due to population growth and new family formation particularly in the North Eastern part of the county an additional 16 new houses per annum will be required.

Summary of annual housing requirements over the next five years.

Replacement of obsolescent houses	8 per annum
Overcrowding	20 per annum
Population growth and new family formation	16 per annum
Total	44 per annum

Housing Schemes in Progress or for which contracts have been entered into:

Scheme	No. of houses
Laragh	6
Blessington	10
Carnew	5
Aughrim	6
Grattan Park, Greystones	9
Kilcoole	10
Bawnogue, Baltinglass	2
Total	48 houses

Acquisition of Sites.

Sites have been acquired and plans are in course of preparation for two single rural cottages—at Ballard, Kilbride, and at Ardinary, Brittas Bay.

In addition the Council's Solicitor is arranging for the acquisition of sites for 3 other rural cottages at Coolmoney, Moylisha, and Stratford-on-Slaney. He also has in hands the acquisition of three further plots in Carnew which would accommodate 5 further houses.

The following sites in Council ownership are also available:

Kilgarron Enniskerry	40 houses
Grattan Park, Greystones	50 houses
Kilcoole	5 houses
Rathdrum	6 houses
Total	101 houses

Negotiations are in progress for the purchase of sites at Newtownmountkennedy, Ashford, Tinahely Ballywaltrim and Boghall (near Bray).

Sites are also being sought in the following areas:—

Arklow Environs.

Rathnew.

Dunlavin.

Baltinglass.

Population Growth.

The census of population taken in 1961 can hardly be relied upon to give population trends which could be applied to the present year, but it might be noted that whilst almost all areas showed a reduced population as compared with 1957, the following areas showed increases:

Blessington	2.7 per cent.
Enniskerry	8.5 per cent.
Environs of Bray	4.0 per cent.
Aughrim	1.3 per cent.
Avoca	10.7 per cent.

All other areas showed a decline in population ranging from 0.2 per cent in Carnew to 35.5 per cent. in Ballyknockan. Areas which showed a particularly large decline were:—

Glendalough	19.2 per cent.
Newtownmountkennedy	14.2 per cent.
Kilcoole	11.0 per cent.
Ashford	10.0 per cent.

Analysis of Applications for Vacant Houses.

The following information has been derived from lettings of existing houses in recent years and the applications for them when advertised:

(a) The number of houses which became available for letting in 1960 was 76 and the average number of applicants per house was 2.9; whilst for the first six months of 1965 only 10 houses became available for letting and the average number of applicants had increased to 7.8 per house.

(b) A house let at Grattan Park, Greystones, in January 1960 produced 13 applicants, and three of these, or 23 per cent., were married persons under 30 years. A house recently advertised for letting at Kindlestown, Greystones, produced 38 applications and 23 of these, or 60 per cent., were from married persons under 30 years. The inference to be drawn, apart from the increase in the number of applications, would appear to be that the marriage age, in this area at least, is considerably lower.

Housing Requirements by Areas.

A rough estimate of housing requirements due to obsolescence, population growth and new family formation for the five year period 1965 to 1970 might be taken as:

Towns, villages and their immediate vicinity:

Greystones/Delgany area	30 houses
Bray area	20 "
Aughrim	10 "
Blessington	10 "
Baltinglass	5 "
Kilcoole	15 "
Rathnew	8 "
Arklow rural area	6 "
Dunlavin	6 "
Newtownmountkennedy	10 "
Enniskerry	20 "
Ashford	6 "
Tinahely	6 "
Carnew	8 "
Rathdrum	5 "
Roundwood	2 "
Rural areas outside of Towns and villages	15 "
Total	182 houses

It must be stressed that this is an approximate estimate of requirements over the five year period to 1970 and is based in part on expected population trends.

Sites for Private Building.

Sites are available for persons erecting private dwellings at Blessington, Grattan Park, Greystones, and Kilgarron, Enniskerry. On the

success of the Council's efforts to acquire lands in other areas will depend the availability of sites for this purpose.

Item No. 4—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:—
"That Council Provide a Fully Serviced Cottage at Kilcashel, Avoca, for Mr. J. Moody on Lands Offered by Mr. Leslie Sharpe, as Mr. Moody is already Living in an Overcrowded House at Kilcashel."

The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had reported that Mr. Moody's present accommodation was unfit, but in view of the fact that the applicant had no land of his own he felt it would be better to provide the cottage in Avoca as one of a group rather than an isolated one. The Assistant County Engineer had been asked to investigate the possibility of providing a site on which six houses might be built. On the proposal of Councillor Quigley, seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh, it was agreed that the site offered by Mr. Moody's employer be examined.

The Council adjourned consideration of the remaining items on the Agenda to a Meeting to be held on 14th March, 1966.

Notice of Motion.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., was handed in and accepted by the Chairman:—

"That the Council provide at least sixteen houses at Rathnew in view of the number of applications received in the Rathnew area and that a Contract be advertised for immediate attention."

Wicklow County Council

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th March, 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors P. McCarthy, John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley and J. Gregory.

In the absence of the Chairman, due to illness, Councillor H. J. Byrne presided. The County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers R. L. Farrell and P. McGuinness, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell and P. T. Hickey, attended.

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1. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge: "That the Council consider building an extra twenty houses in Grattan Park, Greystones, in view of the number of applications received in the Greystones area and that the Council enter into a Contract with the present Contractor and build extra houses."
2. Housing Scheme at Laragh—Proposed erection of two additional houses.
3. Acquisition of plots at Oldcourt, Bray, for Housing.
4. Housing Sites at Ashford.
5. Provision of Rural Cottages.
6. Sites for private houses at Blessington.
7. Vacant allotment at Tomnaskela, Aughrim.
8. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley requesting "Report on possibility of providing a right-of-way to cottage at Preban, Aughrim, occupied by Thomas Hayden."
9. Vacant cottage at Moneyteigue, Aughrim—Report of Assistant County Engineer on repairs required.
10. Supplementary Grants for provision of Private Water Supplies and Sewerage Facilities—To authorise borrowing of £15,000.
11. Labourers' Act, 1965—Letter from Department of Local Government re provisions of Act in relation to sale of Labourers' Cottages.
12. Applications for consent to sale of Vested Cottages at (1) Ballybeg, Rathnew; (2) Ballinglen; (3) Coolgarrow, Avoca; (4) Blessington; and (5) Lower Windgates, Greystones.
13. Applications for consent to sub-division of Vested Cottage Plots.
14. Application for Loan for Erection of New House at Blacklion, Greystones.
15. Water Supply for houses at Ennis Lane and Redford—Letter from Dublin Corporation re Water Supply.
16. Repairs to Cottages carried out during the month of February, 1966, and Cottages to be repaired during month of March, 1966.
17. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd January, 1966.
18. Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 30th June, 1966.

19. Applications for Closing of Roads at (1) Moneymeen/Aughavannagh/Derrybawn and Laragh/Sallygap on 11th April, 1966; and (2) Enniskerry on 30th April, 1966.
20. Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh re taking over of roads as follows: (1) About 300 yards of Barrack Road-Kilcashel—as far as County Council cottages and put in proper repair; and (2) "Berney Road"—from Tyner's of Minmore to the head of the Berney—for repair and surfacing."
21. Application from Bray Urban District Council for recoupment of cost of acquisition of premises at Bray for road improvement.
22. Scholarships Scheme for 1966—Applications received.
23. Letter from Bolands, Ltd., re Jubilee Scholarships Scheme.
24. Application from Little Bray Residents' Association for reception of Deputation.
25. Newcastle Mental Hospital—Letter from Department of Health re opening of Hospital and accommodation to be provided.
26. Report of Councillors Miss M. Walsh and Mrs. M. Ledwidge on visit to Peamount Sanatorium.
27. Additional public light at Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim—Estimate from E.S.B.
28. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge: "That a light be provided between the village of Enniskerry and Monastery; also an extra light be provided at Kilgarron Park and the existing one be re-sited."
29. Protection of Greystones Harbour—Letter from Greystones and District Civic Association.
30. Presidential Election—Letter from Eoin O Mathghamhna.
31. Letter from Hon. Secretary, Baltinglass Branch, I.C.A., applying for Grant towards cost of erection of Swimming Pool.
32. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley: "That Council request Government to introduce legislation granting travelling allowance and subsistence allowance to all jurors summoned, similar to that allowed to County Councillors."
33. Letter from Department of Local Government notifying increase in Audit Fees.
34. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Resolutions of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor M. Deering, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members of the Council with the widow and family of the late Dr. J. J. Hickey, who had been a former Member of the Council.

On the proposal of Councillor Miss M. Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the Council passed a vote of sympathy with the family and relatives of the late Mr. Thomas Birthis'le of Arklow, who had been a former Member of the Council.

Provision of Access Road to serve Industrial Site at "The Murrough," Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that there was a possibility of a new industry being set up on a site owned by Messrs. Gouldings at "The Murrough," Wicklow, but in order to provide access to this site and to other sites which could be made available for industry at this place it would be necessary to extend the present concrete road. The extension of the road would be in the County Health District and outside the boundaries of Wicklow Urban District. The Chief Assistant County Engineer had reported that the length of the road would be 1,100 lin. yards and the cost, if constructed in tarmacadam, would be

£9,000. If the Council approved of the work it was proposed that the construction of the road would be financed from the County Road Improvement Grant.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of providing a new road at "The Murrough," Wicklow, to serve Industrial Area at "The Murrough."

Passed unanimously.

Supply of Reconditioned Bridges.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 10th March, 1966, from Department of Local Government, in which it was indicated that there was no objection to the Council's proposal to accept the Tender of Messrs. Acrow (Engineers), Ltd., in the sum of £14,750 for the supply and erection of five reconditioned 'Bailey' Bridges. It was stated in the letter that the cost could be met from any balance of the Council's County Road Improvement Grant for 1965/'66 unexpended and any additional requirement from the unexpended balance of the Council's Main Road Improvement Grant. The Council noted the terms of the Department's letter.

Item No. 1—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge—"That the Council consider building an extra twenty Houses in Grattan Park, Greystones, in view of the number of applications received in the Greystones area and that the Council enter into a Contract with the present Contractor and build extra Houses."

The County Secretary stated that the Architect had reported that the Contractor was prepared to build a further 11 houses at Grattan Park at the same price as the present ones. The cost of erection of the eleven houses would be £20,945. In reference to the proposal of Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge that the Council accept the Contractor's offer the County Secretary suggested that it would be wiser to await the decision of the Department of Local Government as to what moneys would be available for Housing in the coming year. The Council agreed to defer a decision on the matter to the next Housing Meeting.

Item No. 2—Housing Scheme at Laragh—Proposed Erection of two Additional Houses.

The Council agreed to defer consideration of this proposal to the next Meeting pending information from the Department of Local Government in regard to the moneys which would be available for Housing in the coming year. Councillor R. Miley complained that the tenants of the new houses were unable to get a car or truck into their houses and that a back entrance would be necessary. It was agreed that the matter of providing a rear entrance would be examined.

Item No. 3—Acquisition of Plots at Oldcourt, Bray, for Housing.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Resolved—That we approve of offers of £100 per site being made to tenants at Oldcourt, Bray, in respect of acquisition by the Council of portion of their plots for housing purposes.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Housing Sites at Ashford.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Architect had suggested that two sites at Ashford (owned by Mr. Cannon and Mr. Fitzpatrick) might be acquired, as each site would cater for five houses. The owners of the sites, however, were not prepared to sell and the Council would have to acquire the land compulsorily. The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer had reported that there was only one qualified applicant for housing at Ashford and suggested that it would be advisable to provide houses at Rathnew, where all services were available. The Council referred the matter for further consideration by the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area.

Item No. 5—Provision of Rural Cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That subject to the sanction of the Minister we approve of Tenders being invited for the erection of houses on agreed sites at (a) Ardinary, Brittas Bay; (b) Moylisha, Clonegal; (c) Ballard, Kilbride; (d) Coolmoney, Donard (2); and (e) Lemonstown, Dunlavin.

We hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £21,900 from the Commissioners of Public Works, re-payable over a period of fifty years, to defray the cost of the erection of these six houses, together with the cost of erection of houses at (f) Eadestown, Stratford; (g) Johnstown, Arklow; and (h) Bawnogue, Baltinglass (2).
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Sites for Private Houses at Blessington.

The County Secretary submitted a revised Site Plan prepared by Council's Architect for two private houses to be erected on sites 'C' and 'D' at Blessington. Councillor J. Miley suggested that the two sites for private houses should be located at the entrance to the Scheme instead of in the position suggested by the Architect and he suggested also that a site could be made available for two additional Council houses. It was agreed that the Architect would visit Blessington to examine the Scheme and to consider the proposals put forward by Councillor Miley.

Item No. 7—Vacant Allotment at Tomnaskela, Aughrim.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we approve of the letting of allotment at Tomnaskela, Aughrim, to Richard T. Woods, "Tallyho House," Aughrim, he being the only applicant for this tenancy.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Notice of motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley requesting "Report on possibility of providing a right-of-way to Cottage at Preban, Aughrim, occupied by Thomas Hayden."

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that this cottage (which was built for the Hayden family in the old farmyard) had access from a lane which had been in existence for many years. The lane had fallen into disrepair, but it was not the responsibility of the Council to maintain it. The cost

of constructing a new right-of-way from the cottage to the roadway for a distance of approximately 150 yards would be considerable. An estimate of the cost had been submitted some years previously, but the work was not approved.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That the Council repair the existing right-of-way.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Vacant Cottage at Moneyteigus, Aughrim — Report of Assistant County Engineer on Repairs Required.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That having considered Report of Assistant County Engineer we approve of the necessary repairs to cottage at Moneyteigue, Aughrim, and of the repairs required to the approach lane to the cottage.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Supplementary Grants for provision of Private Water Supply and Sewerage Facilities—To authorise borrowing of £15,000.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the borrowing of a sum of £15,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, re-payable over a period of twenty-five years, to defray the cost of Supplementary Grants for the Provision of Private Water Supply and Sewerage Facilities, and approve of the continued operation of the Council's Scheme for a further year to 31st March, 1967, subject to the necessary moneys being available to the Council for the purpose of meeting the cost of the Supplementary Grants.
Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary for the Council to consider whether they would continue to operate the Scheme for payment of Supplementary Grants for the Repair and Improvement of Houses and for the Erection of New Houses for a future year. He suggested that if the Council decided to continue the Scheme it would be necessary to do so subject to the condition that the necessary moneys were made available to the Council to meet the cost of the payment of the Grants.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we approve of the continued operation of the Council's Scheme for the payment of Supplementary Grants for the Repair and Improvement of Houses and for the Erection of New Houses for a further year to 31st March, 1967, subject to the necessary moneys being available to the Council to meet the cost of the payment of such Grants.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Labourers' Act, 1965—Letter from Department of Local Government re Provisions of Act in relation to Sale of Labourers' Cottages.

The following Circular Letter from the Department of Local Government had been circulated to the Members:—

Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil,
Teach An Chustaim,
Baile Atha Cliath 1.
24 Feabhra, 1966.

Circular Letter No. H.1/66.

LABOURERS ACT, 1965.
SALE OF LABOURERS COTTAGES.

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1. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to enclose a copy of the Labourers Act, 1965, which became law on the 3rd November. This circular letter does not purport to contain a comprehensive review of the provisions of the Act, which should be studied in detail by the appropriate officers of the housing authority.

2. Section 17 of the Labourers Act, 1936, provides that a vested cottage (which, in this context, includes a plot) shall not, during the period for the payment of the annuity, be alienated otherwise than by devise or by operation of law or by sale with the consent of the housing authority. The section also provides that a cottage shall not be subdivided or used otherwise than for the accommodation of an agricultural labourer and his family.

3. Section 21 of the 1936 Act provides that a vested cottage may not, during the period for the payment of the annuity, be mortgaged or charged.

4. These provisions were designed to ensure that cottages provided from public funds would continue to be used for the accommodation of agricultural labourers and their families notwithstanding the sale by housing authorities of the cottages to their occupants. With the passage of time the provisions have been found to be unduly restrictive. Section 2(1) of the Labourers' Act, 1965, provides for some relaxation by enabling a housing authority to consent to the mortgaging, charging, alienation or subdivision of a cottage. The relaxation is not intended in any sense as a general departure from the policy that cottages should be used as far as possible for the accommodation of persons in need of housing.

Mortgaging or Charging.

5. In accordance with this general objective, a housing authority should normally consent, under section 2(1) of the Act of 1965, to the mortgaging or charging of a cottage or plot only where the mortgage or charge is intended to secure a loan for the reconstruction or improvement of the cottage or for some other housing purpose.

Refusal by Housing Authority of Consent to Sale of Cottage.

6. Similarly, section 2(2) will strengthen the powers of the housing authority to refuse consent to the sale of a cottage by a vested owner if they consider that the sale would not be in the best interests of housing policy. Before the enactment of the provision there was doubt as to whether an authority could refuse consent to a sale solely on the grounds that the proposed purchaser was not an agricultural labourer. It was also doubtful if they could refuse consent even if the proposed sale would leave the vendor or his family without accommodation—thus, perhaps, again throwing the responsibility for housing them on the authority. Section 2(2) gets over these difficulties by providing specifically that a housing authority may refuse consent to the alienation of the cottage if they are of opinion that—

- (i) the person to whom it is intended to alienate the cottage is not a person in need of housing, or
- (ii) the alienation would leave the vendor or his dependents without suitable housing.

Consent by Housing Authority to Sale or Subdivision of Cottage or Plot.

7. These two criteria should, therefore, be applied by a housing authority when a request for their consent to the sale of a cottage is received. If the proposed purchaser is a person in need of housing but not an agricultural labourer as statutorily defined, the Minister would be prepared to consent to the suspension by the authority of the conditions of section 17 of the Labourers Act, 1936, which require that the cottage shall not be used except for the accommodation of an agricultural labourer and his family. Similarly, if the purchaser is a farmer buying the cottage for the accommodation of a workman, the Minister would not object to consent being given by the authority where no other eligible purchaser is forthcoming who would be willing to use the cottage for his own accommodation. In all cases where the consent of the authority is sought to the sale of a cottage to a person who is not in need of housing, the authority should consider if purchase by them to meet an ascertained housing need would be justified.

8. Where the sale or transfer of a cottage is proposed and the housing authority are agreeable, section 2(3) of the Act of 1965 enables them, before consenting, to require the annuity to be redeemed. Alternatively, they may, under section 2(5), consent without requiring redemption of the annuity. If the plot or part of the plot held with a cottage is being charged, mortgaged or subdivided, the authority are required, under section 2(4), to apportion the annuity and, where a sale or transfer is involved, to require to be redeemed the part of it which relates to the land being divided from the cottage.

(1) Cessation of Statutory Restrictions.

9. When an annuity or apportioned part of an annuity is redeemed in full, all the restrictions on the sale of the property to which the annuity or part relates, the uses to which it may be put, and on mortgaging subdivisions, etc., will, under section 4, cease and the property could, for instance, be used without reference to the housing authority for business purposes or re-sold by the purchaser at a profit. The Act also permits of the redemption of part of an annuity on a cottage. Where this happens, the restrictions will cease to apply to such extent as the authority may, by order, determine.

10. An amount for the redemption of the annuity based on a purely mathematical calculation of the present value of the annuity, which is generally small, would yield a figure disproportionately low in relation to the benefits to the purchaser of having the property freed from the existing restrictions. Accordingly, the amount which the Minister will be prepared to approve under section 3, for the redemption of an annuity, will be assessed on the basis of the current market value of the cottage (or, if appropriate, of the plot or part of the plot) at the date redemption is proposed, due allowance being made for the number of years for which the annuity has been paid on the cottage. For example, if a cottage has a market value free from annuity and other statutory conditions of £800 and the annuity has been paid for 15 years out of a total payment period of forty years, the purchaser should get credit for 15/40ths of the market value, i.e., £300, so that the amount which he should normally be required to pay for redemption would be £500. Where, following subdivision, a

bona-fide sale or transfer of a plot as a housing site for a member of the family or of the household of the vested owner is proposed, the authority may accept in redemption only the present value of the part of the annuity apportioned by them in respect of the plot.

(2) Retention of Statutory Restrictions.

11. Where a housing authority wish to ensure that the statutory restrictions will continue to apply to a cottage which the vested owner proposed to sell, and, at the same time consider that they should get some benefit from a transaction which their capital and work made possible, they should require payment to them of an amount under section 2(5). The amount which the Minister would be prepared to approve for the purposes of this subsection will normally be not less than one-third of the current market value of the interest being sold, subject to the proviso that, in general, the amount paid to the authority should not exceed the price that would have to be paid under subsection 2(3) for the redemption of the annuity (and consequent freeing of the cottage from the statutory conditions). Where, however, a bona-fide transfer or assignment to a member of the family or of the household of the vested owner is proposed, the authority should not require any payment to them as a condition of their consent.

Redemption of Annuity.

12. Section 3 provides that an annuity or any part of an annuity may, if the housing authority think fit, be redeemed by the person liable to pay it. Thus, the purchaser of a cottage could, independently of any question of sale or transfer, redeem his annuity if the authority agreed. The amount for redemption of which the Minister would normally be prepared to approve in these circumstances is as set out in paragraph 10.

13. Individual cases under paragraphs 10, 11 and 12 should, until further notice, be submitted for the approval of the Minister.

14. Moneys received by a council in respect of the redemption of an annuity or under subsection 2(5) of the Act should be used for a housing capital purpose such as the provision of additional housing, the payment of supplementary grants, the redemption of loans, etc. Subsidy will cease in respect of any cottage on which the annuity is redeemed.

15. The Land Registry should be notified of all cases in which annuities are redeemed or apportioned so that they may make any necessary amendments in their records. The details should be given in the form of a simple certificate containing any information necessary for identification of the cottage concerned and for rectification of the register.

16. This circular replaces circular no. H.7/59 of 28th May, 1959, dealing with the sale of vested cottages.

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To all County Councils.

The County Secretary submitted a number of applications for consent to the sale of vested cottages, together with proposals as to the terms on which the Council might consent to sales in certain of the cases. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., expressed disagreement with the County Secretary's views as to the manner in which the Circular Letter from the Department of Local Government should be interpreted and proposed that the Council should obtain the opinion of the Council's Law Agent. On the suggestion of Councillor J. Temple it was agreed that the Law Agent attend at the next Meeting of the

Council to advise the Members on queries raised by Members in the course of the Meeting. The Council also decided to adjourn consideration of the applications for consent to sub-division of vested cottage plots to the next Meeting for the attendance of the Council's Solicitor.

Item No. 14—Application for Loan for Erection of New House at Blacklion, Greystones.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That subject to the necessary moneys being available to the Council we approve of the making of a loan of £300 to Mr. Joseph Hoey, 53, Lower Windgates, Greystones, in respect of the erection of a house at Blacklion, Greystones, subject to compliance with the provisions of the Council's Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill, the Council approved of the making of a Loan of £1,500 to Mr. Jeremiah Kelly, Cryhelp, Dunlavin, subject to confirmation of income and compliance with the terms of the Council's Scheme, and to the necessary moneys being available.

Item No. 15—Water Supply for Houses at Ennis Lane and Redford—Letter from Dublin Corporation re Water Supply.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had been informed by the Corporation of Dublin (Waterworks Section), that as the supply from Roundwood to the City was already fully committed the application for additional supplies in County Wicklow could not be granted. Councillor Temple expressed regret that the Corporation had again refused the Council a supply of water, but pointed out that the County Engineer was meeting the City Engineer during the week in connection with the matter of water supplies and suggested that the Council might await the result of this meeting. The Council agreed to await the result of further discussions with the Corporation.

Item No. 16—Repairs to Cottages carried out during the Month of February, 1966, and Cottages to be repaired during the Month of March, 1966.

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired during the month of February and of those to be repaired during the month of March, 1966.

Item No. 17—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor A. H. Hadden:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd January, 1966.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 18—Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 30th June, 1966.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the quarter to 30th June, 1966, shall not exceed £250,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 19—Applications for Closing of Roads at (1) Moneymeen/Aughavannagh/Derrybawn, and Laragh/Sallygap on 11th April 1966; and (2) Enniskerry on 30th April, 1966.

In regard to the proposed closing of roads from Moneymeen via Aughavannagh to Derrybawn and from Laragh to Sallygap the County Secretary stated that this application was made by the R.I.A.C. in respect of the Gallagher Circuit of Ireland International Rally. It was requested that the road from Moneymeen to Aughavannagh and to Derrybawn be closed from 5.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. on Easter Monday, the 11th April, and the road from Laragh to Sallygap from 5.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. on that date. A letter had been received from Supt. Brett, Garda Síochána, Wicklow, who drew attention to the number of houses situated on the road between Laragh and Glenmacnass, the occupants of which would not be able to enter or leave their houses while the road was closed as there was no alternative route. Following a discussion on the matter it was proposed by Councillor R. Miley, seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the roads described hereunder on Monday, 11th April, 1966, for the periods specified after each of the roads and authorise the holding of a Motor Car Rally on these roads while so closed to public traffic:—

County Road No. 129 from Moneymeen to Aughavannagh, continuing by the Military Road (County Roads Nos. 128 and 83) via Drumgoff Bridge to Derrybawn: From 5.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

Military Road (County Roads Nos. 57 and 58), from Car Park at Glenmacnass to the Crossroads at Sallygap: From 5.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Passed unanimously.

The second application was made by the Irish Motor Racing Club, Ltd., for the closing of roads at Enniskerry on Saturday, the 30th April, 1966, from 1.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. for the purposes of the Annual Hill Climb. Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge stated that a wall had been damaged in the course of this Hill Climb two years previously and suggested that permission should not be given unless it was confirmed that this wall had been repaired. The Council deferred a decision on the matter for confirmation that the damaged wall had been repaired.

Item No. 20—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh re Taking Over of Roads as follows: (1) About 300 yards of Barrack Road—Kilcashel—as far as County Council Cottages and put in proper repair; and (2) "Berney Road"—from Tyner's of Minmore to the Head of the Berney—for repair and surfacing."

The County Secretary stated that the second road referred to was a County Road and was maintained by the Council, but it was little used except by the Tyner family and by forestry workers. The road was a gravel road and was kept in a reasonable state of repair. The Council agreed to refer the proposals for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area when considering the Roads Estimates for the coming year.

The Council adjourned the remaining items on the Agenda to the next Meeting to be held on the 21st March, 1966.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council to deal with the remaining items on the Agenda was held on the 21st March, 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory and H. W. Hopkins.

In the absence of the Chairman, due to illness, Councillor H. J. Byrne presided. The County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers R. L. Farrell and P. McGuinness, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell and P. T. Hickey attended.

Item No. 21—Application from Bray Urban District Council for Recoupment of Cost of Acquisition of Premises at Bray for Road Improvement.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the recoupment to Bray Urban District Council of the total sum of £3,270 4s. 6d. being the cost of purchase of premises at 37, Castle Street, Bray, required for Road Improvement, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of the purchase of the premises.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 22—Scholarships Scheme for 1966—Applications Received.

The County Secretary reported on the applications received to compete under the Council's Scholarships Scheme for 1966 and stated that all candidates who applied to compete under Clause 1 (b) of the Scheme, i.e., as being within the income limits, had been accepted, with the exception of six. Details of these candidates were submitted to the Council and the Council noted that in two cases the candidates could not be accepted as being within the income limits, but that in the remaining four where satisfactory proof of income had not been submitted that the applicants be notified that they were not accepted as eligible to compete under Clause 1 (b), but that if they submitted satisfactory proof of eligibility within a specified time the decision could be reconsidered.

Item No. 23—Letter from Bolands, Ltd., Re Jubilee Scholarships Scheme.

The Council noted the letter from Bolands, Ltd., indicating that the Company was instituting a number of Jubilee Scholarships to be awarded to female students who proposed to avail of Secondary Education after completion of the necessary period of attendance at a Primary School. It was noted that the Scheme was intended to commemorate the part played by the women of Ireland in the 1916 Rising. The County Secretary stated that the value of each Scholarship would be £50 per annum and that the Scholarships were renewable for up to four years. Ten Scholarships in all were being awarded but not more than one Scholarship would be awarded in any individual County. The Council complimented the Company on the Scheme.

Item No. 24—Application from Little Bray Residents' Association for Reception of Deputation.

The Council considered letter of 2nd March, 1966, from Little Bray Residents' Association requesting that a Deputation be received by the County Council with reference to flood prevention in Bray and the Greater Dargle Area. Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area pointed out that Bray Urban District Council had already agreed to receive a Deputation from the Association and suggested that since five of the six Members for the Bray Electoral Area were also Members of the Urban District Council that the matters being raised by the Association could be dealt with at the Urban District Council Meeting. The Council agreed that the Secretary of the Association be informed that the matters referred to in their letter could be considered when their Deputation was received by the Bray Urban District Council.

Item No. 25—Newcastle Mental Hospital—Letter from Department of Health Re Opening of Hospital and Accommodation to be provided.

A letter of 11th February, 1966, from the Department of Health in regard to Newcastle Mental Hospital had been circulated to the Members of the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That having considered letter from Department of Health dated 11th February, 1966, we approve of proceeding with the painting of the Front Units at Newcastle Hospital and of completing arrangements for the putting into operation of these Units, together with such part of the Main Hospital Buildings as may be required. Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, approval be and is hereby given to the creation of the Office listed under Column 'A' hereunder, with remuneration as set out under Column 'B' and that in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the Act the expenditure necessary to give effect to this Resolution be approved.

(A)	(B)
Offices Created:	Salary or Salary Scales:
	Female:
1. Ward Sister or Charge Nurse —2 Posts.	A. Persons holding Psychiatric Certificate only £700 x £23—£792 x £28—£960. B. Persons holding Psychiatric and General Nursing Certificates £814 x £22—£858 x £28—£998.
	Male
	A. Persons holding Psychiatric Certificate only £790 x £28—£1,014 x £26—£1,040 B. Persons holding Psychiatric and General Nursing Certificates £818 x £28—£1,042 x £26—£1,068.

Female:

2. Deputy Ward Sister or Deputy Charge Nurse—4 Posts.

A. Persons holding Psychiatric Certificate only
£654 x £23—£746 x £28—£914.

B. Persons holding Psychiatric and General Nursing Certificates
£768 x £22—£812 x £28—£952.

Male:

A. Persons holding Psychiatric Certificate only
£745 x £28—£969 x £26—£995.

B. Persons holding Psychiatric and General Nursing Certificates
£773 x £28—£997 x £26—£1,023.

3. Head Night Nurse (Female)
1 Post. £925 x £28—£1,065.

4. Deputy Head Night Nurse
Female—1 Post. £905 x £28—£1,045.

5. Staff Nurse (Male or Female)
—27 Posts.

Male Nurses:

A. Persons holding Psychiatric Certificate only
£655 x £28—£897 x £26—£903.

B. Persons hold Psychiatric and General Nursing Certificates
£683 x £28—£907 x £26—£993.

Female Nurses:

A. Persons holding Psychiatric Certificates only
£570 x £23—£662 x £28—£830.

B. Persons holding Psychiatric and General Nursing Certificates
£684 x £22—£728 x £28—£868.

6. Cook (Male or Female)
—1 Post. £550-£650 per annum, depending on Qualifications and Experience.

7. Clerical Officer—1 Post. £400 x £35—£1,000 plus annual allowance of £125 on marriage.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 26—Report of Councillors Miss M. Walsh and Mrs. M. Ledwidge on Visit to Peamount Sanatorium.

Councillor Miss Walsh stated that she had asked at the previous Meeting that the Report of herself and Mrs. Ledwidge be circulated to the Members of the Council. The Council agreed to defer the matter to the next Meeting and in the meantime have the Report circulated.

Item No. 27—Additional Public Light at Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim—Estimate from E.S.B.

The County Secretary stated that the estimated cost of providing an additional light at Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim, was £9. The County

Engineer had suggested, however, that the provision of the light might be deferred until the six new houses had been completed and the Council agreed to this suggestion.

Item No. 28—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge: "That a Light be provided between the Village of Enniskerry and Monastery; also an extra Light be provided at Kilgarron Park and the existing one be re-sited."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that one public light be provided at Enniskerry half-way between Troy's Corner and the Church.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of one public light at Enniskerry half-way between Troy's Corner and the Church and direct that the E.S.B. be asked to submit a quotation for the provision of this light.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge stated that two lights were needed at Kilgarron Park and a further five lights should be provided between Enniskerry and Monastery. It was agreed that a Report be obtained from the County Engineer on this proposal.

Item No. 29—Protection of Greystones Harbour—Letter from Greystones and District Civic Association.

The County Secretary submitted a letter received from the Chairman of the Greystones and District Civic Association asking if the Council would agree to a proposal that the original Kish Lighthouse Base be towed to Greystones and sited at the Harbour in a revised position (as shown on the Plan submitted) on the basis of the full cost involved being met by the Association and other interested residents of the area. The Association also undertook to remove the Base should the Council, following the placing of the Base at the Harbour, be of opinion that it should be removed. At the suggestion of Councillor J. Temple it was agreed that the matter be referred to the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area and that they would meet representatives of the Greystones and District Civic Association in connection with the proposal.

Item No. 30—Presidential Election—Letter from Eoin O Mathghamhna.

The County Secretary referred to the attendance of Mr. Eoin O Mathghamhna at the previous Meeting and his Address to the Council in regard to the matter of the Council's nominating a candidate for the Presidency of Ireland.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved — That we nominate Eoin O Mathghamhna for the Presidency.

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

In Favour—Councillors E. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, H. B. Hipwell, H. W. Hopkins, J. Quigley, and J. Temple—Eight.

Against—Councillor J. Whelan, H. J. Byrne, A. H. Hadden, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole, C. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh—Nine.

The proposal was declared defeated by nine votes against to eight votes in favour.

Item No. 31—Letter from Hon. Secretary, Baltinglass Branch, I.C.A., applying for Grant towards Cost of Erection of Swimming Pool.

On the proposal of Councillor Timmins, seconded by Councillor J. Miley, it was agreed that the County Engineer be asked for a report on the proposed siting of a Swimming Pool at Baltinglass.

Item No. 32—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Quigley—"That Council request Government to introduce Legislation granting Travelling Allowance and Subsistence Allowance to All Jurors summoned, similar to that allowed to County Councillors."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan;

Resolved—That the Council request the Government to introduce legislation granting Travelling Allowance and Subsistence Allowance to all Jurors summoned, similar to that allowed to County Councillors.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 33—Letter from Department of Local Government Notifying increase in Audit Fees.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had informed the Council that in accordance with the normal practice of the Department of fixing the Fees at such a level as would recoup two-thirds of the cost of the Audit Service it was necessary to increase the Fee payable by the Council from the present figure of £500 to £800. The revised Fee would operate for Audit of Accounts for the financial year ending 31st March, 1966, and subsequent years, until further notice. The Council noted the terms of the Department's Letter.

Item No. 34—Inquiries Arising from County Manager's Orders.

The Council noted the particulars of County Manager's Orders which had been circulated to the Members.

Factory Sites at "The Murrough," Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that it was considered in the interests of the Council that negotiations might be entered into with Messrs. Gouldings, Ltd., for the acquisition by the County Council of sites on their lands at "The Murrough," Wicklow, which could be made available for industry. The Council agreed that the County Manager enter into negotiations with a view to the acquisition of these sites.

Tenders for Cottage Repairs.

Seven Tenders received in response to public advertisement for Cottage Repairs were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council and the Tenders received were as follows:—

Name and Address of Tenderer	Districts Tendered For	Tender Rate
Thomas J. Keenan, 1, Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim.	Districts Nos. 4, 5 and 7	Standard Rate Plus 20%
James Byrne Coolkenna, Carlow	District No. 6	Standard Rate Plus 10%

H. O'Neill, Kilpipe, Aughrim, Arklow	Districts Nos. 5, 6 and 7	Standard Rate Plus 10%
James Kelly, Jank, Abbeylands, Castle- dermot, Co. Kildare	Districts Nos. 3, 6, 7 and 9	Standard Rate
Sean Quinn, Castleruddery, Donard	Districts Nos. 8 and 9	Standard Rate Plus 12½%
Laurence Kelly, Lipstown, Harraghmore, Ballytore, Co. Kildare	Districts Nos. 8 and 9	Standard Rate Plus 7½%
Robert Cannon, Rosstown, Athy, Co. Kildare	Districts Nos. 8 and 9	Standard Rate Plus 20%

Item No. 35—Applications for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottages and Subdivision of Vested Cottage Plots.

The Council's Solicitor (Mr. J. H. McCarroll) attended at the Meeting and answered queries from Members in regard to the interpretation of the Labourers' Act, 1965, and the Circular Letter from the Department of Local Government in regard to it. Having heard the Council's Solicitor the Council recommended that where the Council agreed to consent to sales of cottages the Annuity should not be redeemed and the Statutory Conditions should continue to apply. The Council noted that in such circumstances the Council was entitled to require a payment which should be not less than one-third of the market value of the cottage. The Council agreed also that where the selling price appeared to be less than the market value the Council should obtain a Valuation and determine the amount to be paid to the Council on the basis of such Valuation. In regard to the sub-division of Vested Cottage Plots the Council recommended that where plots were being sub-divided for the purpose of enabling a member of the family to provide his own house, and such person would have been eligible for re-housing by the Council, that only a nominal payment be sought by the Council. The Council considered individually the applications for consent to sales of cottages and the sub-division of Vested Cottage Plots and made recommendations in each instance.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh (handed in at Meeting on 12th March)—"That this Council re-builds the protective walls between the Derry River and the premises of Mr. Sean Kenny, Shillelagh, which were completely demolished by the recent flooding."

In the name of Councillor James Whelan—"That I, or someone for me, will move a Motion at the next County Council Meeting requesting that an extra public light be provided at Knockananna."

In the name of Councillor James Whelan—"That I, or someone for me, will move a Motion at the next Meeting of the County Council that a public light be provided at Ballycoogoe."

In the name of Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge—"That I, or someone for me, at the next Meeting will move that the footpaths from Jameson's Corner to the village of Kilmacanogue be put into proper repair."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 4th April, 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, J. Gregory and H. W. Hopkins.

In the absence of Councillor J. J. McCrea (Chairman) and Councillor H. J. Byrne (Vice-Chairman) Councillor E. Byrne took the chair on the proposal of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor A. H. Hadden.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer R. L. Farrell, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell and Sean F. Coffey attended.

AGENDA:

1. Housing Capital Allocations 1966/67—Letter dated 22nd March, 1966, from Department of Local Government.
2. Grattan Park Housing Scheme—Proposal that extra houses be erected.
3. Blessington Housing Scheme—Proposal that extra houses be provided.
4. Letter addressed to Chairman of Council by Classic Clothing Co., Ltd., Blessington.
5. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—"That the Council provide at least sixteen houses at Rathnew in view of the number of applications received in the Rathnew area and that a Contract be advertised for immediate attention."
6. Application for consent to sale of Vested Cottage at Ballinagran Kilbride.
7. Cottage damaged by fire at Killeagh, Aughrim—Application to purchase.
8. Repairs to Cottages carried out in March, 1966, and Cottages to be repaired in April, 1966.
9. Proposed closing of roads at Enniskerry—Reply from Irish Motor Racing Club Ltd, re repairs to wall.

Deputation from Brittas Bay.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked the Council if they would agree to receive a Deputation from persons concerned with the maintenance of a public right-of-way at Brittas Bay and stated that the matter was of importance. Following a discussion in regard to the procedure normally followed by the Council in connection with the reception of Deputations, which required that the consent of the Council at a previous Meeting be obtained the Council agreed in the circumstances to receive the Deputation. The Deputation consisted of Messrs. Dermot

O'Connell, N.T., Redcross, Liam O'Brien and Michael Kinsella. Mr. O'Connell stated that the Deputation wished to bring to the notice of the Council their concern with the preservation of a public right-of-way to the sea at Brittas Bay and stated that a year ago Mr. Maguire, who is the owner of part of the sand-dune area at Brittas Bay, fenced off an old established right-of-way across the sand-dunes to the sea. Having consulted Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, they had been advised that they would be within their rights in removing the fence, but that it would be preferable to take up the matter in correspondence with Mr. Maguire. Following an exchange of letters a gap of 3½ ft. was made in the fence. Some time afterwards, however, a stake was placed in the centre of the 3½ ft. gap to form a stile, presumably to prevent motor cyclists from passing through, but it also prevented anyone wheeling a pram from passing. The landowner also placed a collector at the stile and charged 6d. to persons passing through, though he had informed the Solicitor that no charge would be made to people from the Brittas Bay area. The objectors to the closing of the right-of-way removed the centre stake at the stile on two or three occasions during last year and eventually took it away altogether to prevent it being replaced. About two weeks ago a pole was placed in the centre of the gap and he and a number of other persons removed the pole and also about 8 or 10 ft. of wire. This occurred on a Monday night and the fence was restored by the landowner on the following day. On a Thursday night when they went to remove it again they found that a force of Gardai were awaiting them and threatened them with criminal proceedings for malicious damage to property. They insisted, however, on removing the fencing, as had been done on the previous Monday night, having confirmed with Mr. McCarroll, Solicitor, that they were entitled to do so. The fencing, however, was replaced by the landowner on the Friday and on the Friday night they removed the fence again. The fence had not been put up on Saturday or Sunday. Mr. O'Connell went on to say that he understood that the Minister for Local Government had advised Planning Authorities to pay particular attention to the preservation of rights-of-way and access to beaches and pointed out that the Deputation was not asking the Council to acquire a right-of-way, but to assist in preserving one which was established. Mr. Liam O'Brien of Ballinamona, and Mr. Michael Kinsella of Kilmurray, stated that they had both been using the right-of-way for the past fifty years and that their parents before them had also used it. They stated they used to drive their pony and trap into the sand-dunes and then walk down to the sea and no charge was made. Councillor E. Byrne (Chairman) stated that the Council would note the remarks made by the members of the Deputation and agreed that this was a matter of importance and the preservation of access to beaches was one with which the Council was concerned. The members of the Deputation thanked the Council for receiving them and withdrew.

At a later stage in the Meeting the Council considered the points made by the Deputation and in reply to inquiries from Members the County Manager stated that the Council had been concerned with obtaining access to the beach at Brittas Bay and had asked the landowners if they would sell the sand-dune area to the Council so that it would be in public ownership and available fully to the public. The Council had frequently received representations from persons visiting Brittas Bay that there should be free access to the beach and protesting against being charged for crossing the sand-dunes. It had been the practice of the landowner for some years past to make a charge for the parking of cars on the sand-dune area, but previously no charge had been made for persons walking across the sand-dunes to the beach. It seemed quite obvious that for a great number of years people had been using the access and right-of-way across the sand-dunes without

any charge and it seemed clear from the evidence given by the members of the Deputation that a public right-of-way existed. The County Manager suggested that the Council should obtain the advice of the Law Agent as to what action might be taken to preserve the right-of-way. The Council had for a long time been endeavouring to prevent Brittas Bay from being altered in such a way that it would eventually not be the natural attraction which it was at present. In endeavouring to establish rights-of-way in the past, however, the Council found that persons were rather reluctant to come forward to confirm the existence of a right-of-way at particular places.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved—That the Council take the necessary steps to uphold rights-of-way at Brittas Bay and access of the public at this place.

Passed unanimously.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor E. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the family of the late Mr. Joseph McGrath, who had played such a prominent part in public life and in the industrial life of the country and had been responsible for the establishment of the Hospitals' Trust.

Item No. 1—Housing Capital Allocation 1966-'67—Letter Dated 22nd March, 1966, from Department of Local Government.

The County Secretary submitted details of the letter received from the Department of Local Government indicating the capital funds which could be allocated for housing purposes in respect of the year 1966/67. The allocation for the purpose of making Loans available to persons buying or erecting new houses was £36,000; the amount allowed for Supplementary Grants was £19,000; for the Council's existing commitments in respect of Council Housing Schemes £33,000; and for new works a provisional allocation of £20,000. As regards the allocation for the purpose of making Loans available to persons buying or erecting new houses the County Secretary stated that during the past few years expenditure on such Loans amounted to about £5,000 a year, but during the past year there had been a substantial increase in the number of applications for Loans. Loans had been agreed to by the Council, subject to the necessary moneys being available, in respect of twenty-five houses at Bentley Park, Bray, which amounted to £53,750, while the number of individual applications otherwise was substantial. The amount allocated was sufficient to enable the Council to meet Loans which had been approved by the Council without any conditions, but sufficient moneys would not be available to meet the full amount of Loans in respect of the houses at Bentley Park and four others which had been approved subject to the necessary moneys being available to the Council. In regard to Supplementary Grants £3,300 was required to recoup payments already made; £5,583 to meet applications ready for immediate payment; and further applications on hand amounted to about £17,000. Consequently the Council could not meet from the allocation all the applications submitted to date. It would seem necessary also that the operation of the Scheme for Supplementary Grants be suspended. For the Council's Housing Schemes at Grattan Park, Blessington, Carnew and Laragh, together with two houses in progress at Bawnogue, Baltinglass, and the cottages built at Eadestown and Johnstown, a sum of £34,350 would be required, which was in excess of the allocation to meet existing commitments. The pro-

visional allocation for new works was £20,000 and it would seem that this would have to be used towards meeting the cost of the Kilcoole Housing Scheme. The Members of the Council expressed concern at the position in regard to the financing of housing, as revealed by the figures submitted. The Council asked that a copy of the Department's letter be circulated to the Members of the Council, together with a statement of the position in regard to applications and existing commitments. The Council agreed that the matter be further considered at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 18th April.

Item No. 2.—Grattan Park Housing Scheme — Proposal That Extra Houses be Erected.

In view of the position indicated in regard to the availability of moneys for Housing Schemes in the coming year the Council deferred consideration of the proposal that extra houses be built at Grattan Park.

Item No. 3.—Blessington Housing Scheme—Proposal that Extra Houses Be Provided.

Councillor J. Miley proposed that the Council proceed with the preparation of a Scheme for the erection of additional houses at Blessington and the Council agreed that while the necessary planning could proceed it would not be possible to consider proceeding with additional houses until the matter of availability of the necessary finance was settled.

Item No. 4.—Letter Addressed to Chairman of Council by Classic Clothing Co., Ltd., Blessington.

The County Secretary submitted a letter received from the Classic Clothing Co., Ltd., indicating the Company's difficulty in regard to two of their key workers, who at present lived in Dublin and whom they feared would not continue in their employment if they could not obtain housing accommodation in Blessington. The County Secretary stated that both these persons had been applicants for the group of houses at present under construction at Blessington, but had not been recommended by the County Medical Officer as being in need of housing and had not been among those agreed to by the Members of the Council for the area having considered the recommendations of the County Medical Officer. The County Secretary suggested that the Council might make two sites available on the site at Blessington if the persons concerned would be prepared to build their own houses and could obtain the necessary finance. The Council agreed that the sites be offered to the two persons concerned.

Item No. 5.—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—“That the Council Provide at Least Sixteen Houses at Rathnew in View of the Number of Applications Received in the Rathnew Area and that a Contract be Advertised for Immediate Attention.”

Councillor Everett urged that the Council provide at least sixteen houses at Rathnew having regard to the number of applications received for vacant houses in the area. He could not agree that only five houses were needed in Rathnew. He pointed out that a new factory was likely to be established there and this would give rise to a greater demand for houses. It was agreed that the County Medical Officer be asked to report on conditions of overcrowding in the Rathnew area and also consider the likely future demand for housing in view of the new factory being established.

Item No. 6.—Application for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottage at Balinagran Kilbride.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by the Reps. of Mrs. Elizabeth O'Neill (deceased) of the Vested Cottage at Balinagran, Kilbride, to William Brennan, subject to the Annuity being continued to be paid and the Statutory Conditions still to apply, and subject to the payment to the Council of a sum representing 1/3rd x 24/29th of the present market value (as determined by the Council). Passed unanimously.

Application for consent to Sale of Vested Cottages at Ballynultagh, Shillelagh, and at Griffinstown, Grangecon.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley;

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by John Keogh of the Vested Cottage at Ballynultagh, Shillelagh, to George Hickey, Cronelea, Shillelagh, subject to the Annuity continuing to be paid and the statutory Conditions continuing to apply, and subject to the payment to the Council of a sum representing 1/3rd x 19/20th of the present market value (as determined by the Council). Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by Christopher O'Toole of Vested Cottage No. 242/2 at Griffinstown, Grangecon, to Kevin O'Toole, Griffinstown, Grangecon, subject to Annuity continuing to be paid and Statutory Conditions continuing to apply, and subject to the payment to the Council of a sum representing 1/3rd x 40 1/4/47th of the present market value of the cottage and plot (as determined by the Council). Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7.—Cottage Damaged by Fire at Killeagh, Auhtrim—Application to Purchase.

The County Secretary stated that a cottage at Killeagh, Auhtrim, had been severely damaged by fire on the 3rd December, 1965, the tenant at that time being Ernest Jardine. The tenant subsequently left the cottage, having handed up the key. The house was derelict and was not being occupied and the Assistant County Engineer reported that the cottage was not worth putting in order as it had a floor area of only 315 sq. ft. which would be totally inadequate under present conditions. He estimated that it would cost about £900 to add an additional 300 sq. ft. to the cottage and a further £600 to put the present structure in order. The Council had received £440 under the Council's insurance. An offer had been received from Messrs. A. Cullen and Son, Solicitors, on behalf of a client, in the sum of £20 for the Council's interest in the property. Following a discussion on the matter it was agreed to obtain the advice of the Council's Solicitor before considering the offer.

Item No. 8.—Repairs to Cottages Carried Out in March, 1966, and Cottages to be Repaired in April, 1966.

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired during the month of March and of those to be repaired in April, 1966.

Item No. 9—Proposed Closing of Roads at Enniskerry — Rep'y from Irish Motor Racing Club, Ltd., Re Repairs to Wall.

The County Secretary stated that the Irish Motor Racing Club, Ltd., had indicated that Mr. Patrick Jordan was interviewed by two members of their Board of Directors and had agreed to re-build the wall opposite the Church which had been referred to by the Council at the previous Meeting, but had informed the Directors that due to pressure of work he might not be able to complete the repairs fully before the 30th April. The letter stated that the Board of Directors were fully aware of their obligations in the matter and would have the repairs completed as quickly as possible at the Club's expense. The Council noted the terms of the letter.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole:

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic Main Road No. 6 from Enniskerry N.S. to the junction with County Road No. 7 at Monastery, Enniskerry, on 30th April, 1966 between the hours of 1.30 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. and authorise the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb on the road while so closed to public traffic.
Passed unanimously.

Factory at Rathnew.

The County Manager informed the Council in committee regarding the proposed sale of the site at Rathnew which had been acquired by the Council for the purposes of a County Hospital to a firm who would be establishing a factory in Rathnew. The firm were seeking a freehold interest in the site, but the County Manager suggested that the sale should be subject to a lease in order that the Council could exercise some control over the use of the site and ensure that it be used only for purposes of a factory, or for a purpose acceptable to the Council. The Council agreed with the County Manager's recommendations.

Industrial Estate at "The Murrough", Wicklow.

The County Manager informed the Council in committee of negotiations with Messrs. Goulding regarding the purchase of their site at "The Murrough", Wicklow, and stated that it was expected that the site could be acquired for a sum of £800, but subject to the Council's accepting responsibility for the maintenance of the level-crossing. This condition, however, would impose difficulty and the matter of providing an automatic crossing was being considered, but the County Manager felt that if possible the Council should not accept responsibility for maintaining the crossing. Councillor J. Temple stated that he understood from experience that automatic crossings did not give satisfaction. The Council agreed that the County Manager proceed with the proposals for acquisition of the site.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:— "That a Report be obtained from the County Engineer regarding the stoppage of supply of water on the lands of Alfred E. Lawrence at Tallyho, Aughrim."

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley:— "That the County Engineer report as to the possibility of providing a small porch for a cottage at Mucklagh, Aughavannagh, occupied by James Byrne, owing to the age of the tenant and the very exposed position of the cottage."

Wicklow County Council

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on 18th April, 1966.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors Alan H. Hadden, John Quigley, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley and H. W. Hopkins.

In the absence of Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, due to illness, Council H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer R. L. Farrell, and Assistant County Engineers S. F. Coffey, N. D. Farrell and P. T. Hickey attended.

AGENDA:

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 10th January, 7th and 14th February, 1966.
2. Notices of Intention to Propose Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—
 - (a) Notice of Intention submitted by Councillors M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, James Miley and Mark Deering to propose the following Resolution:—

"That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of a Cattle Mart on the lands of Baltinglass Cattle Sales Co., Ltd., at Mill Street, Baltinglass, as described in Plan submitted on behalf of Baltinglass Cattle Sales Co., Ltd."
 - (b) In the names of Councillors James O'Toole, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge and Hugh B. Hipwell as follows:—

"We hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning permission for a house at Templecarrig, Bray, as per Plans submitted by the applicant (Mr. James Sherwin). This Resolution is being moved under City and County Planning Act, 1963, and under Section 4, City and County Management Act, 1955."
3. "Summer Safety Week"—Letter issued by Minister for Local Government to Lord Mayors, Mayors and Chairmen of Local Authorities in regard to Road Safety Campaign. (Copy of letter sent to each Member).
4. Applications for Closing of Roads:—
 - (a) Roads at Bray on 8th May, 1966;
 - (b) Roads near Rathdrum on 14th May, 1966; and
 - (c) Long Hill at Kilmacanogue on 21st May, 1966.
5. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. Deering re traffic control in Dunlavin.
6. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge—"That footpaths from Jameson's Corner to village of Kilmacanogue be put into proper repair."
7. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—"That the Council rebuild the protective walls between the Derry River and the premises of Mr. Seán Kenny, Shillelagh, which were demolished completely by the recent flooding."
8. Dargle River flooding—Appointment of Consultant.
9. Housing Capital Allocations—Letter of 22nd March, 1966, from Department of Local Government and Report on requirements, (Copies circulated to Members).

10. Right-of-way for public to beach at Brittas Bay—Action by Council to uphold it. (Copy of letter from Department of Local Government re access to beaches, etc., attached).
11. To fill vacancy on Baltinglass O.A.P. Sub-Committee.
12. Revision of salaries of Medical Officers of District Hospitals.
13. Report of Councillors Miss M. Walsh and Mrs. M. Ledwidge on visit to Peamount Hospital. (Copy circulated to Members).
14. Public Lighting at Baltinglass—Recommendation of County Engineer.
15. Notices of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan—(a) "That a public light be provided at Ballycoogue"; and (b) "That an extra public light be provided at Knockananna."
16. Proposed use of Kish Lighthouse Base at Greystones Harbour—Report of meeting of Members of Council for Bray Electoral Area with Representatives of Greystones Civic Association.
17. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

ITEM No. 1—MINUTES (10th January, 7th and 14th February, 1966).

The County Secretary stated that the Minutes of the Meetings held on the 10th January and 7th February had been circulated on that date, but the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14th February had not yet been received from the printers. The Council decided to defer consideration of the Minutes to the next Meeting.

ITEM No. 2—Notices of Intention to Propose Resolutions Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows: (a) Notice of Intention Submitted by Councillors M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins, James Miley and Mark Deering to Propose the following Resolution: "That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to Issue Town Planning Approval for the Erection of a Cattle Mart on the Lands of Baltinglass Cattle Sales Co., Ltd., at Mill Street, Baltinglass, Described in Plan Submitted on Behalf of Baltinglass Cattle Sales Co., Ltd."; (b) In the Names of Councillors James O'Toole, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge and Hugh B. Hipwell, as follows: "We hereby Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission for a House at Templecarrig, Bray, as per Plans Submitted by the Applicant (Mr. James Sherwin). This Resolution is being Moved under City and County Planning Act, 1963, and under Section 4, City and County Management Act, 1955."

Councillor M. J. O'Neill stated that the principal objection to the Cattle Mart was the entrance on to the Main Dublin Road but it was not possible to arrange any alternative entrance. The applicants would co-operate with the Council and carry out any instructions given regarding the entrance. Car parking accommodation was being provided on land adjoining and there would be a separate entrance to the Car Park. Councillor O'Neill stressed the importance of a Mart to the area and to the town of Baltinglass. Councillor Timmins, seconding the proposal, expressed the view that the use of the site would not cause any danger to traffic. The County Manager stated that a decision had not been taken on the application as the details submitted were insufficient for the purposes of a decision. A letter had been received that day, however, giving the size of the site as two acres, with parking facilities on another one and a half acres, and indicating the number of cattle expected to be accommodated and the number of persons who might attend at the Mart. It was indicated also that the Company was prepared to provide another toilet for men and to provide tanks as a disposal method.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Planning permission for the erection of a Cattle Mart on the lands of Baltinglass Cattle Sales Co., Ltd., Mill Street, Baltinglass, as described on Plans submitted on behalf of Baltinglass Cattle Sales Co., Ltd.

Passed unanimously.

HOUSE AT TEMPLECARRIG, BRAY.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Toole;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning permission for a house at Templecarrig, Bray, as per Plans submitted by the applicant (Mr. James Sherwin). This Resolution is moved under the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, and the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963.

Passed unanimously.

In regard to the proposal the County Manager pointed out that very few Planning applications were in fact refused, and where a decision to refuse permission was taken it was only after careful consideration and lengthy discussions with the Council's technical staff. The principal reasons for refusing permissions generally were either that a traffic hazard was likely to be created or that it was necessary to preserve scenic values. In the case of the particular application under consideration it was felt that having regard to the character of the district that this particular type of development would not be suited to it. It was felt that if this application were allowed it would be difficult to refuse a second and subsequent applications which would eventually result in quite a colony of houses at this place which might involve the Council in extra expense in providing services.

ITEM No. 3—"Summer Safety Week"—Letter Issued by Minister for Local Government to Lord Mayors, Mayors and Chairmen of Local Authorities in Regard to Road Safety Campaign.

Copy of the letter of 14th March, 1966, from the Minister for Local Government to the Chairman of the County Council had been circulated to the Members. It was proposed to conduct a special "Summer Safety Week" from the 8th to the 14th May, 1966, and it was intended to emphasise during that week the important aspects of pedestrian and cycle safety. The Council had in the previous Road Safety Campaigns assigned the duties of organising the Campaign to Mr. G. Nichols, Staff Officer, and it was proposed that Mr. Nichols would be assigned these duties again in respect of this Campaign. The Council agreed to give full support to the arrangements for the Road Safety Campaign.

ITEM No. 4—Applications for Closing of Roads.

(a) Roads at Bray on 8th May, 1966:

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the roads described hereunder on Sunday, 8th May, 1966, from 2.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. and authorise the holding of the Circuit of Bray Cycle Race on these roads

while so closed to public traffic:—

Meath Road from junction with Albert Avenue to junction with Putland Road;
Putland Road;
Vevay Road from corner of Putland Road to Town Hall;
Main Street from Town Hall to junction with Quinsboro' Road;
South Adelaide Road from junction with Florence Road to Albert Avenue; and Albert Avenue.
Passed unanimously.

(b) Roads near Rathdrum on 14th May, 1966:

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley;

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the following roads near Rathdrum on Saturday, 14th May, 1966, between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m., and from 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., and authorise the holding of Motor Races and Practices therefor on these roads while so closed to public traffic:—

Portion of Road T.7 (Rathdrum/Avoca/Arklow) ... 0.2 miles;

Portion of Road L.32 (Rathdrum/Ballinaclash/Aughrim) ... 0.3 miles; and

Link Road joining the above roads from Corballis

Crossroads to its intersection with the Main

Rathdrum/Ballinaclash/Aughrim Road ... 0.2 miles.

Passed unanimously.

(c) Long Hill at Kilmacanogue on 21st May, 1966:

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the road described hereunder on Saturday, 21st May, 1966, from 2.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. and authorise the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb along the road while so closed to public traffic:—

Portion of Main Road T.61 on the Long Hill at Kilmacanogue for a distance of one mile to a point near Calary Filling Station.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 5—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor M. Deering re Traffic Control in Dunlavin.

The County Secretary stated that representations had been received from the Dunlavin Development Association concerning traffic control in Dunlavin.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of the provision of (1) centre white line at Litchfield's Corner, Dunlavin; (2) "YIELD RIGHT-OF-WAY" sign at the Post Office, Dunlavin; and (3) "KEEP LEFT" signs at the Market House, Dunlavin.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 6—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge—
"That Footpaths from Jameson's Corner to Village of Kilmacanogue Be Put into Proper Repair."

The Council decided to refer for consideration by the Members of the Council for the BRAY ELECTORAL AREA at the Local Roads Estimates Meeting the proposal that these footpaths be repaired.

ITEM No. 7—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—
"That the Council Rebuild the Protective Walls Between the Derry River and the Premises of Mr. Seán Kenny, Shillelagh, which were Demolished Completely by the Recent Flooding."

The County Secretary stated that the wall referred to was a private one, and although it may have been built by the Council when carrying out work under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, the Council would not have any responsibility for maintaining it. The County Manager stated that drainage works were carried out under the Local Authorities (Works) Act with the aid of Grants from the State, but there was no provision in the Act as regards maintenance and the Council were not liable for such maintenance. The Council noted the position in the matter.

ITEM No. 8—Dargle River Flooding—Appointment of Consultant.

The County Secretary stated that the Members of the Council for the BRAY ELECTORAL AREA had met Members of Bray Urban District Council on the 15th February, 1966, in connection with the flooding which had occurred in Bray in November and it had been agreed at the Meeting to engage a Consultant on behalf of both the Urban District Council and County Council to advise on measures to be taken to prevent further flooding in the Dargle River. The formal approval of the County Council to the appointment of a Consultant was required. The County Manager stated that arterial drainage was the responsibility of the Central Authority and not of the Local Authority. The Council had expressed the view that Surveys should be carried out by the Commissioners of Public Works and Drainage Schemes prepared in respect of the Dargle River and other Rivers which were subject to flooding, but the Commissioners of Public Works were not prepared to do this and, consequently, Bray Urban District Council and the County Council had agreed to engage a Consultant to advise on the matter.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That having considered recommendation of Members of Council for the BRAY ELECTORAL AREA we note and approve of the engagement of Mr. J. B. Barry, B.E., Consulting Engineer, 40 Elgin Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, to advise on measures which might be taken to prevent flooding from the Dargle River at Bray.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 9—Housing Capital Allocations—Letter of 22nd March, 1966, from Dept. of Local Government and Report on Requirements.

Copy of the Department's letter, together with copy of a Report of the County Secretary in regard to the Council's requirements for Housing Capital, had been circulated to the Members. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, stated that the matter was a very serious one and referred particularly to the need for sufficient moneys to enable the Council to meet Loans for twenty-five applicants who were building houses at Bentley Park, Bray. Councillor Temple stated that the Minister had made it clear that he would be prepared to consider exceptional cases and suggested that the matter warranted a Special Meeting and possibly a Deputation to the Minister. The Council decided to adjourn the matter for consideration at a Special Meeting to be held on the 25th April, 1966.

ITEM No. 10—Right-of-Way For Public to Beach at Brittas Bay—
Action by Council to Uphold It.

Copy of the letter issued by the Department of Local Government

(dated 29th March, 1966) in regard to rights-of-way to beaches, etc., had been circulated to the Members of the Council. The following letter received by the County Manager from Messrs. Vincent and Beatty, Solicitors, on behalf of Mrs. Philomena Maguire, owner of the lands at Cornagower, was submitted:—

The County Manager, 65, Fitzwilliam Sq.,
Wicklow County Council, Dublin 2.
Wicklow. 5th April, 1966.

re Philomena Maguire—Lands of Cornagower,
Brittas Bay—Access to the Beach.

Dear Sir,

We act for Mrs. Philomena Maguire, of "Hillcourt," Highfield Road, Rathgar, the owner of the lands of Cornagower, Brittas Bay.

Our client's attention has been drawn to recent Newspaper reports concerning a deputation which was received by the Wicklow County Council over an alleged right-of-way across our client's land at a spot known as the opening. It was also reported that a Resolution was passed the gist of which was to call on you to take action in order to protect rights-of-way of the public to gain access to the sea.

We wish to draw your attention to the fact that there is no public right-of-way over the lands of Cornagower to the beach and, accordingly, the County Council has been led entirely astray by certain people, some of whom without submitting any claim have on three occasions smashed fencing and have, in addition, openly flouted the Gardaí in the course of their duties. These people have, in short, completely disregarded private property and the rule of law.

We feel sure you will agree that this is no way in which to force issues or grievances, and if tolerated would shake the very foundations of Society as well as giving appalling example to the young people of to-day.

This opening (now smashed open) was sealed off from motor access for upwards of ten years by reason of the unsafe conditions pertaining on seaward side of the road and an alternative access provided a few yards away. It has now been decided to revert to the original opening and improve the surface conditions. This decision has been taken as a direct consequence of these acts of intimidation in order to avoid any further acts of this kind.

Our client is awaiting the result of the bringing of the parties concerned to justice and it is hoped in the meantime that you, Sir, as County Manager, will take no steps which could be construed as assisting these people or condoning these disgraceful incidents. Afterwards our client's representatives are prepared to meet you and any elected representatives and discuss any problems arising out of this Car Park.

Yours faithfully,

VINCENT & BEATTY.

The following letter had been received by Councillor E. E. Byrne, who had been Acting Chairman at the previous Meeting:—

E. E. Byrne, Esq., 68, Fitzwilliam Sq.,
Acting Chairman, Dublin 2.
Wicklow Co. Council, 12th April, 1966.
Roselawn Park,
Bray, Co. Wicklow.

Re: Mrs. P. Maguire, Lands of Cornagower East,
Brittas Bay, Co. Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

We act for Mrs. Philomena Maguire, the owner of the above

lands. Our client's attention has been drawn to a report contained in the issue of the 'Wicklow People,' dated 9th inst., concerning discussions which took place at a recent Council Meeting over the question of preserving an alleged public right-of-way at Bennett's Crossroads which has been traditionally known as The Opening.

We enclose herewith copy of a letter dated the 5th April addressed to the County Manager which sets out facts which will be proved at a time when those responsible for the disgraceful conduct of tearing down fences are brought to justice. This letter, however, omitted to point out that our client and her late husband have been for many years car park operators at this particular junction, and she is in fact rated as a car park owner and pays rates to the Co. Council.

Furthermore, as a car park operator she is responsible for keeping the park tidy and clean which entails regular litter disposal. This service extends over the sand dunes and down to the Beach. A Department of Health Inspector has congratulated our client on the manner in which it is kept. Needless to remark, the tearing down of the fences constituted a direct threat to the continued operation of this park, and it must be clearly obvious that if successful, within a very short time any standard of cleanliness achieved would be swept away.

This entire matter is also singularly unfortunate coming at a time when our client had plans prepared for the erection of Toilet facilities and other improvements and which have now been lodged.

Our client is quite amazed that the County Manager should state in relation to possible County Council purchases, and we quote, "that the Council did not succeed in getting anywhere with the owners." Discussions which took place in Bray Town Hall in 1963 with representatives of our client and officials of the County Council concerned this very matter and embraced the possibility of the County Council acquiring the entire sand dunes owned by our client as well as car parking area at the other side of the road. Our client's representatives made it clear that they would not be adverse to this acquisition provided certain fundamental principles were agreed to: these principles apart from finance, were primarily related to the preservation of the sand dunes and keeping these dunes and the beaches clean and tidy. It is a significant fact that at that meeting the officials expressed an opinion that the present owners had always maintained these dunes and car park satisfactorily, but expressed concern that if the owners sold to somebody else that this might be the position.

This meeting which the owners representatives considered very useful and constructive, has not been followed by any further meetings. No request for such a meeting has been received from the County Council and it is a fact that when the representatives of the owner asked to meet the County Manager concerning a development scheme and any other problems, he refused to meet them.

We have attempted to deal in this letter with only a few of the misconceptions reported. There are many, and in fairness to our client we suggest that the contents of this letter should be brought to the attention of your Councillors. May we also suggest that you should meet with our client's representatives in order to clear all the misconceptions and see how best the problems affecting this particular area may best be dealt with in order to secure the peaceful development for the benefit of the public.

Yours faithfully,

VINCENT & BEATTY.

The County Secretary stated that Plans referred to in the letter from Messrs. Vincent and Beatty had been lodged with the Council some days after the previous Meeting. The County Manager, referring

to the letters received from Messrs. Vincent and Beatty, pointed out that local residents had come forward who submitted that there was a public right-of-way to the beach through the land. The Council's Solicitor had been asked to advise on the matter, but he had expressed doubt as to whether the Council would be entitled to intervene on behalf of the persons claiming the existence of the public right-of-way. Councillor Temple suggested that the Council's Solicitor prepare a statement of the full facts and the Council forward it to the Department for advice. He felt that the Council ought not to initiate proceedings directly. The County Manager pointed out that it was only in comparatively recent years that the area had been fenced off from the public road. Previously it had been completely open and persons were able to traverse the area as they wished. In regard to powers under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, the County Manager stated that the Council could prepare a Development Plan in regard to rights-of-way, but, of course, the Plan could be challenged by persons who contended that such public right-of-way did not exist. The Council agreed, on the suggestion of Councillor Temple, that the Council's Solicitor prepare a Statement of the full facts of the matter for transmission to the Attorney-General with a view to seeing if action could be taken by the Council.

ITEM No. 11—To Fill Vacancy on Baltinglass O.A.P. Sub-Committee.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That having considered recommendation of Baltinglass No. 1 O.A.P. Sub-Committee, we hereby appoint Canon C. Chavasse, Baltinglass, as a member of the Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Canon A. H. V. Frazer, Donard.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 12—Revision of Salaries of Medical Officers of District Hospitals:

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we note Recommendation of Arbitration Board under Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Local Government Officers and sanction of the Minister for Health, and approve of the application of revised salary scales for Medical Officers of District Hospitals with effect from 1st October, 1963, and 1st February, 1964, as set out hereunder:—

	1st October, 1963.	1st February, 1964.
District Hospital, Wicklow:	£1,040	£1,165
District Hospital, Baltinglass:	£1,200	£1,345

We note and approve of the following rates of salary where a Medical Officer of a District Hospital also holds the office of District Medical Officer:—

	1st October, 1963.	1st February, 1964.
District Hospital, Wicklow:	£535	£600
District Hospital, Baltinglass:	£565	£635

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

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 13—Report of Councillors Miss M. Walsh and Mrs. M. Ledwidge on Visit to Peamount Hospital.

The following Report of Councillors Miss M. Walsh and Mrs. M. Ledwidge had been circulated to the Members:

REPORT OF VISITING COMMITTEE TO PEAMOUNT

As appointed representatives of Wicklow County Council to visit Peamount Hospital Incorporated to investigate complaints alleged to have been received by Members of this Council from patients of that Institution, we, the undersigned, herewith submit our impressions

on the conditions obtaining therein as we found them.

Having made the necessary arrangements with the Hospital Authorities and submitted our authorisation to act on behalf of this Council to visit the Institution as a Committee, we arrived at Peamount (by appointment) at 1.00 p.m. on Monday, 31st January. We were met on arrival by the Matron, Secretary, and Resident Medical Superintendent, with whom we spent a considerable time at the outset in a most informative and profitable discussion on the business of our visit.

We were supplied with a list of the names of the (13) thirteen Wicklow patients resident in the Hospital and set out to visit each patient in order to investigate the complaints. It is worthy of note that we spoke to each person in private consultation.

We can truthfully state that we found every one of them perfectly happy and well satisfied with the amenities provided for them. Each patient in turn paid tribute to the kindness and consideration of the Nursing and Medical Staff. When questioned separately as to the quality of the food we did not receive one single complaint.

With regard to their obligation to wash their own cutlery and cup and saucer (or "mug" if they preferred), we found that all the patients with whom we spoke were unanimous in the view that this was a most satisfactory and hygienic arrangement, as it tended to minimise the ever-present risk of further infection which, apparently, is of very serious concern to each of them. In the words of one patient—"We regard this exercise as a form of occupational therapy." On closer investigation of the matter we learned that this arrangement does not at all apply to patients confined to bed, whose utensils are taken away and washed by an "Orderly" of the Ward Staff.

It is true to state that some patients are requested to provide themselves with cutlery, a cup and saucer (or "mug" if preferred) and a hot-water bottle. Clinical thermometers are supplied by the Hospital Authorities, for which a deposit of two shillings is required. This charge is refunded upon return of the thermometer. It has been found that, generally speaking, such equipment is notoriously fragile when provided free.

Since the Wards are all centrally-heated and very comfortable, we feel that hot-water bottles are not a normal need. We are satisfied from the assurance given us by the Authorities that any patient who is unable to provide any of these items has them provided free of charge.

In only two cases did we find any cause for complaint and in each one it was with regard to the undue delay in the supply of clothing. One female patient, who has spent a considerable time there, told us that she made application for clothing to this Council some weeks prior to Christmas and up to the date of our visit she had not even received the courtesy of an acknowledgment of her letter.

The second complaint—from a male patient—stated that clothing for which he had made application more than four months ago had not yet been supplied in full. After further questioning on the matter he stated that the Hospital Authorities had given him the

necessary clothing in the interval.

Following subsequent discussion on the question of the provision of clothing with the Resident Medical Superintendent, it was ascertained that upon receipt by him of a request for clothing from a patient, the application is immediately investigated and authorised by his signature and a Requisition Order made directly by him to the Council concerned. Dr. Logan stated very emphatically that such delays in respect of the supply of clothing are entirely a matter for the County Council concerned.

In conclusion, it is our considered opinion that conditions generally are highly satisfactory at Peamount Hospital; that facilities for nursing and medical treatment are highly comparable and, in fact, in many ways more advanced than in other similar Institutions; and that as far as we could ascertain from our one-day visit the general morale of the patients with whom we spoke was excellent.

Finally, we take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the Matron, Secretary, Resident Medical Superintendent, and Staff for the great kindness, courtesy and respect afforded to us on this occasion.

Signed: MARY WALSH.

MARY LEDWIDGE.

The Chairman and the Members of the Council expressed appreciation of the work of Mrs. Ledwidge and Miss Walsh in visiting the Hospital and preparing so comprehensive a Report. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., inquired as to what action the Council intended to take in relation to the delay in the supply of clothing to some of the patients. He stated that he had raised the matter in June, 1965, concerning a patient sent to Peamount who had not been supplied with clothes and that he raised the matter again in November and a third time in January, and was then informed that a suit of clothes had been ordered for the patient in December. He had not, however, received an explanation as to the delay in ordering the clothes. It was agreed that a Report in regard to the matter of the supply of clothing be obtained for the next Meeting of the Council.

ITEM No. 14—Public Lighting at Baltinglass—Recommendation of County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of the following recommendations of the County Engineer in relation to public lighting at Baltinglass:—

1. Provision of extra lamp at Mill Street on pole No. 34 at no charge;
2. Provision of extra lamp in Weaver Square on pole No. 19 near "Ivy Restaurant"—£6;
3. Provision of extra lamp on wall bracket on Corner House opposite Vocational School in Weaver Square, provided householder gives permission—£7;
4. Removal of E.S.B. pole near Catholic Church which is a danger to traffic—£15.

We note that there will be an increase in the annual charge for supply of electricity in respect of these lamps of £17 12s. 6d.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 15—Notices of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Whelan:

- (a) "That a Public Light be Provided at Ballycoogue; and (b) "That an Extra Public Light be Provided at Knockananna."

The County Sec. stated that due to the illness of Mr. Caffrey, Assist. County Engineer, a Report was not available regarding the light at Ballycoogue. The Assistant County Engineer had reported that he felt that an extra public light was not necessary in the position pointed out to him by Councillor Whelan, which was on the Tinahely Road near the three Council cottages. He felt that it would unbalance the lighting of the village. Councillor Whelan expressed disagreement with the terms of the Engineer's Report, as he felt there should be a light at this place and suggested that possibly the lights could be re-arranged. It was agreed that a further Report be obtained from the Engineer on the matter.

ITEM No. 16—Proposed Use of Kish Lighthouse Base at Greystones Harbour—Report of Meeting of Members of Council for Bray Electoral Area with Representatives of Greystones Civic Association.

The County Secretary stated that the Members of the Council for the BRAY ELECTORAL AREA had met Representatives of the Greystones and District Civic Association in connection with the proposed use of the Kish Lighthouse Base at Greystones Harbour. The Representatives of the Association had stated that it was their intention to fill in the gap between the Pier and the site of the Lighthouse Base and that material had been offered to them which would be suitable for the purpose. It had been agreed at the Meeting that the County Engineer meet Representatives of the Association to inspect the material proposed for filling and to submit an estimate of the cost of the work to the Council at that Meeting. The County Engineer had reported that he met the Representatives of the Association at Greystones Pier on the 14th April, but that the material shown to him as being available for filling up the space between the proposed site of the Lighthouse and the existing Pier was not of sufficient weight to prevent it being moved by heavy storms. He considered it would be necessary to protect these boulders and rubble on the seaward face by a concrete wall and that the wall would have to be laid in dry concrete, protected with jute bags. The County Engineer estimated the cost of building the protection wall and the removing and dumping of the boulders on the shore side of the wall at £920.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne;

Resolved—That having considered letter from Greystones and District Civic Association and recommendations of County Engineer and Members of Council for BRAY ELECTORAL AREA, we approve of the Association being informed that the Council has no objection to their proceeding with the proposal to place the original Kish Lighthouse Base at the Harbour, Greystones, the full cost being met by the Association and other interested residents of the area, subject to the Base being sited as recommended by the County Engineer, and subject to the undertaking given by the Association that they would undertake to remove the Base within a reasonable time should the Council consider that it should be removed.

That we authorise the expenditure of £920 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of works recommended by the County Engineer in Report of 18th April, 1966.

Passed unanimously.

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ITEM No. 17—Inquiries Arising from County Manager's Orders.

The Council noted the particulars of County Manager's Orders which had been circulated to the Members.

SALE OF VESTED COTTAGE—SUSPENSION OF OPERATION OF STATUTORY CONDITION.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That in accordance with Section 23 of the Labourers' Act, 1926, subject to the sanction of the Minister, we suspend the operation of the Statutory Condition requiring that the vested cottage at Cross, Tinahely (No. 25/10) be used only for the accommodation of an agricultural labourer or an agricultural labourer and members of his family for the period during which the cottage is in the ownership of Miss Alice Mullen.

Passed unanimously.

FLOODING OF ROAD AT STRANAHELY, GLEN OF IMAAL.

Councillor O'Neill referred to the flooding of road at Stranahely, in the Glen of Imaal, which he stated was due to the river on the property of the Department of Defence having been obstructed as a result of heavy floods in November last. He asked that the Department be requested to have the river cleaned up to eliminate damage to the road and inconvenience caused to the people using the road.

ROAD AT "FIVE-MILE-POINT"

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., complained that a sum of £1,000 had been allocated for the carrying out of repairs to a road at "Five-Mile-Point," but that nothing had been done and he wanted to know why the repairs were not carried out. It was agreed that a Report on the matter be submitted to the next Meeting.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in and accepted by the Chairman:—In the names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and Mark Deering:—"We, or some Member on our behalf, will move a Motion requesting the Council to clean up an open drain taking the town's drainage through Mr. Ubank's field in Dunlavin."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council to consider the Housing Capital Allocations for 1966/67 was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 25th April, 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors Alan H. Hadden, John Quigley, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley and J. Gregory.

In the absence of Councillor J. J. McCrea due to illness Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, presided.

Having considered the Department's letter of 22nd March, 1966, indicating the allocations for Housing Capital for the year 1966/67, and the County Secretary's Report as to the Council's requirements:

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we request Mr. P. Brennan, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government, to receive a Deputation from the Council in regard to the Capital Allocations for Housing.

Passed unanimously.

The Council appointed the following Members to constitute the Deputation:—

Councillor H. J. Byrne (Vice-Chairman);

Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;

Councillor J. Miley;

Councillor J. Temple; and

Councillor Miss M. Walsh.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Resolved—That the Department of Local Government be requested to authorise the issue immediately of the balance of the allocation in respect of Loans for persons purchasing or erecting New Houses.

Passed unanimously.

Sites for Industry.

The County Manager (in committee) reported to the Council regarding (1) the proposed disposal of the site at Rathnew owned by the Council for the purposes of an industry; and (2) the proposed purchase by the Council of lands at "The Murrough" Wicklow, as sites for new industries. The County Manager informed the Council of the terms proposed for the disposal to Messrs. Heyco-Werk Heynen and Co., of Germany of the site at Rathnew which had been originally acquired by the Council for the purposes of a County Hospital. The price being paid to the Council was £3,300, but the site was being disposed of subject to a Lease at a rent of £1 per annum, with a covenant that the site be used only for industrial purposes or for the erection of dwellings for persons employed in the industry. On the proposal of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the Council agreed with the arrangements. The County Secretary stated that the appropriate notices under Section 86 of the Local Government Act, 1946, would be circulated to the Members and the matter would be included for formal decision by the Council at the Meeting on the 9th May.

In regard to "The Murrough", Wicklow, the County Manager stated that there had been further negotiations with Messrs. Goulding and it seemed that the land at "The Murrough" could be acquired for a sum of £1,200, but the Council would be involved in expenditure on the provision of a road and also a water supply, which was estimated to cost about £3,000, and there would be some difficulties regarding the control of the level crossing. Further discussions were proceeding in regard to this latter matter. The Council agreed that the matter of the negotiations be left in the hands of the County Manager and approved of the action taken to date.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 2nd May, 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—
 Councillors Alan H. Hadden, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley and James Gregory.

In the absence of Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, the Council was presided over by Councillor G. Timmins.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer R. L. Farrell, and Assistant County Engineers N. D. Farrell, S. F. Coffey and P. T. Hickey attended.

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It was
 Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;
 Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:
 Resolved—That having considered Report of Council's Architect of 24th March, 1966, we approve of the Council's Architect being instructed to proceed with the planning for the erection of houses on the sites being acquired at Parkmore, Baltinglass.

Passed unanimously.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 2nd May, 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—
 Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.
 Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley and James Gregory.

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Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Proposed Provision of Two Additional Houses at Laragh.

The Council's Architect had submitted a Report suggesting that the Council might consider erecting the two additional houses required at Laragh on a site presently occupied by two unfit Council houses. This site was about a half a mile from the new houses in Laragh and the Architect had suggested that it would be possible to lay a sewer between that site and the septic tank at Laragh at a cost of about £2,500. The County Secretary stated, however, that it was felt preferable that the additional new houses be provided on the site on the opposite side of the road to the present Scheme so as to be integrated in the village. This would also avoid having to lay the new sewer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That having considered Report of Council's Architect of 11th March, 1966, we approve of Plans being prepared for the erection of the two additional houses at Laragh on the site on the opposite side of the road to the present Scheme so as to form part of the village. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Application for Provision of Cottage at Rathmeigue, Knockananna.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. Richard Breen, Rathmeigue, Knockananna, for the provision of a Council house on a site on his father's lands at Rathmeigue. The applicant was a small farmer with a rateable valuation of £1 15s. (d). The County Medical Officer pointed out that the applicant was a single man and, consequently, he did not recommend him for a new house. In reply to inquiries from Members of the Council the County Secretary stated that it had been indicated by the Parish Priest that Mr. Breen intended to get married in September.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That having noted Report of Chief Medical Officer we approve of the application of Richard Breen, Rathmeigue, Knockananna, Arklow, for the provision of a new Council house for him at Rathmeigue. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Carrigoona Group Water Supply Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government had requested confirmation from the Council that they would meet cost of the laying of the watermain from Kilgarron through the Powercourt Estate to the road junction near Tinnahinch Bridge, which was estimated to cost £2,418. In addition the Council was also asked to bear the extra cost of providing 4" diameter pipes in lieu of the original 2" diameter pipes between the road junction near Tinnahinch Bridge and the Pumphouse and the cost of the extra involved in this case was £630. The Department of Local Government also asked for confirmation that the Council would meet the additional cost of rock excavation on the section of the pipeline between Kilgarron and the road junction near Tinnahinch Bridge. The County Secretary stated, however, that while the Plans showing the route of the pipeline had been supplied to the Council no details had been given as to the likely extent of rock excavation nor the rate which would be payable in respect of such excavation. Mr. R. L. Farrell, Chief Assistant Co. Engineer, who acted as Liaison Officer in connection with Group Water Supply Schemes, was arranging to meet the Department's Inspectors with a view to preparing an estimate of the cost that would be in-

volved in relation to rock excavation.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That subject to the County Engineer being satisfied that the extra cost of rock excavation on the Scheme for laying of watermain from the Enniskerry Water Supply Scheme to the Crossroads at Tinnahinch is a reasonable amount we approve of the Department of Local Government being informed that the Council will meet such extra cost in addition to meeting the cost of the provision of the main over the section A—B (estimated at £2,418 1s. 0d.) and the increased cost on the provision of 4" in lieu of 2" piping between B and C (at the estimated cost of £630) in relation to the Scheme for the provision of a Group Water Supply Scheme at Carrigoona.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley Requesting Report from County Engineer "As To The Possibility of Providing a Small Porch for a Cottage at Mucklagh, Aughavannagh, Occupied by James Byrne, Owing to the Age of the Tenant and the Very Exposed Position of the Cottage."

The County Secretary stated that Mr. J. P. Caffrey, Assistant Co. Engineer, was ill and had been in hospital for some time past and in consequence no Report was available. The Council decided to defer the matter to the next Meeting.

Item No. 6—Report of County Engineer on Tenders Received for Repairs to Cottages.

The following Report of the County Engineer on the Tenders received for Repairs to Cottages for the year 1966/67 was submitted:—

29th April, 1966.

County Secretary.

Re: Tenders for Cottage Repairs 1966.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 24th ultimo.

1. **Northern Area:** No Tenders were received for this area, which covers the Bray, Newtownmountkennedy and Wicklow areas. Repairs, therefore, in this area will have to be continued to be carried out by Direct Labour. This system, however, does not seem to be satisfactory, judging by the criticism received from Councillors.
2. **South-Eastern District:** Only one Tender was received for this area—Aughrim/Arklow. I consider the Tender is excessive and recommend that the area be re-advertised.
3. **Southern District:** It is recommended that the Tender of Mr. James Kelly, Jank, Abbeylands, Castledermot, at the standard rate, be accepted. This district comprises the areas Nos. 5, 6 and 7, that is, Carnew, Shillelagh and Tinahely.
4. **Western District:** It is recommended that the Tender of Mr. Laurence Kelly, Lipstown, Narraghmore, Ballymore, Co. Kildare, be accepted for District No. 8 (Blessington area) at the standard rate plus 7½ per cent., if and when Direct Labour organisation is not available or able to cope with the work.

It is recommended that the Tender of Mr. J. Kelly, Jank, Abbeylands, Castledermot, be accepted for District No. 9 (Ballinglass area) at the standard rate. It is hoped to carry out some repairs also in

this area by Direct Labour when it is economical to do so.
Tenders returned herewith.

Mise, le meas,
T. J. Donovan,
County Engineer.

On the proposal of Councillor Timmins, seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill, the Council recommended that repairs in the West Wicklow Area (Districts 8 and 9) continue to be carried out by direct labour and that no Contracts be entered into for that Area.

On the proposal of Councillor Hadden, seconded by Councillor Miss Walsh, the Council approved of the recommendation of the Co. Engineer for the acceptance of the Tender of James Kelly, Jank, Abbeylands, Castledermot, Co. Kildare, at the standard rate for repairs in Districts Nos. 5, 6 and 7.

On the proposal of Councillor A. H. Hadden, seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh, the Council recommended that the Tender of Mr. Thomas J. Keenan, 1, Lourdes Crescent, Aughrim, at standard rate plus 20 per cent., be accepted for District No. 4.

In regard to Districts Nos. 5, 6 and 7 Members of the Council for the Area expressed doubt as to whether one Contractor could carry out all repairs in the Area within a reasonable time and if this should prove to be the position asked that the matter of accepting another Tender in addition be considered.

Item No. 7—Cottages Repaired During Month of April, 1966, and Cottages to be Repaired in May, 1966.

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired during the month of April, 1966, and of those to be repaired during the month of May, 1966.

Presidential Election.

The following letter received by the Chairman from Mr. Hayden Murphy, c/o The Philosophical Society, Trinity College, Dublin, 2, was submitted:—

c/o The Philosophical Society,
Trinity College,
Dublin 2.
April 28th, 1966.

Dear Sir,

May I respectfully request that you re-consider your refusal to nominate Eoin O'Mahony as a candidate for the forthcoming Presidential Election.

By doing this you will be helping restore to this high office the dignity it has lost in becoming a political party position. Party politics serve their purpose in democratic governments but the position of the President, as exemplified by the late Douglas Hyde, should be far removed from inter-party differences.

Mr. O'Mahony has pledged himself to this purpose and his well-known and widely admired humanitarian views make him more than eligible for this post.

I hope that you Sir and your fellow Council members will see fit to support him in this and that at your next meeting you will show your support by your nomination.

Yours respectfully,
HAYDEN MURPHY.

The Council noted that the matter had already been considered by the Council and that it was not proposed to re-consider the decision.

Decisions to Refuse Permission for Erection of Houses.

Members of the Council raised the matter of decisions having been made to refuse permission for the erection of houses for Mr. Farrington at Kilmacanogue and for Mr. Bohan at Blessington. It was agreed that particulars of these applications be made available to the Council at the Meeting on the 9th May, 1966.

Constitution of Deputation to Parliamentary Secretary.

Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that Councillor J. Temple was ill and was in hospital and he proposed that Councillor Edward Byrne replace Councillor Temple on the Deputation to the Parliamentary Secretary in regard to the Capital Allocations for Housing for the current year.

Councillor H. J. Byrne also suggested that as Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, was now available that he should be a member of the Committee in place of himself (Councillor H. J. Byrne) who had been nominated as a member of the Committee by reason of being Acting Chairman at the time. The Council agreed that Councillor Edward Byrne replace Councillor Temple on the Deputation, but also agreed unanimously that Councillor J. J. McCrea (as Chairman) be a member of the Deputation, but that Councillor H. J. Byrne should continue as a member of the Deputation.

Ambulance Service in Bray.

The County Manager asked that, as a matter of urgency, the Council consider (in committee) the position regarding the Ambulance Service in Bray. Following consultation with the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area, and with their agreement, efforts had been made to reach agreement with Mr. Savage, Contractor for the Ambulance Service in Bray, on the basis of the payment of an annual retainer of £1,000, together with the payment of 1/- per mile for actual journeys. This arrangement had been discussed and agreed with the Department of Health. The County Manager stated that he had received a 'phone call from the Department of Health that day indicating that Mr. Savage had informed the Department that he was not prepared to accept the Council's offer and Mr. Savage had also sent a registered letter to the Department informing them that he was withdrawing the services of his ambulance as from the following Monday. The County Manager stated that there had been negotiations with the Dublin Health Authority and a meeting had been arranged with Officers of the Health Authority with a view to seeing if an Ambulance Service for the Bray Area could be provided through St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown. He pointed out that there was a considerable advantage in having a Service operated through a hospital in that trained personnel would always be available to travel with the ambulance if required. Following a discussion in which Members of the Council suggested that there should be further negotiations with Mr. Savage it was proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell, that the present offer to Mr. Savage be increased by agreeing to a payment of £1 per call in addition to the £1,000 retainer, plus 1/- per mile. The Council felt that this offer was a reasonable one and should be accepted. The County Manager agreed to convey the offer to the Department of Health for approval and also to Mr. Savage. The County Manager pointed out that due to the volume of traffic on the Arterial Road in the North of the County many car accidents occurred in this district and the Council would be open to criticism if a satisfactory Ambulance Service was not available to deal with emergency cases arising from road accidents. In the Wicklow-Arkiow Area the Council were able to call

Wicklow County Council

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th May, 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, J. Everett, T.D.; Roger Miley, J. Gregory and H. W. Hopkins. In the absence of the Chairman (Councillor J. J. McCrea) Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, took the chair.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer R. L. Farrell, and Assistant County Engineers S. F. Coffey, N. D. Farrell and P. T. Hickey, attended.

AGENDA.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 10th January, 7th and 14th February, 1966.
2. Filling of vacancy on Wicklow O.A.P. Sub-Committee.
3. Road Fund Grants, 1966/'67—Letter from Department of Local Government notifying Grants allocated.
4. Road at "Five-Mile-Point"—Report of County Engineer.
5. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:—"That the County Engineer report on the following matters: (1) The possibility of replacing 'Dangerous Bridge' signs on Tinnakilly Bridge by luminous signs; (2) Placing of 'matchsticks' on village side on top of ditch; (3) Repair and painting of all road signs; and (4) Removal of grass verge from Morrissey's Corner to Rednagh Road junction in order to prevent growth of noxious weeds."
6. Proposed disposal of land at Rathnew. (Details circulated to Members).
7. Industrial site at "The Murrough," Wicklow—Extension of water-main and provision of new road.
8. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That we have a Report from County Engineer with regard to stoppage of supply of water on the lands of Alfred E. Lawrence at Tallyho, Aughrim."
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10. Reports of County Medical Officer on (1) Supply of clothing to patient at Peamount Sanatorium; and (2) Dental treatment for schoolchildren.
11. Retirement of Staff Officer—Payment of Superannuation Allowance and Lump Sum.
12. Decisions to refuse permission under Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963—(1) Michael Farrington for house at Kilmacanogue; and (2) Denis J. Bohan for house at Cross-coolharbour, Blessington.
13. Milltown Lane Water Supply—Report of County Engineer on Tenders received.
14. Extension of water supply from Killadreenan to Newcastle—Letter from Department of Local Government conveying sanction to acceptance of Tender.
15. Minutes of Meeting of County Councils' General Council held on 16th December, 1965.
16. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 10th January, 7th and 14th February, 1966.

Passed unanimously.

Acknowledgments of Resolutions of Sympathy.

The County Secretary submitted acknowledgments received from the family and relatives of the late Joseph McGrath, "Cabinteely House," Cabinteely, and from Mrs. Elizabeth A. Birthistle, 5, Main Street, Arklow, of Resolutions passed by the Council expressing sympathy in their bereavements.

Item No. 2—Filling of Vacancy on Wicklow O.A.P. Sub-Committee.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That having considered recommendation of Wicklow O.A.P. Sub-Committee we appoint Councillor H. W. Hopkins as a member of the Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Canon F. St. J. Tamplin.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Road Fund Grants, 1966/'67—Letter from Department of Local Government notifying Grants Allocated.

Letter of 22nd April, 1966, Ref.: R.201/4/14, from Department of Local Government, conveying the allocation of Road Fund Grants to the Council for 1966/'67, was submitted. The Council noted that the Grants allocated for the current year were as follows:—

County Road Improvement Grant—£25,440.

Main Road Improvement Grant—£57,970.

Main Road Upkeep Grant—50% of approved expenditure.

Arterial Road Improvement Grant—£78,200.

The Council noted that there was a reduction of £5,470 in the amount allocated for County Road Improvement as compared with the allocation for 1965/'66 and that the amounts of the other Grants allocated corresponded with the amounts allocated in 1965/'66. The Council noted the Report of the County Engineer that he was not in a position to determine the amounts of moneys which would be available for Road Works in the current year pending a final decision from the Department of Local Government in regard to the financing of the repairs to Roads and Bridges damaged during the floods in November, 1965. The Council agreed that it be indicated to the Department of Local Government that in the view of the Council the expenditure incurred in repairing flood damage should be allowed to rank for recoupment from Arterial Road Grant and Main Road Grant. The Council deferred arrangements for the holding of Local Roads Meetings pending a final decision from the Department of Local Government in regard to the defraying of the costs of repair of flood damage.

Item No. 4—Road at "Five-Mile-Point"—Report of County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that no work had been carried out on this road during the

financial year 1965/'66, as he had been unaware that it had been taken over by the Council as a Public Road. He pointed out, however, that no funds had been provided by the Council for repairs to the road and that £1,300 would have to be spent to allow reasonably frequent passing places, in addition to £1,400 for surfacing and £200 for the cost of a bridge. The County Secretary stated that following the giving of the necessary public notice the road had been taken over by the Council as a Public Road in November, 1965. The matter of taking over the road and carrying out repairs to it was considered by the Local Roads Committee at their Meeting on the 19th July, 1965, and the Committee had agreed that steps be taken to have the road taken over as a Public Road and that widening and grading only be carried out during the year 1965/'66 over the portion of the road serving the permanent houses on it. It was agreed that no surfacing of the road could be done from funds available in 1965/'66. Following a discussion on the matter, in the course of which Councillor J. Everett, T.D., expressed disagreement with the record of the decision of the Local Roads Committee, it was agreed that the matter be referred for consideration by the Local Roads Committee when dealing with the Programme of Works for the current financial year.

Item No. 5—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Quigley:—

"That the County Engineer report on the following matters:

- (1) The possibility of replacing "Dangerous Bridge" signs on Tinnakilly Bridge by Lumious Signs;
- (2) Placing of 'Matchsticks' on Village side on top of ditch;
- (3) Repair and Painting of all road signs; and
- (4) Removal of grass verge from Morrissey's Corner to Rednagh Road Junction in order to prevent growth of Noxious Weeds."

The County Engineer stated that the matters referred to by Councillor Quigley in his Notice of Motion were being attended to.

Item No. 6—Proposed Disposal of Land at Rathnew.

The following Notice giving details of the proposed disposal of land at Rathnew had been circulated to the Members:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow.

26th April, 1966.

Chairman and Members of County Council.

Re: Proposed Disposal of Land at Rathnew.

Dear Councillor,

In accordance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, notice is given herewith of the proposed disposal of the site at Rathnew which had been acquired by the Council in 1952 as a site for a proposed County Hospital. The details of the proposal are as follows:—

1. The site contains 22 acres 3 roods 16 perches and is situated to the West of the Arterial Road T.7 at Rathnew.
2. The major part of the site (containing 21 acres 3 roods 10 perches) was acquired from Mr. P. Clements of Rathnew and the remainder of the site (containing 1 acre 0 roods 6 perches) from Mr. Thomas Kavanagh, Rathnew.
3. It is proposed to dispose of the land to Heyco-Werk Heynen and Co. Remscheid, Germany.

4. The consideration proposed is £3,300.
5. The site would be disposed of subject to a Lease for 999 years at £1 per year and subject to a condition that the site be used for industrial purposes, which would include the provision of housing for persons employed in the industry.

The matter will be included on the Agenda for the Meeting of the Council on 9th May, 1966.

Yours sincerely,

K. J. BRANGAN,

County Secretary.

KBJ/JK.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, we approve of the proposed disposal of site in the ownership of the Council at Rathnew (containing 22 acres 3 roods 16 perches) on the basis of the terms notified to the Members of the Council on 26th April, 1966.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Industrial Site at "The Murrough," Wicklow—Extension of Watermain and provision of New Road.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor H. W. Hopkins:

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer we approve of the construction of a new road from the boundary of Wicklow Urban District at "The Murrough," Wicklow, northwards for a distance of 615 yards (at an estimated cost of £3,700 if laid in bitmac on 12" gravel base, or £6,000 if laid in concrete) the cost to be defrayed from the County Road Improvement Grant for the current year. We approve also of the laying of an extension of the watermain from its termination at the boundary of Messrs. Veba's land for a distance of 1,330 lin. yards (at an estimated cost of £3,500) and hereby authorise the necessary borrowing to defray the cost of the extension of the main.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh: "That we have a Report from County Engineer with regard to Stoppage of Supply of Water on the Lands of Alfred E. Lawrence at Tallyho, Aughrim."

In the absence of Councillor Miss M. Walsh it was agreed to defer this matter to the next Meeting.

Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and Mark Deering:—"That the Council clean up an open drain taking the Town Drainage through Mr. Ubank's field in Dunlavin."

The County Secretary stated that this matter had come before the Council in 1957 and that the views of the Council's Solicitor had been obtained at that time and that he advised that the Council was not responsible for the drain through the lands and that it would be the responsibility of Mr. Ubank to repair the drain. The then County Engineer was instructed to call on Mr. Ubank and point out to him that the Council was not responsible for maintaining this

drain. The Council noted the advice of the Council's Solicitor in the matter.

Item No. 10—Reports of County Medical Officer on (1) Supply of Clothing to Patient at Peamount Sanatorium; and (2) Dental treatment for Schoolchildren.

At the request of Councillor Miss Walsh, who was unable to attend, the Council agreed to defer consideration of these Reports to the next Meeting.

Item No. 11—Retirement of Staff Officer—Payment of Superannuation Allowance and Lump Sum.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates for Housing and Sanitary Services to meet the cost of the payment of a Lump Sum of £2,138 8s. 0d. and Superannuation Allowance at the rate of £742 10s. 0d. per annum to Mr. A. O'Connor, Staff Officer (Retired).
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12—Decisions to refuse permission under Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963—(1) Michael Farrington for House at Kilmacanogue; and (2) Denis J. Bohan for house at Crosscoolharbour, Blessington.

Particulars were supplied by the County Manager of the reasons for refusal of permission for these proposals. Councillor James Miley indicated that he would hand in Notice of Motion for the passing of a Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to require that permission be granted for the erection of the house at Crosscoolharbour, Blessington, for Mr. Denis J. Bohan.

Item No. 13—Milltown Lane Water Supply—Report of County Engineer on Tenders Received.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer for the acceptance of the Tender of Mr. William Carroll, Taghmon, Co. Wexford, in the sum of £2,953 12s. 6d. for the extension of water supply at Milltown Lane and authorise the borrowing of a sum of £3,250 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of twenty-five years, to defray the cost of the work.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Extension of Water Supply from Killadreenan to Newcastle—Letter from Department of Local Government conveying sanction to acceptance of Tender.

The Council noted a letter received from the Department of Local Government dated 29th April, 1966, indicating that no objection was raised to the acceptance of the Tender in the sum of £2,710 1s. 0d. for the extension of the water supply from Killadreenan to Newcastle. It was indicated in the letter that having regard to the estimated cost of the work it was considered that it would be appropriate to raise any necessary Loan from a source other than the Local Loans

Fund. Subsidy at the usual rate would be payable on any such Loan. The County Secretary stated that inquiry had been made from the National Bank, Ltd., and it had been indicated by the Bank that their Board did not regard the proposal as a suitable banking transaction in the existing difficult credit conditions and had, therefore, regretfully declined to make the facilities available. The County Secretary suggested that application might be made to the Department for sanction to the borrowing of a Loan from the Local Loans Fund to defray the cost of the extension of the water supply at Milltown Lane; the laying of the watermain from Killadreenan to Newcastle; the extension of the watermain at "The Murrrough," Wicklow; the extension of water supplies to cottages at Ennis Lane and Redford, Greystones; and the laying of the watermain from the Enniskerry Scheme to the Crossroads at Tinnahinch; as one Loan from the Local Loans Fund. The Council agreed that application be made for one Loan from the Local Loans Fund to cover these Schemes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £3,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, re-payable over a period of twenty-five years, to defray the cost of the laying of a watermain from Killadreenan to Newcastle.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of £3,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, re-payable over a period of twenty-five years, to defray the cost of the extension of water supplies to cottages at Ennis Lane and Redford, Greystones.

Passed unanimously

Item No. 15—Minutes of Meeting of County Councils' General Council held on 16th December, 1965.

The Council noted the submission of the Minutes of the County Councils' General Council Meeting held on the 16th December, 1965.

Item No. 16—Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

The Council noted the particulars of County Manager's Orders which had been circulated to the Members.

Ambulance Service for Bray Area and Northern portion of County.

The County Manager stated that the Council had been informed by the Department of Health that Mr. Savage of Bray had informed the Department that he had refused the Council's offer in regard to the Ambulance Service and was withdrawing his service as from 6.00 p.m. on that date (the 9th May, 1966). It had been necessary, therefore, to make alternative arrangements to provide a Service for the Bray Area and the districts adjoining and arrangements had been made with the Dublin Health Authority under which that Authority would provide a Service for emergency cases and road accidents in the Dispensary Districts of Bray, Delgany and Enniskerry. An additional ambulance had been delivered to the Council that day in Wicklow and this ambulance was being put into commission, based at Wicklow, to provide cover for routine calls in the areas mentioned.

The Council approved of using the Dublin Health Authority ambulances for emergency and accident cases and of having a second whole-time driver for the second County Council ambulance attached to the Hospital in Wicklow.

Sheep Dipping Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had been informed by telephone from the Department of Agriculture that the sheep dipping period in the present year had been extended and the first dipping period would operate as from the 1st June instead of from the 1st July (as had been previously the position). It was suggested that a Meeting of the Sheep Dipping Committee be arranged for Monday, the 16th May, 1966, to consider further the arrangements for the current year's Scheme.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Mark Deering and G. Timmins: Notice applying Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, instructing that permission be granted for erection of house at Crosscoolharbour, Blessington, for Denis J. Bohan.

In the name of Councillor John Quigley: "That I, or someone for me, will move that Council consider the advisability of condemning as unfit for human habitation the cottage at Kilballyowen, Aughrim, occupied by Thomas Fagan, as he has to disconnect E.S.B. during wet weather owing to a leaking roof and walls."

Wicklow County Council

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 6th June, 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.
Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, Roger Miley, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, and H. W. Hopkins.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer R. L. Farrell, and Assistant County Engineers N. D. Farrell and S. F. Coffey attended.

AGENDA.

1. Notice of intention to propose the following Resolution—in names of Councillors J. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, M. Deering and G. Timmins: "That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to grant permission under Section 26 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to Denis J. Bohan, Esq., Main Street, Blessington, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Crosscoolharbour, Blessington."
2. Report of Meeting of Deputation from Council with Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government re Capital Allocations for Housing.
3. Housing at Newtownmountkenedy—Report of Council's Architect on planning on site.
4. Application for consent to redemption of Annuity on Vested Cottage at Newtown, Hollywood.
5. Housing Subsidies and Review of Rents—Letter from Department of Local Government. (Copy circulated to Members).
6. Planning and Development—Right-of-way at Brittas Bay—Letter from Department of Local Government.
7. Application from Baltinglass National Farmers' Association for reception of Deputation from local Farmers' Association for at Tuckmill and Stratford.
8. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins: "That a public light be erected at Killamoat, Rathdangan."
9. Public Lighting—Kiltegan.
10. Dumping Ground at Dunlavin.
11. Revision of Wages of Labourers and Craftsmen in Building Industry.
12. Cottage Repairs—Work done during May, 1966, and Repairs for June, 1966.
13. Library Van—Opening of Tenders.

Item No. 1—Motion under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955—Erection of Dwellinghouse at Crosscoolharbour, Blessington.

In accordance with Notice of Motion which had been circulated to the Members of the Council:

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to grant permission under Sec-

tion 28 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963; to Denis J. Bohan, Esq., Main Street, Blessington, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Crosscoolharbour, Blessington.

The County Secretary stated that the main objection to the proposal was that the house was being sited alongside the Main Road north of Blessington. It was considered that it was most undesirable to allow new houses with new entrances on to Arterial Roads (which were being improved to carry fast traffic) as each additional entrance increased the hazard to traffic.

Passed unanimously.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor M. Deering, the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members with the wife and relatives of the late Judge Fionan Lynch of Dublin, who was the father of Dr. Maire Liston of "Roseville," Church Street, Wicklow.

Item No. 2—Report of Meeting of Deputation from Council with Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government re Capital Allocations for Housing.

The County Secretary stated that a Deputation consisting of Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, and Councillors E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., J. Miley and Miss M. Walsh had met Deputy P. Brennan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government, on the 9th May, 1966. In regard to County Council Housing Schemes (for which the allocation was £33,000 in respect of existing commitments and £20,000 provisionally allocated for new works) it was agreed that having regard to the normal carry-forward arrangements in respect of Housing Schemes that the Council might proceed with the Schemes for the erection of ten houses at Kilcoole and six houses at Aughrim, and that the Council might also invite Tenders for the erection of Rural Cottages. In regard to the Council's allocation of £33,000 for Loans for House Purchase the members of the Deputation had stressed the Council's concern at the inadequacy of the amount of the allocation when compared with the number of Loans provisionally allocated by the Council. Particular reference was made to the difficulties which would be experienced by persons purchasing houses at Bentley Park, Bray. The members of the Deputation had pointed out that the amount of the current allocation would allow only of Loans being made available in respect of ten out of the twenty-five houses at this place. Deputy Brennan informed the Deputation that there was not much likelihood of extra money being made available under this heading, but the matter was being sympathetically examined in the Department.

The County Secretary stated that following the Meeting application had been made to the Department for sanction to the Loans in respect of the Kilcoole and Aughrim Schemes so that these Schemes could be commenced in the present year. Tenders were being invited during the following week for the Rural Cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That having considered Report of Deputation from Council to Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government in regard to Capital Allocations for Housing we approve of proceeding with the Housing Schemes at Kilcoole and Aughrim in the present year and with the invitation of Tenders for the erection

of Rural Cottages.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Housing at Newtownmountkennedy—Report of Council's Architect on Planning on Site.

The County Secretary stated that four of the six tenants at Newtownmountkennedy had agreed to the Council's offer in respect of the purchase of plots required for new houses. The Council's Architect had reported that a Plan could be prepared for the development of these four plots, which were adjoining, and that the tenants could be assured that new houses to be erected would not be nearer than 80 ft. to the existing houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

Resolved—That we note the Report of the Council's Architect of 27th May, 1966, regarding the siting of houses on the plots being acquired from tenants at Newtownmountkennedy and approve of a Layout Plan being prepared for the erection of cottages on this site.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Application for Consent to Redemption of Annuity on Vested Cottage at Newtown, Hollywood.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That subject to the sanction of the Minister we approve of accepting a sum of £260 17s. 5d. in respect of the redemption of the Annuity on the vested cottage at Newtown, Hollywood, for Mrs. Mary Dwyer.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Housing Subsidies and Review of Rents—Letter from Department of Local Government.

A copy of letter of 30th March, 1966, Ref.: H. 3/66, from Department of Local Government had been circulated to the Members. The County Secretary stated that the object of the review of rents was to secure that at the end of a reasonable transition period the same type of renting structure would apply throughout the entire Housing Estate of the Council. It was the intention that when the Scheme was fully effective each tenant would pay a rent which was related to his family and financial circumstances, and the standard and amenity of the accommodation which he occupied, and that persons who were in a position to meet the cost of their houses should pay a normal rent, while, on the other hand, no person who was in need of a house would be debarred from getting one on account of the rent to be charged. The Council had 3,326 cottages, of which 2,166 had been vested in the tenants. Of the balance 377 were on graded rents and 783 cottages still remained on fixed rents. The graded rent system had been applied in the case of all new lettings, but was not applied in the case of existing rents or where there had been a transfer of tenancy from the original tenant to another member of the family living in the house. Of the 783 cottages to which fixed rents applied applications to purchase had been received from 362, which left 421 cottages which might be dealt with under the review of rents. The County Secretary suggested that Schemes might be prepared for the different categories of cottages, distinguishing between the older

cottages and new ones, and those with services, such as piped water supply and sewerage systems. It was suggested that graded rent scales should then be applied to all existing cottages not already on such scales, excluding, however, cottages in respect of which applications to purchase had been received. It was proposed also that the existing Differential Rent Schemes would be revised where necessary, in accordance with the recommendations made by the Department of Local Government. The Council agreed that proposals for applying Graded or Differential Rent Schemes to the remaining cottages not already on such Schemes be prepared and submitted, together with any recommended revisions of the current Differential Rent Schemes.

Item No. 6—Planning and Development—Right-of-Way at Brittas Bay. (Letter from Department of Local Government).

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

County Manager,

26th May, 1966.

Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 15th April, 1966, about the question of rights-of-way at Brittas Bay and to draw attention to the terms of Department's circular letter PD. 10 of the 29th March, 1966, in the matter.

If there is evidence of uninterrupted and unrestricted public use of an access way the Council are entitled in their own right to take appropriate steps for the preservation or restoration of the right. This entitlement is independent of any question of supporting action by a particular group of users of the right. As indicated in the circular referred to proceedings by a local authority to restore the right-of-way which has been impeded would normally be expected to take the form of a relator action by the Attorney-General. It is considered that the possibility of such action in this case should be explored by the local authority forthwith.

If, however, such action is not warranted having regard to the extent or circumstances of public use the local authority should take whatever steps are required on foot of their further powers to provide public facilities or to preserve or develop facilities already in existence.

The reservation expressed in regard to the recommendation in the circular that the preservation of existing rights-of-way might be secured through the making of partial development plans is not understood. The powers of planning authorities in this regard under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, are specific and they are clearly set out in the circular.

While the planning authority may acquire land as a means of providing public rights-of-way over such land it is not necessary that the planning authority should own or should acquire the sites for the purpose of establishing rights-of-way under sections 47 or 48 of the Act.

In view of the current prospective importance of the Brittas Bay area as a place of public resort the Minister wishes that the Council should give special attention to the preservation of existing public facilities for parking, access and use, and to the development of new facilities to meet growing demands. I have to request, therefore, that the assessment, referred to in a final paragraph of circular PD. 10, of requirements for the protection or development of such

public facilities in the area in question should be expedited and a report submitted as soon as possible on the conclusions reached and the action proposed.

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D. TURPIN.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had forwarded a Statement from persons who contended that a public right-of-way existed at Cornagower and this Statement bore 122 signatures. The Statement had been forwarded to the Attorney-General with the request that the necessary legal proceedings be instituted. In regard to the Department's request for an assessment of the position at Brittas Bay the County Secretary stated that the County Manager had written to the Department of Local Government setting out the details of the discussions with the Brittas Bay Development Association in regard to the Plan prepared for Brittas Bay by the Council and had pointed out that the views of the Department of Local Government and of Bord Fáilte in regard to the development at Brittas Bay had been sought by the Council some years ago, but that no written comments had been received. The County Manager reviewed the discussions and decisions which had been taken by the Council in regard to development at Brittas Bay and stated that at present Appeals made by landowners at Brittas Bay against planning refusals of the Council were under examination by the Department, but decisions had not yet been given by the Minister.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That the Attorney-General be requested to take appropriate action on behalf of the Council and the persons concerned to prevent any obstruction of right-of-way to beach at Brittas Bay.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Application from Baltinglass National Farmers' Association for reception of Deputation from local farmers re Repair of Bridges at Tuckmill and Stratford.

The County Secretary submitted a letter from the Secretary of the Baltinglass Branch, N.F.A., asking that a Deputation of local farmers be received with a view to having the Bridget at Tuckmill and Stratford repaired. On the proposal of Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Timmins, it was agreed that the Deputation be received at the Meeting on the 13th June. In reply to the Chairman the County Engineer stated that parts required for the temporary bridges to be erected at Balisland and at other places were held up in a British Port on account of the Seamen's Strike. Work would have been commenced on repairs to the Bridges at Tuckmill and Stratford during that week but it had not been possible to obtain cement as paper bags were not available owing to the Paper Mills Strike. The Council was endeavouring to obtain cement in bulk and to have it put in bags by their own staff. It was agreed that the Secretary, Baltinglass Branch, N.F.A., be informed of the position, but that the Council would be prepared to receive the Deputation should they still wish to attend.

**Item No. 8—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor G. Timmins:—
"That a public light be erected at Killamoat, Rathdangan."**

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That the E.S.B. be requested to submit a quotation for the provision of a public light on an E.S.B. pole at the main entrance to Killamoat Church, Rathdangan.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the E.S.B. had in fact been asked to submit the necessary quotation.

Item No. 9—Public Lighting: Kiltegan.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that two public lamps be provided at Kiltegan between the Doctor's Residence and the Cross in Kiltegan and that the estimated cost given by the Electricity Supply Board was £70.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of the acceptance of the quotation of the Electricity Supply Board in the sum of £70 for the provision of two public lamps between the Doctor's Residence and the Cross-roads at Kiltegan.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Dumping Ground at Dunlavin.

The County Secretary stated that the site at Dunlavin which had been offered by Councillor M. Deering was situated 1½ miles from the town and was not considered suitable. It was felt that private individuals would not be prepared to use a site at such distance from the town. The Council agreed that efforts be made to obtain a suitable site closer to the town.

Item No. 11—Revision of Wages of Labourers and Craftsmen in Building Industry.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had received the Recommendation of the Construction Industry Joint Industrial Council in regard to wages of Craftsmen and Labourers and that the Council had recommended that as from 1st June, 1966, the weekly wages of all adult operatives in the construction industry be increased by £1, with pro rata increases for Apprentices; that the consolidation of hourly wage rates become effective from 1st June, 1966; and that in connection with the payment of annual leave for current year the leave should be calculated on the basis of five-sixths at the old rate of pay and one-sixth at the new rate, i.e., the rate effective from 1st June.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolves—That having noted Recommendation of the Construction Industry Joint Industrial Council we approve of the payment of revised rates of remuneration to Craftsmen and Labourers at the new agreed rates with effect from 1st June, 1966, and approve also of the agreed arrangements in connection with Annual Leave for the current year.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12—Cottage Repairs—Work Done During May, 1966, and Repairs for June, 1966.

The Council noted the list of repairs carried out during the month of May, 1966, and of cottages to be repaired during the month of June, 1966.

Item No. 13—Library Van—Opening of Tenders.

Three Tenders received in response to public advertisement for a Library Van were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council. The Tenders were as follows:—

Kilmacanogue Service Garage, Ltd.:

One Bedford Model Van—Less Allowance on the	
Council's Ford Van	... £770 0 0

Abbey Service Garage (Wicklow), Ltd.:

Ford Transit 17 cwt. Van—Less Allowance	... £745 0 0
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William P. Ryan, Ltd. (Dublin):

One Ford 'Transit' 17 cwt. Van—Less Allowance	... £960 0 0
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The Council agreed that the Tenders be referred to the County Engineer for examination and recommendation.

Sruhaun Water Supply.

Councillor Timmins referred to the extension to the watermain to serve houses at Sruhaun, Baltinglass, and stated that two additional houses in the area could be served by a further extension of the main, and asked that this be done while the Council's machinery was on the site. The County Engineer stated that it would probably cost about £300 to serve the two extra houses, but that the matter would need to be examined.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That the Council approve of extending pipeline at Sruhaun to serve two extra houses, provided cost does not exceed £500.

Passed unanimously.

Carrigoona Group Water Supply Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that while the Council at the previous Meeting had approved of the arrangements for financing the Council's contribution to the cost of the Carrigoona Group Water Supply Scheme the Resolution passed did not include the necessary formal authorisation of the Loan required.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. H'pwell;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the borrowing of a sum of £3,750 from the Commissioners of Public Works, re-payable over a period of twenty-five years, to defray the cost of the laying of the watermain from the Enniskerry Water Supply Scheme to Tinnahinch Crossroads in connection with the Carrigoona Group Water Supply Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Supplementary Grants in respect of Erection of New Houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley.

Resolved—That subject to the necessary moneys being available for the purpose we approve of payment of the following Supplementary Grants in respect of the erection of new houses:—

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| (1) Mrs. Violet Cross, Cooldross, Kilcoole, in respect of house at Newcastle Road, Kilcoole ... | £300 0 0 |
| (2) Wm. J. Cardiff, Cullentra, Rathdrum, in respect of new house at Cullentra, Rathdrum | £450 0 0 |

Passed unanimously.

Fire in House at Stratford-on-Slaney.

Councillor O'Neill stated that a house had been burned to the ground at Ballinacrow, Stratford-On-Slaney, two weeks previously and the owner had gone into temporary accommodation. He asked if the Council could assist in providing a house for him. It was agreed that the matter be investigated by the County Engineer and a Report submitted.

Toilets at Bray Clinic.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge the County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Department of Health which suggested that the Council might proceed only with the most essential work at the Clinic. The letter would be submitted to the Council at the Meeting on the 13th June.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 13th June, 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, J. Gregory and H. W. Hopkins.

The Deputy County Manager, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer, R. L. Farrell, and Assistant County Engineers N. D. Farrell and S. F. Coffey attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notice of intention to propose the following Resolution (in the names of Councillors James Gregory, Roger Miley, H. W. Hopkins and J. Everett, T.D.) in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955: "That we the Members of Wicklow County Council hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for erection of eighty-four bedrooms and bathrooms to be built at "Rockfield House," Ballinacarrig, Co. Wicklow, as described in Plans submitted on behalf of Rockfield, Ltd."
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 28th February, 7th and 14th March, and 4th and 18th April, 1966.
3. Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 30th September, 1966.
4. Annual Meeting of Council—To fix date.
5. Committee of Agriculture—To fill vacancy on Committee. x
6. Temporary closing of roads: Applications from—(1) Motor Enthusiasts' Club re road from Willow Grove to Ballinastoe; and (2) Athy Karting Club re roads around Fair Green at Dunlavin.
7. Appointment of Rate Collector for No. 2 District—To consider applications received.
8. Revision of remuneration of Roadworkers and Officers—Applications from Unions.
9. Report of Local Government Auditor on Audit of Accounts of the Council for two years ended 31st March, 1965.
10. Greystones Harbour—Letter from Bórd Fáilte in reply to application for Grant.
11. Blessington Courthouse—Report of County Engineer on repairs needed and letter from Agents of owners.
12. Report of visit to Peamount Hospital by Councillors Miss M. Walsh and Mrs. M. Ledwidge.
13. Maintenance and treatment of patients in Dublin Health Authority Institutions—Revision of charges.
14. Clinic at Killarney Road, Bray—Provision of pram shelter and toilets.
15. Construction of static water storage tank at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.
16. Sheep Dipping Scheme—Provision of new Dipping Baths.
17. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Deputation from Baltinglass N.F.A.

As arranged at the previous Meeting of the Council, the Council received a Deputation from the Baltinglass Branch of the National Farmers' Association. The Deputation consisted of Messrs. Hanlon, Bourne, Wilson, Doyle and Byrne. Mr. Hanlon, speaking on behalf

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of the Deputation, thanked the Council for receiving them and stated that their purpose in attending was to emphasise the need for the carrying out of repairs to the Bridges at Tuckmill and Stratford-on-Slaney as soon as possible. He gave details of how farmers in the area were affected and mentioned that several farmers had to drive distances of five or six miles a number of times each day on account of the Bridge being damaged and that eight farmers had to make a detour to get from their houses to their lands at Tuckmill. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, assured the members of the Deputation that the Members of the Council were anxious to have the Bridges repaired as soon as possible and explained the difficulties the Council had experienced both in obtaining temporary bridges and recently in obtaining supplies of cement.

Item No. 1—Notice of Intention to Propose Resolution Under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955: "Rockfield House," Ballinacarrig, Co. Wicklow.

In accordance with Notice which had been circulated to the Members of the Council:

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of eighty-four bedrooms and bathrooms to be built at "Rockfield House," Ballinacarrig, Co. Wicklow, as described in Plans submitted on behalf of Rockfield, Ltd.,

Members spoke in favour of the Resolution and expressed surprise that permission should have been refused for the development of a Hotel at "Rockfield House," which represented a very big investment and appeared to be a very desirable development in the area. It was suggested that the local Members might be consulted before a decision was made to refuse permission for new developments. The Deputy County Manager stated that Members who had spoken seemed to be under a misunderstanding in regard to the proposal and the decision on the matter. The Council's Officers had not and did not oppose the project of a Hotel, together with these bedroom blocks, at "Rockfield," which it was agreed was a desirable development, and in fact had advised and helped the applicant in regard to the development generally. The point at issue in the matter was the exact siting of the bedroom blocks, which on the Plan submitted were shown as being sited on the highest point of the site. When the Council's Architect had visited the site in September, 1965, prior to the submission of Plans for this part of the project, he had discussed the matter with the owner's representative and had pointed out the objections to the siting of the bedroom blocks at this particular part of the site and had suggested an alternative siting which it was felt would be more suitable and more convenient and would avoid the objections to the siting proposed. The Council's Technical Officers considered that the siting of these buildings in the location proposed would dominate the surrounding countryside as they would be located on the highest contour of the entire site, which overlooked the whole of the Northern Brittas Bay Area and did not partake of the natural screening and shelter available in the nearby wooded hollow, and that this exposed location would be damaging to the scenic character and amenities of the area. It was considered also that the proposed buildings would not relate with the existing development and would have a haphazard sprawling effect rather than that of a compact grouping or cluster. It was further considered that due to the steeply falling slope of the

site at this point away from the public road to the foreshore and beaches, the view of the foreshore and beaches from the public road would be obliterated by the expanse of roof presented. While at present there was a high wall bounding the property at this point, it was felt desirable that the buildings should be so sited that the wall could be lowered or removed and replaced with railings or post-and-rail fencing, so as to provide a better view of the Bay from the public road. It was felt that it would be deplorable if the opening up of this view should be prevented by the erection of a large structure at this point. The Deputy County Manager pointed out also that the original Plans, which were the subject of an Appeal to the Minister, involved the erection of blocks containing a total of fifty-six bedrooms, but the Plans submitted on the 6th inst. showed two additional blocks, bringing the total of bedrooms to eighty-three. The County Engineer was not prepared to approve of the siting of the six blocks containing eighty-three bedrooms in all, shown on the Site Plan now under consideration and submitted on 6th June, 1966. He suggested that since the disagreement between Council's Technical Officers and the representatives of the developers was restricted only to this matter of the siting of the blocks that it would be reasonable that the decision in the matter be made by the Minister. Councillor Gregory stated that the Appeal which had been submitted to the Minister had been withdrawn.

The Motion having been put to the Council was declared passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 28th February, 7th and 14th March, and 4th and 18th April, 1966.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 30th September, 1966.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the Quarter to 30th September, 1966, shall not exceed £350,000.

Passed unanimously.

The Deputy County Manager informed the Council that the Overdraft being sought for the Quarter was £100,000 in excess of that sought for the corresponding Quarter in last year and this was mainly due to the reduction in the Council's Credit Balance.

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

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby fix Wednesday, the 29th June, 1966, as the date for the Annual Meeting of the Council for the year 1966. We approve also of the holding of a Special Meeting on that date

for the purpose of the making of the Rate for the current year.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Committee of Agriculture—To Fill Vacancy on Committee.

The County Secretary stated that the Committee of Agriculture in letter of 31st May, 1966, had indicated that Mr. P. Kehoe, Baltinglass, had submitted his resignation, which had been accepted, and that it was the desire of the Committee that the vacancy be filled at an early date. The following letters received from the Hon. Secretary, National Farmers' Association (Wicklow County Executive), and from Mrs. R. G. Fenton, Ballinlea, Co. Wicklow, were submitted:—

NATIONAL FARMERS' ASSOCIATION
Wicklow County Executive

The County Manager,
Wicklow County Council,
Dear Sir,

I understand that the Baltinglass Branch, N.F.A., has nominated Mr. Robert Lennon, Deerpark, Baltinglass, to fill the vacancy for that area on the County Committee of Agriculture.

This County Executive, at a recent Meeting, has approved of that nomination and I trust that Mr. Lennon, in due course, will be appointed.

I am,

Yours truly,

JAMES J. NOLAN,
Hon. Secretary.

Ballinlea,
Co. Wicklow.
14th May, 1966.

Mr. K. J. Brangan,
Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

The farmers of the districts of Donard and Glen of Imaal are unanimous in their wish to have Mr. Patrick Kelly of Snugborough co-opted by Wicklow County Council to the vacant position on the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, caused by the resignation of Mr. P. Kehoe.

The Donard and Glen of Imaal district is considered an important development area under any proposed expansion schemes which may result from the agricultural survey now being made by the West Wicklow Regional Development Association, and it is felt that the farmers in the area would benefit greatly by having a representative on the County Committee of Agriculture.

For many years past the area has had no representative on this important body, and the Agricultural Community feels that farmers in the area would derive the greatest possible benefit of future agricultural expansion through having Mr. Kelly representing them on the Committee.

It is earnestly hoped that the wishes of the farmers of Donard and Glen of Imaal will be considered when the County Council is co-opting a member to fill the vacancy on the County Committee of Agriculture.

Thanking you in anticipation.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

VIOLET A. FENTON.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr. Patrick Kelly, Snugborough, as a member of the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. P. Kehoe, Baltinglass.

It was

Proposed by Councillor A. H. Hadden;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr. Robert Lennon, Deerpark, as a member of the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. P. Kehoe, Baltinglass.

A vote having been called for as to whether Mr. Kelly or Mr. Lennon would be appointed, it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

FOR MR. KELLY: Councillors J. Whelan, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill and J. O'Toole—SIX.

FOR MR. LENNON: Councillors E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, A. H. Hadden, J. D. Haughton, H. W. Hopkins, J. Quigley, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh—ELEVEN.

Mr. Lennon was declared appointed to fill the vacancy by eleven votes in favour to six votes for Mr. Kelly.

Item No. 6—Temporary Closing of Roads: Applications from—(1) Motor Enthusiasts' Club re Road from Willow Grove to Ballinastoe; and (2) Athy Karting Club re Roads Around Fair Green at Dunlavin.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the road described hereunder on Saturday, 25th June, 1966, from 2.00 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. and authorise the holding of a Motor Car Hill Climb on this road while so closed to public traffic:—

Portion of County Road No. 39 between the junction of three roads on Tinnapark Demesne via Altidore Hill to the junction of two roads at Carrigower, being part of the Willow Grove/Ballinastoe Road.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the roads described hereunder around the Fair Green at Dunlavin on Sunday, 3rd July, 1966, from 1.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m., and authorise the holding of Kart Races on these roads while so closed to public traffic:—

Part Main Road 315 between National School and junction with Stephen Street—Length 200 yards.

Part County Road 336 between Catholic Church and junction with Stephen Street—Length 100 yards.

Part County Road 336 between Catholic Church and National School—Length 120 yards.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Appointment of Rate Collector for No. 2 District—To Consider Applications Received.

The County Secretary stated that nineteen applications had been received for the post, but only twelve applicants had attended for interview and one of these had subsequently withdrawn. The remain-

ing eleven candidates had been certified as possessing a standard of education sufficient to enable them to keep efficiently the required Books and Accounts and also were within the age limits for the post. Particulars of the candidates were given to the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That this Council considers that having regard to the nature of the duties of the office of Rate Collector for District No. 2, the knowledge and experience necessary to the efficient performance of these duties, and the qualifications for the office, the person to be appointed to the office cannot be satisfactorily selected by competitive examination, and we decide that the person be selected following an examination of the applications received for the post.

Passed unanimously.

On a vote being taken as to which candidate should be appointed, it was found that the Members present voted as follows:—

FOR MILO CANNA: Councillors E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton and J. Temple—FIVE.

FOR JOSEPH CLEARY: Councillor J. Quigley—ONE.

FOR PEADAR CULLEN: Councillors J. Miley and M. J. O'Neill—TWO.

FOR SEAN FOLEY: Councillors H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, H. W. Hopkins, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh—FIVE.

FOR EDWARD MURRAY: Councillors H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. O'Toole—THREE.

FOR WILLIAM P. McDONALD: Councillors A. H. Hadden and J. J. McCrea—TWO.

FOR JOHN J. O'GORMAN: Councillors R. Miley and J. Whelan—TWO.

No vote was received by John P. Byrne, Phelim Cullen, Michael Healy and William R. Rowan. Mr. Joseph Cleary having been eliminated, a further vote was taken, which resulted as follows:—

FOR MILO CANNA: Councillors J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton, J. Quigley and J. J. McCrea—FIVE.

FOR PEADAR CULLEN: Councillors J. Miley and M. J. O'Neill—TWO.

FOR SEAN FOLEY: Councillors E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, A. H. Hadden, H. W. Hopkins, J. Temple, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh—EIGHT.

FOR EDWARD MURRAY: Councillors H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. O'Toole—THREE.

FOR JOHN J. O'GORMAN: Councillors R. Miley and J. Whelan—TWO.

Messrs. Peadar Cullen and John J. O'Gorman having been eliminated a further vote was taken, which resulted as follows:—

FOR MILO CANNA: Councillors J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton, J. Quigley and J. J. McCrea—FIVE.

FOR SEAN FOLEY: Councillors E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, A. H. Hadden, H. B. Hipwell, H. W. Hopkins, J. Temple, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh—NINE.

FOR EDWARD MURRAY: Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole and J. Whelan—SIX.

Milo Canna having been eliminated a final vote resulted as follows:—

FOR SEAN FOLEY: Councillors Edward Byrne, H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., A. H. Hadden, J. D. Haughton, H. W. Hopkins, J. Quigley, J. Temple, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh and J. J. McCrea—TWELVE.

FOR EDWARD MURRAY: Councillors J. Gregory, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. O'Toole and J. Whelan—EIGHT.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That having considered and examined the applications received for the post of Rate Collector for No. 2 Collection District, we hereby appoint, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, Sean Foley to the post, in accordance with the qualifications and Particulars of Office approved by the Minister.

Passed by twelve votes for Mr. Foley to eight votes for Mr. Murray.

Item No. 8—Revision of Remuneration of Roadworkers and Officers—Applications from Unions.

The County Secretary stated that applications had been received from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union and from the Federation of Rural Workers applying for an increase of £1 per week for their members employed by the Council. An application had also been received from the Staff Panel under the Scheme of Conciliation and Arbitration for Officers of Local Authorities for an increase of £1 per week for Officers, but it was suggested that this matter might be deferred as negotiations were still proceeding. The Deputy County Manager pointed out that the increase of £1 per week had been agreed in respect of the Building Industry with effect from 1st June, 1966, and suggested that the Council might consider applying the same date for an increase to Roadworkers. The increase to Agricultural Workers operated as from the 6th June, 1966. The Deputy County Manager also stated that he understood that an offer of an increase in wages by 20/- a week, with effect from 1st June, 1966, by Dublin County Council, had been accepted by the Union on the understanding that representations for an earlier date of operation would be considered should it be possible for the Unions to establish same. In reply to Councillor J. Temple, the Deputy County Manager stated that the application of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union was dated the 28th April, 1966, and was received on 2nd May, 1966.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton;

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of an increase of £1 per week in remuneration to all Roadworkers employed by the Council, with effect from 1st May, 1966, subject to the sanction of the Minister, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the payment of the increased remuneration in the present year.

As an amendment:

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor A. H. Hadden;

Resolved—That the increase to Roadworkers operate from 1st June, 1963.

Following a discussion on the matter Councillor H. J. Byrne, with the agreement of Councillor A. H. Hadden, withdrew his amendment and the Resolution proposed by Councillor J. Temple and seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton was declared passed unanimously.

In reply to inquiries from Members, the Deputy County Manager stated that the cost of applying the increase in respect of Roadworkers would amount to about £16,000. No provision had been made in the Estimates to meet this cost and if the Council were to keep within the amounts provided in the Estimates it would involve a reduction in the extent of work that could be carried out and a restriction in

employment. Excess expenditure over the Estimates would have to be met in the Estimates for the coming financial year.

Item No. 9—Report of Local Government Auditor on Audit of Accounts of the Council for Two Years Ended 31st March, 1965.

Copy of the Auditor's Report has been circulated to the Members of the Council and the Audited Accounts were submitted.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That we note the submission of the Report of the Local Government Auditor on his Audit of the Accounts of the Council for the two years ended 31st March, 1965.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Greystones Harbour—Letter from Bórd Fáilte in Reply to Application for Grant.

The County Secretary stated that Bórd Fáilte Éireann had indicated that they regretted they could not make any Grant towards improvement works at Greystones Harbour, which had been authorised by the Council, and which were estimated to cost £920. The Board, however, stated that they would contribute towards the Consultant's Fees and Expenses, which had been agreed at £550.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Resolved—That we note letter from Bórd Fáilte in relation to the Council's application for a Grant in respect of works at Greystones Harbour and ask that the Board meet the full cost of the Fees and Expenses payable to the Consulting Engineers in respect of the Survey and Report on the Harbour.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Blessington Courthouse—Report of County Engineer on Repairs Needed and Letter from Agents of Owners.

The County Secretary stated that in letter of 27th April, 1966, from Department of Justice, it had been indicated that the District Justice had found it necessary to bring the inadequacy of the accommodation in the Courthouse to the notice of the Department. Complaint was made of the temperature of the Courtroom being uncomfortably low and it was stated that the heaters installed were not adequate and that the heating which was provided was counteracted by constant draughts from defective windows. It was pointed out also that no seating was provided for the public in the body of the Court and that attention had been drawn to the fact that the roof was not weatherproof. It was pointed out by the Department that primary responsibility for the provision and maintenance of suitable Courthouse accommodation was imposed on the Council by the Court-houses (Provision and Maintenance) Act, 1935, and that the Council should arrange to carry out whatever work was necessary. A reply had been sent to the Department of Justice pointing out that the building in question was not owned by the Council and that the external repairs required were being brought to the notice of the owners. A copy of the Resolution passed by the Council at the Meeting held on 13th September, 1965, in which the views of the Council on the maintenance of buildings required for Court purposes were indicated, had been forwarded to the Department. It was pointed out that Local Authorities had no functions in relation to the direct administration of justice nowadays, but had many functions relating

to Health, Housing, Roads, etc., and for these reasons the Council considered the maintenance of this and other Courthouses should be the responsibility of the Department of Justice. In regard to the repairs required the County Engineer had estimated the total cost at £171, of which the cost of external repairs was reckoned at £18. Improvements included were estimated to cost £20 in respect of a concrete block wall in the porch and a door in the porch, and the provision of a draught curtain at £6, while the provision of a Store in the porch would also be an improvement. The items of repair required externally had been brought to the notice of the Agents for the owners and particulars of their reply dated 3rd June, 1966, were submitted to the Council. The Council noted that the annual rent being paid by the Council was only £9, and having regard to the small amount of rent being received by the owners:

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we approve of repairs estimated at £171.

Passed—Councillors Temple and Deering dissenting.

The Council indicated, however, that the position in regard to the possibility of an increase in rent and the liability of the Council in carrying out external repairs be examined by the Council's Law Agent.

Item No. 12—Report of Visit to Peamount Hospital by Councillors Miss M. Walsh and Mrs. M. Ledwidge.

The Report which had been submitted to the Council at a previous Meeting and deferred for the attendance of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., was re-submitted. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., again complained of delays which he alleged had occurred in the supply of clothing to two patients. The County Secretary gave details of the clothing supplied and the dates on which they were ordered and delivered. Councillor Hipwell referred to the time which had elapsed between the ordering of an overcoat for a patient and its despatch to the patient, and suggested that if such delays were occurring in the supply of goods from any particular supplier that the matter should be reported to the Combined Purchasing Section of the Department of Local Government. Councillor Hadden stated that a person who he considered was well qualified to judge had informed him that Peamount Hospital was one of the best conducted hospitals in the country.

Item No. 13—Maintenance and Treatment of Patients in Dublin Health Authority Institutions—Revision of Charges.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had received notice from the Dublin Health Authority of their proposal to increase the rates of charges for maintenance of patients in their Institutions with effect from 1st April, 1966, to bring the rates of charge in certain cases up to the same level as the charge approved in respect of Dublin Hospitals. The extra cost involved in the current financial year would be approximately £3,500.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of the revised rates of charges proposed by the Dublin Health Authority for the maintenance and treatment of patients admitted to their Institutions, with effect from 1st April, 1966, and hereby authorise expenditure of £3,500 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to

defray the cost of the increase in the charges.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Clinic at Killarney Road, Bray—Provision of Pram Shelter and Toilets.

The following letter from the Department of Health was submitted:
H. 33/32/1.
Bealtaine, 1966.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Health to refer to your letter of 4th April, 1966, and enclosures, regarding the proposed extension to the Clinic at Killarney Road, Bray, and to state that, in view of the present need for economy, it would be imprudent to proceed with the extension as proposed. Furthermore, the accommodation at present used by the District Medical Officers and Pharmacist will no longer be required when the proposed General Medical Service with choice of doctor is introduced. This accommodation, at that stage, would appear to be adequate to provide any additional space required for other clinics.

With regard to the provision of a pram shelter and toilets for children and adults attending the Clinic, it is suggested that the health authority should consider providing these facilities in a relatively small extension to the Clinic. I am to request that the health authority reconsider, on this basis, the proposed scheme of additional accommodation and other works at the Clinic.

Mise, le meas,

Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That we note letter of 31st May, 1966, Ref.: H.33/32/1, from Department of Health, regarding the proposed extension to the Clinic at Killarney Road, Bray, and direct that the Council's Architect prepare immediately proposals for the provision of a pram shelter and toilets for children and adults attending the Clinic by way of a small extension to the Clinic.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Construction of Static Water Storage Tank at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum.

The County Secretary stated that Plans had now been received from the Council's Consulting Engineer for the construction of a static water storage tank for St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, and that this work would be part of the general Scheme for Improvements at St. Colman's Hospital. The Plans had been submitted to the Department for approval. The estimated cost of the work was £3,500.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of Tenders being invited for the construction of a Static Water Storage Tank for St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, in accordance with Plans prepared by a Consulting Engineer, and hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £3,500 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of twenty-five years, to defray the cost of the work.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16—Sheep Dipping Scheme—Provision of New Dipping Baths.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. James Balfe of Kylebeg, Lacken, Blessington, had written to state that he was agreeable to allow the Council to acquire an area of his land for the erection of a Sheep Dipping Bath which was needed in the area, but indicated that he would be expecting £100 or thereabouts for the quarter-acre of land. The County Secretary stated that the price seemed excessive for a quarter-acre of land in that area.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Resolved—That we approve of the purchase of site from Mr. Balfe, Lacken, for sum of £100.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had been asked to arrange for an inspection of the site as regards its suitability. Councillor J. Miley stated that a water supply was available adjoining the site. In reply to inquiries from Members, the County Secretary stated that arrangements were being made for repairs to Sheep Dipping Baths at Bracken's, Johnstown; Harmon's, Ballingule; at Coolahullen, Threewells and Aughavannagh, and that the County Engineer had been asked to report in regard to proposed improvements to Mr. Mitten's Bath at Sleamaine, Roundwood, or alternatively, the provision of a new Bath at this place. The Department of Defence had agreed to make available a site at Cannow, Glen of Imaal, for a Dipping Bath, but the site would involve the improvement of a Bridge giving access to it and the County Engineer had been asked for an estimate of the cost of this work as well as the erection of the new Bath.

Resignation of Mr. P. T. Hickey, Assistant County Engineer.

Councillor H. B. Hipwell referred to the resignation with effect from 11th May, 1966, of Mr. P. T. Hickey, Assistant County Engineer, and proposed (seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne);

That we place on record our appreciation of work done by Mr. P. T. Hickey, Assistant County Engineer, and regret his leaving the service of the Council.

Passed unanimously.

Development at "The Quill," Kilmacanogue.

Councillor H. B. Hipwell referred to representations received from persons living at Glencap Commons in regard to development taking place, or about to take place, at "The Quill," Kilmacanogue. The residents were concerned at damage being caused, and likely to be caused, to the road due to heavy traffic. The County Secretary stated that the land in question was owned by Mr. Ambrose Stephens of Kilmacanogue, and that some while ago it had been noted that a sign had been erected offering plots for sale on his lands. Mr. Stephens' attention had been directed to the fact that no permission had been granted by the Council for any development on his lands. Following receipt of further representations from residents in the area and an inspection by the Council's Architect, a letter had been addressed to Mr. Stephens again pointing out that permission had not been granted for any development on his lands and that, furthermore, there would be objections to development at this place for the following reasons: (a) the subsoil was rocky and unsuitable for drainage by means of

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septic tanks and no public sewage disposal system was available, and on public health grounds, therefore, there was grave objection to development through building or the placing of other structures on the land; (b) the approach road to the land was too restricted to serve any development; and (c) development by way of housing week-end cottages or use of land for Caravan Sites would be injurious to the character and amenities of the district.

Item No. 17—Inquiries Arising from County Manager's Orders.

The Council noted the particulars of County Manager's Orders which had been circulated to the Members.

Superannuation Allowance to Dr. Clearkin.

Councillor J. Miley stated that no payment had been made to Dr. J. Clearkin of his Superannuation Allowance and asked that arrangements be made for payment of this without further delay. The Deputy County Manager pointed out that Dr. Clearkin still continued to occupy the Dispensary Residence at Blessington and had refused to surrender possession, which he was required to do on the termination of his appointment. The Council were taking legal action to recover possession. The Acting Dispensary Medical Officer in Blessington was being handicapped by not having the Dispensary Residence available to him and it was felt that Dr. Clearkin was acting most unreasonable in the matter.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Wednesday, 29th June, 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, James D. Haughton and J. Gregory.

An apology for inability to attend was received on behalf of Councillor James O'Toole.

The County Secretary attended.

AGENDA:

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

Item No. 1—Election of Chairman.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That Councillor J. J. McCrea be elected Chairman of Wicklow County Council to hold office until such time as his successor shall have been lawfully appointed and takes up office.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor McCrea signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. All the Members of the Council present paid tribute to the Chairman for his efficiency and consideration during the previous year and Councillor McCrea returned thanks.

Item No. 2—Election of Vice-Chairman.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor A. H. Hadden;

Resolved—That Councillor H. J. Byrne be elected Vice-Chairman of Wicklow County Council to hold office until such time as his successor shall have been lawfully appointed and takes up office.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor H. J. Byrne signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Item No. 3—Appointment of Members on Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That the following Members, together with the Chairman, Wicklow County Council, be appointed to represent Wicklow County Council on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board:

Councillor E. Byrne;

Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;

Councillor J. Gregory;

Councillor J. D. Haughton;

Councillor R. Miley; and

Councillor J. Whelan.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Appointment of Representatives on General Council of County Councils.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to represent Wicklow County Council on the General Council of County Councils:

Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Councillor G. Timmins; and

Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Appointment of Members of National Monuments Advisory Committee.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons to constitute the National Monuments Advisory Committee, the persons appointed to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council:

Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Councillor P. McCarthy;

Councillor R. Miley;

Councillor M. J. O'Neill; and

Councillor J. Quigley.

Passed unanimously.

Good Wishes to Member of Council.

Members of the Council referred to the illness of Councillor McCarthy, who had been in hospital for some time, and the Members asked that their best wishes be conveyed to Councillor McCarthy for his speedy recovery.

Notice of Motion.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in and accepted by the Chairman:— In the names of Councillors John Temple, Edward E. Byrne, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge and Hugh B. Hipwell:— "Please take notice that it is our intention to move the attached Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955, at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 11/7/66:—

RESOLUTION

We hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning permission to Thomas Boyle, Esq., of "St. Kevin's", Killarney Road, Bray, under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955, and under the Regional Planning and Development Act, 1963, for the erection of nine (9) houses at Oldcourt Road, Bray, in accordance with Plans submitted. This Resolution will be moved at the Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 11th of July, 1966."

SPECIAL MEETING FOR MAKING THE RATE

Following the termination of the Annual Meeting a Special Meeting of the Council was held for the purpose of making the Rate for the current financial year and signing and sealing Rate Books.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we now adopt the Rates for the service of the financial year ending on the 31st March, 1967, and allow and make same as assessed in the Rate Books, and direct that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Rate Collectors' Warrants for the year ending on 31st March, 1967.

Passed Unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Demands on the Urban District Councils in respect of the year ending on 31st March, 1967, as follows:—

ARKLOW U.D.C.:	£21,222 18s. 1d.
BRAY U.D.C.:	£84,395 16s. 8d.
WICKLOW U.D.C.:	£17,951 18s. 3d.

Passed unanimously.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, the 4th July, 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, Roger Miley, James D. Haughton and J. Gregory.

The County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers, R. L. Farrell and P. McGuinness, and Assistant County Engineers, J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell, S. F. Coffey and E. M. Doyle, attended.

AGENDA

1. Housing at Blessington—Acquisition of Cottage Plots.
2. Application for consent to sale of Vested Cottages: (1) Cottage No. 94/1 at Tinoran, Baltinglass; and (2) Cottage No. 102/9 at Knockatomcoyle, Tinahely.
3. Application for redemption of Annuity on Vested Cottage No. 25/10 at Cross, Tinahely.
4. House destroyed by fire at Ballinacrow, Stratford-on-Slaney — Reports of County Engineer and Chief Medical Officer.
5. Application for transfer of tenancy of cottage at Ballymorris, Aughrim, to Mr. John O'Brien.
6. Proposed Closing of Road at Blessington in connection with Dublin Metropolitan Regatta.
7. Employment of Roller Driver in Southern Engineering District.
8. Repairs to Cottages carried out during month of June and Cottages to be repaired during the month of July, 1966.

Item No. 1—Housing at Blessington—Acquisition of Cottage plots.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Architect had submitted a Report in regard to the plots to be acquired at Blessington and recommended that plots Nos. 7-12 (inclusive) be acquire initially. He further recommended that the plots located in areas marked "A" and "C" on the Map, being plots Nos. 1-12 (inclusive) and 23-35 (inclusive), be developed for Council housing, while plot in the area "B," being Nos. 13-22, be allocated for private housing. The County Secretary stated that inquiry had been made from the Department of Local Government as to whether a Loan of £3,500 would be sanctioned to cover the cost of acquiring the thirty-five plots and a reply had been received indicating that as the current year's allocation for new work would be absorbed in full by the Kilcoole and Aughrim Schemes the Minister would not be prepared to make additional monies available for this purpose as yet. The Department suggested that land acquisition be proceeded with as far as practicable on the normal basis of charging the cost of acquisition to overdraft accommodation pending the raising of a Scheme Loan. Following discussion on the matter the Council decided that plots Nos. 1-12 be acquired for Council housing and plots Nos. 13-22 be acquired for private housing.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins.

Resolved—That having considered Report of Council's Architect and correspondence with Department of Local Government we approve of

proceeding with the acquisition of plots Nos. 1-6 and 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 at Blessington, at the rate of £100 per plot, and approve also of a Layout Plan being prepared for the development of plots Nos. 1-12 (inclusive), and 23-35 (inclusive), for County Council housing, and of a Layout Plan for plots Nos. 13-22 for leasing to persons wishing to erect their own houses, and we approve of purchasing plots Nos. 13-22 (inclusive) for private housing.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Application for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottages: (1) Cottage No. 94/1 at Tinoran, Baltinglass; and (2) Cottage No. 102/9 at Knockatomcoyle, Tinahely.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That subject to the sanction of the Minister we approve of consent being given to the sale by Andrew Pigott of his interest in vested cottage No. 94/1 at Tinoran, Baltinglass, to Mrs. Mary Sutton, Rathmoon, Baltinglass, subject to the payment to the Council of a sum of £183 6s. 8d., the Annuity on the cottage to still continue and the Statutory Conditions to remain in operation.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan;

Resolved—That subject to the sanction of the Minister we approve of consent being given to the sale by Andrew Pigott of his interest in vested cottage No. 102/9 at Knockatomcoyle to Mr. James Murphy, Knockatomcoyle, subject to the payment to the Council of a sum representing one-third of the current market value of the cottage, as assessed by the Council's Engineer, subject to the conditions that the Annuity on the cottage be not redeemed, that the Statutory Conditions continue to apply, and that an Undertaking be given by the purchaser (Mr. James Murphy) that the cottage will be occupied by his brother (Denis Murphy), the latter's wife and son, in addition to himself.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Application for redemption of Annuity on Vested Cottage No. 25/10 at Cross, Tinahely.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley;

Resolved—That subject to the sanction of the Minister we approve of the redemption of the Annuity on vested cottage No. 25/10 at Cross, Tinahely, by Mr. Michael Mullen, subject to payment to the Council of the sum of £377 8s. 4d.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—House Destroyed by Fire at Ballinacrow, Stratford-On-Slaney: Reports of County Engineer and Chief Medical Officer.

The Council noted the Report of the County Engineer in which he indicated that the cost of providing a prefabricated house at Drummin, Ballinglen, was £1,042, and allowing for cost of preparation of site the estimate for providing a similar prefabricated timber house at Ballinacrow would be £1,100. It was noted from the Report of the County Medical Officer that it was accepted that Mr. O'Brien was in need of re-housing, but he considered it was not a matter of immediate urgency. Members of the Council having pointed out that Mr. O'Brien would prefer, if possible, to reconstruct his existing house, which had been badly damaged by fire, the Council agreed to defer the matter to enable the County Engineer to report as to the possibility of reconstructing the existing house.

Item No. 5—Application for Transfer of Tenancy of Cottage at Ballymorris, Aghrim, to Mr. John O'Brien.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That the tenancy of the cottage at Ballymorris, Aghrim, be transferred to Mr. John O'Brien.

It was pointed out by Councillor Quigley that Mr. O'Brien's deceased brother, who had been the tenant of the cottage, had applied to purchase the cottage in 1954 and that the family had been in residence in the cottage since it was first built. In the circumstances he considered that it was reasonable that Mr. John O'Brien be accepted as the tenant in order that he could proceed with the purchase of the cottage. The County Manager pointed out that Mr. John O'Brien was a single man and that it was desirable that a cottage be occupied by a family. He suggested that the matter be deferred for further examination as to whether other members of the family would succeed to the cottage if Mr. John O'Brien was accepted as tenant and purchased the cottage.

Item No. 6 — Proposed Closing of Road at Blessington in Connection with Dublin Metropolitan Regatta.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the road from Red Lane, Blessington, via Blessington Bridge, to Woodend, Blessington, on Saturday, 9th July, 1966, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 8.00 p.m. in connection with the holding of Rowing Championships and Metropolitan Regatta at Blessington Lake.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Employment of Roller Driver in Southern Engineering District.

Councillor J. J. McCrea raised the matter of the employment of Mr. Michael Somers, Croneyhorn, who he stated had always been engaged as a Roller Driver in the Southern Engineering District whenever a Roller was working in the Area, and complained that he had not been taken on for this employment in the present year. He noted that it had been stated that Mr. Somers had refused an offer of work as a Roadworker, but pointed out that Mr. Somers had never been employed in that capacity, but was a skilled Roller Driver. It was recommended to the County Engineer that Mr. Somers be considered for employment as a Roller Driver.

Item No. 8—Repairs to Cottages carried Out During Month of June and Cottages to be Repaired During the Month of July, 1966.

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired during the month of June and of those to be repaired during the month of July, 1966.

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

In the name of Councillor J. Gregory:—"That I, or someone for me, will move at the next Meeting of the Council that accommodation road leading to Council cottages in Kilpedder be completed and that concrete stakes erected on this road be removed immediately."

In the name of Councillor J. Whelan:—"That I, or someone for me, will move that this Council extend the water supply to 3 Council house at Raheenglass, Coolroe."

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley:—"Requesting a Report from the County Engineer as to the possibility of providing a proper water supply for eight cottages at Kilqueeny and Castlemacadam, Avoca, the tenants of which have to trespass on Mr. Pollard's property at Kilqueeny for their water supplies."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th July, 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillor John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, J. Everett, T.D., James D. Haughton and J. Gregory. The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers R. L. Farrell and P. McGuinness, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell, S. F. Coffey, and E. M. Doyle attended.

AGENDA.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 25th April, 2nd and 9th May, 1966.
2. Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1967, and University Scholarships, 1967—Letter from Department of Education re Schemes for 1967.
3. Scholarship Scheme—Letter from Educational Building Society re Scheme for "1916 Commemoration Scholarships."
4. Application for closing of road at Wicklow on 1st August, 1966.
5. Application for taking over road at Newtownmountkenedy as a Public Road.
6. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan for taking over and repairing road leading to Mrs. M. J. Lott's residence at Kilmacoo, Avoca.
7. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley: "That road at Manor Kilbride (the Banks Road) be taken over by this Council, now constructed to the standard required by the County Engineer."
8. Notice of motion in name of Councillor J. D. Haughton: "That road from Red Pegs via Blackhill to Glenealy be taken over by the Council."
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Gregory: "That accommodation road leading to Council cottages at Kilpedder be completed and that concrete stakes erected on this road be removed immediately."
10. Report of Technical Committee on Revision of Speed Limits.
11. Capital Allocations for 1966/67 in respect of Sanitary and Miscellaneous Services—Letter from Department of Local Government. (Copy circulated to Members).
12. Provisional Development Plans for Greystones/Delgany and Rathdrum.
13. Letter from Aughrim Development Committee re flooding and Housing Scheme.
14. Creation of additional post of Public Health Nurse.
15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh: "That a suitable site be acquired as a Dumping Ground for Tinahely."
16. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 25th April, 2nd and 9th May, 1966.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Scholarship in Secondary, Vocational and other Approved Schools, 1967, and University Scholarships, 1967 — Letter from Department of Education re Schemes for 1967.

The Circular Letter dated 30th June, 1966, from the Department of Education (Primary Branch) was submitted. The County Secretary stated that the effect of the change in income limits to be made in the Schemes for 1967 was to increase the limit in the case of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools from £800 to £1,000 and the allowance in respect of each child from £50 to £60. The limit of rateable valuation was increased from £50 to £60 and the allowance of valuation in respect of each additional child from £5 to £6. In the case of the University Scholarship Scheme the limit was increased from £1,200 to £1,400, the allowance in respect of each additional child from £75 to £90, the rateable valuation limit from £75 to £90, and the allowances in valuation in respect of each additional child from £7 10s. to £9. It was indicated in Circular that during 1967 and subsequent years Roman type would be used exclusively in setting of the examination papers in the Irish Language in the Post-Primary Scholarships. The Council discussed a suggestion that a Scholarship or Scholarships might be reserved for students attending one and two-teacher schools, but decided that in view of the results achieved by smaller schools in recent years that there appeared to be no necessity to make such reservation.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That having considered letter of 30th June, 1966, from Department of Education we approve of the adoption of Schemes of Scholarships for Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, and for Universities, on similar terms to the Schemes adopted in respect of the year 1966, but subject to the amendment of the provisions in regard to income and valuation limits so as to correspond with the new limits approved by the Department of Education in their letter of 30th June, 1966.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Scholarship Scheme—Letter from Educational Building Society re Scheme for "1916 Commemoration Scholarships."

Details of the "1916 Commemoration Scholarships" to be provided by the Educational Building Society, Westmoreland Street, Dublin, 2, were submitted to the Council. The Council noted that the Scholarships would be awarded on the results of the Examination for Post-

Primary Scholarships and would be of a value of £50 and tenable for a similar period at the Council's Scholarships.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we note the details of the "1916 Commemoration Scholarships" to be provided by the Educational Building Society, Westmoreland Street, Dublin, 2, and record our appreciation of the Society's action in providing the Scholarships.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Application for Closing of Road at Wicklow on 1st August, 1966.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton:

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic the road described hereunder on Monday, 1st August, 1966, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 5.30 p.m. in connection with the Wicklow Regatta:

"Portion of Road No. L29B across the Bridge known as the 'Stone Bridge' over the Leirim River, in the Urban District of Wicklow, and from the said Bridge to the North end of Leirim Place, in the said Urban District."

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Application for Taking Over Road at Newtownmountkennedy as a Public Road.

The County Secretary stated that representations had been received from Rev. Fr. Gallagher, C.C., Newtownmountkennedy, that the road which served Schools, Presbytery, Parish Hall and the Council Dump at Newtownmountkennedy should be taken over for maintenance as a Public Road. The County Engineer had reported that the road was 320 ft. long, 33 ft. wide between fences, with a 15 ft. carriageway, and that the cost of putting the road in a proper state of repair was £80, and the annual cost of maintenance £15. The road served two Schools, Presbytery, Parish Hall and an avenue leading to one house, and also served the Newtown G.A.A. pitch and the Council Dump. The County Engineer considered that from a public utility point of view taking over the road would be justifiable, but pointed out that extra funds would need to be provided for the taking over and maintaining of the road. The Council decided that the matter be referred for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area when considering the Road Works Programme for the current year.

Item No. 6—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Whelan for Taking Over and Repairing Road leading to Mrs. M. J. Lott's residence at Kilmacoo, Avoca.

In accordance with Notice of Motion Councillor Whelan proposed that this road be taken over. The County Secretary stated that the Council's Engineer had reported that the road was not maintained by the Council, but had been repaired under a minor Employment Scheme in the 1930's. To put it in proper order and surface-dress

it would cost about £800 and the road served three persons. If the Council considered taking it over the necessary additional moneys would need to be provided as the funds available for maintenance were sufficient only to keep in repair roads already maintained by the Council. The Council decided to refer the matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area when considering the Road Works Programme for the current year.

Item No. 7—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Miley: "That Road at Manor Kilbride (the Banks Road) be taken over by this Council, now constructed to the standard required by the County Engineer."

Councillor J. Miley stated that the road had been put in proper order and urged that the Council now agree to take it over.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins;

Resolved—That the necessary public notice be given of the Council's intention to take over as a public road the road at Manor Kilbride known as the "Banks Road."

Passed unanimously.

It was agreed that before the road was taken over the County Engineer be satisfied that the road was in a satisfactory state of repair. The County Secretary pointed out that it would be necessary to provide the moneys required for surface-dressing of the road in the current financial year.

Item No. 8—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. D. Haughton: "That Road from Red Pegs via Blackhill to Glenealy be taken over by the Council."

The County Secretary stated that the length of road involved, which varied in width from 9 ft. to 13 ft. carriageway and 24 ft. between hedges, was 2.2 miles. The cost of reconstructing the road to put it in a condition for taking over was estimated by the County Engineer at £4,237 and the annual cost of maintenance would be £140. The County Engineer had reported that the road was in a very bad state of repair and required drainage and strengthening before it could be surfaced. There were five houses along the road and it was estimated that the number of users would be twenty. Councillor Haughton stated that there were three Council cottages on the road and that Rates amounting to £336 13s. were paid in respect of lands beside the road. The Council agreed to refer the matter to the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area when considering the Road Works Programme for the current year.

Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Gregory: "That Accommodation Road leading to Council Cottages at Kilpedder be completed and that concrete stakes erected on this road be removed immediately."

Councillor Gregory stated that when land was being acquired for the improvement of the road between Kilpedder and Newtownmountkennedy tenants of the cottages at Kilpedder had been told by the former County Engineer that the new access road to be provided would have access on to the Main Road at both the northern and southern ends. Recently concrete stakes had been erected at the

southern end of the road and he asked that these be removed and the southern access to the Main Road provided. He stated that lorries or vans going to the cottages had no place for turning and that it was dangerous for children due to the lorries having to back down the access road. The County Engineer stated that he was unable to trace any Agreement that a southern access be provided and felt that the making of an additional access on to the improved road would not be approved by the Department of Local Government. He suggested that a turning point could be provided at the end of the present road to obviate the difficulty referred to by Councillor Gregory.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton;

Resolved—That accommodation road leading to Council cottages at Kilpedder be completed and that concrete posts erected on this road be removed immediately.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Report of Technical Committee on Revision of Speed Limits.

The County Secretary stated that the Technical Committee (representative of the Superintendents of the Gardai for Districts in the County and the County Engineer and his Assistants) had met on the 4th July, 1966, to consider the matter of Speed Limits on roads in the County. The Committee had examined the existing Speed Limits in the following places and had decided that they were satisfactory and no changes were required:—

Baltinglass, Blessington, Tinahely, Carnew, Shillelagh, Aughlan, Ashford, Greystones, and Newtownmountkennedy.

The introduction of Speed Limits in respect of the following places was considered, but it was decided that no Speed Limit was necessary at present:—

Dunlavin, Donard, Rathdrum, Brittas Bay, Rathnew, Kilcock, Newcastle and Enniskerry.

In the case of Kilmacanogue it was reported that there had been a lengthy discussion on the possible value of Speed Limit Signs at this place, but that the Committee agreed that no Sign was warranted, at least for the present. The following revisions of Speed Limits were recommended in respect of Bray and Wicklow:

Bray: That the position of the existing 30 m.p.h. Speed Limit Sign be amended so as to include the junction of the Upper and Lower Dargle Roads within the 30 m.p.h. area.

Wicklow: That the existing Speed Limit Sign on the Dublin Road be moved towards Rathnew sufficiently to include the entrance to Vocational School, the exact location to be decided on the site by the Council. It was agreed also that repeater Signs for 30 m.p.h. be erected on the Dunbur Road leading to the Silver Strand. As no representative from the Gorey Garda District was present at the Meeting no action was taken in relation to Arklow and the County Engineer had arranged to contact the Superintendent for that Area and to report further.

On the proposal of Councillor M. Deering, seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill, the Council recommended that Speed Limits be applied

at Dunlavin and Donard. On the proposal of Councillor H. B. Hipwell, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge, the Council agreed that a 30 m.p.h. Speed Limit be applied at Enniskerry; and on the proposal of Councillor H. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell, it was agreed that a 40 m.p.h. Speed Limit be imposed on the section of Arterial Road T.7 at Kilmacanogue for a distance of a quarter of a mile on either side of the 'T' junction with the road leading to Roundwood and Glendalough.

The Council approved otherwise of the recommendation of the Technical Committee.

Item No. 11—Capital Allocations for 1966/'67 in respect of Sanitary and Miscellaneous Services—Letter from Department of Local Government.

The following letter from the Department of Local Government had been circulated to the Members:—

Department of Local Government,
Custom House, Dublin, 1.

Circular No. L. 7/66.

16th June, 1966.

**Sanitary and Miscellaneous Services
Capital Allocations 1966/'67.**

A Chara,

1. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to State that commitments, arising on works already in progress or completed, will have priority in the distribution of the capital available in 1966/'67 for the financing of Sanitary and Miscellaneous Service.

2. In the case of urban areas, the allocation being made is designed to meet in full balance carried forward from 1965/'66 and the estimated expenditure falling due within the current year. In rural areas, however, the amounts allocated have been abated to keep the expenditure within the limits of the over-all provision for capital purposes, but, in general, the allocation should be sufficient to meet expenditure arising within the year, subject to a normal carry-over into 1967/'68 in respect of schemes financed from the Local Loans Fund.

3. As pointed out in this Department's circular letter (Housing) of the 22nd March, 1966, it will be necessary in all cases to finance approximately 10% of the capital allocation from sources other than the Local Loans Fund.

4. The progress of expenditure on schemes should be examined monthly and should any savings occur it will be open to the local authority concerned to propose new sanitary services schemes to absorb such savings.

5. In addition to the moneys now being allocated the Minister will be prepared to consider applications, within the total amount of capital available to him, for approval to loans to be raised from sources outside the Local Loans Fund to finance schemes of supplementary grants for the provision of water and sewerage facilities and,

to a limited extent, for extensions of main or other works which are urgently needed. Works of this kind may be selected from among those at present before the Department or they may be new proposals. Subsidy at the usual rate will be available in appropriate cases towards the repayment of any such loans raised.

6. Pending a general reassessment of the position later in the year and in view of the level of expenditure estimated to arise on sanitary services and other works currently on hands it will not be possible to approve of new works, except as indicated in paragraphs 4 and 5 above.

7. The allocations in respect of sanitary services and other miscellaneous works in respect of the local authorities within your administrative area are as follows:

Authority	Allocation
Wicklow County Council	£39,000

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T. CLARKE.

County Manager,
Wicklow County Council.

The County Secretary stated that the amount of the allocation would be scarcely sufficient to meet the outlay on Schemes at present in progress. The Blessington Water Supply Scheme would require about £35,000 to meet the costs which would be incurred on the Scheme within the present financial year and a further £1,700 would be required for the balance of the Kilcoole/Knockroe Water Supply Scheme. In addition the Scheme for the Sewerage Outfall at the South Beach, Greystones, would cost £6,920. This gave a total of £43,620. In consequence it would not be possible within the allocation to proceed with any of the other Water Supply Schemes which had been approved by the Council. The Council noted the position in regard to the moneys available for Capital Works on Sanitary and Miscellaneous Services in the present year.

Item No. 12—Provisional Development Plans for Greystones-Delgany and Rathdrum.

The County Secretary stated that the Provisional Development Plans for the Scheduled Towns of Greystones/Delgany and Rathdrum were ready for submission to the Council and copies of the Plans were being circulated to the Members at the Meeting. Copies of the Map in relation to the Greystones/Delgany Scheme would be forwarded to the Members during the next week. It was suggested that the Members of the Council for the Bray Area and the Members for the Wicklow Area would first consider the Development Plans and that the Plans be then considered by the Council at their next Meeting. The County Secretary stated that the Provisional Plan for the County was likely to be available for the Members of the Council for the August Meeting. The Council agreed that the Development Plans be considered by the local Members at their Meeting prior to the next Council Meeting.

Meeting of Committees of Members of the Council for the four electoral Areas.

It was decided by the Council that Meetings be held of the Members of the Council for the respective Electoral Areas to consider the

Road Works Programme for the current financial year and to consider the Provisional Development Plans for Greystones/Delgany (Bray Electoral Area) and Rathdrum (Wicklow Electoral Area). It was decided that Meetings be held as follows:—

For the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area and for the Wicklow Electoral Area: At 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 18th July, 1966, at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow.

For the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area: At Shillelagh on Monday, 25th July, 1966, at 3.30 p.m.

For the Members of the Council for the Baltinglass Electoral Area: At Baltinglass on Thursday, 21st July, 1966, at 3.00 p.m.

The County Manager stated that particulars of the proposed improvements to the Arterial Road between Bray and Arklow would be available for the Members at the Meeting on the following Monday.

Item No. 13—Letter from Aughrim Development Committee re Flooding and Housing Scheme.

The Council considered letter of 4th July, 1966, from the Hon. Secretary, Aughrim Development Association, in regard to the flooding at Aughrim during the past year and also in regard to the Housing Scheme for Aughrim. The County Secretary stated that the reply received from the Office of Public Works to the Council's request that a survey be carried out on the river at Aughrim to deal with the matter of flooding had been submitted to the Council at their Meeting in February, 1966, and had been reported in the press at the time. The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister had indicated that the functions of the Commissioners in relation to Arterial Drainage Works were derived solely from the Arterial Drainage Act, 1945, and that following the passing of the Act catchment areas throughout the country which were thought to be most in need of drainage were listed in order of priority. Of the Rivers mentioned by the Council only the Slaney (including the Derry) was so listed and that was No. 28 on the Priority List. The Parliamentary Secretary stated that both the Survey and Operation Staff of the Commissioners were fully committed on very urgent works throughout the country and that in the circumstances it was not possible to accede to the Council's request to undertake the Surveys which had been mentioned and which included the River at Aughrim. The County Engineer reported that in his view it would be necessary to remove the weir at Aughrim to relieve flooding, but that while the removal of the weir might relieve the flooding at Aughrim it might cause flooding of land downstream and would also mean that the existing Mills could no longer be worked by water powered from the millrace.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That a Consultant be engaged for survey of flooding at Aughrim.

Passed unanimously.

In regard to the Housing Scheme at Aughrim the Council had decided in September, 1961, to proceed with the Scheme for erecting four houses at Aughrim and the number had subsequently been increased to six, and Plans for the Scheme were submitted in January, 1962, but approval to the Plans was not available until November, 1964. Tenders had then been invited and the lowest of the three Tenders received was accepted and sanction obtained in May, 1965, but some months later the lowest tenderer informed the Council that he was not prepared to enter into the Contract and in consequence further Tenders were invited. Only one Tender was received and since this was not complete it was necessary to re-advertise and finally a Tender was accepted in February, 1966, and sanction received from the Department of Local Government in June, 1966. The Contractor had been informed immediately and requested to submit details of his Insurance Bond and the Council's Solicitor had been instructed to arrange for the completion of the Contract Documents. It was expected, therefore, that the Scheme for the erection of the six houses could commence very shortly. The Council noted the position in the matter.

Item No. 14—Creation of Additional Post of Public Health Nurse.

The County Secretary stated that the Fr. Healy Nursing Association, Bray, had terminated their activities with effect as from 1st May, 1966, and the County Medical Officer had recommended that an additional post of Public Health Nurse, with District Nursing duties, be created in order to serve the area. It was intended to assign the person to be appointed to the Bray Dispensary District. The former Jubilee Nurse attached to the Association was being employed by the Council temporarily.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That having considered recommendation of County Medical Officer we approve of the creation of an additional post of Public Health Nurse (with District Nursing duties) and note that it is proposed to assign the person appointed to Bray Dispensary District following the termination of activities by the Fr. Healy Nursing Association with effect as from 1st May, 1966.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh: "That a suitable site be acquired as a Dumping Ground for Tinahely."

The County Secretary stated that a Report on the matter was not yet available and Councillor Miss Walsh agreed that the Notice of Motion be deferred to the next Meeting.

Notices of Motion.

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh: "That the Allowance made to foster-parents for the care and maintenance of boarded-out children be increased and brought into line with present living cost."

In the names of Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne and E. Byrne: "That the road at Berryfield, Fassaroe, Bray, be taken over by the Council and maintained."

In the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.: "That we recommend the County Engineer to have immediate repairs to the cottages of T. Smullen, Ballyduff, and Mary Mitten, Kilmacullagh, as both houses' roofs are leaking."

In the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.: "That the County Engineer supply the following information: Number of men employed in each Electoral Area for period ending 30th June in 1964, 1965 and 1966, on Road Works in the County,"

James Miley, M. J. Craven
Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Craven
John Temple, J. Craven

The County Attorney, J. P. Caffrey, and the County Engineer, E. W. Jones, are the authors of the report.

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1. How many times did the author visit the city of Moscow?
The author visited Moscow twice and is glad to return. (The author visited Moscow twice and is glad to return.)

9. We hereby certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

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1. Notice in names of Councillors J. Temple, E. E. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and H. B. Hipwell of intention to move the following Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:—

"We hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning permission to Thomas Boyle, Esq., of "St. Kevin's," Killarney Road, Bray, under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955, and under the Regional Planning and Development Act, 1963, for the erection of nine (9) houses at Oldcourt Road, Bray, in accordance with Plans submitted."
2. Provisional Plans for Greystones/Delgany and Rathdrum.
3. County Provisional Plan.
4. Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1966 — Results of Examination and award of Scholarships.
5. Capital Allocations for Housing and Sanitary Services—Announcement by Minister for Local Government.
6. Blessington Housing Scheme—Report of County Engineer on works necessary for completion of Scheme.
7. Erection of Rural Cottages—Report of County Engineer on Tenders received.
8. Erection of Houses on site at Ballywaltrim—Report of Council's Architect with Layout Plan and Plans for provision of three houses.
9. Application for Supplementary Grant in respect of erection of new house at Sea Road, Kilcoole.
10. Application for consent to sale of vested cottage at Ballynagran, Kilbride.
11. Applications for consent to redemption of annuities on vested cottages at (a) Tinoran, Baltinglass; (b) Rathattin, Hollywood; and (c) Knockatomcoyle, Tinahely.
13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:—"That a Report be submitted by County Engineer as to the possibility of providing a proper water supply for eight cottages at Kilqueeeney and

Castlemacadam, Avoca, who have to trespass on Mr. Pollard's property at Kilqueeeney for their water supplies."

13. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:—"That a Report be submitted by County Engineer as to the possibility of providing a proper water supply for eight cottages at Kilqueeeney for their water supplies."
14. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:—"That we recommend the County Engineer to have immediate repairs to T. Smullen's, Ballyduff, and Mary Mitten's cottage, Kilmacullagh, as both houses roofs are leaking."
15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley requesting a Report from County Engineer "as to possibility of providing a small porch for cottage at Mucklagh, Aughavannagh, occupied by James Byrne, owing to age of tenant and the very exposed position of cottage."
16. Re-occupation of unfit dwelling.
17. Repairs to Cottages carried out in July, 1966, and Cottages to be repaired during August, 1966.

Safe Driving Awards—1965.

Before the commencement of the Meeting Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, presented a Silver Medal awarded by the Safety First Association of Ireland in respect of the Safe Driving Competition to County Council Driver Christopher Cullen of Churchlands, Tinahely, who had completed five years driving free from culpable accident. The Chairman congratulated the Driver on his success and expressed the hope that he and other Council Drivers who had already won Silver Medals and Certificates would continue to maintain their high standard of safe driving in the coming years.

Item No. 1—Notice in names of Councillor J. Temple, E. E. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and H. B. Hipwell of intention to Move the Following Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:—"We Hereby Direct the County Manager to Grant Planning Permission to Thomas Boyle, Esq., of "St. Kevin's", Killarney Road, Bray, under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955, and under the Regional Planning and Development Act, 1963, for the Erection of Nine (9) Houses at Oldcourt Road, Bray, in Accordance With Plans Submitted."

Councillor Temple proposed that permission be granted for the amendment of the Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to read "Two" houses instead of "nine" houses, as referred to. He pointed out that he was seeking the approval of the Council to the proposal for two houses only pending provision of sewerage facilities. The Members agreed to the amendment and the following Resolution was passed—Councillor H. J. Byrne dissenting:—

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby direct the County Manager to grant Planning permission to Thomas Boyle, Esq., of "St. Kevin's", Killarney Rd., Bray, under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, and under the Local Government (Planning and De-

velopment) Act, 1963, for the erection of two houses at Oldcourt Park, Bray, in accordance with Plans submitted.

Item No. 2—Provisional Plans for Greystones/Delgany and Rathdrum.

The Provisional Plan for the "Scheduled Town" of Greystones/Delgany was submitted and approved.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we approve of the Provisional Plan for the "Scheduled Town" of Greystones/Delgany, as submitted.

Passed, unanimously.

Regarding the Provisional Plan for the "Scheduled Town" of Rathdrum approval was deferred pending the re-submission of the Provisional Plan to the Local Members at Meeting of the Local Committee to be held on the 22nd August, 1966, after the County Council Meeting.

Item No. 3—County Provisional Plan.

The County Secretary informed the Members that the County Provisional Plan was now available and it was agreed that a copy be circulated to each Member of the County Council and that it be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Council.

Item No. 4—Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1966—Results of Examination and Award of Scholarships.

Details of the results of the 1966 Examination for Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools were submitted and approved.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;
Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we hereby approved of the award of Scholarships under the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1966, in accordance with the attached list,

Passed, unanimously.

Clr. G. Timmins referred to the matter of reserving a number of Scholarships for one and two-teacher schools and Councillor Miss Walsh also considered that some consideration should be given in the case of the smaller schools. The County Secretary pointed out that at this stage an alteration could not be made in the Scheme for 1967, which had already been approved by the Council at a previous Meeting, and which had been submitted to the Department of Education for approval. Councillor Temple indicated that he would hand in a Notice of Motion to have the matter of reserving Scholarships for one and two-teacher schools discussed at the next Meeting of the Co. Council.

Item No. 5—Capital Allocations for Housing and Sanitary Services—Announcement by Minister for Local Government.

The following letter dated the 27th July, 1966, from the Department of Local Government, in regard to the capital position for Housing and Sanitary Services in 1966/67, was submitted. It was indicated that the Minister for Local Government would now be in a position to sanction outstanding Housing Tenders which had been submitted to him and which were otherwise in order for approval, and to release certain sanitary services proposals for early commencement.

Róimí Riatais Aitiuil,
Teach an Chustaim,
Baile Atha Cliath,

27th July, 1966.

CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS FOR HOUSING AND SANITARY SERVICES 1966/67

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to this Department's letters of the 22nd March and 16th June last notifying the above allocations and to enclose a copy of an announcement made by him yesterday in regard to the capital position for housing and sanitary services in 1966/67. It will be noted that the Minister will now be in a position to sanction outstanding housing tenders which have been submitted to him and which are otherwise in order for approval and to release certain sanitary services proposals for early commencement.

Officers of the Department will be in touch with the local authority in the near future in regard to the amount of capital to be allocated in respect of individual proposals for housing and sanitary services. Housing authorities to whom additional capital for house purchase loans and supplementary grants will be made available will also be notified shortly of the amount involved.

To/

County Borough Councils,
County Councils
Urban District Councils.

Mr. Neil T. Blaney, Minister for Local Government, announces that following a review of the current capital position, the Government have approved a supplementary allocation for housing and sanitary services. The total provision for these services in the current financial year will now be £25½ million.

The additional capital will enable the Minister to sanction outstanding tenders for housing schemes and to release a substantial num-

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

RESULTS—SECONDARY SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1966

NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP	PLACE OBTAINED IN EXAMINATION	SCHOOL FORMERLY ATTENDED
Traolach P. Breathnach	6, Ballygahan, Avoca.	80	1st	Traibolgan, Cork.
Robert K. Hennessy	"Belle Vue", Putland Road, Bray	40	2nd	Presentation College, Bray.
Marian Cosgrave	7, Church Terrace, Bray.	40	3rd	Ravenswell National School, Bray.
Mary T. Byrne	Lallymaconey, Rathdangan.	80	4th	Rathcoyle N.S., Killeegan.
Niall W. A. Geraughty	3, Camaderry Road, Bray.	30	5th	Presentation College, Bray.
John O'Rourke	4, New Brighton Terrace, Bray.	30	6th	Dun Laoghaire C.B.S.
Rose M. Wadden	71, St. Peter's Place, Arklow.	40	7th	St. Michael's N.S., Arklow.
Paul A. Arnold	Main Street, Arklow.	30	8th	An Rinn N.S., Watford.
Patrick A. Byrne	"Kilmore", Newcourt Road, Bray.	30	9th	Presentation College, Bray.
Michael G. MacEocaidh	37, Griffith Street, Arklow.	40	10th	Arklow Boys' N.S.
Alan G. McKay	"Beechwood", Deiganey.	30	11th	Presentation College, Bray.
Cathal Lough	"Carriamore", Dublin Rd., Arklow.	30	12th	St. Joseph's N.S., Templarney.
Teresa P. Dunne	"Glannire", Sidmonton Rd., Bray.	40	13th	St. Patrick's N.S., Bray.
Thomas J. M. Kavanagh	High Street, Wicklow.	40	14th	St. Patrick's N.S., Wicklow.
Seamus O. Seolgh	Kilhinure, Tullow, Co. Carlow.	80	15th	Tullow Secondary.
Paul J. L. Gannell	29, Main Street, Killecole.	100	16th	Presentation College, Bray.
Suzanne M. Duffin	4, Marine Terrace, Greystones	40	17th	St. Brigid's N.S., Greystones.
Marie T. O'Sullivan	15, St. Laurence's Park, Wicklow.	40	18th	Holy Rosary N.S., Wicklow.
Elizabeth P. Byrne	Ballybrack, Hacketstown, Co. Carlow	100	2th	Hacketstown N.S.
James D. Morris	32, Ledwidge Crescent, Bray.	40	22nd	St. Peter's N.S., Bray.
Marian A. Farrington	Kilmullen, Moneysown, Bray.	100	23rd	Moneytown N.S.
Mary M. Byrne	7, Monkton Row, Wicklow.	40	24th	Holy Rosary N.S., Wicklow.
Anne Stapleton	4, Elm Grove Terrace, Bray.	40	29th	Ravenswell N.S., Bray.
Josephine O'Hara	Three Castles, Manor Kilbride.	100	30th	Manor Kilbride N.S.
Thomas Halpin	5, Upper Tinahack, Arklow.	40	32nd	Arklow Boys' N.S.
Joseph C. Nolan	86, Lt. Main Street, Arklow.	40	33rd	Arklow Boys' N.S.
Donal C. McCarthy	22, Daigan Street, Bray.	40	35th	St. Peter's N.S., Bray.
Kathleen Keane	Rahen, Shelton, Arklow.	40	36th	St. Joseph's N.S., Templarney
Ann Carmel Fitzpatrick	Ballyrahe, Arklow.	40	39th	St. Michael's N.S., Arklow.
James A. Duffy	62, St. Peter's Place, Arklow.	40	41st	Arklow Boys' N.S.
David P. Lennon	3, Ledwidge Crescent, Bray.	40	44th	Greystones C.B. N.S.
Alexander Doyle	6, Old Chapel Ground, Arklow.	40	45th	Arklow Boys' N.S.
Martha Power	13, Lt. Main St., Arklow.	40	46th	St. Michael's N.S., Arklow.
Anne Mary Grogan	Knockatonecoyle, Tinahely.	100	49th	Ballyrahan N.S., Tinahely.
William M. Byrne	Knockatemple, Roundwood.	90	56th	St. Joseph's, Wicklow.

ber of sanitary services proposals for early commencement. Part of the new capital will also be used to ease the position in regard to house purchase loans in areas where difficulties have arisen.

26th July, 1966.

Councillor J. Temple, supported by Councillor H. J. Byrne, asked that further representations be made to the Department of Local Government regarding the provision of moneys from the Local Loans Fund to allow for Loans to be issued in respect of the remaining houses at Bentley Park, Bray.

Item No. 6—Blessington Housing Scheme—Report of County Engineer on Works Necessary for Completion of Scheme.

Report dated the 22nd July, 1966, from the County Engineer was submitted, recommending that Tender in the sum of £1,352, submitted by Messrs. C. Byrne and Sons, Contractors, Hacketstown, in respect of extra work considered to be necessary in relation to the Blessington Housing Scheme, be accepted.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer for the acceptance of the Quotation of the Contractors (Messrs. C. Byrne and Sons, Hacketstown), in the sum of £1,351, for the carrying out of the works necessary for the completion of the Blessington Housing Scheme.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Erection of Rural Cottages—Report of County Engineer on Tenders Received.

The County Secretary submitted Report dated 5th August, 1966, from the County Engineer, in connection with Tenders received for the erection of rural cottages at Ballard (Kilbride), Ardinary, Coolmoney and Tober, and recommending acceptance of Tenders. The County Secretary pointed out that in the case of Tenders submitted by J. O'Toole, Contractor, Kiltimon, it was necessary to add a sum of £180 to each of his Tenders by way of adjustment. The County Secretary indicated that the acceptance of the Tenders was subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we approve, on the recommendation of the County Engineer, of the acceptance of Tenders for Rural Houses at follows:—

House at Ardinary:

Mr. John J. O'Toole, Kiltimon, Newcastle, in the sum of £2,299.

House at Ballard:

Mr. John J. O'Toole, Kiltimon, Newcastle, in the sum of £2,299.

Two Houses at Coolmoney:

Mr. Sean Quinn, Castleruddery, Donard, in the sum of £4,475.

House at Tober, Dunlavin:

Mr. Sean Quinn, Castleruddery, Donard, in the sum of £2,417 10s. 0d.

We approve of the recommendation of the County Engineer that Tenders be invited again for the erection of the house at Moylisha, Clonegal.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8—Erection of Houses on Site at Ballywaltrim — Report of Council's Architect With Layout Plan and Plans for Provision of Three Houses.

Report of the Council's Architect was submitted in respect of the erection of 3 single-storey houses on the site at Ballywaltrim and the Layout Plan and Plan were approved by the Council for submission to the Department of Local Government for sanction of the Minister.

Councillor R. Miley inquired as to the present position regarding the provision of two additional houses at Laragh.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we approve of the Layout Plan and Plan submitted for erection of three single-storey houses on the site at Ballywaltrim and of the submission of the documents for approval of the Minister to the invitation of Tenders.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Application for Supplementary Grant in Respect of Erection of New House at Sea Road, Kilcoole.

The Council approved of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £300 to Patrick J. Doyle, "Irish House", Kilcoole, in respect of the erection of a new house at Sea Road, Kilcoole.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That subject to the necessary moneys being available to the Council for the purpose we approve of the making of a Supplementary Grant of £300 to Mr. Patrick J. Doyle, "Irish House", Kilcoole, in respect of the erection of a new house at Sea Road, Kilcoole.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Application for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottage at Ballynagran, Kilbride.

It was indicated to the Council that the proposed sale by the Representatives of Mrs. Elizabeth O'Neill (deceased) of vested cottage at Ballynagran, Kilbride, to William Brennan, Brittas Bay, had fallen through. It was now proposed that the cottage be sold for the sum of £500 to Mr. Thomas Bradshaw of Ballynagran, Kilbride, a retired farmer. Since Mr. Bradshaw did not qualify under the Labourers' Acts

as a purchaser permission could not be granted for the sale to him. Councillor Temple considered that it would be in the interests of the Council to purchase this cottage, subject to the sanction of the Minister, and that the Council would be entitled to an allowance of one-third of the purchase price in the event of consent being given.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That the Council make an offer to purchase cottage at Ballynagran, Kilbride.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Applications for Consent to Redemption of Annuities on Cottages at (a) Tinoran, Baltinglass; (b) Rathattin, Hollywood; and (c) Knockatomcoyle, Tinahely.

The Council considered applications for the redemption of annuities in respect of the undermentioned cottages and in each case refused the application for permission to redeem the annuity:—

Cottage No.	Address	Tenant-purchaser
94/1	Tinoran, Baltinglass	Andrew Pigott
44/3	Rathattin, Hollywood	John Curran
102/9	Knockatomcoyle, Tinahely	Martin Maher

In the case of cottage No. 94/1 at Tinoran Councillor M. J. O'Neill stated that an error had been made by the Solicitors in applying for redemption of annuity in this case. The County Secretary stated that he would check the matter with the Solicitors concerned.

Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan:—
“That the Council Extend the Water Supply to Three Council Houses at Raheenglass, Coolroe.”

Report dated the 4th August, 1966, from the County Engineer was submitted, indicating that the water supply to three County Council houses at Raheenglass, Coolroe, from the existing Coolboy water supply could be extended at a cost of £318, this cost to include the laying of pipe and the provision of a sink in each house. The Secretary pointed out that permission to connect to the watermain had already been given and it was agreed to defer this matter to check if a Group Scheme for the provision of a water supply in this area was being organised.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley:—
“That a Report be submitted by County Engineer as to the possibility of Providing a Proper Water Supply for Eight Cottages at Kilqueeny and Castlemacadam, Avoca, Who Have To Trespass on Mr. Pollard's Property at Kilqueeny for Their Water Supplies.”

Report dated the 4th August, 1966, from the County Engineer was submitted, indicating that it was proposed to arrange for a Group Water Supply Scheme to be carried out in this area. Proposals were at present being examined by the Department of Local Government.

Item No. 14—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:—
“That We Recommend the County Engineer to Have Immediate Repairs to T. Smullen's, Ballyduff, and Mary Mitten's Cottage, Kilmacullagh, as Both Houses' Roofs are Leaking.”

The Council noted that arrangements were being made to have repairs carried out to the cottages occupied by Terence Smith, Tomcoyle (No. 401/6), and Mary Hamilton, Kilmacullagh (No. 201/6). These were the two cottages intended for repair and not those referred to in the Notice of Motion.

Item No. 15—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley Requesting a Report From County Engineer “As to Possibility of Providing a Small Porch for Cottage at Mucklagh, Aughavannagh, Occupied by James Byrne, Owing to Age of Tenant and the Very Exposed Position of Cottage.”

The Council's Engineer in a Report dated the 5th August, 1966, estimated that it would cost approximately £80 to provide a porch to the cottage of Mr. James Byrne, Mucklagh, Aughavannagh. It was indicated that no moneys could be allocated for repairs to this cottage since it was not the subject of an application for vesting.

Item No. 16—Re-occupation of Unfit Dwelling.

The Chairman of the Council (Councillor J. J. McCrea) stated that arrangements were being made by the Parish Priest of Carnew to have the unfit dwelling at the rear of St. Aidan's Club, Carnew, put in a proper state of repair.

Item No. 17—Repairs to Cottages Carried Out in July, 1966, and Cottages to be Repaired During August, 1966.

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired during the month of July and of those to be repaired during August, 1966.

Erection of Bridges.

Councillor Miss Walsh paid tribute to the Council's workmen who were recently engaged in the erection of Bridges, and who carried out the work so efficiently and expeditiously. She asked that appreciation of their work be recorded and that the Council might examine the matter of paying a special bonus to the workmen concerned. Councillor R. Miley also paid tribute to the manner in which the work on the erection of the Bridges was carried out.

Employment of John Somers in Carnew Area.

Deputy Everett asked for a Report regarding the employment of John Somers in the Carnew Area and requested that the matter be examined.

Water Supply at Rosbawn, Tinahely.

Councillor J. Whelan stated that the present position regarding the water supply from pump at Rosbawn, Tinahely, was unsatisfactory. He considered that the water from the pump was not suitable for drinking purposes and asked that an analysis of the water be taken.

Vesting of Cottage—Mrs. Mary Farrell, Bawnogue, Baltinglass.

Councillor M. J. O'Neill asked that the position in regard to the vesting of cottage in the name of Mrs. Mary Farrell, Bawnogue, Baltinglass, be examined, in view of the fact that an application had been

submitted in November, 1963. He stated he was aware that the matter rested at present with the Council's Law Agent and that the vesting of this cottage should be expedited.

Councillor R. Miley asked that the vesting of this cottage be expedited.

Councillor J. Miley referred to the difficulties encountered by the Acting District Medical Officer (Dr. Brennan) in obtaining suitable accommodation in Blessington and inquired as to the present position regarding the Dispensary Residence. The County Secretary indicated that the matter of obtaining possession from Dr. Clearkin had been before the Circuit Court on several occasions, but no action had been taken due to the inability of Dr. Clearkin to attend. The Judge at the recent Circuit Court had appointed a Barrister to take the evidence of the former District Medical Officer in Commission, seeing that he was unable, for health reasons, to attend the Court.

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

In the name of Councillor G. Timmins:— "That I, or someone for me, will propose at the next Meeting of the Council that Standing Orders be suspended and the Resolution of the Council on 11th July dealing with the Scholarship Scheme for 1966/67 rescinded and further consideration be given to the question of reserving Scholarships for one and two-teacher schools."

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley:— Requesting Report from County Engineer "as to site of right-of-way to Peter Byrne's cottage at Tinnakilly Hill, Aughrim."

1. Applying a Wisconsin statute that requires a person to be a resident of the state for at least 10 years before being eligible to vote, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Shaw v. Reno*, 509 U.S. 630 (2003), that the state's redistricting plan violated the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution.

The following members of the Editorial Board have been elected for the year 2006:

14- The name of Councilman J. James L. Smith, Jr. was changed to Smith, Jr. in order to transfer his name to Councilman J. James L. Smith, Jr. who is now a member of the Council. The name of Councilman J. James L. Smith, Jr. was changed to Smith, Jr. in order to transfer his name to Councilman J. James L. Smith, Jr. who is now a member of the Council.

in the names of members of the Committee. I am sure that the Committee will propose at the next meeting to the Council that members of the subcommittee and the Executive of the Council are the only ones who will have the necessary authority for financial recording and for the collection of the necessary information to be given to the Director of Research Studies. I am sure that the Council will be able to do this.

Include name of Controller, if Controller — Name of person from County Engineer. Be so why state has no sales in this county in 1932. Henry Johnston's farm in the county (County) has, building, agricultural.

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious,
Most Merciful

"As to one of the witnesses,"
the MHA suggested.

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 22nd August, 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, J. Temple, J. Everett, T.D.; Roger Miley and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer R. L. Farrell, and Assistant County Engineers N. D. Farrell and S. F. Coffey attended.

1. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 6th and 13th June, 1966.
2. University Scholarships—Application for further deferment of Scholarship.
3. Application for closing of roads at Rathdrum for purposes of Motor Races.
4. Fire Engine for Bray—Report of Chief Fire Officer on Tenders received.
5. Provision of Fire Hydrants in Glencormac, Kilmacanogue area—Recommendation of County Engineer.
6. Carrigower Drainage District—Recommendation of County Engineer for increase in allocation.
7. Proposed provision of tourist map at Enniskerry—Letter from The Irish Ramblers' Club.
8. Provision of additional public light at Knockananna—Estimate from E.S.B.
9. Provision of additional public light at Killamoat — Estimate from E.S.B.
10. Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme—Recommendation for revised scale of salary for Clerk/Typists.
11. Revision of salary of Visiting Surgeon, Baltinglass District Hospital.
12. "Tenth Round" increases in remuneration—Letter from Department of Health.
13. Flooding at Aughrim—Report of County Engineer on proposal to engage Consultant.
14. Flooding from River Dargle and County Brook—Letter from Hon. Secretary, Little Bray Residents' Association.
15. Water Supply for North-East Wicklow—Interim Report of Consultant.
16. County Planning Scheme (Circulated).
17. Application of Nitrigin Eireann for construction of new road from Ferrybank to serve their Factory at Shelton, Arklow.

18. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—“That the County Engineer supply the following information: Number of men employed in each Electoral Area for period ending 30th June, 1964, 1965 and 1966 on Road Works in the County.”
19. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—“That the Allowance made to foster-parents for the care and maintenance of boarded-out children be increased and brought into line with present living cost.”
20. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh—“That a suitable site be acquired for a Dumping Ground for Tinahely.”
21. Report of County Engineer on inspection of house at Ballinacrow, Stratford-On-Slaney, destroyed by fire.
22. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Temple—“That I, or someone for me, will propose at the next Meeting of the Council that Standing Orders be suspended and the Resolution of the Council on 11th July, dealing with the Scholarship Scheme for 1966/67 be rescinded, and further consideration be given to the question of reserving Scholarships for one and two-teacher schools.”
23. Application of Baltinglass N.F.A. for Council to take over Sheep Dipping Bath at Glen of Imaal.
- 23A. Housing—Letter from Department of Local Government indicating that a further capital sum of £20,000 will be available in the year 1966/67.
24. Minutes of Meeting of County Councils' General Council held on 5th May, 1966.
25. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 6th and 13th June, 1966.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—University Scholarships—Application for further deferment of Scholarship.

The Council considered an application from Miss Catherine Rose Doyle, “An Grianan,” Shillelagh, who had been awarded a University Scholarship in the sum of £210 in 1964/65, for a further deferment of Scholarship for a period of two years to enable her to obtain a Teaching Diploma, following which she intended to pursue a Course of Studies at the University.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the further deferment for a period of two years of University Scholarship in the sum of £210 awarded by Wicklow County Council to Catherine Rose Doyle, “An Grianan,” Shillelagh, to enable her to complete an approved course of studies at the University.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Application for Closing of Roads at Rathdrum for purposes of Motor Races.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby close to public traffic roads described hereunder on Saturday, 10th September, 1966, between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. for Practice, and 1.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. for the purpose of holding Motor Races:—

“Portion of Road T.7 (Rathdrum/Avoca/Arklow), portion of Road L.32 (Rathdrum/Clash/Aughrim), and Link Road joining above Roads.”

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Fire Engine for Bray—Report of Chief Fire Officer on Tenders Received.

In response to public advertisement three Tenders for the provision of a Fire Appliance for Bray were received and the Chief Fire Officer recommended acceptance of Tender of Messrs. H.C.B.—Angus, Ltd.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the acceptance of Tender of Messrs. H.C.B.—Angus, Ltd., for the supply of a Fire Engine complete in the sum of £4,700, in accordance with recommendation of Chief Fire Officer, and we hereby authorise the necessary borrowing to defray the cost of same.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Provision of Fire Hydrants in Glencormac, Kilmacanogue Area—Recommendation of County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the installation of four fire hydrants at cost of £320 for the Glencormac, Kilmacanogue area, in accordance with quotation from Dublin Corporation, and as recommended by the County Engineer, and we hereby approve of excess expenditure in the provision of these hydrants.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Carrigower Drainage District—Recommendation of County Engineer for increase in Allocation.

The Report of the County Engineer was submitted in which he recommended that the annual allowance for 1966/67 in respect of the maintenance of the Carrigower Drainage District be increased from £100 to £150.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of increase from £100 to £150 per annum in respect of drainage work in the Carrigower district.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor M. Deering, supported by Councillors J. Miley and G. Timmins, considered that allowance of £150 was totally inadequate for maintenance of the Carrigower Drainage District but stated that in his opinion the local landowners in that area should approach the Land Project Office for a Grant towards the carrying out of suitable drainage work.

Item No. 7—Proposed provision of Tourist Map at Enniskerry—Letter from the Irish Ramblers' Club.

The County Manager submitted a letter dated 29th July, 1966, from the Irish Ramblers' Club seeking that a map should be erected in Enniskerry Village displaying the area, showing all places of historical and geological interest and marking out walks of interest to visitors. The County Engineer in his Report of the 8th August, 1966, considered that this matter should be referred to the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, Ltd., as the provision of such map would seem to be more a function of that Body. It was agreed to refer the matter to the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation, Ltd.

Item No. 8—Provision of Additional Public Light at Knockananna—Estimate from E.S.B.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the acceptance of estimate submitted by E.S.B. in the sum of £28 12s. 6d., together with an annual maintenance charge of 15s., for the provision of an additional public light at Knockananna.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Provision of Public Light at Killamoat, Rathangan.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the acceptance of estimate submitted by E.S.B. in the sum of £24 by way of capital contribution, together with an annual maintenance charge of 15s., for the provision of a public light at Killamoat, Rathangan.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme—Recommendation for Revised Scale of Salary for Clerk/Typists.

The County Manager submitted a letter dated 6th June, 1966, from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union seeking a revised salary scale for Clerk-Typists in the service of the Local Authority. It was indicated by the Irish Local Government Officials' Union that following a Conciliation Conference between the Union and the County and City Managers' Association the Union had agreed to accept the new revised salary scale.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the application of a new revised salary scale of £400 x £34—£740 x £30—£770 in respect of Clerk-Typists, the scale to operate as from the 1st April, 1965, and we hereby

authorise the necessary excess expenditure to implement the revised scale.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Revision of Salary of Visiting Surgeon, Baltinglass District Hospital.

The County Manager submitted letter dated 14th July, 1966, from the Department of Health regarding the remuneration of Mr. D. S. Quill, Visiting Surgeon at the District Hospital in Baltinglass, and conveying sanction to payment to Mr. Quill of remuneration at the rate of £1,245 per annum with effect from the 1st October, 1963, and at the rate of £1,395 per annum with effect from the 1st February, 1964.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of increase in salary to Mr. D. S. Quill, Visiting Surgeon, Baltinglass Hospital, in the sum of £1,245 per annum with effect from the 1st October, 1963, and at the rate of £1,395 per annum with effect from the 1st February, 1964, and we hereby authorise the necessary excess expenditure in implementing this salary.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12—"Tenth Round" Increases in Remuneration — Letter from Department of Health.

A letter dated 7th July, 1966, from the Department of Health was submitted indicating proposed payment of increases in salaries and wages with effect from the 1st June, 1966, at the rate of £1 to whole-time adult male staff and 15s. to whole-time adult female staff, to be applicable to nursing staffs para-medical staffs, and employment grades other than those specifically mentioned where remuneration does not exceed £1,200 per annum.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of salary and wage increases to nursing staffs, para-medical staffs, and employment grades whose remuneration does not exceed £1,200 per annum, at rates £1 per week to whole-time adult male staff and 15s. per week to whole-time adult female staff, in accordance with sanction of the Minister for Health as contained in Circular Letter 30/66 dated the 7th July, 1966, from the Department of Health.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Flooding at Aughrim—Report of County Engineer on proposal to engage Consultant.

A Report dated 18th July, 1966, from the County Engineer was considered by the Council. The County Engineer indicated that the Board of Works had a special section set up to survey and carry out drainage schemes on a national basis and he considered that this survey for the purpose of determining measures to relieve future flooding at Aughrim should be referred to that body.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor A. H. Hadden;

Resolved—That we ask the Commissioners of Public Works to carry out a special Survey for the purpose of determining measures to relieve flooding at Aughrim.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Flooding from River Dargle and County Brook—Letter from Hon. Secretary, Little Bray Residents' Association.

The County Manager referred to letter dated 27th July, 1966, received from L. M. Cullen, Hon. Secretary, Little Bray Residents' Association, concerning the carrying out of a Survey of the Dargle River and County Brook area which had been the subject of flooding in recent months. The Association sought an assurance that the needs of residents in that area would receive full consideration when the Survey was being made and that steps would be taken to ensure the implementation of the recommendations of the Consultant when his Report was received. Councillor J. Temple stated that this matter was considered at Meetings of the Bray Urban District Council and on the proposal of Mrs. Ledwidge it was decided to adjourn consideration of the correspondence pending the submission of Report by the Consultant.

Item No. 15—Water Supply for North-East Wicklow—Interim Report of Consultant.

The County Manager presented the Interim Report of the Consultant, Mr. John B. Barry, B.E., on the proposed Regional Water Supply for North-East Wicklow. He pointed out the extent of the Scheme, the area to be served, and the Consultant's recommendation regarding the utilising of the Dargle River for supply purposes. It was stated that the Consultant in his Interim Report estimated that a maximum supply of 1½ million gallons per day could be made available and would be adequate to serve the environs of Bray, Kilmacogue, and Greystones areas. The estimated cost of this Scheme was indicated as £265,000, 50% of which would be recoupable by the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we approve of recommendations of Consultant for Water Supply for North-East Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

It was decided that a Report of the County Engineer dated 22nd August, 1966, which summarises the investigations and recommendations of the Consultant be circularised to the Members and that the proposals regarding the Scheme be discussed at a Special Meeting of the County Council to be held on Monday, the 29th August, 1966.

Item No. 16—County Planning Scheme.

The Council agreed that a Special Meeting be held on Monday, 29th August, 1966, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the County Planning Scheme, copies of which had been circulated to each Member of the Council.

Item No. 17—Application of Nitrigin Eireann for Construction of New Road from Ferrybank to serve their Factory at Shelton, Arklow.

The County Manager referred to an application which had been made by Messrs. Nitrigin Eireann Teo., Arklow, to the County Council requesting that the County Road leading from Ferrybank in the direc-

tion of Shelton Abbey might be widened and improved and that the continuation of the road which is not in public charge might be taken over by the County Council and improved. The Company also asked that a new length of roadway might be constructed within the boundary of the lands owned by the Company. Nitrigin Eireann, Ltd., would be importing large supplies of Sulphur through Arklow Port and if the large heavy trucks of the Company were to use the Main Street through Arklow grave traffic difficulties and hazards would occur. Consequently, it was felt that it would be in the public interest to have an alternative route to the factory via Ferrybank, thus obviating the use of the Main Street in Arklow.

A Report of the County Engineer dated 12th August, 1966, was submitted to the Members in which it was estimated that the total cost of the work involved would be £17,020. This amount would cover the cost of improving the total length of road for a distance of 2,900 yards. The County Engineer considered that in view of the extent of the heavy traffic proposed and the additional traffic hazard which would be created through Arklow that a Special Grant should be obtainable from the Department of Local Government. The County Engineer stated that a detailed Survey would have to be carried out along the proposed route and recommended that a Consultant be appointed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we approve of the Report of County Engineer for the construction of a new access road to the factory of Nitrigin Eireann Teo. at Shelton, Arklow, and request a Grant from the Road Fund, or other State Grants, to meet the cost involved, estimated at £17,020.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 18—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

"That the County Engineer supply the following information: Number of men employed in each Electoral Area for period ending 30th June in 1964, 1965 and 1966, on Road Works in the County."

The Council noted details of the number of men employed in each Engineering Area for periods ended 30th June, 1964, 1965 and 1966, on Road Works in the County which were submitted by the County Engineer as follows:—

Period ending 30/6/1964: 365.

Period ending 30/6/1965: 372.

Period ending 30/6/1966: 309.

Item No. 19—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

"That the Allowance made to Foster-Parents for the Care and Maintenance of Boarded-Out Children be increased and brought into line with present living cost."

The County Manager informed the Members that the allowance at present made to foster-parents for the care and maintenance of boarded-out children was £55 per annum and that this allowance operated as from 1st April, 1964. A clothing allowance per child of from £9 to £13, depending on age, was also provided. Councillor Miss Walsh considered that foster-parents were fulfilling an urgent need in looking after these children and since rising costs were the order at present these foster-parents should also be paid an additional amount per child.

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It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor A. H. Hadden:

Resolved—That we approve an increase in allowances to £5 per month in respect of boarded-out children.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 20—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:
 "That a suitable site be acquired for a Dumping Ground at Tinahely."

Councillor Miss Walsh stated that the present dumping ground at Tinahely constituted a danger to public health and she considered that an alternative dumping ground should be sought. The Council's Engineer in a Report dated 2nd August, 1966, stated that the present dumping ground at Tinahely had only capacity for dumping for a further 1½ years and that there was no suitable site readily available in the area for a new dumping ground. Councillor Miss Walsh was of opinion that a new dumping ground could be obtained on a site the property of a Mr. O'Toole at Lugduff, Tinahely. It was requested that the Engineer would consult with the owner of this site at Lugduff, and submit a report for the next Meeting of the County Council.

Item No. 21—Report of County Engineer on Inspection of House at Ballinacrow, Stratford-on-Slaney, Destroyed by Fire.

A Report dated 19th August, 1966, from the County Engineer was submitted and he considered that the estimated cost of reconstructing the dwellinghouse of Mr. Timothy O'Brien at Ballinacrow, Stratford-on-Slaney, which was recently destroyed by fire would be £850. It was indicated that this was a three-roomed house and was not the property of the County Council. Councillor G. Timmins inquired if the Council could contribute in any way towards the cost of re-erection of the dwellinghouse and the County Manager pointed out that a Grant might be available but such Grant would be small in view of the fact that it was a three-roomed house. Councillor Timmins also stated that efforts were being made locally to organise functions, contributions, etc., to assist in financing the reconstruction of the dwellinghouse. It was agreed by the Members that when proposals were submitted by the owner, Mr. Timothy O'Brien, regarding the reconstruction of the house the Council's Engineer would examine the proposals and would submit a report.

Item No. 22—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor G. Timmins:
 "That I, or someone for me, will propose at the next Meeting of the Council that Standing Orders be suspended and the Resolution of the Council on 11th July dealing with the Scholarship Scheme for 1966/'67 be rescinded, and further consideration be given to the question of reserving Scholarships for one and two-teacher schools."

At the request of Councillors G. Timmins and J. Temple it was agreed by the Members that this matter be referred for consideration at a meeting of the Council's Scholarship Committee.

Item No. 23—Application of Baltinglass N.F.A. for Council to take over Sheep Dipping Bath at Glen of Imaal.

A letter dated 30th July, 1966, from the Baltinglass Branch N.F.A. was considered in connection with the taking over of a sheep dipping bath by the County Council from the Department of Defence, who

were the present owners of bath.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the carrying out of the reconstruction and repair of Sheep Dipping Bath at Cannow, Glen of Imaal, provided the Bath is taken over from the Department of Defence by the Council as a Public Bath.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 23A—Housing—Letter from Department of Local Government indicating that a further capital sum of £20,000 will be available in the year 1966/'67.

It was notified to the Council by Circular dated 12th August, 1966, that the Housing Capital Allocation for 1966/'67, in so far as House Purchase Loans and Supplementary Grants were involved, would be increased from £55,000 to £75,000. The Department of Local Government required to be notified in due course of the Local Authority's decision as regards the allocation of the additional £20,000. It was agreed by the Council to defer consideration of this matter to the Special Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 29th August, 1966.

Item No. 24—Minutes of Meeting of County Council's General Council held on 5th May, 1966.

The Council noted the submission of the Minutes of the County Councils' General Council Meeting held on the 5th May, 1966.

Item No. 25—Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

The Council noted the particulars of County Manager's Orders which had been circulated to the Members.

Proposed Development at Clogga Beach.

The County Manager referred to applications which were on hands relating to proposed development at Clogga Beach, Arklow. In one case the provision of a Motel, Restaurant and Car Park, and in the other case a Caravan Site was proposed. He pointed out that a primary consideration in relation to any proposed development at Clogga, Arklow, was the matter of the improvement of the road and he suggested that matters relating to the proposed development should be discussed by the local Councillors. It was agreed that a Meeting of the local Councillors be held at the Courthouse, Arklow, on Wednesday, 31st August, at 3 p.m.

Peamount Sanatorium—Applications for Clothing.

Arising from the Minutes of Meeting of the 13th June, 1966, Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to the treatment of patients in Peamount Sanatorium and requested details regarding the dates on which applications for clothing were made by the patients and the dates on which replies were sent to the patients and the clothing issued to them. It was agreed to submit report for the next Meeting.

Ambulance Service.

Councillor Temple inquired regarding an ambulance purchased several months ago by the County Council for use in the Bray and North-East Wicklow areas. He now understood that a further new

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 29th August, 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, Mark Deering, J. Whelan, G. Timmins, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, James D. Haughton and J. Gregory.

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

AGENDA:

1. Ambulance Service.
2. North-East Wicklow Regional Water Supply — Interim Report of Consultant and Report of County Engineer.
3. Housing—Letter from Department of Local Government indicating that a further capital sum of £20,000 will be available in the year 1966/67.
4. Provisional Development Plan for County Wicklow. (Circulated).

Item No. 1.—Ambulance Service.

The Co. Manager stated that from the discussion at the previous Meeting it appeared that it was held by a Member of the Council that the Council had purchased Ambulances recently which were unsuitable or were in some way defective and he wished to make it quite clear that this suggestion was incorrect. Provision had been made in the Estimates for 1965/66 for the purchase of two Ambulances and Specifications were prepared by the County Engineer and the Chief Assistant and approved by the County Medical Officer. The Specification was forwarded to the Department of Local Government, who had indicated that Ambulances were no longer on the Combined Purchasing List, and the Department also stated that the Specification was acceptable and that there was no objection to the Council's ordering two Ambulances to conform to the Specification. Following receipt of Quotations and the examination of Tenders the Tender of Messrs. P. Ryan and Co., Ringsend, Dublin, was accepted for the supply of two Ambulances. Delivery was not effected until May and June of the present year and the two Ambulances had been in service since they were received, one at Wicklow and the other at Rathdrum, and both had proved quite satisfactory. The County Manager stated that during the month of May he was in the Department of Health and it was suggested to him that he might inspect a new prototype Ambulance which had been supplied to the Department that day for inspection. As he felt that the new Ambulance (known as an "Appleyard" Ambulance) had certain special features, such as stretchers on retractable wheels and undercarriage, and selective springing, he arranged for the Ambulance to be inspected by the County Engineer and by the Chief Medical Officer and on their recommendation an Order was placed for one of this new type of Ambulance. The Ambulance had not yet been delivered. Provision had been made in the current year's Estimates for the purchase of an Ambulance, which it had been intended to station at Baltinglass, but he felt that having regard to the special features of the "Appleyard" Ambulance it appeared to be more suitable for dealing with accident cases and, consequently, should be stationed at Wicklow to serve the North-East area, where, unfortunately, the greater number of road accidents occurred. Councillor Timmins pointed out that in the County Manager's Order for the purchase of the new Ambulance it had been indicated that the Ambulance be stationed at Baltinglass and in view

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of the special springing system he felt it would be most suitable for stationing at Baltinglass in the area where there were many miles of poor surfaced roads.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That the new "Appleyard" Ambulance when delivered be stationed at Baltinglass Hospital.

As an amendment:

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That the new "Appleyard" Ambulance be assigned to serve the Bray Area.

Councillor Temple stated that as the new Ambulance would not be available for some while he would propose an amendment that the matter be referred to the Department of Health and the views of the Members of the Council conveyed to the Department with a request that they advise as to the most desirable location for the Ambulance.

The County Manager having pointed out that the Bray Area was at present served from Loughlinstown Hospital and, in addition, the Ambulances of Messrs. Gleeson of Stillorgan were also available, if required, Councillor H. J. Byrne withdrew his amendment. The County Medical Officer, who attended the Meeting, informed the Members that both Ambulances had been satisfactory. They were excellent Ambulances and the Drivers were very pleased with them. The Chairman having examined the Order made by the County Manager on 22nd June, 1966, regarding the purchase of the Ambulance, ruled Councillor Temple's amendment out of order and the Motion in the name of Councillor Timmins, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, was declared passed.

Item No. 2—North-East Wicklow Regional Water Supply — Interim Report of Consultant and Report of County Engineer.

The following Report of the County Engineer had been circulated to the Members of the Council:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

County Engineer's Office,

Courthouse

WICKLOW.

22nd August 1966.

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Re: North-East Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme.

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The Consulting Engineer, Mr. Barry, in preparing his original Report submitted six alternative Schemes, showing the areas which could be served from the Dargle River and Lough Dan sources. The most suitable of these sources is Lough Dan but it would be uneconomical unless fully developed to serve the demands of the Bray area and Dublin Corporation. Dublin Corporation have more or less definitely intimated that they are not at present interested in using Lough Dan as a source to augment their existing Water Supply. The Consultant Engineer has now submitted a Report outlining what I consider the most suitable and economic way of giving a water supply to the North-East Wicklow Region.

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Briefly his investigations and recommendations are as follows—

1. Area to be served:

- (a) Bray Environs.
- (b) Kilmacanogue, Delgany/Greystones area.
- (c) Kilcoole/Ashford rural area.

2. Estimated Demand.

- (a) Bray environs (Boghall/Kilruddery area).
 - (i) Population demand—7,000 people 420,000 gallons per day
 - (ii) Light industry 80,000 " "
 - Total: 500,000 gallons
- (b) Kilmacanogue, Delgany/Greystones area.
 - (i) Population demand (5,500 existing, season population 2,500, Increase 3,000—11,000) 550,000 gallons
 - (ii) Agricultural and Commercial demand 50,000 gallons
 - Total: 600,000 gallons
- (c) Kilcoole/Ashford rural area.
 - (i) Population demand (4,000 present, increasing in season 1,000—5,000) 120,000 gallons
 - (ii) Agricultural demand 120,000 gallons
 - (iii) Light industry and commercial demand 30,000 gallons
 - Total: 400,000 gallons

Total Demand for North Eastern Area—1,500,000 gallons.

2. Sources Available.

- (a) Lough Dan—There is available from this source without impounding two million gallons per day and with storage this could be brought up to fifteen million to twenty million gallons per day. Owing to it being situated on the southern extremity of North-East Wicklow, it is not economic to develop it as a source to serve the area, unless as part of a regional scheme as a supplementary supply to Dublin Corporation. As already stated, Dublin Corporation is not interested and, therefore, this source has to be ruled out on economic grounds. Source available could be conserved to serve any future expansion that may take place on the southern side of the Dublin Metropolitan area or South of Wicklow towards Arklow.

- (b) Glencullen River—This area has a catchment of some 5,300 acres. The minimum straight run off from the area would probably not be half-million gallons per day and, therefore, it would be necessary to construct an impounding reservoir if this were to be used as a source of supply. The configuration of the area and the geology of the area is such that the construction of a dam would be difficult and extremely costly. Borings made available confirm the unsuitability of the valley in this respect. Accordingly, the possibility of using the Glencullen River as a source for the scheme could not be entertained.

- (c) Dargle River—The catchment area of the combined Dargle and Glencree river downstream of their confluence of Onagh Bridge is approximately 12,900 acres, which could be further increased to about 15,000 acres at Tinnahinch Bridge. The estimated yield of Tinnahinch Bridge would be about two million gallons per day. The required demand of 1.5 million gallons could be

extracted at this point without effecting riparian or other interests of the river. The demand for many years would not be more than a million gallons per day and treatment works would be designed to serve this quantity. An impounding reservoir would not, therefore, have to be constructed for the present and may never arise if gaugings to be subsequently taken of river would show that the compensation water was adequate. In any case the geological formation of the valley is such that it is suitable for the construction of a dam. The chemical and bacteriological analysis of the water show that it is suitable as a source of supply following the usual treatment.

The works briefly, which are as follows, involve:

- (a) Construction of Intake Works at Tinnahinch Bridge.
- (b) Treatment Works at Newtown to treat 1,000,000 gallons per day, consisting of Rapid gravity filters with settling tanks, chemical coagulation and would include chlorination and fluoridation.
- (c) A clear water tank of 500,000 gallons capacity which would serve as a service reservoir for the Bray environs area.
- (d) 500,000 gallons service reservoir sited near Glencormac North and another 500,000 reservoir near Drummin East to serve the Delgany, Greystones and Kilcoole areas.
- (e) The laying of rising and distribution main varying in size from 15 inches to 4 inches diam.

The estimated cost of this proposed Scheme is £265,000, and is considered reasonable.

The Scheme put forward is recommended as being a most economic one to serve this area for which development has been held up due to lack of water supply.

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T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

The County Manager referred to the difficulties which the Council had been experiencing in providing water for development in the Bray area. Dublin Corporation had indicated that on account of the demands on water in the City they could not continue to supply additional water for the area South of Bray. The estimated cost of the Scheme was £265,000 and allowing for a Grant of 50 per cent. of loan charges the Scheme would cost about 1s. in the £ on the Rates in respect of a Loan re-payable over twenty-five years. If the Council approved the Scheme would be submitted to the Department for approval.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That we accept recommendation of Consultant and County Engineer for new water supply for North-East Region.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Housing—Letter from Department of Local Government indicating that a Further Capital Sum of £20,000 would be available in the Year 1966/67.

The County Manager stated that the original allocation for Housing Construction Loans for the current year was £36,000 and if the Council decided to allocate the additional sum of £20,000 for this pur-

pose these sums, together with a credit balance at the 31st March, 1966, of £1,644, would make a total available for Housing Construction Loans for the year of £57,644. To date the Council had issued payments amounting to £15,350 and a further £5,500 would be required to meet balances of Loans on which instalments had already been issued. Having allowed for other Loans to which the Council was committed, amounting to £9,700, a sum of £27,094 would be available towards meeting Loans required for the Bentley Park Housing Scheme. This sum could be applied either to meet twelve full Loans of £2,170 each, or to issue an instalment of £1,350 to each of the twenty applicants remaining. Loans to five applicants had already been provided for. In regard to Grants for New Houses and for Reconstruction of Houses the allocation for the year was £19,000 and the total required for New House Grants and Reconstruction Grants approved for payment would be £16,116, leaving £2,884 available for further Grants. There would not, however, be adequate moneys available for meeting all applications made to date for New House Grants and Reconstruction Grants.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of County Manager's recommendation for the allocation of the additional sum of £20,000 notified by Department of Local Government for the purpose of making additional Loans available for Construction of New Houses.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, pointed out that a great many people had availed of Reconstruction Grants to improve their houses and had already carried out the work, but were unable to obtain the Grants on which they had relied, and he considered some portion of the additional allocation of £20,000 should be made available for these Grants.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That £3,000 out of the extra allocation of £20,000 be assigned to payment of Supplementary Grants.

Following a discussion on the matter it was decided to adjourn a final decision to the next Meeting of the Council and to have a further Report available from the County Manager as to the number of applications on hands for Reconstruction Grants and for Grants for New Houses.

Item No. 4—Provisional Development Plan for County Wicklow.

A copy of the Provisional Development Plan for County Wicklow had been circulated to the Members of the Council. The County Manager stated that the objects of the Development Plan to be prepared by the Council were the re-shaping and modernisation of towns to meet the demands of to-day, especially those of traffic, the identification and development of centres of economic and social growth, and the preservation and improvement of amenities. The Council had three years from the 1st October, 1964, to prepare the Development Plan and in this County the three Urban District Councils had prepared their own Provisional Plans and the Co. Council had already completed the Provisional Plans for Greystones/Delgany and Rathdrum and the Provisional Plan for the County was now before them. Surveys had been in progress for some time past and the Report submitted represented the results of these Surveys. The County Manager went on to refer to the details given in the Report in relation to population, its distribution and expected changes, and in regard to land use and employment.

He pointed out that a Report of this nature was significant in the determination of future policy in relation to Housing and to services such as Water Supply and Sewerage, and could be of assistance to persons contemplating the establishment of industry in the County. The Council noted the submission of the Provisional Development Plan.

Meeting with Minister for Health.

The following letter received by the Chairman of the Council from the Minister for Health was submitted:—

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BAILE ATHA CLIATH, 1.

26th August, 1966

Dear Chairman,

The introduction to the White Paper on the Health Services and their Further Development states that it is the Government's wish that the various proposals in it should be the subject of wide public discussion before any final decisions are taken on their detailed development. I think it particularly important that the White Paper should be discussed by the various Health Authorities and I am anxious to have their views on it before putting before the Government detailed proposals for legislation. I think that the most satisfactory and expeditious way for me to get the Health Authorities' views is by meeting the members at special meetings called to discuss the White Paper (or to discuss it further where the authorities have already had it on their agenda). I have accordingly had my Department draw up a plan under which, by following a tight schedule, I can meet each health authority at special meetings before the middle of October.

I would propose to meet your Council on the morning of Wednesday, 21st September, in Wicklow. In order to fit in a meeting with another local authority later in the same day, I would have to leave Wicklow by 12.30 p.m. at the latest. I would suggest, therefore, that our meeting should start early, at, say 10 a.m. Perhaps you would let me know if you can call a meeting accordingly. If this does not suit for any important reason, it might be possible to fix another date; but you will appreciate the trouble which would be involved in changing the schedule, so I hope that the meeting can be called as I suggest.

I am arranging for a copy of this letter to be sent to the County Manager.

Yours sincerely,

SEAN FLANAGAN,
Minister for Health.

Mr. James J. McCrea,
Chairman,
Wicklow County Council.

The Council agreed that a Special Meeting of the Council be held at the Council Chamber at the Courthouse, Wicklow, on Wednesday, 21st September, 1966, at 10.00 a.m., for discussion on the White Paper and to meet the Minister for Health. The Council asked the copies of the White Paper be circulated to the Members prior to the Meeting.

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He reminded the Council that the White Paper on the Environment is the first of a series of papers on the environment. It is a very important paper and it is hoped that the Council will be able to discuss it at a future meeting.

Standing with "Thanks for Minute"

The Chairman then turned to the business of the Council. He said that the Council had received a letter from the Minister for Health on the 2nd September, 1966, regarding the proposed development of the White Paper on the Environment.

THE CHAIRMAN

The introduction to the White Paper on the Environment was read. The Chairman said that the White Paper was a very important document and it was hoped that the Council would be able to discuss it at a future meeting. He said that the White Paper was a very important document and it was hoped that the Council would be able to discuss it at a future meeting.

I would propose to move your Council on the evening of Wednesday, 14th September, in Wicklow, in order to sit in a meeting with other local authorities later in the year. I would like to know if you would be able to do this. I would like to know if you would be able to do this.

I am writing for a copy of the White Paper to be sent to the Council.

Mr. James J. McCrea,
Chairman,
Wicklow County Council

The Council agreed that a Special Meeting should be held at the Council Chamber at the Council House, Wicklow, on Wednesday, 14th September, 1966, at 7.30 p.m. to discuss the White Paper on the Environment.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 5th September, 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillor John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, Mark Deering, J. Whelan, G. Timmins, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory and H. W. Hopkins.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer R. L. Farrell, and Assistant County Engineers N. D. Farrell, S. F. Coffey and E. M. Doyle attended.

AGENDA:

1. Notice of intention to propose the following Resolution in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:—
"That we direct the County Manager to agree to transfer of cottage at Ballinvalley, Avoca, Co. Wicklow, to James Stedman, as already passed by Council in December, 1963, under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act."
- 1A. Applications for consent to sale of Vested Cottages of Mr. P. Somers, Croneynhorn, and Mrs. Behan, Coollatin Row, Carnew—Valuations.
2. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley requesting Report from County Engineer "as to site of right-of-way to Peter Byrne's cottage at Tinnakilly Hill, Aughrim."
3. Layout Plan for proposed houses at Newtownmountkennedy.
4. Housing Scheme at Grattan Park, Kindlestown—Report of County Architect regarding provision of underground services.
5. Housing Capital Allocation—Report on applications received for Supplementary Grants for New Houses and for Reconstruction of Houses.
- 5A. Developments at Clogga Beach, Arklow.
6. Repairs carried out in August, 1966, and cottages to be repaired in September, 1966.
7. University Scholarship Scheme—Award of Scholarships under current year's Scheme.

Item No. 1—Notice of Intention to Propose the Following Resolution in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—"That we Direct the County Manager to Agree to Transfer of Cottage at Ballinvalley, Avoca, Co. Wicklow, to James Stedman, as Already Passed by Council in December, 1963, Under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act."

In reply to inquiry from Councillor J. Temple as to whether the Notice was in order the County Secretary stated that the Notice was not properly submitted in accordance with Section 4 of the Act and it was agreed that a Notice in proper form be submitted and the matter included on the Agenda for the Meeting to be held on 12th September, 1966.

Item No. 1A.—Applications for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottages of Mr. P. Somers, Croneymhorn, and Mrs. Behan, Coollattin Row, Carnew—Valuations.

Councillor J. J. McCrea referred to the proposed sales of two vested cottages, one being that of Mr. P. Somers, Croneymhorn, and the other that of Mrs. Behan, Coollattin Row, Carnew, and stated that in both cases the cottages had been put up for public auction and that the prices obtained by the sellers were the highest possible and should be accepted as the market value. The County Secretary stated that the Council's Engineer had valued the cottages at £650 and £435 respectively. He pointed out that figures obtained at a public auction did not necessarily represent the proper market value of a house and suggested that the Council might seek an independent valuation. The County Secretary pointed out that the Solicitor acting for the representatives of the late Patrick Somers had agreed that £650 could well be the proper market value, but had pointed out that he was unable to obtain a higher figure than £435. Councillor H. J. Byrne suggested that an independent Valuer should be obtained to act in all cases of sales of cottages and agreed that prices obtained at auctions did not necessarily represent the true market value.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley;

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by the representatives of the late Patrick Somers, Croneymhorn, Carnew, of vested cottage at Croneymhorn to Patrick Kilbride, Ballingate, Carnew, subject to a payment to the Council of £145.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to the sale by the representatives of the late Sarah O'Reilly of the cottage at Ballybeg, Balinglen, to Mrs. Bernard Free, Ballyknockan, Rathdrum, subject to a payment to the Council of the sum of £83 6s. 8d.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley Requesting Report from County Engineer "As to Site of Right-of-Way to Peter Byrne's Cottage at Tinnakilly Hill, Aughrim."

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that whenever visiting the cottage he had to cross the lands of Mr. George Woodbyrne, whose father, he understood, had given a right-of-way to the cottage to a former tenant. Originally the cottage was on part of the land now occupied by Mr. James Nolan, which was later bought by the late Mr. George Woodbyrne, but the Assistant County Engineer had no information as to whether the original right-of-way was through the lands of Mr. Nolan or Mr. Woodbyrne. If through the land of Mr. Nolan he would have to pass through some of his fields, and if through the land of Mr. Woodbyrne the laneway would need to be reconstructed. The County Secretary stated that there obviously was a right-of-way to the cottage and that the matter would be looked into and the correct right-of-way verified.

Item No. 3—Layout Plan for Proposed Houses at Newtownmountkennedy.

The County Secretary stated that Plans had been prepared by the Council's Architect for the provision of twelve houses on the site ac-

quired from cottage tenants at Newtownmountkennedy. The Scheme provided for nine two-storey houses and three single-storey houses and the layout provided for a small semi-enclosed cul-de-sac with road access from the road serving the existing Scheme. A separate pedestrian approach from the village was provided and also off-street car parking, a public open-space, and children's play-space. The area of the site was 1.48 acres and the density of development 8.2 houses to the acre. The cost of development and building was expected to amount to £25,200, or £2,100 per house.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Gregory;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley;

Resolved—That we approve of the Layout and Plans for the erection of twelve houses on site at Newtownmountkennedy and direct that the sanction of the Department of Local Government to the Plans and Specifications and to the invitation of Tenders be sought.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Housing Scheme at Grattan Park, Kindlestown—Report of County Architect Regarding Provision of Underground Services.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Architect had reported that the E.S.B. had agreed to provide underground main supply to the nine houses at Grattan Park without additional charge. The Department of Posts and Telegraphs had also agreed to provide underground telephone supply to the houses for possible future connections without additional charge. In consequence no unsightly wires and poles would be located in the Scheme and this would contribute greatly to the visual amenity. The Council's Architect had obtained an estimate of £176 19s. 0d. for the erection of a master T.V. and V.H.F. Aerial and Amplifier, with underground wired T.V. and V.H.F. supply, to one outlet in each house. The cost would work out at £19 13s. 0d. per house as compared with a cost of approximately £30 to a tenant for erecting an individual Aerial. At the suggestion of Councillor J. Temple it was agreed that the matter be referred for consideration by the Members of the Council for the BRAY ELECTORAL AREA at a Meeting to be held on 21st September, 1966.

Item No. 5—Housing Capital Allocation—Report on Applications Received for Supplementary Grants for New Houses and for Reconstruction of Houses.

The County Secretary stated that the position in regard to applications for Reconstruction Grants was that there had been a debit balance on the Council's Account of £1,208 at the beginning of the year and to date Grants amounting to £9,917 17s. 4d. had been approved for payment. Applications for Grants amounting to £8,925 in respect of New Houses (other than those at Bentley Park) and £6,875 in respect of the twenty-five houses at Bentley Park, together with £9,215 in respect of Reconstruction of Houses, were under investigation, and the total requirements were, consequently, £34,140 17s. 4d. As against this sum the allocation made to the Council was £19,000. It would be noted from the figures submitted that of the allocation of £19,000, £11,125 17s. 4d. could be absorbed immediately in clearing the debit balance and meeting the amount of Grants already approved. It was expected that further Grants for New Houses and for Reconstruction, amounting in all to £5,783, would also be ready for payment. The County Secretary pointed out that Supplementary Grants could only be paid by the Council after the State Grant had been paid and suggested that, accordingly, the Council should pay Supplementary Grants in the same order in which the appropriate State Grants had been paid by the

Department. The Council agreed with this recommendation.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of the County Manager's recommendation for the allocation of the additional sum of £20,000 notified by the Department of Local Government for the purpose of making additional Loans available for construction of New Houses.

As an amendment:

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That a sum of £3,000 from allocation of £20,000 be used for the payment of Supplementary Grants and that the balance of £17,000 be used for Housing Construction Loans.

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

IN FAVOUR: Councillors J. Whelan, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, A. H. Hadden, H. W. Hopkins, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. Quigley, G. Timmins, Miss M. Walsh and J. J. McCrea — TWELVE.

AGAINST: Councillors H. J. Byrne, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, J. O'Toole and J. Temple—SIX.

The amendment was declared carried by twelve votes in favour to six votes against and declared passed on the same voting when put as a substantive motion. The County Secretary stated that in consequence of the Council's decision a total of sixteen full Loans of £2,170 each could now be granted in respect of the Scheme of twenty-five houses at Bentley Park, Bray.

Item No. 5A.—Developments at Clogga Beach, Arklow.

The County Secretary stated that the Members of the Council for the ARKLOW ELECTORAL AREA had met in Arklow on the 31st August and had visited Clogga Beach and examined the area and the proposed developments there. The Members agreed that legal action should be pursued for the removal of the wall obstructing the right-of-way claimed to exist to the Beach at Clogga and also to allow the proposed development which involved the provision of a Motel with public access to the sea and Public Car Park being provided. The Committee recommended also that permission be given for a Caravan Park, which also had been applied for. The Report of the County Engineer in regard to the proposed developments was submitted to the Council and the County Manager stated that he felt it would be in the interests of the community as a whole that the recommendation of the County Engineer be accepted.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley;

Resolved—That we approve of legal action being pursued for the removal of wall obstructing right-of-way to Beach at Clogga, Arklow.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley;

Resolved—That we approve of Outline Permission being granted to

Holiday Site and Land Development Company (Clogga) Ltd., for development at Clogga Beach, Arklow, with provision for Public Car Park and public right-of-way to the Beach, and licence of Caravan Site for Michael Gleeson, subject to conditions specified by County Engineer. Passed unanimously.

Councillor Whelan referred to the condition of the existing road and asked if something could be done to ease the bad bends and also stated that he had been informed by residents that heavy petrol lorries were using the road. The Assistant County Engineer stated that while he understood that the petrol lorries generally used the other road from the Jetty, South of Arklow, towards Arklow Town, possibly some of the lorries did use the road at Clogga. The Council noted the recommendation in the County Engineer's Report that the approach road be improved by way of providing passing-bays and sight-lines at bends.

Item No. 6.—Repairs Carried Out in August, 1966, and Cottages to be Repaired in September, 1966.

The Council noted the particulars of cottage repairs submitted to the Meeting.

Item No. 7.—University Scholarship Scheme—Award of Scholarships Under Current Year's Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that the results of the marks obtained by candidates for the Council's University Scholarships in the Leaving Certificate Examination had been received and that the award of Scholarships in accordance with the terms of the Scheme was recommended as follows.

Order of Merit	Name and Address	Amount of Award	Clause
1.	Paul F. X. Hackett, "Fairfield", Newcourt Rd., Bray.	£175 0 0	1.
2.	Bridget Mary Hickey, 33, Main Street, Arklow.	£300 0 0	2.
3.	Daniel J. Condren, "Beach Vista", Hbr. Road, Arklow.	£50 0 0	1.
4.	Edward A. Marsh, 19, Merrymeeting, Rathnew.	£300 0 0	2.
5.	Bridget A. Hickey, Wexford Road, Arklow.	£75 0 0	2.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of the award of Scholarships under the Council's Scheme for University Scholarships for the current year as follows:—

Order of Merit	Name and Address	Amount of Award	Clause
1.	Paul F. X. Hackett, "Fairfield", Newcourt Road, Bray.	£175 0 0	1.
2.	Bridget Mary Hickey, 33, Main Street, Arklow.	£300 0 0	2.
3.	Daniel J. Condren, "Beach Vista", Harbour Rd., Arklow.	£50 0 0	1.
4.	Edward A. Marsh, 19, Merrymeeting, Rathnew.	£300 0 0	2.
5.	Bridget A. Hickey, Wexford Road, Arklow.	£75 0 0	2.

Passed unanimously.

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Vacant Cottage at Rathgorragh, Rathdangan.

The County Secretary stated that the only application received for the tenancy of a vacant cottage at Rathgorragh, Rathdangan, was from a person resident in Dublin. He suggested that the Council might agree to the cottage being let to Mr. Gerard Connors (an itinerant), whose wife had been in hospital suffering from tuberculosis and who was anxious to settle down in a cottage. Members of the Council for the Area felt that if the cottage were re-advertised there would be applicants available in the locality and it was recommended that the cottage be re-advertised.

Letting of Plot of Ground at Corballis, Rathdrum.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from a Mr. Patrick O'Neill for the letting of a plot of ground at Corballis, Rathdrum, which adjoined his own plot and which he stated was being used by itinerants and others and that he wished to have the plot so that he could keep it in proper order. There was no other application for the plot.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. J. McCrea;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley;

Resolved—That we approve of the letting of plot of ground at Corballis, Rathdrum, to Patrick O'Neill at rent of 2/- per week.

Resolved—That we approve of the letting of plot of ground at Corballis,

Passed unanimously.

Trees at Parkmore, Baltinglass.

Councillor O'Neill referred to trees at Parkmore which he stated were dangerous and suggested that even if it was not accepted that the trees were dangerous that they should be trimmed. The County Engineer stated that the trees had been examined and it had been reported that they were not dangerous, but the matter of trimming the trees would be looked into. Councillor O'Neill also referred to the boundary wall at Parkmore, some of which had fallen, and asked that this matter be examined and a Report submitted.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.—“That the Council agree to the erection of a pump at Ballycapple for the benefit of four cottages.”

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley:—“That a Report be obtained from the County Engineer on dangerous trees at Station Road, Aghrim.”

In the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea:—“That two extra lights be provided to serve County Council and other houses on the Carnew/Kilcavan Road.”

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th September, 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman;

Councillors John Quigley, Mark Deering, J. Whelan, G. Timmins, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D.; J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory and H. W. Hopkins.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineers, Chief Assistant County Engineer R. A. Farrell, and Assistant County Engineers N. D. Farrell, S. F. Coffey and E. M. Doyle attended.

AGENDA.

1. Notice of intention to propose the following Resolution (in the names of Councillors James Everett, T.D., John Quigley, H. W. Hopkins, James Gregory and Mary Walsh), in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:—
"That we direct the County Manager to agree to transfer of cottage at Ballinvalley, Avoca, Co. Wicklow, to James Stedman, as already passed by Council in December, 1963."
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 29th June, 4th and 11th July, 1966.
3. Overdraft accommodation on General Account for Quarter to 31st December, 1966.
4. Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools, 1967—Letter from Department of Education and to arrange Meeting of Scholarship Committee.
5. Flood damage to Roads—Application for Road Fund Grants.
6. Improvements at Greystones Harbour.
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10. Proposed purchase by Council of vested cottage at Ballynagran, Kilbride.
11. Letter from County Councils' General Council re Resolution submitted by Wicklow County Council in relation to Courthouses.
12. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notice of intention to propose the following Resolution, (in the names of Councillors James Everett, T.D., John Quigley, H. W. Hopkins, James Gregory and Mary Walsh), in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955: "That we direct the County Manager to agree to transfer of Cottage at Ballinvalley, Avoca, Co. Wicklow, to James Stedman, as already passed by Council in December, 1963."

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., in moving the Resolution, stated that the Council had agreed in 1963 to the sale of the cottage at Ballinvalley, Avoca, by Mr. Phelan to Mr. James Stedman for the sum of £50. Mr. Phelan had bought 3½ acres of land at Ballard with a house on it. He stated that Mr. Phelan was an auxiliary Postman whose wife had died since he agreed to sell the cottage and that his cottage at Ballinvalley was too far away from the area in which he worked. He stated that there was no other employment available in the Ballinvalley area. Deputy Everett asked that the County Manager agree to complete the transaction in regard to the transfer of the cottage to Mr. James Stedman. The County Manager stated that the Council had agreed to the sale of the cottage to Mr. Stedman in October, 1963, but had not affixed the Seal to the Transfer of the cottage when Mr. Whelan called to the Council's Office on the 3rd January, 1964, and asked if the Council would build a house for him on his lands at Ballard. He could not agree with the suggestion that this remark was made by Mr. Phelan by way of a joke. The Council were informed of the position at the Meeting on the 13th January and agreed that no further steps be taken in regard to the completion of the sale as it appeared that Mr. Phelan had not suitable alternative housing accommodation. The house on Mr. Phelan's lands at Ballard had been inspected by the Assistant County Engineer whose Report indicated that the walls were of mudbound masonry, cracked in places, and buttressed in another place, and that the roof was of galvanised iron, and that part of the gable was protected by old tar barrels. The Assistant County Engineer considered the house was not suitable housing accommodation. The County Manager pointed out that under the provisions of the Labourers' Act, 1965, the Council were authorised to refuse consent to a sale if the person selling the cottage had not suitable alternative housing accommodation.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby direct the County Manager to agree to the transfer of cottage at Ballinvalley, Avoca, Co. Wicklow, to James Stedman, as already passed by Council in December, 1963.

Passed—Councillor H. J. Byrne dissenting.

The County Manager pointed out that Mr. Phelan would not be eligible for any type of Council house in the future, nor would he be qualified for a Loan or a Grant.

Item No. 2—Minutes.

As the Minutes of these Meetings had been circulated to Members only at the Meeting the Council decided to defer confirmation of the Minutes to the next Meeting.

Item No. 3—Overdraft Accommodation on General Account for Quarter to 31st December, 1966.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the Quarter to 31st December, 1966, shall not exceed £350,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other Approved schools, 1967 — Letter from Department of Education and to arrange Meeting of Scholarship Committee.

The Council decided that a Meeting of the Scholarship Committee of the Council would be held on Monday, 19th September, 1966, following the termination of the Special Meeting arranged for that day in relation to the Health Services.

Health Services — Special Meeting.

At the suggestion of Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, it was agreed that a Special Meeting of the Council would be held at the Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 19th September, 1966, at 2.30 p.m. to consider the White Paper on "The Health Service, and their Further Development."

Item No. 5—Flood Damage to Roads — Application for Road Grants.

The County Secretary stated that the expenditure on flood damage to Roads and Bridges to date amounted to £6,536 in respect of Main Roads and Bridges and £35,773 in respect of County Roads and Bridges, making a total expenditure of £42,309. It appeared that the Department of Local Government were not so far agreeable to allowing the Council to charge the costs of repairing flood damage in respect of County Roads to Grants other than County Road Grants and as there was only a small balance of County Road Grant Works not carried out in respect of 1965/'66 it would seem that the full allocation of County Road Grants for the current financial year would have to be utilised to defray the cost of restoring Roads and Bridges damaged by flooding. County Road Grants available, however, would not be adequate to meet the full cost of storm damage. The matter was being discussed with the Department and the Council had already passed a Resolution urging that the Council be permitted to charge the cost of such works against Arterial Road Grants which had been unexpected. In reply to Councillor J. Temple the County Secretary pointed out that it had not been possible to acquire the necessary lands for the purpose of certain of the Arterial Road Grant Improvement Schemes and it was only in the present year that the approval of the Department of Local Government to the Plans for the Scheme from St. Valerie Bridge to Kilmacanogue had been obtained. The Council noted that arrangements had been made for a discussion with the Department of Local Government on the matter.

Item No. 6 — Improvements at Greystones Harbour.

The County Secretary stated that while the recent work of transferring the former Base of the Kish Lighthouse to Greystones had been met by Messrs. Christiani and Neilsen and the Greystones Civic Association, the Council had paid the Consultants' fees of £550, towards which a Grant had been received from Bord Failte, but had also agreed to meet in full the cost of filling between the Lighthouse Base and the Pier, which had been estimated by the County Engineer to cost £920. Councillor J. Temple asked that this matter be referred for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area and the Council agreed to this proposal.

Item No. 7—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:
"That an up-to-date Report be supplied by the County Engineer with regard to the Drainage Problem on the lands of Mr. Patrick O'Toole, Ballybeg, Tinahely."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer in Report of 26th August, 1966, had stated that there had been considerable difficulty in getting permission from Mr. O'Toole and his Solicitors to carry out the work which the Council had agreed to do. Owing to the Surface-Dressing Programme and Repairs to Bridges and Roads necessary due to the flood damage it had not been possible to start the work, but it was hoped to put the work in hands within the next couple of weeks. Councillor Miss Walsh stated that works carried out by the Council on the lands of Mr. O'Toole several years ago had resulted in the blocking of a drain and caused flooding on Mr. O'Toole's lands and that in consequence a large area of one field, on which she stated wheat had previously grown, was now covered with rushes. The Council had already agreed to pipe the drain and remove the dam and direct the water into the tank from which the Council at present provides a supply from the pump erected on the roadside and also leave an overflow from the tank to the drain in Mr. O'Toole's field to give water for his cattle, but she considered that in addition the Council should plough and re-seed the area of the field which had been affected by the flooding.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley;

Resolved—That Council plough and re-seed land of Mr. Patrick O'Toole, which the Council has agreed to drain.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager pointed out that he could not agree to give effect to the Council's Resolution as there was no authority to do so. The works which the Council were carrying out were being done without prejudice and were in no way any admission by the Council that they were in any way responsible for the alleged flooding charge which had been made by Mr. O'Toole.

Item No. 8—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley requesting Report from County Engineer "as to why steps were not taken to abate Nuisance on Mr. Henry Johnston's Farm at Redcross (formerly Mates' Holding), opposite Forge."

The County Secretary stated that this alleged nuisance had been investigated by the Health Inspector, who had reported that the difficulty in this case was being caused by the discharge of sewage

into a field from a drain which was intended only for the carriage of surface water. The drainage of three houses had been connected into this old surface water drain and it was the discharge of this sewage on to the field which caused the difficulty. The Health Inspector stated that crude sewage was also being discharged into the River by three other persons and he suggested that while the persons concerned could be required to abate the nuisance themselves it would seem desirable that the Council provide a small Treatment Plant at the lower end of the village and convert the existing inspection chambers in the drain into proper manholes. The Council approved of accepting the recommendation of the Health Inspector, as approved by the County Medical Officer. The County Secretary stated that an estimate of the cost of the necessary work was being obtained.

Item No. 9—Blind Welfare Scheme—Letter from Department of Social Welfare re proposed increase in Capitation Grant in respect of each out-resident Blind Person employed in a Workshop for the Blind.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Social Welfare had written regarding the costs of the operation of the Board for the Employment of the Blind and that it was proposed to increase as from 1st April, 1966, from £60 to £120 per annum the State Capitation Grant in respect of each out-resident blind person. The Minister recommended that the existing Workshop Capitation Grant of £60 made by Local Authorities be increased by £40 to £100 with effect from 1st April, 1966, in respect of each out-resident blind person employed in a Workshop for the Blind. The County Secretary stated that the Council had not any person employed in such Workshop at present.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Resolved—That we approve of an increase in the Capitation Grant in respect of each out-resident blind person employed in a Workshop for the Blind to £100, with effect from 1st April, 1966.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Proposed Purchase by Council of Vested Cottage at Ballynagran, Kilbride.

The County Secretary stated that at the previous Meeting of the Council it had been proposed that the Council should make an offer for the purchase of a vested cottage at Ballynagran, Kilbride. This cottage had originally been offered for sale and a sum of £1,070 had been offered, but consent to the sale was refused by the Council as the proposed purchaser was a farmer who required the cottage to accommodate a workman. The consent of the Council had subsequently been sought to the sale at a figure of £600, but the purchaser in this case withdrew. Finally, the consent of the Council had been sought to the sale of the cottage at a figure of £500 to a Mr. Bradshaw who had recently retired from farming and the Council had indicated they were not prepared to consent to the sale as the purchaser was not regarded as a qualified person. The Solicitors for the representatives of the deceased tenant-purchaser had suggested to the Council that the market value of the cottage be taken as £1,500 and that the Council should pay a sum of £1,000 for the acquisition of the cottage. The County Secretary stated that this proposal seemed altogether

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unreasonable and that since the sellers had been prepared to accept a figure of £500 this should be accepted as representing the market value and the Council's offer should be based on a market value of £500. The Council agreed that the offer for the purchase of the cottage be based on a market value of £500.

Item No. 11—Letter from County Council's General Council re Resolution submitted by Wicklow County Council in relation to Court-houses.

COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL.
1 and 2, Cavendish Row, Dublin 1.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

18th August, 1966.

A Chara,

At the Annual Meeting of the County Councils' General Council held on 4th August, 1966, the following resolution from your Council, and submitted by other Councils, was passed unanimously and has been sent to the Departments of Justice and Local Government, viz.:

"From criticisms offered from time to time, it appears that Court-houses provided and maintained out of local funds are as unsuited to present-day requirements as would be the outworn system of administration of justice with which they were originally associated. It is considered that these buildings should revert to the ownership and full control of Local Authorities, who would then use them for the needs of their own Services, as they might think fit. It is furthermore considered that the Department of Justice, being the Central Authority charged with the administration of Justice, should from state funds, provide up-to-date Courthouses, which would meet the needs of those using them."

Mise, le meas,
L. F. DORAN.

The Council Members expressed appreciation of the action taken by the County Councils' General Council in the matter.

Use of Courthouse at Tinahely.

The County Secretary stated that the Tinahely Guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Association had written to say they were making arrangements to hold an Old Folk's Party at Christmas and an evening out once a quarter in the near future and wished to know if they could have the Courthouse, Tinahely, free of charge in this worthy cause. The Council agreed that the Hall at the former Courthouse, Tinahely, be made available for this purpose free of charge.

Flooding at Aughrim.

The following letter received from the Office of Public Works was submitted:—

OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS.
C85/100/373. 51, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, 2.
The Acting County Secretary,
Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

FLOODING AT AUGHRIM.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 26th August, 1966, I have to inform you that we cannot agree to carry out a special survey for

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the purpose of determining measures to relieve the above-mentioned flooding. Our powers are derived from the Arterial Drainage Act, 1945, the primary purpose of which is the relief of flooding of agricultural land, and are limited to the carrying out of comprehensive drainage schemes on a catchment basis. The flooding at Aughrim could be dealt with by us only as part of a comprehensive drainage scheme for the Avoca catchment in which the river which is causing the flooding lies. The Avoca catchment is noted for treatment in the drainage programme, but owing to present commitments and the extent of the drainage problem generally it is unlikely to be reached in the foreseeable future.

Mise, le meas,
J. O'CONNOR,

8 Mean Fomhair, 1966.

The Council noted the terms of the letter and confirmed the Resolution that Mr. J. B. Barry, Consulting Engineer, be engaged to carry out a Survey for the purpose of determining measures to relieve the flooding at Aughrim.

Road at Fassaroe.

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge asked if the Council would take over the road at Fassaroe which now carried considerable traffic. It was agreed that the matter of the proposed taking over of the road be discussed again by the Members of the Council for the area at their Meeting to be held on the 21st September.

Roadworkers' Wages.

At the request of Councillor Temple the County Secretary stated that the letter received from the Department of Local Government regarding the date of application of the increase in Roadworkers' wages would be submitted to the next Meeting of the Council.

Notice of Motion.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in and accepted by the Chairman:—

in the names of Councillors James Everett, T.D., and James D. Haughton: "That the Council erect a pump at Ballycapple, Redcross, for supply of water for the residents of four cottages."

Wicklow County Council

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 19th September, 1966, to consider the provisions of the White Paper on THE HEALTH SERVICES AND THEIR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT."

The following Members attended:

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Whelan, James Miley, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, James D. Haughton and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary and County Medical Officer also attended.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, suggested that the Council might consider the various proposals contained in the White Paper so that the Council would be in a position to submit their considered views on the proposals to the Minister when they met him on Wednesday, the 21st September.

Following a discussion in regard to the proposal that a choice of doctor be provided for persons in the Lower Income Group the Council agreed generally that they did not favour the abolition of Dispensary Districts and the arrangement under which patients would have to attend at a doctor's private surgery. Members expressed concern that in the rural areas this would result in persons having too long a distance to travel in order to visit a doctor. While the Members of the County Council were not opposed to the idea of making available a choice of doctor to persons in the Lower Income Group it was their view that doctors participating in the Scheme would be required to attend at the Council's Dispensaries and Sub-Dispensaries. At the request of Members of the Council the County Manager gave a summary of the present position in regard to the Health Services and indicated that the present Rate in the £ for Health Services was 22/3d. out of a total Rate in the £ of 53/4d. for the present year. It would be seen, therefore, that Health Services represented about 40 per cent. of the total Rate. Of the total expenditure of £758,122 provided in the current year's Estimates for Health Services £547,000 was in respect of Hospital Services and £60,000 in respect of General Medical Services. The County Manager pointed out that one in ten of the population received in-patient hospital care in a General Hospital, Children's Hospital, Maternity Hospital, or in a special Acute Hospital, in the previous year. More than half the number of patients were treated in Voluntary Teaching Hospitals and in the Regional Hospitals and it was probable that it was in view of this trend that the question of appointment of Regional Health Authorities was proposed.

Approximately 30 per cent. of the population were in the Lower Income Group, about 55 per cent. in the Middle Income Group, and 15 per cent. in the Higher Income Group. Consequently about 85 per cent. of the community obtained General Hospital and Specialist Services at a charge not exceeding 10/- a day and were also entitled to Maternity Services free of charge, with a choice of doctor for Maternity Services. In County Wicklow the number of persons in the Lower Income Group represented 35 per cent. of the population. The proposals under the White Paper provided for the Minister fixing Income Limits generally in respect of persons entitled to Medical Cards, but it did not seem that any radical change in the class was proposed. The County Manager gave further details in regard to the Services provided by the Council and gave details of the proposals in the White Paper on

"THE HEALTH SERVICES AND THEIR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT." Following a further discussion on the proposals in the White Paper the Meeting terminated. The Council agreed that the Meeting with the Minister for Health be held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, and not at the Courthouse, as had previously been arranged.

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council to meet the Minister for Health for a discussion on the provisions of the White Paper on "THE HEALTH SERVICES AND THEIR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT" was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Wednesday, 21st September, 1966, at 10.00 a.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors John Quigley, James Whelan, James Miley, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., and J. Gregory.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Medical Officer, and Mr. J. A. Duggan, Staff Officer, were present.

Mr. Sean Flanagan, Minister for Health, attended to meet the Council and was accompanied by Mr. P. Murray, Secretary, Department of Health, Dr. B. Hensey, Mr. R. Whyte, and Dr. J. C. Joyce, Chief Medical Officer.

The Minister having been introduced to the Members of the Council, Mr. J. J. McCrea, Chairman, extended a welcome to him on behalf of the Members of the Council.

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, informed the Minister that the Council had had a Meeting on the 19th inst., to consider further the provisions in the White Paper on "THE HEALTH SERVICES AND THEIR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT" and had indicated their opposition to any proposals which would involve the abolition of Dispensary Districts and discontinuance of the present Dispensaries. The Members of the Council also were opposed to the proposed Regional Health Authorities and feared that such Regional Bodies would not provide as satisfactory a Health Service as was provided by the existing Health Authorities. The Chairman stated that Members of the Council felt that persons in the Lower Income Group were well catered for by the District Medical Officers. He pointed out that alterations to County Boundaries would present special problems in relation to both provision of services and allocation of costs. The Chairman stated that the Co. Council would be reluctant to hand over services to a new Body who would not be directly representative of the Ratepayers within the County. The Minister for Health having stated that he would prefer to hear the views of all Members of the Council who wished to express any opinions before replying, Councillor H. J. Byrne drew attention to the very high charges in respect of service of surgeons and hospital fees which had to be met by persons in the Higher Income Group and asked if anything could be done to control such charges. He suggested that instead of building more hospitals from Sweepstake Funds that such moneys be used to subsidise the running costs of hospitals. Cllr. J. Temple emphasised the opinion expressed by the Chairman that the Council considered that the existing Dispensaries should be retained, but that the Members had no objection to the proposal to provide a choice of doctor. He felt, however, that if a choice of doctor were introduced that any doctors participating in the Scheme should be required to attend at the Council's Dispensaries. Councillor Whelan stated that he had an open mind in regard to the proposals relating to the Dispensary system and pointed out that if the local Dispensaries were

retained this would result in the retention of the present system of segregation under which paying patients attended doctors in their private Surgeries whereas persons in the Lower Income Group had to attend at the Council's Dispensaries. Councillor J. Miley inquired when it was expected the new arrangements proposed in the White Paper would come into operation. In regard to the scale of income for Medical Cards he stated that there should be full knowledge available to the public of such scales of income so that any person would be in a position to know whether or not they were entitled to a Medical Card. Councillor Deering referred to the reference in Paragraph 113 (on Page 58 of the White Paper) to the effect of the Agricultural Grant in relief of Rates, but pointed out that farmers also contributed by way of Taxation towards the funds from which the Agricultural Grant was paid. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, inquired also whether, in the event of the proposals for a choice of doctor for persons in the Lower Income Group being implemented, the position of existing dispensary Doctors would not be prejudiced.

Councillor J. O'Toole referred to the distance some patients had to travel to Dispensaries; lack of heating in some Dispensaries; difficulties in supply of drugs; and unsatisfactory heating at the County Home, Rathdrum.

The Minister for Health in reply stated that the preliminary Meeting which the Council had arranged, and the discussion which had taken place in relation to the proposals, had been very helpful. He stated that the proposals were radical in some ways. He felt that the distinction between paying and non-paying patients should be ended. The Minister stated that while he had agreed to introduce legislation in 1967 the proposal would not necessarily be implemented in full in the coming year. The cost of the proposals would effect a strain on central funds and the introduction of the new services would be related to the growth of the economy and of Tax Revenue. At present over £2 million a year was being paid from Hospitals Trust Funds to subsidise hospital running costs. The cost of the Health Services was at present borne equally by central funds and local Rates, and as had been indicated in the White Paper, it was intended that the amount borne by Rates would not rise about the 1965/66 level. This involved a transfer of an added burden to the Taxpayer.

In regard to the Dispensary system the Minister stated that some County Councils had sought the retention of the present system, while other County Councils favoured its total abolition. He felt that it was desirable, socially and otherwise, that every person should have a choice of doctor and the same facilities in regard to treatment. He agreed that there was no problem involved in built-up areas, but that in certain rural areas circumstances would make a choice difficult. He intended to give special consideration to these difficulties. He referred to the recent tendency of doctors to practice in groups and stated he regarded this as a welcome development. In regard to entitlement to General Medical Services the Minister stated that a standardised scale would be introduced so that there would be no variation between Districts and every person would know whether or not he was entitled to free service. It would be necessary, however, to leave an element of discretion to Health Authorities. In regard to the proposed Regional Boards the Minister stated that it was not desired, nor was it the intention, to remove the influence of County Councillors or to minimise them. A certain number of Councillors would be on the Regional Boards and there would also be local Advisory Committees for each District in a Region. He would be interested to have precise proposals in relation to the constitution of Regional Boards. The Minister also gave an assurance that the position of present holders of posts as

District Medical Officers would not be worsened. Almost exclusively the increase in cost of Health Services would be met from central funds. The Minister pointed out that full-scale specialist services could only be provided in a limited number of centres and it was inevitable that such type of services could be provided only on a regional basis. In regard to the cost of Health Services in relation to Rates the Minister pointed out that there was a proposal for equalisation of Rates and costs as between Local Authorities. Consequently he could not give an absolute guarantee that Rates would not be affected at all, but in the main the cost of the extended services would be borne by the Exchequer.

In reply to an inquiry from Councillor Whelan regarding Dental Service for Schoolchildren and difficulties in treatment of children during school holidays the Minister stated that there had been difficulty in filling vacancies in this Service.

In reply to Councillor Temple's inquiry as to whether the arrangements under which Councillors could issue emergency directives to persons requiring Health Services would continue, the Minister stated that these arrangements would not be withdrawn. Councillor Temple urged that the local Advisory Committees referred to by the Minister should meet periodically and suggested that such Meetings should be at least once a month. He suggested that there should be local Advisory Committees set up representing each Electoral Area.

In reply to Councillor J. Miley the Minister stated that it was intended that treatment would be available to school-going children whether in respect of defects found at school medical inspections or otherwise.

The Chairman thanked the Minister and his Officers for their attendance and the Meeting terminated.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

The following Notice of Motion was handed in and accepted by the Chairman:—

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley: "That the County Engineer report as to what steps he proposes to take in order to prevent objectionable odour coming from Dump at Avoca, which is due to dumping from Fertiliser Factory at Shelton."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 3rd October, 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman.

Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Whelan, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, Roger Miley, J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory and H. W. Hopkins.

The County Manager, County Secretary, Mr. P. J. Bermingham, Architect, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, N. D. Farrell, S. F. Coffey and E. M. Doyle attended.

AGENDA.

1. Notice of intention in the names of Councillors John Quigley, James Whelan, Mary Walsh and James Everett, T.D., to move a Motion under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—

"We hereby give notice that we will move, in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:—

That we direct the County Manager to make John O'Brien tenant of the cottage occupied by him at Ballymorris, Aughrim."

2. Provision of underground services for houses at Grattan Park, Kindlestown—Recommendation of Members of Council for Bray Electoral Area.
3. Sites for Housing at Rathnew—Recommendation of Council's Architect.
4. Report of Council's Architect submitting Layout Plans for Housing at Laragh, Blessington, and Parkmore, Baltinglass.
5. Applications for Supplementary Grants in respect of the erection of New Houses at (a) Coolbawn, Aughrim; (b) Ballynerrin, Wicklow; and (c) Ballymacsimon, Glenealy.
6. Application for consent to sale of Vested Cottage at Leabeg, Newcastle.
7. Application for provision of house at Enniskerry.
8. Domestic Scavenging Services for Enniskerry and Newtownmountkenedy.
9. Repairs to Council cottages carried out in September, 1966, and cottages to be repaired in October, 1966.

Item No. 1—Notice of intention in the Names of Councillors John Quigley, James Whelan, Mary Walsh and James Everett, T.D., to move a Motion under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows: "We hereby give notice that we will move, in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955: That we direct the County Manager to make John O'Brien tenant of the cottage occupied by him at Ballymorris, Aughrim."

In accordance with Notice of Motion:

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Whelan:

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we

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direct the County Manager to make John O'Brien tenant of the cottage occupied by him at Ballymorris, Aughrim.

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Quigley in proposing the Motion stated that the cottage had been built for Mr. O'Brien's father and while the present occupant was over seventy years of age he had numerous nephews and nieces and wanted the cottage to remain in his family. He pointed out that the cottage should have been vested in Mr. O'Brien's brother, who had applied a number of years previously, but had died before the vesting was completed. The County Manager stated that he had been hesitant to appoint Mr. O'Brien as tenant on account of his age and it had been felt that if appointed tenant he would then apply to purchase and on the cottage being vested might sell it. The terms of the Resolution would be complied with.

Item No. 2—Provision of underground services for Houses at Grattan Park, Kindlestown—Recommendation of Members of Council for Bray Electoral Area.

The County Secretary stated that the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area had considered the Report of the Council's Architect, in which he indicated that the Department of Posts and Telegraphs and the Electricity Supply Board had agreed to put their services to the houses at Grattan Park underground, which would substantially improve the appearance of the Housing Scheme. The Council's Architect had also suggested that a connection be provided to each of the nine houses for the reception of television and also a V.H.F. supply, with one master T.V. and V.H.F. aerial. The cost of the work would be recouped by a charge of 2/6d. per week to tenants availing of the service and payable for a period of four years. The Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area had recommended the acceptance of this proposal.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the Council's Architect for the erection of a master T.V. and V.H.F. aerial and amplifier, with underground wired T.V. and V.H.F. supply to one outlet, in each of the nine houses at Grattan Park, Kindlestown, and of a charge being made of 2/6d. per week for a period of four years to the tenants to recoup the cost of this service.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3 — Sites for Housing at Rathnew — Recommendation of Council's Architect.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Architect had examined sites in Rathnew for housing and had reported in respect of six sites, of which the total area amounted to 12.278 acres. Site No. 1, which adjoined the New School, contained .652 acres and would accommodate six houses; Site No. 2, adjacent to the Cemetery and School, contained 1.893 acres and would accommodate fifteen houses; Site No. 3 adjoined existing Council housing to the South of the railway line (.4 acres) and would accommodate four houses; Site No. 4 South of the railway line (.5 acres) would accommodate four houses; Site No. 5, adjoining Site No. 4, containing 6 acres, would accommodate forty houses; and Site No. 6, near the Station, south of the railway line, and adjoining the Arklow Road, containing 2.833 acres, would accommodate twenty houses. The sites in all would, therefore, accommodate eighty-nine houses. The Council's Architect re-

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commended that the sites be acquired and that priority be given to the acquisition of Sites Nos. 1 and 2.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley;

Resolved—That having considered Report of Council's Architect we approve of negotiations being entered into for the acquisition of the six areas of land at Rathnew which would provide sites for eighty-nine houses; priority to be given to acquisition of Sites Nos. 1 and 2.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Report of Council's Architect submitting Layout Plans for Housing at Laragh, Blessington, and Parkmore, Baltinglass.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Architect had submitted a Layout Plan in respect of two extra houses proposed to be erected at Laragh. The houses would be sited on the opposite side of the road to the existing six houses. In reply to inquiry from Councillor R. Miley the County Secretary stated that there was an adjoining site which the Council could acquire later if more houses were required. Councillor R. Miley proposed that this site, which would accommodate two or three more houses, be purchased.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory;

Resolved—That we approve of the Layout Plan in respect of the location of proposed two extra houses to be erected at Laragh and direct that the sanction of the Minister be requested to the invitation of Tenders for the erection of the two houses.

Passed unanimously.

In regard to the site at Blessington the Council's Architect had submitted a Layout Plan for a total of twenty-two houses and had recommended that the Council proceed with the erection of six houses, which was the immediate requirement. The new sites were in the area which had been acquired by obtaining portion of the sites of existing cottages.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we approve of the Layout Plan for the proposed Housing Scheme at Site 'A' at Blessington in respect of twenty-two houses and direct that the sanction of the Minister be requested to the invitation of Tenders for the erection of six houses on plots Nos. 1 to 6, together with the necessary extension of watermain and sewer.

Passed unanimously.

A Layout Plan had been submitted by the Council's Architect for nine houses at Parkmore, Baltinglass, and he suggested that five houses might be proceeded with as one Contract, the estimated cost of the houses being £11,500. The Council's Architect in a separate Report had recommended that an offer be made for the acquisition of the rear portion of the garden attached to the cottage of Mr. John Moran and had pointed out that if this were acquired this plot, in conjunction with the adjoining plot (which was being acquired by the Council), would form a suitable site for housing and for an access road.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we approve of the Layout Plan for the erection of nine houses at Site 'A', Parkmore, Baltinglass, and agree that the sanction of the Minister be requested to the invitation of Tenders for the erection of the two-storey terrace of five houses.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That having considered Report of Council's Architect in regard to Site 'B' at Parkmore, Baltinglass, we approve of an offer being made for the acquisition of the rear portion of the garden attached to the cottage of Mr. John Moran.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Applications for Supplementary Grants in respect of the erection of New Houses at (a) Coolbawn, Auhgrim; (b) Ballynerrin, Wicklow; and (c) Ballymacsimon, Glenealy.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we approve of the payment of Supplementary Grants as follows:—

1. To Mr. Patrick Doyle, Coolbawn, Auhgrim: In respect of erection of new house at Coolbawn—£400.
2. To Mr. Desmond T. Fitzpatrick: In respect of erection of house at Ballynerrin, Wicklow—£275.
3. To Mr. Richard Sheane, Ballymacsimon, Glenealy: In respect of erection of house at Ballymacsimon—£450.

Passed unanimously.

In reply to inquiry from Councillor E. Byrne the County Secretary stated that the moneys received from the Department out of the present year's allocation had been disbursed to meet Grants already approved and that moneys were not at present available to meet these three grants, but that they could be met from within the allocation for the current year.

Item No. 6—Application for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottage at Leabeg, Newcastle.

The Council considered an application from Mr. Thomas Healy to dispose of his interest in his vested cottage No. 425/6 at Leabeg, Newcastle, to Mr. George Illingworth, c/o Vale Cafe, Upper Main Street, Arklow, for £500. Mr. Illingworth resided in Bradford, England, but came to Ireland periodically on holidays, and stated that he and his son wished to settle here. It was reported that Mr. Illingworth had purchased a cottage at Rathdangan village, which would be made available to Mr. Thomas Healy. The County Secretary stated that Mr. Healy was aged about sixty-two and was semi-blind, and was a widower living alone in the cottage and in receipt of a Blind Pension. From inquiries made it was felt that it would not be desirable for Mr. Healy to leave the district in which he had resided and go to live in Rathdangan and it was felt that he would not have suitable housing accommodation in Rathdangan.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. J. McCrea:

Resolved—That we refuse consent to the proposed sale by Mr. Thomas Healy of his interest in cottage No. 425/6 at Leabeg, Newcastle, to Mr. George Illingworth.

Passed unanimously.

Application for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottage at Kilpoole Hill, Wicklow.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That subject to the sanction of the Minister we approve of consent being given to the sale by Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy of her interest in cottage No. 7/11 at Kilpoole Hill to Mr. Michael Brown, Blainroe, Wicklow, subject to the payment to the Council of a sum of £133 6s. 8d., the Annuity on the cottage to still continue and the Statutory Conditions to remain in operation.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7—Application for Provision of House at Enniskerry.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been made by Mr. McGrath, who was the tenant of an Urban Council house at "St. Anne's," Greenpark Road, for the provision of a house for him and his wife at Enniskerry. It appeared that their house in Bray was overcrowded, in that Mr. and Mrs. McGrath occupied the house, together with two adult sons, two adult daughters, and one daughter of school-going age, and in addition a married son, his wife, and two children sometimes lived in the house and sometimes at the wife's mother's house. The County Manager pointed out that as Mr. McGrath was resident in Bray and the tenant of an Urban District Council house it was felt that the County Council could not provide a house for him. At the suggestion of Councillor J. Temple it was agreed that the matter be referred for consideration by Bray Urban District Council.

Item No. 8—Domestic Scavenging Services for Enniskerry and Newtownmountkennedy.

The County Secretary submitted the Maps showing the boundaries for the Scavenging Services to be provided at Enniskerry and Newtownmountkennedy and informed the Council of the areas which would be served. It was indicated that Tenders for the Service would be invited within the following week. The Council approved of the areas proposed.

Item No. 9—Repairs to Council Cottages carried out in September, 1966, and Cottages to be repaired in October, 1966.

The Council noted the list of cottages repaired and of those to be repaired during the month of October, 1966.

Blessington Housing Scheme.

Councillor J. Miley asked if arrangements could be made to allow the persons who were selected for the tenancy of the new houses at Blessington to go into occupation. He stated that the houses were completed, although some of the development works had not yet been finished, but thought that the tenants could at this stage be allowed in. The County Secretary stated that the matter would be

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looked into and arrangements would be made to allow the tenants into occupation as soon as possible.

Lighting, Etc., at Greystones.

Councillor J. Temple stated that the Greystones Branch of the Irish Red Cross Society had written to the Council on the 12th November, 1965, concerning public lighting and other matters, and beyond receiving an acknowledgement stating that the County Engineer would examine the matters referred to, had not received any subsequent reply. The County Secretary stated that the matter would be looked into and a reply sent.

Employment of Roller Driver.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., inquired again why a Roller Driver in the Carnew area had not been re-employed recently when rolling was being carried out in the area, and also referred to chippings having been purchased from Messrs. Roadstone instead of being supplied from Ballinclare Quarry. In regard to the chippings, Councillor J. Temple asked that particulars be supplied of the quantity of chippings produced from Ballinclare Quarry and of the amount purchased from Roadstone. Councillor J. J. McCrea stated that the Roller Driver concerned had been one of the best machinery workers the Council had, but alleged that he was being victimised because of certain matters. He asked that the County Manager investigate this complaint.

Ambulance Service.

Councillor J. Temple stated that a patient who had been accompanied by a relative and a trained Nurse was taken by ambulance from her home in Bray to a Dublin Hospital, but that on the return journey the patient's relative and the Nurse had been left at St. Columcille's Hospital, the Ambulance Driver having refused to bring them back to the patient's home. He asked that this complaint be inquired into.

Suspension of Rate Collector.

The County Manager informed the Members in committee that one of the Council's Rate Collectors had been suspended and explained the reasons for the action taken. The Council noted the position in the matter and that temporary arrangements were being made for the collection of Rates during the period of suspension.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillors J. Temple and H. B. Hipwell: "It is my intention to move at the next Meeting of the Council, to be held on 10th October, 1966, that a Health Committee be set up, consisting of all Members of the Council, to deal with all health matters, pending the implementation of the new Health Act."

In the name of Councillor J. J. McCrea: "Application for two extra lights at the County Council and other houses on the Carnew/Kilcavan Road."

In the name of Councillor Mark Deering: "That I, or someone for me, will propose at the next Meeting of the Council that additional houses be provided in Dunlavin."

1. Notice of Motion under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the names of Councillors Roger Miley, James Everett, T.D., H. W. Hopkins, James D. Haughton and James Gregory, as follows:—

“That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of a dwellinghouse to be built on the lands of Dr. Neil Murray at Carrigeenshinnagh, Roundwood, as described in Plan submitted on Dr. Murray's behalf on 10th October, 1966.”
2. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 29th June, 4th and 11th July, 1966.
3. University Scholarship Scheme — Application for deferment of Bursary.
4. Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools — Recommendation of Scholarship Committee re Scheme for 1967 and further awards under 1966 Scheme.
5. Letter from Annacurra Parish Guild of Muintir Na Tire requesting reception of a Deputation from the Guild in connection with Annacurra Crossroads.
6. Notice of Motion from Councillor J. Quigley requesting Report on dangerous trees at Station Road, Aughrim.
7. Erection of Bridges — Recommendation of County Engineer re payment of Bonus to Workers and Engineers.
8. Employment of Roller Driver — Mr. M. Somers.
9. Increase in wages of Roadworkers — Letter from Department of Local Government conveying sanction to payment of additional £1 per week from 1st June, 1966.
10. Application for £1 per week increase in remuneration of other staff as from 1st June, 1966.
11. Creation of additional post of Clerk/Typist.
12. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Temple and Hugh B. Hipwell: “That a Health Committee be set up, consisting of all Members of the Council, to deal with all health matters, pending the implementation of the new Health Act.”
13. To approve of revised salary scale for post of Cook at Newcastle Mental Hospital.

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14. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and J. D. Haughton: "That the Council erect a pump at Ballycapple, Redcross, for supply of water for residents of four cottages."
15. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. J. McCrea: "That two extra lights be provided to serve Council houses on the Carnew/Kilcavan Road."
16. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley requesting Report "as to steps proposed to be taken in order to prevent objectionable odour at Avoca from dumping from Fertiliser Factory at Shelton."
17. Letter from resident at Kilcoole re camping of itinerants on Upper Green at Kilcoole.
18. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notice of Motion under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in the names of Councillors Roger Miley, James Everett, T.D., H. W. Hopkins, James D. Haughton and James Gregory, as follows: "That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning Approval for the erection of a Dwellinghouse to be built on the lands of Dr. Neil Murray at Carrigeenshinnagh, Roundwood, as described in Plan submitted on Dr. Murray's behalf on 10th October, 1966."

In accordance with Notice of Motion:

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton:

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Outline Permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse to be built on the lands of Dr. Neil Murray at Carrigeenshinnagh, Roundwood, as described in Plan submitted on Dr. Murray's behalf on 10th October, 1966.

The County Secretary stated that the original application which had been submitted by Dr. Murray was refused and Dr. Murray appealed to the Minister against the decision, but the Appeal was received outside of the prescribed time and, consequently, could not be considered by the Minister. Consequently, there were no Plans at present before the County Manager and it would be necessary for Dr. Murray to submit a new application in compliance with the Regulations. Councillor R. Miley handed in new Plans and the Resolution was passed unanimously by the Council.

Item No. 2—To Confirm and Sign Minutes of Meetings held on 29th June, 4th and 11th July, 1966.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 29th June, 4th and 11th July, 1966.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—University Scholarship Scheme — Application for Deferral of Bursary.

Having considered application of Miss Ann Hickey, Wexford Road, Arklow, that the Bursary awarded to her in respect of the current year's University Scholarship Scheme be deferred for one

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year, when she expected she would be in a better position to avail of the Bursary:

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we approve of deferring the award of a Bursary of £75 to Miss Ann Hickey, Wexford Road, Arklow, for one year.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from Mr. Ernest E. Crean, "Cloghlea," Herbert Road, Bray, for the suspension of his Scholarship for one year to enable him to repeat his Pre-Medical Examination. Mr. Crean had failed to pass the Pre-Medical Examination in the present year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor J. O'Toole:

Resolved—That we agree to suspend the Scholarship awarded to Mrs. Ernest E. Crean, "Cloghlea," Herbert Road, Bray, for one year to enable him to repeat his Pre-Medical Examination.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the Draft University Scholarship Scheme had been submitted to the Minister for Education and had been approved by the Minister.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor A. H. Hadden:

Resolved—That we hereby determine to carry into execution University Scholarship Scheme for the year 1967, as approved by the Minister.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and other Approved Schools — Recommendation of Scholarship Committee re Scheme for 1967 and further awards under 1966 Scheme.

The County Secretary submitted the Report of the Scholarship Committee on their re-examination of the Scholarship Scheme for 1967/'68 and stated that the Committee had considered the question of reserving a number of Scholarships for competition among candidates attending one and two-teacher Schools. Having considered the particulars supplied in respect of previous years as to the number and value of Scholarships won by students attending the smaller Schools and those attending larger Schools the Committee recommended that no further change be made in the Scheme for 1967/'68. The County Secretary submitted a letter received by the Chairman of the County Council that day from Mr. Aodh O Broin, Rathcoyle National School, urging that the Council reserve a certain number of Scholarships in the Scheme for the smaller Schools and submitting details of provisions made in Schemes for other Counties which contained such provisions. Councillor Timmins pointed out that the Committee set up by the Council to examine this suggestion had considered the matter and had recommended that no change be made. Councillor Temple drew attention to the recent statement by the Minister for Education in regard to improved facilities for Secondary Education. The Council agreed that Mr. O Broin's representations be considered by the Scholarship Committee in relation to the Scheme for 1968/'69.

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It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That we hereby determine to carry into execution Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary, Vocational and Other Approved Schools for the year 1967, as approved by the Minister, and as recommended by Scholarship Committee.

Passed unanimously.

Award of Additional Scholarships.

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Traolach Breathnach, who had obtained first place at the Examination for Scholarships under the Council's Scheme in the present year, had now decided to accept the award of a Scholarship by The Educational Building Society and, consequently, would not be accepting the Scholarship from the Council. As a result of this a further sum of £80 was available for the award of Scholarships to persons outside the income limits.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we note that Mr. Traolach Breathnach has decided to accept the award of a Scholarship by The Educational Building Society and, consequently, will not be accepting Scholarship from the Council, and approve, accordingly, of the award of further Scholarships as follows:—

Marian Treacy, 4, Orchard Tce., Vevay, Bray £30 0 0

Brendan M. Brady, 27, Wexford Road, Arklow £30 0 0

Thomas S. McGreal, Blessington ... £20 0 0 (Bursary)

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Letter from Annacurra Parish Guild of Muintir Na Tire requesting reception of a Deputation from the Guild in connection with Annacurra Crossroads.

The County Secretary submitted a letter from the Secretary, Annacurra Parish Guild of Muintir Na Tire, requesting the reception by the Council of a Deputation in connection with the Annacurra Crossroads. On the proposal of Councillor J. Quigley, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Walsh, the Council agreed to receive the Deputation at the next Housing Meeting of the Council, which would be held on 7th November, 1966.

Item No. 6—Notice of Motion from Councillor J. Quigley requesting Report on Dangerous Trees at Station Road, Aughrim.

The County Secretary stated that it had not been ascertained from the Meath Estate that the Estate had no interest in the trees on the Station Road, Aughrim. The Council agreed that the County Engineer arrange for the cutting of any of the trees which were dangerous.

Item No. 7—Erection of Bridges—Recommendation of County Engineer re Payment of Bonus to Workers and Engineers.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:—

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Co. Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

Ref. TJD/SB.

County Secretary.

23rd August, 1966.

Re: ERECTION OF BRIDGES.

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 16th instant.

I agree that the workmen carried out the work most diligently and conscientiously and in a most creditable manner. They worked for very long hours without any complaint, and seemed to take a pride and interest in their work. This is borne out by the fact that the three bridges were assembled and erected in less than six days.

I recommend, therefore, that if it is allowable under existing regulations and legislation, that they be paid a bonus of £5 per man. About fourteen men will be involved in all. It should be borne in mind, however, that the men were transported to and from the site and were paid overtime for their work.

If it is agreed to pay a bonus, I would further recommend that the Engineers who supervised and organised the work and worked very long hours until late in the evening, at considerable inconvenience to themselves, should be paid a bonus of Fifteen Guineas each. It must be borne in mind that the Engineers concerned, Mr. P. McGuinness, Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Messrs. N. D. Farrell, B.E., S. F. Coffey, B.E., and E. Doyle, B.E., worked late into the night and were not remunerated in any way for the long hours worked.

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T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That on the recommendation of the County Engineer we approve of the payment of a Bonus of £5 per man to the workers employed on the erection of the Temporary Bridges, subject to the sanction of the Minister.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor H. J. Byrne:

Resolved—That on the recommendation of the County Engineer we hereby approve of the payment of a Bonus of fifteen guineas each to Messrs. P. McGuinness, Chief Assistant County Engineer; N. D. Farrell, B.E., S. F. Coffey, B.E., and E. M. Doyle, B.E., Assistant County Engineers; in respect of special duties discharged in relation to the erection of Temporary Bridges, subject to the sanction of the Minister.

Passed unanimously.

ITEM No. 8—Employment of Roller Driver—Mr. M. Somers.

The County Secretary read Report of Mr. R. L. Farrell, Chief Assistant County Engineer, in which he denied emphatically that he had informed Mr. Somers that he would see that he was never employed in the County Council again because of the support given by the Chairman to purchase of certain lorries, or that he had repeated

such a statement to Councillor McCrea in his house. He stated that the purpose of his interview with Councillor McCrea was to deny such a rumour, which was being circulated at that time. Mr. Farrell pointed out that Mr. Somers had been employed as a Roller Driver every year since the time of this incident when there was a vacancy for one, as he was trained in this work and was very efficient. The Council was anxious to employ him the whole year round, but could not do so as a Machinery Attendant, and offered to keep him employed as a Labourer in the intervening periods. Mr. Somers did not avail of this offer and obtained employment elsewhere, but returned to the Council as a Roller Driver when such a position was vacant. Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, disagreed with the statements made by Mr. Farrell and asked that the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting.

Item No. 9—Increase in Wages of Roadworkers — Letter from Department of Local Government conveying Sanction to payment of Additional £1 per week from 1st June, 1966.

The County Secretary submitted letter of 27th July, 1966, Ref.: E.L. 27/65, from the Department of Local Government, in which it was indicated that the Minister was not prepared to approve the operative date proposed for the wage increase to Roadworkers. Sanction was, however, conveyed in the letter to the grant of an increase of £1 per week in the existing remuneration of Roadworkers (including supervisory and allied Roadworkers) with effect from June 1st, 1966. The County Secretary stated that payment had been made in accordance with the sanction received. A letter had been addressed to the Department asking the Minister to reconsider the matter and to approve of payment as from the 1st May, in accordance with the Council's Resolution. The Council approved of the re-submission of the proposal.

Item No. 10—Application for £1 per week increase in remuneration of other staff as from 1st June, 1966.

It was
Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;
Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That having considered applications of Unions representing staff we approve of the following increases in remuneration:
(a) An increase of £1 per week to wholtime adult male staff;
(b) An increase of £1 per week to wholtime adult females where the competition for the work is open to males and females, and
(c) An increase of 15s. per week to wholtime adult female staff not included in paragraph (b) above.

These increases in remuneration shall apply as from 1st June, 1966, and shall be subject to a limitation that the increases are allowed only to officers or employees whose existing rate of remuneration does not exceed £1,200 per year, after allowance is made for Superannuation contributions.

We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the payment of these increases in remuneration.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Creation of Additional Post of Clerk/Typist.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that an additional post of Clerk/Typist be created to enable a Clerk/Typist to be assigned for duty with the Assistant County

Engineer for the Northern Engineering District. The Engineers in the South-Eastern, Southern, and Western Districts had a Clerk/Typist assigned to each of their Offices. The Assistant County Engineer for the Northern Area had availed of the services of one of the two Clerk/Typists in the County Engineer's Office, but due to the present volume of work to be discharged an additional Clerk/Typist was required.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;
Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the creation of an additional post of Clerk/Typist required for duties in the Office of the Assistant County Engineer for the Northern Engineering District.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors J. Temple and Hugh B. Hipwell: "That a Health Committee be set up, consisting of all Members of the Council, to deal with all Health matters, pending the Implementation of the new Health Act."

Councillor Temple stated that the Committee proposed would deal with matters relating to Newcastle Hospital, the issue of Medical Cards, Ambulance Service, Dental Treatment in Schools, and other matters in respect of which Councillors frequently received representations. He felt that a Committee consisting of all the Members of the Council should be established which would meet every month or every Quarter to deal with health matters only. The County Manager stated that as regards Newcastle Mental Hospital a Mental Hospital Visiting Committee would have to be appointed as soon as the Hospital opened for the reception of patients and it was hoped to have patients received into the Hospital from the 1st November, 1966. The Mental Hospital Visiting Committee would consist of one-third of the Members of the Council, which in the case of Wicklow County Council was seven Members. The functions of the Committee would be to receive any complaints from patients and to report on the state of repair of the Institution and certain other matters. The County Manager pointed out that inquiries received by Members, as referred to by Councillors Temple, generally related to the provision of Health Services to particular individuals and, of course, such matters could not be discussed at a Public Meeting. Consequently, if a Committee of the type proposed were set up Meetings would have to be held in committee. The Chairman having expressed the view that all Councils had a separate Mental Hospital Committee which consisted of all Members of the Council, it was agreed, on the suggestion of the County Manager, that an inquiry on the matter of the constitution of the Committee be addressed to the Department of Health. The County Secretary pointed out that during the six months to 30th September there had been seventeen Meetings of the County Council and, in addition, eight Meetings of Committees of the Council. The large number of Meetings involved considerable work and it was necessary for the Secretary to devote much time to the preparation of Agendas, recording of Minutes, and dealing with matters arising at Meetings, and inquiries received from Members in the course of and after Meetings. If it were decided to hold a further Meeting of the Council each month for Health Services he felt he would have to ask for some additional staff in order to cope with the volume of work. Councillor Temple pointed out that Meetings of such a Committee would be held only when thought necessary by the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

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Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That a Health Committee be set up, consisting of all Members of the Council, to deal with all health matters, pending the implementation of the new Health Act.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—To Approve of Revised Salary Scale for Post of Cook at Newcastle Mental Hospital.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor R. Milley:

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we approve of the substitution of salary scale of £750 x £20—£850 in lieu of the present salary scale in respect of the office of Cook at Newcastle Hospital, and authorise any necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the revised salary scale.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and J. D. Haughton: "That the Council erect a pump at Ballycapple, Redcross, for supply of Water for residents of four Cottages."

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted:

Co. Engineer's Office,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

County Secretary. 7th October, 1966.

Re: Notice of Motion—"That the Council Erect a Pump at Ballycapple, Redcross, for Supply of Water for the Residents of four Cottages."

A Chara,

With reference to yours of the 14th ultimo.

The area referred to has been inspected and there does not seem to be a reliable source from which a gravity supply could be taken to supply the four cottages. Consequently a well will have to be sunk and the cost of this work, including installation of pump, is £230.

The four houses are spread along the road over a distance of approximately 340 ft. yards and the positioning of a well and pump to facilitate everyone will be difficult and will, of course, depend on where the diviner finds the water.

It would be more advantageous to all the houses in the area if a Group Scheme was organised and an electric pump installed in the well to supply water to each house under pressure.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

TJD/SB.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor J. D. Haughton:

Resolved—That we approve of provision of well and pump for four cottages at Ballycapple at cost of £230.

Passed unanimously.

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Item No. 15—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. J. McCrea: "That two extra Lights be provided to serve Council houses on the Carnew/Kilcavan Road."

The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that he would recommend that an additional public light be provided on an existing pole at the position marked on a Map submitted. The E.S.B. had been asked for a quotation. On the proposal of Councillor J. J. McCrea, seconded by Councillor Hipwell, it was agreed that the light be provided, subject to the estimate of the E.S.B. being reasonable.

Item No. 16—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Quigley, requesting Report "As to steps proposed to be taken in order to prevent objectionable odour at Avoca from dumping from Fertiliser Factory at Shelton."

The County Secretary stated that the Health Inspector had reported that he had inspected the Dump and had found that there was a very objectionable odour coming from it, which was caused by the burning of carbon waste dumped there by the Fertiliser Factory at Shelton. He had consulted the Security Officer of Nitrigin Eireann, who explained that the waste would normally be mixed with crude oil to make carbon pellets for use in generating steam, but that occasionally this mix went wrong and the material had to be dumped. The Health Inspector was of opinion that this type of waste should not be dumped on any of the Council's Refuse Dumps. He pointed out that it was very combustible and caused frequent fires and hence the offensive smell. The County Medical Officer had advised that the Council was not under any obligation to accept trade waste from factories and if they did accept it it was a matter of courtesy and not of right. He recommended that users be informed that neither carbon waste nor sawdust could be accepted by the Council. The Council agreed with the recommendation of the County Medical Officer.

Item No. 17—Letter from Resident at Kilcoole re Camping of Itinerants on Upper Green at Kilcoole.

The County Secretary submitted a letter received from Mrs. L. O'Gorman, "Roseville," Kilcoole, in regard to the camping of itinerants on the Village Green. Councillor E. Byrne stated that the people of Kilcoole had a grievance as the Green was in the heart of the village and when itinerants occupied any site they left a lot of dirt and filth behind them. Members of the Council suggested that Notices should be erected to prohibit trespassing on the Green, or camping on it, and Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, pointed out that Carnew had experienced similar trouble, but that the area concerned had been enclosed and they had had no further difficulty since that time. He suggested that a local Development Committee might be formed in Kilcoole and arrangements made to convert the Green into a Park, which would be enclosed. It was agreed that the Chairman's suggestion be conveyed to Mrs. O'Gorman.

Item No. 18—Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

The Council noted the particulars of County Manager's Orders which had been circulated to the Members.

Foreshore Protection at Wicklow.

The following letter from the Acting Town Clerk, Wicklow Urban District Council, was submitted:—

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Town Hall, Wicklow.
6th October, 1966.

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

Dear Sir,

At the meeting of the Urban Council held on the 4th instant, the question of Foreshore Protection was raised and the members have instructed me to write to the County Council drawing attention to the fact that the Urban Council has now a very valuable industrial estate in course of development at the Murrough and that several factories have already been erected there. The members have asked me to indicate to you that it is their opinion that every effort must be made to ensure that this development is not endangered by coastal erosion and it is this Council's opinion that any works necessary to protect this part of the foreshore should get priority over all others. They asked me to request you to have the matter raised at the next County Council meeting. I should be much obliged if you could have this done and endeavour to have the question of seeking any grants which may be available towards the cost of such work carefully examined. I have been requested to convey to the County Council the fact that the members of this Council consider this matter to be one of the utmost importance and one which should be given immediate attention in view of the onset of the Winter season. The Council will be most grateful for any assistance the County Council is in a position to afford in this matter.

I shall be much obliged if you will have the views of the Urban Council as indicated above considered by the County Council on the earliest possible occasion.

Your faithfully,
S. DESMOND,
Acting Town Clerk.

The County Secretary stated that the Office of Public Works had informed the Council in September, 1965, that a Preliminary Survey would shortly be carried out in "The Murrough" area, but no information had since been received as to the progress of the Survey. The Council agreed that an inquiry be addressed to the Office of Public Works on the matter.

'Bus Service.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., supported by Councillors J. D. Haughton and R. Miley, urged that representations be made to the Minister for Education and to C.I.E. to provide facilities for about sixteen students from Glenealy who had to travel to school in Wicklow town. It was suggested that the 'bus service from Carnew to Rathdrum be extended to Wicklow in the mornings and a connection also be provided in the evenings. The Council approved of representations on the lines suggested being made to the Minister and to C.I.E.

Telephone Service.

Councillor J. D. Haughton urged that the Council protest to the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs at the unsatisfactory telephone service in the Rathdrum area. Members of the Council referred to similar difficulties in regard to telephone calls in other areas. It was agreed that representations be made to the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs on the matter.

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County Road Grants.

Councillor G. Timmins stated that some Council workers had been laid off work in his area and inquired as to the position regarding County Road Grants for the current year. The County Secretary stated that a decision had not yet been received from the Department of Local Government in regard to the charging of the cost of flood damage against Arterial Road Grants instead of County Road Grants. The Council asked that a reminder be addressed to the Department on the matter.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor G. Timmins: "That I, or someone for me, will propose at the next Meeting of the Council that a Supplementary Grant for Sewerage Facilities be paid to Daniel McGrath, Whitestown, Stratford-On-Slaney."

In the name of Councillor G. Timmins: "That I, or someone for me, will propose that Annie Callaghan be appointed tenant of Council house at Brockna, Kiltegan."

In the names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins: "That we, the undersigned, or some Members for us, will move a Motion requesting the Council to extend a watermain from the existing fountain at Raheen, Baltinglass, to the Council houses at Raheen."

In the name of Councillor J. Quigley: Requesting a Report from County Engineer "as to removal of fountain on Rednagh Road, Aughrim, close to proposed new entrance to G.A.A. County Grounds."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh: "That Killabeg Lane at Coolkenno be taken over and surfaced by the Council."

In the names of Councillors James D. Haughton, James Everett, T.D., and James Gregory: "That we, the undersigned, give notice that we intend to propose the following Resolution in accordance with the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, and the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 (Section 4):—

That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of Garage at Killadreenan, Newtownmount-kennedy, for Noel Gregory."

In the names of Councillors James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Mark Deering and G. Timmins: A Notice of Motion under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as follows:—

"That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of a dwellinghouse to be built by Peter Murphy, 2, Troopersfield, Blessington, on site at Haylands, Holyvalley, Blessington, Co. Wicklow."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 7th November, 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Seamus Ua Tuathail, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Mark Deering, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley and J. Gregory.

In the absence of Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, took the chair.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineer R. L. Farrell, and Assistant County Engineers P. J. Caffrey, S. F. Coffey, K. C. O'Donnell, and E. M. Doyle attended.

AGENDA.

1. Notice of intention to propose the following Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in names of Councillors James D. Haughton, James Everett, T.D., and James Gregory:—
"That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of Garage at Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy, for Noel Gregory."
2. Notice of intention to propose the following Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in names of Councillors James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Mark Deering and G. Timmins:—
"That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of a dwellinghouse to be built by Peter Murphy, 2, Troopersfield, Blessington, on site at Haylands, Holyvalley, Blessington, Co. Wicklow."
3. To receive Deputation from Annacurra Parish Guild, Muintir Na Tire, in connection with Annacurra Crossroads.
- 3A. Flood Prevention Scheme on River Dargle, Bray.
4. Erection of further eleven houses at Grattan Park, Kindlestown Recommendation of Bray Electoral Area Committee.
5. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor M. Deering as follows: "That additional houses be provided in Dunlavin."
6. Proposed acquisition of site for houses at Laragh.
7. Application for Supplementary Grant in respect of New Houses at Bannagroe, Hollywood, and Ballyduff, Ashford.
8. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins as follows: "That a Supplementary Grant for Sewerage Facilities be paid to Daniel McGrath, Whitestown, Stratford-On-Slaney."
9. Application for consent to sale of vested cottage at Ballyshonogue, Tinahely, and to transfer of vested cottage at Redford, Greystones.
10. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor G. Timmins as follows: "That Annie Callaghan be appointed tenant of Council house at Brockna, Kiltegan."
11. Repair of boundary wall at Parkmore, Baltinglass—Report of County Engineer.

12. Letting of vacant cottage at Moneyteigue, Aughrim.
13. To receive Tenders for Domestic Scavenging Services at Ennis-kerry and Newtownmountkennedy.
14. Repairs to cottages carried out in October, 1966, and cottages to be repaired in November, 1966.

Item No. 1—Notice of intention to propose the following Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in Names of Councillors James D. Haughton, James Everett, T.D., and James Gregory: "That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning Approval for the erection of Garage at Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy, for Noel Gregory."

The County Secretary stated that the grounds of refusal of permission were that the site of the proposed structure was on the line of the new Arterial Road where a dual-carriageway was to be provided. At present there was a Shop and a Filling Station on this site and these would have to be acquired by the Council when the road improvement was being carried out. There was a further difficulty in that it seemed that it would not be lawful for the County Manager to implement the Resolution (if passed) as the dwelling on the site was a vested cottage and the plot attached to the cottage was being used for a Shop and Filling Station, which was a breach of one of the Statutory Conditions. If permission were granted by the Council it would give rise to additional compensation becoming payable when the dual-carriageway was being provided and the site had to be acquired. Prior to a vote being taken on the matter the County Manager pointed out that it was his duty to inform the Council that since the passing of the Resolution might give rise to a loss to the Council's funds by reason of additional compensation becoming payable he was obliged to inform the Council that Members might be liable for any additional expense involved.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory;

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of Garage at Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy, for Noel Gregory.

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

In Favour—Councillors E. Byrne, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, H. B. Hipwell, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, J. O'Toole, J. Quigley, J. Temple, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh—TWELVE.

Against—Councillors J. Whelan, H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, A. H. Hadden and M. J. O'Neill—FIVE.

The Resolution was declared passed by twelve votes in favour to five votes against. The County Secretary stated that it would be necessary to have the advice of the Council's Solicitor as to whether it was lawful for the County Manager to give effect to the Resolution and also to consult the Department of Local Government on the matter of the effect on the Road Improvement Scheme.

Item No. 2—Notice of intention to propose the following Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in Names of Councillors James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, M. K. Deering and G. Timmins: "That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning Approval for the erection of a Dwellinghouse to be built by Peter Murphy, 2, Troopersfield, Blessington, on site at Haylands, Holyvalley, Blessington, Co. Wicklow."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of a dwellinghouse to be built by Peter Murphy, 2, Troopersfield, Blessington, on site at Haylands, Holyvalley, Blessington, Co. Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that permission had been refused as the County Medical Officer had reported that the site was not suitable since effluent from the septic tank would be likely to penetrate into the stream adjoining the site and from that to the lake at Blessington, which was a reservoir for the Dublin Water Supply. Councillor J. Miley stated that the applicant was clearing a drain at the back of the site which would have the effect of diverting the stream and that in consequence effluent from the septic tank would not penetrate to the stream nor reach the lake. The Council decided to defer the matter to the next Meeting and asked that the County Medical Officer in the meantime arrange for a further inspection of the site by the Council's Health Inspector with a view to seeing if the works proposed to be carried out by the applicant would overcome the difficulty.

Item No. 3—To receive Deputation from Annacurra Parish Guild, Muintir Na Tire, in connection with Annacurra Crossroads.

The Deputation from the Annacurra Branch of Muintir Na Tire which was received by the Council consisted of Mr. Kevin Fitzgerald (Chairman); Mr. Michael Nolan (Secretary); and Mr. William Mordant. The members of the Deputation stressed the urgent need to have improvements made at the Crossroads at Annacurra, which they contended was very dangerous for motorists, and where it was stated a number of accidents had occurred. They expressed the fear that if the crossing was not improved there would be a serious accident, and referred in particular to the number of school-children who used it every day. They realised that there had been difficulties in regard to the acquisition of land for the purpose of carrying out an Improvement Scheme, but urged that the Council use compulsory powers if it were not possible to acquire the land by agreement. Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, assured the Members of the Deputation that the Council would give serious consideration to the views expressed. The Deputation thanked the Council for receiving them and withdrew. The County Secretary stated that the Assistant County Engineer had reported that when efforts were made previously to obtain the necessary lands for improving the Crossroads it was not possible to obtain agreement with the reputed landowners and there were also difficulties in relation to title. He understood that the present owner was a Mr. Michael Caulfield, who resided in Dublin, and he recommended that a Plan be prepared for the improvement of the corner and an offer be made to Mr. Caulfield, and in the event

of being unable to reach an agreement that the lands be acquired compulsorily. The Council agreed that the necessary Plans be prepared and efforts be made to acquire the necessary lands for the work.

Item No. 3A.—Flood Prevention Scheme on River Dargle, Bray.

Copies of the County Manager's Statement in regard to the Report of the Consultant Engineer on a Scheme for Flood Prevention on the River Dargle at Bray had been circulated to the Members, together with a copy of the Consultant's Report. The Council decided, in view of the importance of the matter, to hold a Special Meeting on Friday, 11th November, 1966, at 2.30 p.m. to consider this matter and asked that a copy of the County Engineer's Report on his examination of the Consultant's recommendations be circulated prior to the Meeting.

Item No. 4.—Erection of further Eleven Houses at Grattan Park, Kindlestown.—Recommendation of Bray Electoral Area Committee.

Having considered the recommendations of Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area:

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple.

Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the Bray Electoral Area Committee for the acceptance of the Tender of Mr. William Eager, Contractor, Newtownmountkennedy, in the sum of £20,945, for the erection of a further eleven houses at Grattan Park, Kindlestown, and direct that the sanction of the Minister to the acceptance of this Tender be sought.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5.—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor M. Deering as follows: "That Additional Houses be provided in Dunlavin."

The County Secretary stated that three houses could be accommodated on a site acquired by the Council, where there had been a dangerous building at Dunlavin, and that a further site was being acquired from a Mr. O'Reilly, which would accommodate another house. The County Architect had reported on a site near the Fairgreen, which contained 1.67 acres, and would be suitable for the erection of 12 houses. The site contained portion of 3 cottage plots and it was proposed that each tenant would be offered £100 for the plot and in addition £25 might be offered to one of the tenants in compensation for the access strip.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. Deering;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley;

Resolved—That we approve of Plans being prepared for the erection of four houses on the sites at Dunlavin being acquired from Mr. O'Reilly and Mr. O'Brien and direct that Tenders be invited for the erection of these houses as soon as the necessary Plans have been approved by the Department.

We approve of the acquisition of site containing 1.67 acres from Mr. V. Corrigan, Misses Julia and Annie Doyle, and Mrs. Fay, and of offers of compensation at £100 each, with additional £25 for access strip to Mr. Corrigan.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6.—Proposed Acquisition of Site for Houses at Laragh.

The County Secretary stated that the Council had agreed to provide two additional houses at Laragh and the Council's Architect had recommended that a site be acquired from Mr. J. Byrne, Laragh, which adjoined the existing village, and contained approximately a quarter of an acre, and would be sufficient for the provision of the two houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory;

Resolved—That we approve of the purchase of plot of land containing approximately one-quarter of an acre from Mr. J. Byrne, Laragh, for the purposes of a site for two additional houses.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the total cost of the Scheme for the erection of six houses at Laragh had now been ascertained at £14,369 and a Supplementary Loan of £3,920 would, accordingly, be required to meet the balance of the cost of the Scheme.

It was

Proposed by Councillor R. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a Supplementary Loan of £3,920 to defray the balance of the cost of erection of six houses at Laragh, the Loan to be borrowed from the Commissioners of Public Works and re-payable over a period of fifty years.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 7.—Application for Supplementary Grant in respect of New Houses at Bannagroe, Hollywood, and Ballyduff, Ashford.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering;

Resolved—That we approve of payment of Supplementary Grants in respect of the erection of New Houses to the following applicants:

1. Michael McGrath, c/o John Comerford, Hollywood: In respect of house at Bannagroe, Hollywood—£300.
2. Michael Bennett, Bolinass, Ashford: In respect of new house at Ballyduff, Ashford—£300.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 8.—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor G. Timmins as follows: "That a Supplementary Grant for Sewerage Facilities be paid to Daniel McGrath, Whitestown, Stratford-On-Slaney."

Councillor G. Timmins stated that a State Grant had been paid to Mr. McGrath in respect of the provision of Private Sewerage Facilities, although it had not been possible for Mr. McGrath to site the septic tank the full distance of 60 ft. from the house. He felt that since the State Grant had been paid without any objection the Supplementary Grant should be paid by the Council.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That a Supplementary Grant for Sewerage Facilities be paid to Daniel McGrath, Whitestown, Stratford-On-Slaney.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 9—Application for Consent to Sale of Vested Cottage at Ballyshanogue, Tinahely, and to Transfer of Vested Cottage at Redford, Greystones.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we approve of consent being given to Michael Dempsey to dispose of his interest in Vested Cottage No. 355/10 at Ballyshanogue, Tinahely, to Mr. Colum Dalton, Killalesh, Kiltegan, subject to the payment by the vendor to the Council of the sum of £316 13s. 4d., the Statutory Conditions to remain attaching to the cottage and the Annuity to continue to be payable to the Council.

Councillor Miss Walsh stated that she understood that Mr. Dempsey had spent a considerable sum in carrying out improvements to the cottage and she felt that the amount being sought by the Council (£316 13s. 4d.) was excessive. She stated that she intended to hand in a Notice of Motion on the matter. The Resolution was marked "Passed unanimously."

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Joseph Quinn, the tenant-purchaser of Vested Cottage No. 242/4 at Redford, Greystones, proposed to transfer his interest in the cottage to his son-in-law (Mr. James Caulfield), who had been living in the cottage with his wife, and that there was no payment being sought in respect of it. Mr. Quinn was getting married again and was going to reside in Dublin.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne:

Resolved—That we approve of the transfer of Vested Cottage No. 242/4 at Redford, Greystones, from the present tenant-purchaser (Mr. Joseph Quinn) to Mr. James Caulfield, the Statutory Conditions still to apply to the cottage and the Annuity to continue to be paid to the Council.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor G. Timmins as follows: "That Annie Callaghan be appointed Tenant of Council House at Brockna, Kiltegan."

The County Secretary stated that since the death of Mr. Mark Callaghan the cottage had been left in the tenancy of the representatives of the late Mark Callaghan and was occupied by his daughter (Miss Annie Callaghan), who was single and aged 58 years, and whose only income was from Home Assistance. There was no intention of disturbing Miss Callaghan in her occupation of the cottage. If she were appointed tenant and the cottage vested in her it seemed doubtful if she would have the resources to enable her to maintain the cottage in proper repair.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That Annie Callaghan be appointed tenant of cottage at Brockna, Kiltegan (No. 56/1).

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Repair of Boundary Wall at Parkmore, Baltinglass—Report of County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had in-

vestigated the matter of repairs to boundary wall at Parkmore, Baltinglass, and considered that it would be unreasonable to expect the tenants of the houses at Parkmore to carry out repairs to this section of the wall, part of which was a retaining wall to the road. The total estimated cost of the work was £135.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer of 6th October, 1966, we approve of the carrying out of repairs to the boundary wall at Parkmore, Baltinglass, at an estimated cost of £135. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 12—Letting of Vacant Cottage at Moneyteigue, Auhrim.

The Council referred this matter for decision by the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area.

Item No. 13—To receive Tenders for Domestic Scavenging Services at Enniskerry and Newtownmountkennedy.

Tenders received in response to public advertisement for the Domestic Scavenging Services at Enniskerry and Newtownmountkennedy were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council.

The Tenders were as follows:—

For Domestic Scavenging Service at Enniskerry:

Name and Address of Tenderer	One Year	Three Yrs.	Five Yrs.
Edward Sutton, Windgates, Bray	£390	£1,150	—
Garrett Fisher, c/o Ballinahinch, Newtownmountkennedy	£400	£1,200	£2,000
Edward Doogan, Kilgarron Hill, Enniskerry	£416	£1,248	—
Garrett Nolan, Boghall Road, Bray	£460 17 6	£1,384	£2,300
John Connolly, 3, Blacklion, Greystones.	£800	£2,340	£3,900

For Domestic Scavenging Service at Newtownmountkennedy:

Name and Address of Tenderer	One Year.	Three Yrs.	Five Yrs.
Garrett Nolan, Boghall Road, Bray	£348 17 6	£1,046	£1,740
Garrett Fisher, c/o Ballinahinch, Newtownmountkennedy	£400	£1,200	£2,000
John Connolly, 3, Blacklion, Greystones	£600	£1,800	£2,900
Robert Wheatley, Newtownmountkennedy	£700	£2,000	£3,300
James Duffy, 7, Church Road, Newtownmountkennedy	—	—	£3,120

Item No. 14—Repairs to Cottages carried out in October, 1966, and Cottages to be repaired in November, 1966.

The Council noted the particulars of Cottage Repairs submitted to the Meeting.

Laragh Public Lighting.

Councillor R. Miley pointed out that there was only one public light for the new houses at Laragh and he considered that an ad-

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ditional light was required and asked if the Council would expedite the submission of a quotation from the E.S.B. for the provision of an additional light.

Supplementary Grants.

Members of the Council asked that a Report on the position regarding the payment of Supplementary Grants be submitted to the next Meeting of the Council and expressed the view that Grants should be paid strictly in the order in which the State Grants had been paid and that no special reservation should be made in respect of Grants for New Houses. The County Secretary stated that a Report on the present position would be submitted to the Meeting on the following Monday.

Rural Cottages Scheme.

At the request of Councillor J. Miley and other Members it was agreed that a Report on the position regarding the erection of Rural Cottages be submitted to the next Meeting of the Council.

Greystones Harbour.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked that a Report be submitted to the next Meeting of the Council on the works carried out at Greystones Harbour recently.

Dangerous Bend at Ballyorney.

Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that there was a dangerous bend at Ballyorney, on the way to the Waterfall, and that Mr. Daniel Nolan, who lived nearby, was prepared to remove a bank from the side of the road if the Council would be agreeable. The County Engineer stated that he would have the matter examined.

Bray Traffic Lights, Footpaths, and Condition of Convent Hill, Bray.

With reference to inquiries made by Members regarding these matters it was agreed that a Meeting of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area would be held following the Special Meeting of the Council which was being arranged for Friday, the 11th November, in connection with the Dargle River Flood Prevention Scheme.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor James Miley: "That this Council supply up-to-date Report on new Housing Scheme of this County with the Department at advertisement stage for building."

In the name of Councillor John Quigley: "That a Report be submitted by the County Engineer as to the improvements he proposes to carry out on the road from Ballydonnell Crossroads to Poulaphuca, Avoca."

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh: "That in view of the amount of money expended by Michael Dempsey on the reconstruction of his vested cottage at Ballyshonogue, Tinahely, that we consider the amount of £316 13s. 4d. to be excessive and feel that an equitable adjustment be made."

In the name of Councillor Miss Mary Walsh: "That urgent repairs be carried out immediately to two Council cottages (a) occupied by John O'Toole, Cronebane, Avoca; and (b) occupied by James Moore, Ballinvalley, Avoca."

In the names of Councillors James Everett, T.D., and James Gregory: "That we recommend that repairs be carried out in respect of the following cottages (reported on several occasions)—Mrs. Lyons, Bahana, Rathdrum; Mrs. Hogan, Bahana, Rathdrum; and Patrick O'Connor, Kilmurray, Redcross (reported for repairs—January, 1966)."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Wicklow County Council to consider the Dargle River Flood Prevention Scheme was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, 11th November, 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Seamus Ua Tuathail, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Mark Deering, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, Roger Miley and J. Gregory.

In the absence of Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, took the chair.

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

The Council considered the Preliminary Report and Estimate of Mr. J. B. Barry, Consulting Engineer, who had been engaged by the Council and by Bray Urban District Council to carry out a special Survey and submit a Report on flood prevention measures which might be undertaken to deal with flooding from the Dargle River. A copy of the Report had been circulated to the Members, together with the following Statement of the County Manager:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Kilmantin Hill,

Wicklow.

31st October, 1966.

Chairman and Members of: BRAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
Chairman and Members of: WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Re: Flood Prevention Scheme at Bray.

A Chairde,

Consequent on the occurrence of serious flooding in Bray on 17th November, 1965, it was decided by Bray Urban District Council and Wicklow County Council some months ago to engage a Consultant Engineer to carry out a special Survey and to submit a Report on flood prevention measures which might be undertaken.

Immediately after the flooding occurred in November last Bray Urban District Council and the County Council provided relief in various ways for many of those who had been affected, and in this they were assisted by voluntary effort. Many Voluntary Organisations came forward to help and there was a generous response from the public to an appeal for special funds to relieve immediate distress. In all at that time about £12,500 was spent from public funds and the proceeds of voluntary subscriptions on such immediate measures to relieve distress. Bray U.D.C. also spent £2,450 on strengthening Riverside Walls.

It was felt by the Members of Bray Urban District Council and Wicklow County Council that measures which would serve to prevent flooding in the future should be looked on as a State Scheme and the cost be defrayed from State Funds. It was recognised that the responsibility of Local Authorities over the years in the matter of drainage had been related to Sanitation; major measures for the relief of flooding from Rivers had been regarded as coming within the

term "Arterial Drainage" and special provision had been made for the carrying out of Arterial Drainage Schemes by the Central Authority through the Office of Public Works. It was represented to the Department of Local Government and to the Office of Public Works that flood prevention measures at Bray should be undertaken as a special State Scheme. Apart from the question of cost it was felt that the Office of Public Works had available specialist staffs and experience for the carrying out of Drainage Works. At the end of January, 1966, Bray Urban District Council and Wicklow County Council were informed that the Dargle River was not included in any proposed Scheme of Arterial Drainage and that the Office of Public Works would not be in a position to carry out a Scheme to relieve flooding in Bray. This information was considered by the two Local Authorities, and after a Joint Meeting between them on 15th February, 1966, it was decided to engage a Consultant Engineer to report on a suitable Scheme. On 21st February, 1966, it was decided that Mr. J. B. Barry, B.E., Consultant Engineer, be engaged to carry out a Survey and report on a Flood Prevention Scheme. The sanction of the Minister to the appointment of Mr. Barry was received by Bray Urban District Council at the end of March and by Wicklow County Council at the end of June, 1966. The Consultant and the specialist staff attached to his Office have been engaged on Surveys and the preparation of a Scheme over the past six months. In addition to specialist engineering staff the Consultant has employed divers and used special equipment for the examining of the River-bed.

A Preliminary Report and Estimates of Cost were submitted by the Consultant on 20th October, 1966. The complexity of the Survey and the detailed manner in which it has been carried out will be evident from the Report and the many Maps and other documents supporting it. Briefly the Survey relates to the three Rivers—Dargle, Glencree and Glencullen—and also to three minor tributaries—Kilcrouney and Swan Streams and the County Brook. It is pointed out by the Consultant that the retentive capacity of the drift found in the three River Valleys is low, with the result that run-off during heavy rains would be rapid. It is mentioned that the development in the Little Bray area by way of houses, shops and factories has taken place on what was the old "Flood Plain" of the Dargle River in its lower reaches. It may be of interest to note that the area which on three occasions was subject to severe flooding, viz., in 1905, 1931 and 1965, was at one time known as "Bray Commons" and it was only about one hundred years ago that these Common lands were enclosed. The area between Lower Dargle Road and the River was mainly left as a Public Park, but prior to 1905 a fair number of dwellings had been erected on part of the former Commons. All of these were private dwellings, i.e., erected through private enterprise. As the lands previously had been a Commons it is likely that sites for building in the area could be acquired at low prices. After the flooding of 1905 the wall forming the Northern boundary of the River, along by the People's Park, was strengthened and in the next ten years a number of houses were erected by the Urban District Council in the lower part of the area known as "Little Bray." Apparently it was expected that the new River-wall would serve to prevent flooding in future. In 1931 severe flooding again occurred and subsequently the Northern River-wall was raised to a higher level. This wall, however, was not found to afford adequate protection during the flooding of November, 1965.

It will be found that the Consultant in his Report mentions that the influence of the tide on major flooding experience in Bray is not significant and that the condition of the Harbour would have no

effect on the flood levels in the River channel.

The Consultant also points out in the Report that the weir across the River is no longer required for the purpose for which it was originally constructed. It should also be mentioned, however, that about fifteen years ago there was costly litigation in relation to water rights from the headrace leading from this weir. The main recommendations of the Consultant fall under a number of main headings, viz:—

- (a) Excavation of channel of River;
- (b) Underpinning and repairs to Northern wall of River;
- (c) Raising of wall at River Walk;
- (d) New flood wall at People's Park;
- (e) New retaining wall between People's Park and point near Laundry;
- (f) Construction of Gravel Trap in the Dargle River;
- (g) Removal of weir;
- (h) Works in vicinity of Laundry and "The Slang"; and
- (i) Excavation and other works to County Brook.

The cost of all the foregoing works is estimated by the Consultant at £116,000.

The County Engineer and the Town Engineer, Bray, have examined the Consultant's Report and are of the opinion that having regard to the scale of the works recommended and the considerable cost involved it would not be reasonable to expect the Local Authorities to defray such cost. Instead they consider that the Scheme now recommended, even if it were to be carried out by the Local Authorities, should be regarded as an Arterial Drainage Scheme and the cost be met from State Funds. The Office of Public Works had indicated that they were not in a position to carry out a Survey of the Dargle River owing to other commitments, but now that this Survey has been completed by the Consultant engaged by the two Councils, and a Report on a suitable Scheme has been submitted, it is felt that it would be reasonable to ask that the cost of such a Scheme be met from State Funds. The Scheme put forward by the Consultant is being recommended for your approval by the Town Engineer, Bray, and the County Engineer, but before further steps in relation to the preparation of final documents with a view to the carrying out of works can be arranged it would be necessary that the arrangements for meeting the costs should be determined after the Report and Estimates of Cost have been submitted to the Department of Local Government.

The dwellings and other buildings affected by the flood of November, 1965, lie for the greater part within Bray Urban District, but a small number are situated in the County Health District. It is found that the Rateable Value of the buildings affected within the Urban District comes to about £2,400, whilst the Rateable Value of the buildings just outside the Urban Boundary in the County Health District amounts to roughly £220.

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In the final part of his Report the Consultant stresses that some of the works set out by him would be of an urgent character and should be carried out immediately. It is understood that the cost of these urgent works would be about £30,000. The cost of the entire Scheme, it will be noted, is estimated at £116,000.

It is felt that it is necessary to stress that the Consultant makes it clear in his Report that the works recommended by him will only give protection against a flood flow of an intensity of 7,000 cubic ft. per second. The Scheme has been related to the experience in the past sixty years, i.e., the three floods of 1905, 1931 and 1965. The Consultant emphasises that floods of a greater intensity might possible occur, but that protection against floods of such a magnitude would be prohibitively expensive.

Mise, le meas,

M. FLANNERY,
County Manager.

MF/JK.

The following Report of the County Engineer had also been circulated to the Members:—

TJD/SB.

County Engineer's Office
Court House, Wicklow.
2nd November, 1966.

County Secretary .

Ré: Dargle River Flooding—Prevention Scheme.

A Chara,

I have examined the Consultant's Report and agree with the Scheme, as proposed, to remedy the flooding. It is noted that the flooding which caused the recent damage did not coincide with the highest tide. I consider, however, that in view of the prohibitive cost of carrying it out a Scheme to safeguard against the possible highest floods would not be justifiable.

Very little benefit will accrue to the area under the administration of the County Council as the area drained is small in comparison with the expense involved and most of the land has not a very high agricultural value. Most of the benefit would be gained by property holders and industrial concerns in the Bray Urban District, whose losses could be estimated at £80,000 in the recent floods.

I consider that a Drainage Scheme of this magnitude, which is of an arterial nature, should be a national charge rather than a charge on the local Rates.

A very thorough investigation of the problem has been made by the Consulting Engineer appointed by the Council and a Scheme has now been put forward by him which will save the Board of Works the time of their staff in investigating and preparing a Scheme.

I would suggest, therefore, that the Board of Works should now be asked, if this Scheme is acceptable to them, to carry out the Scheme or make the necessary finance available for the Local Authorities to do so. In the carrying out of the Scheme the masonry weir across the Dargle would have to be removed and certain ancient rights of firms and individuals in the area would be interfered with, which they may wish to contest. The Board of Works under the Arterial Drainage Act of 1945 would have much greater powers in dealing with such matters than the Local Authorities have.

As pointed out in the Consultant's Report the County Brook Drainage Scheme would also have to be carried out in conjunction with the Dargle Scheme to prevent flooding caused by overflowing

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its banks in the lower regions. If and when the Schemes are carried out it is most essential that sand-traps would be cleaned periodically and the channels be properly maintained. Again the matter as to who would be responsible for the financing of this work would arise.

It is suggested that if the Board of Works are not prepared to finance the Schemes and maintain them when they are carried out that the cost be proportioned between the Wicklow County Council and the Bray Urban District Council on a valuation basis on the property coming within their respective jurisdictions.

Finally, I consider it is most important that the repairs estimated at £30,000 in the Consultant's Report be carried out immediately in order to safeguard the existing protection works.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,
County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the Report had already been considered by Bray Urban District Council and the Council had decided to ask the Minister to receive a Deputation from the Urban District Council and from the County Council, if the County Council were agreeable, to urge the Minister to agree to have the Scheme carried out as a matter of urgency by the Office of Public Works, financed by State Grant. Councillor Quigley referred to the flooding at Aughrim and suggested that the Council should await the Report of the Council's Consultant in regard to the flooding at Aughrim before sending the Deputation to the Minister. Councillor M. J. O'Neill referred to the flooding which had occurred from the River Slaney at Baltinglass and suggested that Mr. Barry, Consulting Engineer, be asked to prepare a Scheme to deal with the flooding in the town of Baltinglass. The County Manager pointed out that there was a special responsibility on the County Council as well as on the Urban District Council in respect of the flooding which had occurred in Bray and no similar problem had arisen elsewhere in the County. The County Council was particularly concerned in relation to the flooding in Bray by reason of their responsibilities for relief of distress which had been caused by the flooding. Three hundred and sixty-eight families had been affected, houses had had to be evacuated, shelter provided for the people concerned while their houses were dried, clothing and bedding had also to be provided, and the value of property affected was substantial. Two industries also were affected and both these industries provided employment for persons living in the rural area. The County Manager referred to the aid supplied by Voluntary Bodies and the special funds which had been raised by voluntary subscriptions to assist the families who had been affected by the flooding. The extent of damage done was estimated at £80,000 and £12,500 had been spent from voluntary subscriptions and from public funds.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That having considered Report of Mr. J. B. Barry, Consulting Engineer, on the Prevention Scheme for the Dargle River Flooding, and the County Engineer's recommendations thereon, we approve of the proposals and direct that Scheme be submitted for approval by the Department of Local Government. We consider that Scheme should be carried out by the Office of Public Works and financed by State Grant and hereby appoint the following Members of the Council to act on a Deputation jointly with Bray Urban Dis-

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strict Council to the Minister for Local Government in regard to the carrying out and financing of the Scheme. We also urge that the Department give special consideration to the prevention of flooding from the Aughrim River and the Slaney River.

Councillors James O'Toole, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, John Quigley and James Whelan.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That arrangements be made for engaging a Consultant to report on special measures to prevent flooding from the River Slaney at Baltinglass.

Passed unanimously.

The Council approved of the suggestion of the County Engineer that particulars of the Survey carried out by the Commissioners of Public Works on the River Slaney in the Baltinglass area be obtained and examined by him in the first instance with a view to seeing if a separate local Scheme which could eventually be embodied in the general Drainage Scheme for the Slaney could be proceeded with, and which would deal with the particular problem in Baltinglass.

In regard to the financing of the cost of flood damage to Roads and Bridges in the County it was agreed that the Deputation would take up this matter with the Minister and seek financial assistance by way of Grant towards the cost of these works.

Increase in Allowances of Home Assistance.

The County Secretary stated that following the recent increases in Allowances granted to recipients of Social Assistance from the Department of Social Welfare it was proposed, subject to the agreement of the Council, to provide similar increases in Allowances to recipients of Home Assistance who would qualify. The estimated cost for a full year was £312.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:

Resolved—That having considered recommendation of Superintendent Assistance Officer in regard to recent increases in Allowances granted to recipients of Social Assistance from the Department of Social Welfare, we approve of his recommendation for the payment of similar increases in Allowances to recipients of Home Assistance who will qualify for a similar increase and note that the cost in a full year is estimated at £312. We hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of such increases in Home Assistance.

Passed unanimously.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Meeting of Wicklow County Council
Held on Friday, 11th November, 1966
at 7.30 p.m.
The meeting was held in the Council Chamber, County Council Offices, Wicklow.
Present: Councillors James O'Toole, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, John Quigley and James Whelan.
Absent: Councillor G. Timmins.
The Chairman, Mr. H. B. Hipwell, presided.
The minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 1966 were read and approved.
The County Engineer reported on the progress of the survey of the River Slaney in the Baltinglass area.
The Council agreed to engage a Consultant to report on special measures to prevent flooding from the River Slaney at Baltinglass.
The Council approved of the suggestion of the County Engineer that particulars of the Survey carried out by the Commissioners of Public Works on the River Slaney in the Baltinglass area be obtained and examined by him in the first instance with a view to seeing if a separate local Scheme which could eventually be embodied in the general Drainage Scheme for the Slaney could be proceeded with, and which would deal with the particular problem in Baltinglass.
In regard to the financing of the cost of flood damage to Roads and Bridges in the County it was agreed that the Deputation would take up this matter with the Minister and seek financial assistance by way of Grant towards the cost of these works.

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The Council to the Minister for Local Government in regard to the carrying out and financing of the scheme. We also urge that the Department give special consideration to the provision of housing for the Dublin River and the Slaney River.

Councillors James J. Doyle, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, J. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Miley, John Temple, John Quigley and James Worlan.

Passed unanimously.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill

Resolved—That arrangements be made for arranging a Committee to report on special measures to prevent flooding from the River Slaney at Blessington.

Passed unanimously.

The Council approved of the submission of the County Engineer and particulars of the survey carried out by the County Engineer of Public Works on the River Slaney in the Blessington area for drainage and submitted by him in the last meeting with a view to setting of a drainage local scheme which could eventually be included in the general drainage scheme for the County and be proceeded with, and it would deal with the particular problem in Blessington.

In regard to the damage to the road at Blessington caused by the bridge in the County it was agreed that the Department should discuss this matter with the Minister and seek financial assistance at Grant towards the cost of the work.

Business in Absence of House Assistance

The County Secretary stated that regarding the grant for the provision of grants to recipients of Social Assistance and the payment of Social Welfare it was proposed, subject to the consent of the Council, to provide similar assistance to the recipients of Social Assistance who would receive a grant for a full year was 1966.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Miley

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge

Resolved—That, having consulted the Department of Social Welfare, we approve of the scheme proposed for the payment of similar increases in allowances to recipients of Social Assistance who will qualify for a grant for a full year in 1966. It was also agreed that the grant for a full year is estimated at £112. The County Secretary to the Department of Social Welfare, in regard to the grant provided in the current year, is to be referred to the Department of Social Welfare.

Passed unanimously.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 14th November, 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended.—

Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Miley, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, J. D. Haughton, J. Gregory and H. W. Hopkins.

In the absence of Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, took the chair.

The County Manager, County Secretary, R. L. Farrell, Deputy Co. Engineer, N. D. Farrell, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineer, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, S. F. Coffey, E. M. Doyle and K. C. O'Donnell were present.

AGENDA

1. Notice of intention to move Resolution under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in names of Councillors H. J. Byrne, E. E. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Temple as follows:—
"That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of a Motel on site at Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue, Co. Wicklow, for Mr D. W. T. Fitzmaurice."
2. Notice of intention to move Resolution under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in names of Councillors James Miley, G. Timmins, M. J. O'Neill and Mark Deering as follows:—
"That we, the Members of the Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of a dwellinghouse to be built by Mary Jane Clearkin, Blessington, on site at Crosscoolharbour, Blessington, Co. Wicklow."
3. Notice of intention to move Resolution under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in names of Councillors James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Mark Deering and G. Timmins as follows:—
"That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of a dwellinghouse to be built by Peter Murphy, 2, Troopersfield, Blessington, on site at Haylands, Holyvalley, Blessington, Co. Wicklow."
4. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 8th, 22nd and 29th August, and 5th, 12th and 19th September, 1966.
5. Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd., — To confirm appointment of Nominee on Board.
6. Letter from University Scholarship holder on completion of Course.
7. December Road Safety Campaign.
8. Schemes financed from Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote—Letter from Special Employment Schemes Office indicating that it was not possible to make any new allocation of Grants this year.
9. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That Killabeg Lane at Coolkenno be taken over and surfaced by the Council."

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10. Representations re need for repair of Bye Pass Road at Cronelea, Shilleagh.
11. Road known as "Fassa.oe Lane"—Recommendation of Committee for Bray Electoral Area.
12. Appointment of additional Clerical Officer in County Engineer's Office.
13. Revision of salary scale for Clerical Officers.
14. Avoca River Flooding—Representations from Avoca area and Report of County Engineer.
15. Supplementary Grants for New Houses and Repair and Improvement of Houses—Report on present position.
16. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley requesting Report from County Engineer re removal of fountain at Rednagh Road, Aughrim, close to proposed new entrance to G.A.A. County Grounds.
17. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins:—"That the Council extend the watermain from existing fountain at Raheen, Baltinglass, to Council houses at Raheen."
18. Dumping Ground at Tinahely—Report of County Engineer on site proposed.
19. Filling of vacancies for District Medical Officers at Blessington and Rathdrum.
20. Proposed introduction of 85 hour fortnight for Nursing Staffs and granting additional Annual Leave in lieu of Public Holidays.
21. Requirements of Circuit Court Judge for Courthouse, Wicklow—Report of County Engineer.
22. The Green, Kilcoole—Letter from Mrs. L. O'Gorman.
23. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notice of intention to Move Resolution under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in Names of Councillors H. J. Byrne, E. E. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and J. Temple as follows:—"That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning Approval for the Erection of a Motel on Site at Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue, Co. Wicklow, for Mr. D. W. T. Fitzmaurice."

In accordance with Notice of Motion:

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor E. E. Byrne:

Resolved—That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of a Motel on site at Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue, Co. Wicklow, for Mr. D. W. T. Fitzmaurice.

The Council decided to defer the matter to the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 5th December, 1966, and asked that Plans for the dual-carriageway from Kilmacanogue southwards be submitted for examination by the Members at the Meeting. The Council also suggested that the County Engineer might consult with the applicant to see if the objections to the proposal for the erection of the Motel could be overcome.

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Item No. 2—Notice of intention to move Resolution under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in names of Councillors James Miley, G. Timmins, M. J. O'Neill and Mark Deering as follows:—"That we, the members of the Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning Approval for the erection of a dwellinghouse to be built by Mary Jane Clearkin, Blessington, on site at Crosscoolharbour, Blessington, Co. Wicklow."

Having considered the grounds for refusal of permission:

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of a dwellinghouse to be built by Mary Jane Clearkin, Blessington, on site at Crosscoolharbour, Blessington, Co. Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 3—Notice of intention to move Resolution under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in names of Councillors James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Mark Deering and G. Timmins as follows:—"That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning Approval for the erection of a dwellinghouse to be built by Peter Murphy, 2 Troopersfield, Blessington, on site at Haylands, Holyvalley, Blessington, Co. Wicklow."

The County Secretary stated that this proposal had been deferred from the previous Meeting following Councillor J. Miley having indicated that the applicant was carrying out certain drainage works which might overcome the objection of the County Medical Officer to the proposal. The County Secretary stated that the County Medical Officer considered that the applicant should submit details of his proposals for examination. The grounds of refusal in respect of this application were that the site was marshy and there was a likelihood that effluent from the septic tank would penetrate to a stream at the side of the site and from thence reach the lake, which was a Reservoir for a public water supply.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. Deering:

Resolved—That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Town Planning approval for the erection of a dwellinghouse to be built by Peter Murphy, 2, Troopersfield, Blessington, on site at Haylands, Holyvalley, Blessington, Co. Wicklow.

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

In Favour: Councillors J. Whelan, E. E. Byrne, H. J. Byrne, M. Deering, J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton, H. B. Hipwell, H. W. Hopkins, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, J. Miley, R. Miley, M. J. O'Neill, J. Quigley, J. Temple, G. Timmins and Miss M. Walsh—Seventeen.

Against: Councillor A. H. Hadden.

The Resolution was declared passed by seventeen votes in favour to one against.

Item No. 4—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on the 8th, 22nd and 29th Aug., and 5th, 12th and 19th Sept., 1966. Passed unanimously.

Councillor Hipwell having protested against the delay in receipt of Minutes of Meetings of the Council the County Secretary stated that the delay arose in the obtaining of the Minutes from the printers. Councillor E. E. Byrne pointed out that Tenders were being invited for Printing for the coming year and suggested that before a Tender was accepted particular consideration should be given to ensuring that Minutes were received promptly from the printers.

Item No. 5—Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd.,—To Confirm Appointment of Nominee on Board.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillor James J. McCrea, Main Street, Carnew, as the Council's nominee on the Board of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd., for the year 1966/67. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Letter from University Scholarship Holder on Completion of Course.

The Council expressed appreciation of the following letter received from Miss Mary Byrne, "Brittas House," Brittas Bay:—

46 Woodbine Avenue,
Blackrock,
12-10-1966.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

Dear Sir,

Now that I have got my B.A. degree with an award of second class honours, I want you to know how grateful I am for the scholarship that made a University Education accessible to me.

I enjoyed every minute of my time at University and I feel that my three years there—besides helping me towards a worthwhile position—were of great benefit to me personally.

Please convey my thanks to the County Council for their generous grant.

Yours faithfully,

Mary Byrne,

(Brittas House, Brittas Bay).

Item No. 7—December Road Safety Campaign.

The County Secretary submitted a letter addressed by the Minister for Local Government to the Chairman of the County Council in regard to the Road Safety Campaign to be conducted during the period 1st to 11th December, inclusive. During the Campaign a Road Safety Congress would be held in Dublin on the 6th and 7th December, to which Members of the Council and Officers of the Local Authority were invited. A Free Vehicle Check Scheme was being operated in Garages throughout the country and the Safety First Association was also co-operating fully in the Campaign. As requested in the letter, an "As-

signed Officer" was being appointed by the Council, and Mr. G. Nichols (who had acted in this capacity in previous years) had been re-appointed. The Council noted the arrangements for the Road Safety Campaign. The County Secretary stated that a suggestion had been received from the Department of Local Government that "crashed cars" be placed on road verges at suitable locations to serve as a warning to road users. In view of the difficulties that the Council had experienced in having derelict cars and "crashed cars" removed from road margins it was felt somewhat doubtful if this proposal was desirable. There was also the possibility that the placing of a "crashed car" at any point alongside a heavily trafficked road might tend to distract the attention of drivers. Members of the Council expressed the view that the proposal was not a suitable one.

Item No. 8—Schemes Financed from Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote—Letter from Special Employment Schemes Office indicating that it was not possible to make any new allocation of grants this year.

The following letter from the Special Employment Schemes Office was submitted:—

Special Employment Schemes Office,
30 Earlsfort Terrace,
Dublin 2.

Ref. No. S.W3/8/163

28th October, 1966.

The Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,
Kilmantin Hill.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance to inform you that, because of the difficult budgetary situation this year and the making of increased provision for services essential to the development of the economy, the provision for a number of services, including the schemes financed from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, has had unavoidably to be reduced. The provision under Rural Employment Schemes, for grants for non-urbanised towns, has had to be limited to the amount required to pay the outstanding balances of grants on schemes approved in previous years and it is not possible to make any new allocation of grants this year.

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M. HAWE,

a.s. Stiurthora.

The County Secretary stated that in the year 1965/66 a Grant of £1,000 had been made available, subject to a local contribution of £335, in respect of Schemes to be carried out at Baltinglass, Carnew, Dunlavin, Rathnew and Shillelagh.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

Resolved—That a sum of £10,000 be provided from next year's Estimates for employment at Christmas.

In reply to Councillor Timmins, who inquired if moneys had been provided in the current year's Estimates for work at Christmas, the County Secretary stated that a sum of £3,000 had been provided in the Estimates and this money would be available. Councillor Timmins suggested that the moneys for Winter Employment Schemes should be allocated to the various Areas on the basis of the extent of unem-

ployment in such areas. Following a discussion on the matter Councillor Quigley agreed, with the consent of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., as seconder, to amend his proposal to a sum of £2,000.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Quigley;

Seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:

Resolved—That we authorise expenditure of £2,000 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates for the purpose of providing employment on Road Works.

Passed unanimously.

**Item No. 9—Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—
“That Killabeg Lane at Coolkenno Be Taken Over and Surfaced by the Council.**

The County Secretary stated that this matter had come before the Council on a Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Whelan at the Meeting of the Council in the previous February. The Council had decided to refer the matter for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Area at the Roads Estimates Meeting. It had been found by the Members, however, at that Meeting that it was not possible to allocate moneys for the purposes of this road. The Council noted the position and agreed to refer the matter for consideration by the Members of the Council at the Roads Estimates Meeting for 1967 for the Arklow Electoral Area. Councillor J. Whelan stated that the Members of the Council for the Area had asked that a list be prepared of all roads in the Area in respect of which representations had been made that the Council take them over as Public Roads and that this list be circulated to the Members. The County Secretary stated that arrangements were being made to have this done.

Item No. 10—Representations Re Need For Repair of Bye-pass Road at Cronelea, Shillelagh.

The County Secretary submitted letter received from Mr. W. Wilson, Cronelea, Shillelagh, regarding the state of repair of a bye-pass road at Cronelea, which was not a Public Road, and complaining of the condition of the road and asking that repairs be carried out. The Council noted that since the road had not been taken over as a Public Road no work could be carried out by the Council on it and agreed that the matter be referred for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Arklow Electoral Area at the Roads Estimates Meeting for the coming year.

**Item No. 11—Road Known As “Fassaroe Lane” (Berryfield Lane)—
Recommendation of Committee for Bray Electoral Area.**

The County Secretary stated that Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area had noted the Report of the County Engineer that the cost of putting the road leading from Fassaroe Cross to Berryfield (commonly known as “Berryfield Lane”) into a proper state of repair was £450 and had agreed to provide this sum in the Estimates for 1967/68 for repairs to the road and recommended that it be taken over as a Public Road before the end of the present financial year.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That having noted recommendation of the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area we approve of public notice being given of intention to take over as a Public Road the road known as “Berryfield Lane,” Bray.

Passed.

Item No. 12—Appointment of Additional Clerical Officer in County Engineer's Office.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the creation of an additional office of Clerical Officer for the County Engineer's Office.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 13—Revision of Salary Scale for Clerical Officers.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley;

Resolved—That having considered recommendation under Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme we approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister, of the application of the following salary scales for Clerical Officers, with effect from 1st April, 1966, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of the application of the revised salary scales:—

For Post-1964 Clerical Officers: £400 x £40—£600 x £76—£676 x £40—£916 x £45—£1,051. (Plus £125 on Marriage).

For Pre-1964 Clerical Officers: £400 x £40—£600 x £76—£676 x £45—£1,126 x £50—£1,176. (Scheme of Marriage Increment to continue).

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Avoca River Flooding—Representations From Avoca Area and Report of County Engineer.

The Council considered letter dated 8th October, 1966, from Mr. John J. Brown, Kilcassell, Avoca, on behalf of himself and traders and householders in the district, requesting that steps be taken for removal of obstruction along the River to prevent a recurrence of flooding. The Council noted the Report of the County Engineer, in which he stated that when Mr. J. B. Barry, B.E., Consulting Engineer, had examined the drainage of the Aughrim area it was likely that his Report would also make reference to the Avoca Drainage District and suggested that a Report on the Avoca area might be deferred until Mr. Barry's Report had been received. The Council agreed to await the submission of the Report.

Councillor J. D. Haughton asked that Ballinaclesh Bridge be examined as it appeared that there was a lot of silting at this place and that it would be desirable to have it cleared.

Item No. 15—Supplementary Grants For New Houses and Repair and Improvement of Houses—Report on Present Position.

The County Secretary stated that the total moneys allocated in respect of Supplementary Grants for the current year amounted to £22,000 and that it appeared that from this sum the Council would be in a position to pay Supplementary Grants where State Grants had been approved and paid by the Department prior to the 31st October, 1966, and where applications had been submitted to the Council for Supplementary Grants. It had been agreed by the Council at the Meeting on 5th September, 1966, that the Supplementary Grants would be paid in the same order in which the appropriate State Grants had been paid by the Department. The County Secretary pointed out that the amount of moneys available would not permit of the payment of

Supplementary Grants in respect of the houses at Bentley Park, Bray, as State Grants had not yet been paid in respect of these houses. The Council noted the position in the matter and agreed with the priority as regards issue of payments.

Item No. 16—Notice of Motion In Name of Councillor J. Quigley Requesting Report From County Engineer Re Removal of Fountain At Rednagh Road, Aughrim, Close To Proposed New Entrance To G.A.A. County Grounds.

Mr. J. P. Caffrey, Assistant County Engineer, stated that the G.A.A. proposed to provide a new entrance to their Grounds at Rednagh Road and this involved moving the fountain at the side of the road. Councillor Quigley urged that the cottage tenants who obtained water from the fountain be consulted and their agreement reached in regard to an alternative site for the fountain before it was moved. It was agreed that the Gaelic Athletic Association be asked to consult the tenants and to meet their wishes in regard to the alternative site for the pump.

Item No. 17—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins: "That the Council extend the Watermain from existing Fountain at Raheen, Baltinglass, to Council Houses at Raheen."

The County Secretary stated that a Report on this matter was not yet available and the Council agreed to defer it to the next Meeting.

Item No. 18—Dumping Ground at Tinahely—Report of County Engineer on site proposed.

The Council noted the Report of the County Engineer on his examination of a site at Tinahely which had been suggested for a new Dumping Ground. The County Engineer had indicated that the site would not be suitable. At the request of Councillor Miss Walsh it was agreed that the County Engineer be asked to seek a suitable alternative site for the Dumping Ground.

Item No. 19—Filling of Vacancies for District Medical Officers at Blessington and Rathdrum.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Health had indicated that representatives had been made to the Minister in regard to the decision that further vacancies for District Medical Officers would not be filled on a permanent basis for the present because of the question of the introduction of a "Choice of Doctor" Scheme and that the view had been put forward that this decision had taken from permanent District Medical Officers their normal opportunity to transfer to other Districts. In an endeavour to minimise the dissatisfaction which some District Officers might feel on this score the Minister had agreed to ask the Local Appointments Commission to hold a competition for the making of permanent appointments in a number of Districts, the candidature to be restricted, however, to existing permanent Officers. The Council had been informed that the posts of District Medical Officer for Blessington Dispensary District and Rathdrum Dispensary District had been included in the limited competition to be held by the Local Appointments Commission. Councillor J. D. Haughton welcomed the decision and referred to the position in Rathdrum where residents were dependent on a doctor who lived twelve miles away from the town. Councillor J. Miley stated that the temporary District Medical Officer in Blessington was providing a very satisfactory service for the

locality and asked that representations be made to the Department of Health to defer the permanent filling of the position in Blessington. It was agreed that the views of the Council in regard to the retention of the services of the temporary doctor at Blessington be conveyed to the Department of Health.

Item No. 20—Proposed introduction of 85 Hour Fortnight for Nursing Staffs and granting Additional Annual Leave in lieu of Public Holidays.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;
Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we approve of the introduction of an 85 hour fortnight for Nursing Staffs and the granting of additional Annual Leave in lieu of Public Holidays worked, with effect from 1st December, 1966, as recommended by Department of Health, and hereby authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of the application of the reduced working fortnight and of additional holiday relief.
Passed unanimously.

Item No. 21—Requirements of Circuit Court Judge for Courthouse, Wicklow—Report of County Engineer.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had submitted an estimate of the cost of items requested by Judge Deale for the Circuit Court, Wicklow, amounting to £60, and that the replacement of linoleum in Offices of the County Registrar, which had been requested, was estimated to cost £55. Councillor J. Temple referred to the discussion at the Estimates Meeting in which the Council had expressed the view that repairs to Courthouses and their maintenance should be the responsibility of the Minister for Justice. The County Secretary pointed out that a sum of £600 had been provided in the Estimates for the maintenance of Courthouses, which remained a statutory duty of the Council, and that up to date a sum of about £370 had been spent.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;
Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure (estimated at £115) in respect of requirements for the Circuit Court, Wicklow, and the County Registrar's Office, Wicklow.
Passed—Councillor Temple dissenting.

Item No. 22—The Green, Kilcoole—Letter from Mrs. L. O'Gorman.

The Council considered letter of 19th October, 1966, from Mrs. Lily O'Gorman regarding The Green at Kilcoole, and agreed that the Scott Estate, who were the owners of The Green, be requested to arrange for the fencing of The Green.

Item No. 23—Inquiries Arising from County Manager's Orders.

The Council noted the particulars of County Manager's Orders which had been circulated to the Members.
Newcastle Mental Hospital.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;
Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That we hold a Special Meeting at Newcastle Mental Hospital.

The County Manager pointed out that the Members of the Council had been informed at the previous Meeting that Newcastle Mental Hospital would open on the 1st November, 1966, and that a number of patients would be taken in. At present there were about 20 patients in the Hospital. A Visiting Committee would need to be appointed and this matter would be included on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Council. In regard to the proposal that a Special Meeting be held at Newcastle Mental Hospital the County Manager stated that it would not be desirable to have a formal Meeting at the Hospital and suggested that arrangements might be made for Members of the Council to visit the Hospital at an early date rather than hold a formal Meeting. The Council agreed to the proposal that arrangements be made for a visit by the Members of the Council possibly early in the New Year.

Tenders for Rural Cottages.

The County Secretary submitted letter received from the Department of Local Government conveying sanction to the acceptance of Tenders for the erection of Five Rural Cottages, subject to conditions in regard to the matter of water supply and sewerage facilities. The County Engineer had examined Tenders received for the erection of a cottage at Moylisha and recommended the acceptance of the lower of the Tenders received. The Council approved of the recommendation of the County Engineer and asked that the sanction of the Minister to the acceptance of this Tender be sought immediately. The County Secretary stated that the estimated total cost of the erection of the ten Rural Cottages was £23,800. The Council had authorised the raising of a Loan based on the estimated cost of the houses, but it would be desirable to have this authorisation replaced by one to cover the cost as now ascertained.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor J. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise the borrowing of a sum of £23,800 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a period of fifty years, to defray the cost of the erection of ten Rural Houses.

Passed unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that the moneys allocated to the Council for New Housing in the present year would not be sufficient to allow of the Council proceeding with the erection of these cottages for some months.

Greystones Harbour.

In reply to Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Secretary stated that a Report from the County Engineer in regard to Greystones Harbour would be available for the next Meeting.

Water Supply Schemes for Milltown Lane, Rathnew and Newcastle.

In reply to Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the County Secretary stated that Contracts had been accepted for both these Schemes and as soon as the Insurance Bonds had been completed work could commence.

Rathdrum Water Supply.

Councillor J. D. Haughton referred to the unsatisfactory condition of the water supply at Rathdrum and asked that this matter be attended to. He referred also to previous applications for the provision of an extension from the Glenealy Water Supply to serve houses at Bahana and asked that this matter be expedited.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillor James Everett, T.D., J. Gregory and J. D. Haughton: "That the County Manager vest cottages for the following tenants: B. Hynes, Kilpedder (applied November, 1957); James Murphy, Old Village, Rathnew (who applied in 1964)."

In the name of Councillor Mrs. Mary Ledwidge: "That I, or someone for me, move at the next Meeting of the Council that the road at Moor Park, Kilmacanogue, be taken over and maintained by the Council."

In the names of Councillors John Temple, Hugh B. Hipwell and Roger Miley: "That I will move at the next Meeting of the Council (to be held on the 5th December, 1966), that all Town Planning applications be placed on the Agenda before refusals are issued."

In the names of Councillors James Everett, T.D., J. Gregory and J. D. Haughton: "That we request the County Manager to provide houses for the following who have made repeated applications:—Michael Conyard, Ballycullen; J. Beale, Trinity; McDonald, Dunran; and Turner, Trinity; and report by next Meeting."

In the names of Councillors James Everett, T.D., J. Gregory and J. D. Haughton: "That we request a Report by next Meeting on progress made in connection with the erection of houses in Rathnew where sites were already approved."

In the names of Councillors James Everett, T.D., J. Gregory and J. D. Haughton: "That the County Manager furnish to the Council the Audited Accounts of total amount expended on Roads in the County and the total amount allocated by the Department for the years 1962, 1963, 1964 and 1965."

In the names of Councillors H. W. Hopkins, J. D. Haughton and James Everett, T.D.: "That the Council give serious consideration to the coast erosion affecting the Wicklow Urban Area."

In the name of Councillor James Whelan: "That four public lights be provided at Askinagap."

In the name of Councillor John Quigley: "That two extra public lights be erected at Greenane."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A meeting of Wicklow County Council for the purpose of dealing with Housing matters was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 5th December, 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, J. D. Haughton and J. Gregory.

In the absence of Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, took the chair.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers R. L. Farrell and N. D. Farrell (Acting), P. J. Birmingham, Architect, and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, S. F. Coffey, E. M. Doyle (Acting), and K. C. O'Donnell were present.

AGENDA

1. Notice of intention to propose Resolution under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, requiring that permission be granted for Motel at Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue (deferred from previous Meeting); and Report of County Engineer with Plans for Road Improvement south of Kilmacanogue.
2. Development Plans — Letter dated 9th November, 1966, from Department of Local Government regarding statutory requirements for completion of Development Plans, etc.
3. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Temple, H. B. Hipwell and R. Miley:—"That all Town Planning applications be placed on the Agenda before refusals are issued."
4. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Miley:—"That this Council supply up-to-date Report on new Housing Scheme of this County with the Department at advertisement stage for building."
5. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory and J. D. Haughton:—"That we request a Report by next Meeting on progress made in connection with the erection of houses in Rathnew where sites were already offered."
6. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, and J. D. Haughton:—"That we request the County Manager to provide houses for the following, who have made repeated applications:— Michael Conyard, Ballycullen; J. Beale, Trinity; McDonald's, Dunran, Turner's, Trinity; and report by next Meeting."
7. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory, and J. D. Haughton:—"That County Manager vest cottages for following tenants:— B. Vines, Kilpedder (applied Nov., 1957); and James Murphey, Old Village, Rathnew (applied in 1964)"
8. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh re sale of Vested Cottage at Ballyshonogue, Tinahely:—"That in view of the amount of money expended by Michael Dempsey on the reconstruction of his Vested Cottage at Ballyshonogue, Tinahely, that we consider the amount of £316 13s. 4d. to be excessive and feel that an equitable adjustment be made."
9. Applications for Supplementary Grants.
10. Applications for Loans in respect of Erection of New Houses.
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That urgent repairs be carried out immediately to two Council cottages (a) occupied by John O'Toole, Cronebane, Avoca; (b) occupied by James Moore, Ballinavally, Avoca."
12. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., and J. Gregory:—"We recommend that repairs be carried out in respect of following cottages reported on several occasions:— Mrs. Lyons, Bahana, Rathdrum; Mrs. Hogan, Bahana, Rathdrum; and Patrick

O'Connor, Kilmurray, Redcross (reported for repairs Jan., 1966)."

13. Cottages repaired during November, 1966, and to be repaired in December, 1966.

Item No. 1—Notice of Intention to Propose Resolution under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Requiring that Permission be Granted for Motel at Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue (Deferred from Previous Meeting); and Report of County Engineer with Plans for Road Improvement South of Kilmacanogue.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge.

Resolved—That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Planning approval for the erection of a Motel on site at Kilmurray, Kilmacanogue, Co. Wicklow, for Mr. D. W. T. Fitzmaurice.

As requested by the Council, a Plan showing the proposed dual-carriageway south of Kilmacanogue and passing the site on the proposed Motel was submitted to the Meeting. The County Engineer pointed out that the only method of access to Motel would be from the dual-carriageway and that this would give rise to a traffic hazard. The County Secretary stated that Planning permission had been granted for a Motel by this applicant on a site at Kilmacanogue subject to access being only from the County Road, which joined the Arterial Road at that point. As it appeared that the Site Plan submitted had shown the incorrect site, applicant submitted a further application showing the correct site, which was located near Kilmurray, south of Kilmacanogue. Details of the grounds of refusal of permission were submitted to the Council. Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that this was an important development, which would provide additional bedroom accommodation and attract more visitors to the country, as was being urged by Bord Fáilte, and the applicant was prepared to spend £30,000 on erecting a Motel. The resolution was declared passed unanimously.

Item No. 2—Development Plans — Letter Dated 9th November, 1966, from Department of Local Government Regarding Statutory Requirements for Completion of Development Plans, etc.

The County Secretary stated that a copy of the Department's letter of the 9th November, 1966, had been circulated to the Members. It would be noted that in order to have the Development Plan completed and adopted within the prescribed period of three years ending on 1st October, 1967, it would be necessary to have the Draft Plan adopted, if possible, by the 31st March, 1967, to ensure an adequate period for compliance with the procedures for having the Plan available for inspection and consideration of objections or representations. The County Secretary stated that subject to the agreement of the Members it was proposed to arrange Meetings with the Local Area Committees for the purpose of outlining the proposed provisions in the Draft Development Plan and it was suggested that these Meetings be held at an early date. The Council agreed that Meetings of the Local Electoral Area Committees be held during the month of January, the dates to be decided upon at a meeting of the Council to be held on 2nd Jan., 1967.

Item No. 3—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors J. Temple, H. B. Hipwell and E. Miley:—"That all Town Planning Applications be placed on the Agenda Before Refusals are Issued."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. Hipwell:

Resolved—That all Town Planning applications where refusals are contemplated be placed on the Agenda before refusals are issued.

Councillor Temple stated that he had made this suggestion at a previous Meeting, but as no action had been taken on it he was now moving it formally. He stated that in his opinion Members should have the opportunity of discussing Planning proposals which were proposed to be refused before formal Orders refusing permission were made. The County Manager pointed out that there were two major difficulties in complying with this proposal, these being the large number of applications received and the requirement that a decision on the application be taken within a period of two months. About 500 applications were received in the course of a year and all of these had to be carefully examined and it was necessary that a decision be taken within a period of two months or permission would be granted by default. As it was not unusual that cases where the eventual decision was to refuse an application required lengthy consideration it would not be possible to ensure that all such cases were submitted to the Council in view of the requirement referred to that a decision be taken within two months. In reply to inquiry from Councillor Timmins the County Secretary stated that less than 10 per cent of applications had been refused in the previous year. The Resolution was declared passed unanimously. The County Secretary pointed out that due to the matter of the time-limit for decision it might be necessary for a decision to be taken on an application before the opportunity was available of submitting it to the Council. Councillor Temple stated that he appreciated that such a situation could arise. The County Manager stated that the opinion of the Council's Solicitor on the matter would be obtained.

Item No. 4—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Miley:—"That this Council supply up-to-date Report on New Housing Scheme of this Council with the Department at Advertisement Stage for Building."

The County Secretary reported on the position regarding Housing Schemes as follows:—

Blessington: The Department had approved of Layout, House Plan, Specification and Estimate of Cost for houses on Site 'A' at Blessington and the agreement of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to proposed television and master aerial was being sought. It was expected that Tenders could be invited in time to be available for consideration at the February Meeting of the Council.

Ballywaltrim, Bray: Layout, House Plan, Specification and Estimate of Cost for three houses at Ballywaltrim, Bray, had been approved by the Department and Tenders were being invited within the next week and would be available for submission to the Council at the January Meeting.

Grattan Park, Kindlestown: The proposal to accept the Tender of the present Contractor to erect a further eleven houses had been submitted to the Department of Local Government for sanction, but sanction was not yet available.

Newtownmountkennedy: Layout, House Plan, Estimate of Cost and Specifications for the erection of twelve houses at Newtownmountkennedy had been approved by the Department and the necessary documents for inviting Tenders were being prepared and it was hoped that Tenders would be available for consideration at the Feb. Meeting of the Council.

Laragh: Approval had been requested to see the Layout Plan for two additional houses at Laragh, but sanction to inviting Tenders had not yet been received.

Parkmore, Baltinglass: Layout and House Plan had been submitted to the Department in respect of the erection of five two-storey houses at Parkmore, but sanction to inviting Tenders was not yet available.

Kilgarron, Enniskerry: Tenders for the erection of ten houses, together with development works, had been invited and Tenders re-

ceived would be opened later in the Meeting.

Dunlavin: The Council's Architect stated that he was at present engaged on Plans for housing at Dunlavin.

The Council noted the position regarding Housing Schemes.

Grattan Park Housing Scheme.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Architect had reported that it was estimated that the extras on construction of the nine houses at Grattan Park would amount to £1,564. The major part of the extras would be due to increase in cost of labour and materials since the Tenders were invited (approximately two years ago).

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge

Resolved—That we note the Report of the Council's Architect of 2nd December, 1966, and approve of the additional expenditure (estimated at £1,564) in respect of extras on the construction of the nine houses at Grattan Park, Kindlestown.

Passed unanimously

Councillor J. Temple stated he had received complaints in regard to the lack of rear entrances to the houses at Grattan Park and that tenants who wished to bring in a bag of coal had to take it through the front door as there was no side entrance. The County Architect pointed out that the houses had been designed with lobbies so that while coal would have to be brought through the front door it did not involve in being brought into any of the rooms in order to reach the rear of the house. The County Manager pointed out that the houses had been erected as terraced houses, which effected a saving in cost as well as providing a better appearance. Councillor Temple suggested that a side entrance could have been provided and asked that the matter be examined by the Architect and a Report submitted.

Item No. 5—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory and J. D. Haughton:—"That we Request a Report by Next Meeting on Progress made in Connection with the Erection of Houses in Rathnew where sites were already offered."

The County Secretary submitted a Report in regard to the approaches which had been made to owners of sites in Rathnew which had been considered suitable for housing by the Council's Architect. At the suggestion of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., it was agreed that consideration of the matter of the sites for housing in Rathnew be referred to the Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area.

Item No. 6—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory and J. D. Haughton:—"That we Request the Co. Manager to Provide Houses for the following, who have made repeated applications:— Michael Conyard, Ballyculen; J. Beale Trinity; McDonald's, Dunran; Turner's, Trinity; and Report by Next Meeting."

The County Secretary having reported regarding the applicants referred to in the Notice of Motion, the Council, on the proposal of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., agreed that the matter of obtaining a site for housing at Ashford be referred for consideration by Members of the Council for the Wicklow Electoral Area. It was agreed also that the site at Milltown Lane, suggested by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., be investigated and a Report submitted to the Committee.

Item No. 7—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D., J. Gregory and J. D. Haughton:—"That County Manager Vest Cottages for following Tenants:— B. Vines, Kilpedder (applied November, 1957); and James Murphy, Old Village, Rathnew (applied in 1964)."

The County Secretary stated that in the case of Mr. Vines a Form had been sent to him for completion to indicate that he was satisfied

with the state of repair of the cottage, but so far this had not been returned. Councillor Gregory stated that Mr. Vines was satisfied regarding the condition of the cottage and would sign and return the Form. In the case of the application of Mr. James Murphy, Old Village, Rathnew, the County Secretary stated that he was a single man, but that a family resided in the house with him. Councillor Gregory stated that it was Mr. Murphy's intention, if he were allowed to purchase the cottage, to transfer it to the family who were living with him in the cottage. The County Manager stated that in the circumstances the cottage would be vested in Mr. Murphy.

Item No. 8—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh re Sale of Vested Cottage at Ballyshonogue, Tinahely:—"That in view of the Amount of Money Expended by Michael Dempsey on the Reconstruction of his Vested Cottage at Ballyshonogue, Tinahely, that we Consider the Amount of £316-13-4 to be Excessive and feel that an Equitable Adjustment be made."

The County Secretary submitted the Report of the County Engineer in regard to his valuation of the cottage, in which he indicated that he considered the market value of the cottage and plot as at present was £1,200 and the value of the improvements carried out by the tenant-purchaser amounted to £300. If allowances were made for the value of the improvements carried out by the tenant-purchaser the net market value would be taken at £900 and one-third of this sum, i.e., £300, would be payable to the Council. Councillor Miss Walsh contended that the value of the work carried out by the applicant was in the region of £450 and that a sum of not more than £200 should be payable to the Council. The County Secretary suggested that possibly the Council might consider that the actual sale price of £950 be taken as the present market value of the cottage and one-quarter of the market value be regarded as the value of the improvements made by the tenant, this being the proportion given by the County Engineer. The net market value would thus be reduced to £712-10-0 and the amount to be paid to the Council would be £237-10-0. Councillor Miss Walsh, however, contended that this figure was still excessive and it was agreed that the County Engineer re-examine the matter and personally inspect the cottage.

Item No. 9—Applications for Supplementary Grants.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor E. Byrne;

Resolved—That we approve of payment of Supplementary Grants in respect of New Houses as follows (subject to the necessary moneys being available):—

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| 1. To Leo J. Harmon (Jnr.), Stilebawn, Delgany | £300 |
| 2. To George T. Prestage, Carracole, Arklow | £300 |
| 3. To A. J. Delahunt, Bonabroka | £300 |

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 10—Applications for Loans in Respect of Erection of New Houses.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. J. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Temple;

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,170 to John Bernard Roche, 1 Lr. Kindlestown, Greystones, in respect of the erection of a house at Bentley Park, Boghall Road, Bray, subject to the necessary moneys being available to the Council for the purpose.

Passed unanimously.

It was

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Proposed by Councillor J. D. Haughton;

Seconded by Councillor Miss M. Walsh:

Resolved—That we approve of the making of a Loan of £2,280 to Mr. A. J. Delahunt, Bonabrocka, Wicklow, in respect of erection of New House at Bonabrocka, subject to the necessary moneys being available to the Council for the purpose.

Passed unanimously.

Rate of Interest on Loans to Persons Erecting or Purchasing New Houses.

The County Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government in letter of 30th November, 1966, had indicated that the Minister for Finance had given a direction under Section 12 of the Local Loans Fund Act, 1935, fixing $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum rate of interest payable in respect of issues from the Local Loans Fund made on or after 28th November, 1966. In consequence the rate of interest chargeable to borrowers in respect of Loans for the Purchase or erection of New Houses would be $8\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. where moneys were advanced on or after 28th November, 1966.

It was

Proposed by Councillor A. H. Hadden;

Seconded by Councillor H. B. H. pwell:

Resolved—That we note letter from Department of Local Government dated 30th November, 1966, indicating that the Minister for Finance had given a direction under Section 12 of the Local Loans Fund Act, 1935, fixing at $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum the rate of interest payable in respect of issues from the Local Loans Fund made on or after 28th November, 1966, and note that the rate of interest chargeable by the Council in respect of Loans to persons for the purchase or erection of New Houses will be $8\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. where moneys are advanced on or after 28th November, 1966.

Passed unanimously.

The County Manager explained that the Council added $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. to the rate of interest to cover the cost of the administration of the Scheme and to meet any losses which might arise under it.

Item No. 11—No ice of Motion in Name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—
“That Urgent Repairs be Carried Out Immediately to Two Council Cottages (a) Occupied by John O’Toole, Cronebane, Avoca; (b) Occupied by James Moore, Ballinvalley, Avoca.”

The County Secretary Stated that the Assistant County Engineer had confirmed that estimates for repairs to both these cottages would be submitted in the near future and that both were on the list for repairs during the month of December.

Item No. 12—Notice in Names of Councillors J. Everett, T.D. and J. Gregory:—“We Recommend that Repairs be Carried Out in Respect of Following Cottages Reported on Several Occasions:— Mrs. Lyons, Bahana, Rathdrum; Mrs. Hogan, Bahana, Rathdrum; and Patrick O’Connor, Kilmurray, Redcross (Reported for Repairs January, 1966).”

The County Secretary stated that the Contractor had already been asked to have repairs carried out to the cottages of Mrs. Lyons and Mrs. Hogan, but it would appear that the name Patrick O’Connor had been given in error for that of a Patk. Cannon of Cottage No 45/7 at Kilmurray, Redcross, and in this case the tenant had applied to purchase the cottage and the County Engineer had been requested to have it inspected and report on the repairs required.

Item No. 13—Cottages Repaired During November, 1966, and to be Repaired in December, 1966.

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The Council noted the list of cottages repaired during the month of November and of those to be repaired during December, 1966. Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge and Councillor H. J. Byrne referred to previous representations made regarding the need for repairs to cottages of Mr. Kirwan, Ballybrew, Enniskerry, and Messrs. Kavanagh and O’Neill (Nos. 12 and 13, Monastery, Enniskerry) and stated that in the latter case some repairs had been done, but had never been finished. Representations were also made regarding the need for repairs to the cottage of Mr. Canavan, Kilmolin.

Resolution of Sympathy.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Miley, seconded by Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge; the Council passed a Resolution expressing the sympathy of the Members of the Council with the widow and other relatives of Mr. Sean T. O’Kelly, former President of Ireland.

Tenders for Ten Council Houses at Kilgarron Park and Development.

Three Tenders received in response to public advertisement were opened in the presence of the Members of the Council and resulted as follows:—

Name and Address of Tenderer.	Amount of Tender
Thomas Tracy, Newcourt Road, Bray.	£27,489-18-2
Kilmacud Construction Co. Ltd., 135 Upper Kilmacud Road, Stillorgan, Dublin.	£32,333-11-6
Leo Duignan, 50, Larchfield Road, Roebuck Park, Dublin 14.	£34,394-10-0

The Tenders were referred for examination and Report by the County Engineer.

Deputation to Minister in Regard to Flooding.

In reply to Councillor J. Temple, the County Secretary stated that no reply had yet been received from the Department of Local Government to the request of the Council for the reception by the Minister for Local Government of a Deputation (jointly with Bray Urban District Council) in connection with the flooding at Bray and other areas in the County in November, 1965. The Council asked that a reminder be addressed to the Department on the matter.

Derrybawn Bridge.

Councillor J. D. Haughton stated that persons who used Derrybawn Bridge had asked him to convey their thanks to the Council for completing the repairs to the Bridge in such a short time. They wished to point out, however, that there was no fencing at either side of the approaches to the Bridge and that in consequence sheep being driven across the Bridge had gone into the River. He asked if fencing could be provided at the approaches to the Bridge. The County Engineer stated that the matter would be examined.

Bray Clinic.

Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge asked if arrangements could be made to proceed with the provision of toilets at Bray Clinic. The Co. Manager stated that approval had not been received to the Scheme for improvements at the Clinic. Councillor Mrs. Ledwidge asked that the matter of providing at least one toilet be considered.

Sale of Vested Cottages.

Councillor Whelan referred to an inquiry he had made to the Co. Secretary at the previous Meeting in regard to the sale of two vested cottages and an application for redemption of Annuity on a vested cottage and stated that while he had received a reply from the County

Secretary to the inquiries he wished to have the matter on the Agenda for a Meeting of the Council. The Co. Secretary stated that Councillor Whelan had not handed in any Notice of Motion on the matter and, consequently, it was understood that he was merely seeking information as to the position and the necessary details had been supplied. It was agreed that the matter be included on the Agenda for next Meeting.

Visit to Newcastle Mental Hospital.

The County Secretary stated that the matter of a visit by Members of the Council to Newcastle Mental Hospital had been discussed with Dr. Egan, Resident Medical Superintendent, who had suggested that Tuesday, 13th December, 1966, would be a convenient date. The Members of the Council, however, were of opinion that it would be better to defer a visit to the Hospital until after Christmas and a suitable date could be settled at the January Meeting of the Council.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the name of Councillor J. D. Haughton:—"That the Glenealy Water Supply be extended to the Council cottages at Bahana, Rathdrum. (An estimate for this extension has already been prepared)."

In the name of Councillor M. J. O'Neill:—"That the Council build a house for James Kennedy, Knocknamuck, Grangecon, who is now living in a condemned dwelling."

In the names of Councillors J. Gregory, J. D. Haughton and James Everett, T.D.:—"That we request a Report by next Meeting on progress made in connection with Water and Sewerage Scheme for houses in Ballinahinch, Newtownmountkennedy."

In the name of Councillor John Quigley—Requesting a Report from the County Medical Officer about the number of persons living in unsuitable houses in rural area adjoining Arklow.

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That urgent repairs be carried out immediately for the following tenants:—James Jordan, Raheengreany; Patrick Smith, Askakeagh, Ballinglen; James Murphy, Tombrean, Carnew; Mrs. Hagan, Ballinasillogue, Ballinglen."

In the Name of Councillor John Quigley:— Requesting a Report from the County Engineer about flooding of cottage at Tomnaskela, Kilpipe, Aughrim, occupied by Martin Curry."

In the name of Councillor John Quigley:—Requesting a Report from County Secretary for next Meeting about sale of vested cottage occupied by John Keogh, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh, and amount deducted by County Council.

In the Name of Councillor John Quigley:— Requesting a Report from County Engineer about progress made in providing cottages in the vicinity of Arklow.

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That in view of the serious inadequacy of housing in the Avoca and Tinahely areas that a further Report on the matter be submitted to the next Meeting with a view to accelerating any possible Housing Programme envisaged for 1967."

In the name of Councillor Miss M. Walsh:—"That this Council should build a cottage for Brian O'Keeffe, Coolboy, who with his wife and four young children is at present living in a condemned house."

In the names of Councillors Ed. Byrne and Mrs. Mary Ledwidge—"That a water supply be given to the County Council cottages at Coolnaskeagh, Templecarrig."

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A Meeting of Wicklow County Council was held at the Council Chamber, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on Monday, 12th December, 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

The following Members attended:—

Councillors John Quigley, Alan H. Hadden, James Whelan, G. Timmins, Mark Deering, James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, Seamus Ua Tuathail, Miss Mary Walsh, Mrs. Mary Ledwidge, H. J. Byrne, Edward Byrne, Hugh B. Hipwell, John Temple, J. Everett, T.D., Roger Miley, J. Gregory and H. W. Hopkins.

In the absence of Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, due to illness Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, took the chair.

The County Manager, County Secretary, County Engineer, Chief Assistant County Engineers R. L. Farrell and N. D. Farrell (Acting), and Assistant County Engineers J. P. Caffrey, S. F. Coffey, E. M. Doyle (Acting), and K. C. O'Donnell were present.

AGENDA.

1. Notice of intention to propose Resolution under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in names of Councillors James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins and Mark Deering, as follows:—
"That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Planning approval for the erection of a Petrol Filling Station to be built by Thomas Burke, Silverhills, Hollywood."
2. Advice of Council's Solicitor in regard to implementation of Resolution under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in relation to proposed Garage and Showroom at Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy.
3. To confirm and sign Minutes of Meetings held on 3rd and 10th October, 1966.
4. Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 31st March, 1967.
5. Taking over as Public Road of Banks Road, Manor Kilbride.
6. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge: "That the road at Moon Park, Kilmacanogue, be taken over and maintained by the Council."
7. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors James Everett, T.D., J. Gregory and J. D. Haughton as follows: "That County Manager furnish to the Council the Audited Accounts of the total amount expended on Roads in the County and the total amount allocated by the Department for years, 1962, 1963, 1964 and 1965."
8. Posts as District Medical Officers—Letter from Department of Health.
9. Health Services—Authorisation of additional expenditure.
10. St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum—Construction of Static Water Storage Tank.
11. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Whelan: "That four public lights be provided at Askinagap."
12. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Quigley: "That two extra public lights be erected at Greenane."
13. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins: "That the Council extend the watermain from the existing fountain at Raheen, Baltinglass, to the Council houses at Raheen."

14. Water Supply for houses at Ballynerrin, Wicklow.
15. Notice of Motion in names of Councillors H. W. Hopkins, J. D. Haughton and J. Everett, T.D.: "That the Council give serious consideration to the coast erosion affecting the Wicklow Urban Area."
16. Report of County Engineer on Works at Greystones Harbour.
17. Acquisition of plot of land adjoining Dargle River, Bray—Letter from Solicitors for owner.
18. Application of County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee for Grant of £20,000 to finance erection of extra classrooms at various centres.
19. Courthouse, Tinahely—Estimate of cost of decoration of Hall.
20. Courthouse, Baltinglass—Estimate of cost of painting and decorating.
21. Sale of Vested Cottages at Croneyhorn, Carnew, and Ballynultagh, Shillelagh, and application for redemption of Annuity on cottage at Croneyhorn, Carnew—Report requested by Councillor Whelan.
22. Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

Item No. 1—Notice of intention to propose Resolution under Section 4 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in names of Councillors James Miley, M. J. O'Neill, G. Timmins and Mark Deering, as follows: "That we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Planning Approval for the Erection of a Petrol Filling Station to be built by Thomas Burke, Silverhills, Hollywood."

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Resolved—That in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we, the Members of Wicklow County Council, hereby instruct the County Manager to issue Planning approval for the erection of a Petrol Filling Station to be built by Thomas Burke, Silverhills, Hollywood.

The County Secretary stated that the application had been refused because it was considered that a Petrol Filling Station at this point would create a serious road traffic hazard and it was also not considered acceptable on public health grounds since provision had not been made for toilet and wash-up facilities. The Resolution was declared passed—Councillor Hadden dissenting.

Item No. 2—Advice of Council's Solicitor in regard to Implementation of Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in relation to proposed Garage and Showroom at Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy.

The County Secretary stated that the Council's Solicitor had advised that it would be unlawful for the County Manager to give effect to the Resolution passed in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in relation to the proposed Garage and Showroom at Killadreenan, Newtownmountkennedy. The Council asked that copy of the Advice of the Council's Solicitor be circulated to the Members of the Council.

Item No. 3—Minutes.

It was

Proposed by Councillor H. B. Hipwell;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we confirm and sign Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd and 10th October, 1966.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 4—Overdraft on General Account for Quarter to 31st March, 1967.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor R. Miley:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise our County Secretary to make application to the Minister for Local Government and to the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank, Ltd., for such financial accommodation by way of temporary overdraft on the Council's General Account as may be required, and we hereby determine that the maximum amount for the Quarter to 31st March, 1967, shall not exceed £350,000.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 5—Taking over as Public Road of Banks Road, Manor Kilbride.

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

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That the necessary public notice having been given we hereby declare, in pursuance of Section 2 of the Local Government Act, 1953, the road described hereunder to be a Public Road:—

Road leading from junction of Main Road 376 (Tinode) with Sallygap Road (L.161) for a distance of 255 perches to the entrance to the residence of Mr. Butters.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 6—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge: "That the Road at Moor Park, Kilmacanogue, be taken over and Maintained by the Council."

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been before the Council on a previous occasion and had been referred by the Council for consideration by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area in connection with the Road Works Programme for the year 1966/67. The Committee for the Area, however, had not found it possible to make any provision to meet the costs of putting the road in order. The Council decided to refer the matter again to the Local Electoral Area Committee for consideration when considering the Estimates for Road Works for the year 1967/68.

Item No. 7—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors James Everett, T.D., J. Gregory and J. D. Haughton as follows: "That County Manager furnish to the Council the Audited Accounts of the total amount expended on roads in the County and the total amount allocated by the Department for Years 1962, 1963, 1964 and 1965."

The County Secretary submitted the following details in regard to Grant Allocations, Expenditure, and Balances Unexpended for the years 1962/63, 1963/64 and 1964/65:—

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Grant	Amount Allocated	Expenditure	Unexpended
Main Road Improvement Grant and Arterial Road Grant	£	£	£
1962/'63	74,850	33,899	40,951
1963/'64	104,500	73,995	30,505
1964/'65	102,700	94,637	8,063
County Road Improvement Grant			
1962/'63	56,050	56,110	Nil
1963/'64	46,400	45,910	Nil
1964/'65	41,300	45,581	Nil

The County Manager stated that the Department of Local Government notified the Council of the allocation for Arterial Road Grants and Main Road Improvement Grants each year and that the main difficulties had arisen in connection with Arterial Roads. Before works could be commenced it was necessary to prepare detailed designs and Plans and Estimates for the particular sections of road and it was inevitable that time would elapse before these designs could be completed and approved by the Department. The County Manager stated that sometimes it was not very clear as to the standards to which particular sections of the roads should be done and in some cases this involved altering Plans to improved standards. He felt it would be helpful if more information in regard to the policy of the Department of Local Government in relation to the particular sections of Arterial Road to be improved was made available both to the staff and to the Members of the Council. In respect of the section of roadway between St. Valerie Bridge and Kilmacanogue it had been indicated by the Department of Local Government that this section be planned as a dual-carriageway road instead of as a single carriageway. The County Engineer stated that Plans had been prepared and had been approved by the Department in principle for the improvement of the road from St. Valerie Bridge to Kilmacanogue and also from Kilpedder to the Glen O' Downs. The estimated cost of these works was in the region of £250,000. Difficulty had been experienced in acquiring all the necessary land and this had delayed commencing the works. Councillor Temple referred to the moneys which had been expended by the Council on the Repair of Bridges and Roads damaged by Flooding and felt that the Council should insist that the costs of these works be accepted as a charge against the balances of Arterial Road Grants at present unexpended. The County Secretary stated that the Council had been informed by the Department that existing Road Fund Grants could be allocated against the cost of Repairs to Bridges and Roads damaged by Flooding, but that these costs could not be charged against Grants allocated for Arterial Roads. The County Engineer stated that to date the expenditure on Repairs to County Road Bridges was approximately £30,000 and Main Road Bridges £18,000.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That outlay on construction of new Bridges and Repair of Roads damaged by Flooding be met from funds available from Arterial Road Grants.

Passed unanimously.

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The Council asked that the County Engineer submit a full and comprehensive Report on the expenditure to date on the Repair of Roads and Bridges damaged by Flooding.

Item No. 8—Posts as District Medical Officers—Letter from Department of Health.

The following letter from the Department of Health was submitted:—

Department of Health,
Custom House, Dublin.

S. 112/17.

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A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Health to refer to your letter of the 17th November, 1966, regarding the view of the Wicklow County Council that the post of District Medical Officer should be omitted from the forthcoming confined competition for posts as District Medical Officer.

As you are aware the recruitment of permanent District Medical Officers has been suspended since May, 1965, pending consideration of the introduction of a general medical service with choice of doctor in lieu of the present dispensary system. The Minister received representations from the Irish Medical Association and the Medical Union that permanent District Medical Officers were being denied an opportunity of transferring to other districts following this "freeze" on the filling of permanent posts of District Medical Officer and the Minister agreed to the holding of the limited competition to remedy the position.

The Association and the Union were anxious that as many posts as possible should be included in the competition and the Minister does not consider that he would be justified in omitting the Blessington post on the basis that it is at present filled satisfactorily by a temporary District Medical Officer. Such a decision would be regarded as a precedent in other areas where a similar situation exists. Besides, the inclusion of the post in the competition should not result in a worsening of the service in Blessington as either a permanent District Medical Officer will move to the district or in the event of no such officer being interested in transferring to Blessington the existing temporary District Medical Officer can be continued in his post.

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B. HENSEY.

Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

The Council noted that the Minister for Health could not see his way to meeting the wishes of the Council to defer the permanent filling of the vacant post for District Medical Officer at Blessington.

Item No. 9—Health Services—Authorisation of Additional Expenditure.

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates under the heading of "Health Services" as follows:—

Disabled Persons' (Maintenance) Allowances	... £1,092
Infectious Diseases (Maintenance) Allowances	... £15 15 0
Homes for Other Persons	... £3,300

Passed unanimously.

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Item No. 10—St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum — Construction of Static Water Storage Tank.

The County Secretary stated that it had not been possible to obtain a Loan for the carrying out of the work of providing a Static Water Storage Tank for St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, and as it was considered that this Tank was urgently required it was suggested that the Council might agree to authorise the expenditure by way of an excess on the amount provided in the current year's Estimates pending the raising of a Loan for the General Scheme of Improvements for St. Colman's Hospital.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That we hereby authorise excess expenditure of £3,500 (financed from Overdraft) in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of construction of Static Water Storage Tank at St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, pending the raising of a Loan for the General Scheme of Improvements for St. Colman's Hospital.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 11—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Whelan: "That four Public Lights be provided at Askinagap."

The Council agreed to defer consideration of the Notice of Motion pending receipt of the Report of the County Engineer.

Item No. 12—Notice of Motion in Name of Councillor J. Quigley: "That two extra Public Lights be erected at Greerane."

The Council decided to defer consideration of this item pending receipt of the County Engineer's Report.

Item No. 13—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors M. J. O'Neill and G. Timmins: "That the Council extend the Watermain from the existing Fountain at Raheen, Baltinglass, to the Council Houses at Raheen."

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had reported that the extension would entail the laying of 800 lin. yards of 3" H.D. polythene piping at a cost of approximately 8/- per yd., making a total cost of £320. The extension would serve five houses—those occupied by Messrs. O'Hara, Fleming, Faulkner, O'Brien and Molloy.

It was

Proposed by Councillor M. J. O'Neill;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That we approve of the extension of watermain from existing fountain at Raheen, Baltinglass, to Council houses at Raheen.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 14—Water Supply for Houses at Ballynerrin, Wicklow.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer had recommended that a new 2" dia. main be laid at Ballynerrin and that seven cottages which at present had connections from the 8" main be served from the new main and that the further three cottages for which applications to connect had been made be also connected to the new main. The estimated cost of providing the main was £607.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.;

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Seconded by Councillor J. Gregory:

Resolved—That we approve of recommendation of County Engineer for laying of 239 yds. of 2" dia. Class 'B' watermain at Ballynerrin, including provision of connections for ten cottages, at estimated cost of £607, and authorise excess expenditure over the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of the main. Passed unanimously.

Item No. 15—Notice of Motion in Names of Councillors H. W. Hopkins, J. D. Haughton and J. Everett, T.D.: "That the Council give serious consideration to the Coast Erosion affecting the Wicklow Urban Area."

The County Secretary stated that a Preliminary Report from the Office of Public Works in regard to the Coast Erosion at Wicklow had been received. The Report was as follows:—

OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS.

51 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2.

F133/95/1.

County Secretary,

Wicklow County Council,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

A. Chara,

I am to refer to the proposal submitted by your Council under the Coast Protection Act, 1963, for protection works at the Murrough, Wicklow.

The Commissioners of Public Works have completed a preliminary examination under Section 3 of the Act and have made a determination under Section 4 (1) (b) that the circumstances are such that the preparation and execution of a coast protection scheme is feasible. I enclose a report with accompanying map in accordance with Section 4 (3) of the Act.

It is not possible from a preliminary examination to state precisely the extent of land and property being endangered or likely to be endangered by the encroachment of the sea but at an appropriate later stage this would be gone into. The greater part of the cost of the works set out at 2 of the report would be for the filling of the beach with imported material. Maintenance of the works would include periodic replenishment of the beach. It is difficult to assess the extent of this replenishment but as far as can be judged at present-day rates, the average annual cost would be £1,500. Under the Coast Protection Act, maintenance of completed works is the responsibility of the Commissioners of Public Works but the costs and expenses thereof have to be refunded in full by the promoting authority.

I may add that should your Council now make a declaration under paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of Section 5 of the Act, further consideration of the case would have to be deferred owing to the present financial situation.

Mise, le meas,

PATRICK B. SWORDS.

11 Samhain, 1966.

The total cost of the works was estimated at £23,000 and the annual maintenance cost at £1,500. Details of the Report were also submitted to the Council. The County Secretary stated that the Council (as Promoting Authority) would be primarily responsible for the costs of the Scheme and also be primarily responsible for refunding to the Commissioners the cost of Annual Maintenance. The Urban District Council of Wicklow would be responsible for con-

tributing to the County Council's expenditure both in regard to the cost of the Scheme and to the Annual Maintenance Charges. Councillor Hopkins stated that he could not agree with all the details supplied by the Commissioners and stated that he was concerned at the statement that even if the Council accepted the Scheme the matter would have to be deferred owing to the present financial situation. He stated that between 1956 and 1962 Wicklow Urban District Council had received Grants amounting to £21,950 towards the cost of Coast Protection Works, but had had to raise a sum of £6,025 from Rates. The cost of Coast Protection in Wicklow now amounted to 1/1d. in the Rates and he felt the Urban District Council should not be asked to contribute further to any Scheme. The County Secretary suggested that the Council might defer a final decision on the Scheme and refer the matter for consideration by Wicklow Urban District Council and for the Urban District Council's views as regards the matter of their contribution towards the costs of the Scheme and to the cost of Maintenance. The Council agreed that the views of Wicklow Urban District Council in regard to the Scheme and the costs involved be obtained.

Councillor J. Temple stated that he understood that the Board of Works had promised to have available at an early date their Report in connection with the Coast Erosion at Ballygannon, between Kilcoole and Greystones, and asked that a reminder be addressed to the Commissioners of Public Works on the matter.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Temple;

Seconded by Councillor H. W. Hopkins:

Resolved—That we refer the Report regarding Coast Protection Works for consideration by Wicklow Urban District Council.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 16—Report of County Engineer on Works at Greystones Harbour.

The following Report of the County Engineer was submitted to and noted by the Members of the Council:—

County Engineer's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow.
12th December, 1966.

TJD/SB.
County Secretary.

Re: Greystones Harbour.

A Chara,

Due to the uneven, rocky nature of the bed of the sea near the Harbour, it was not possible to bring the Kish Lighthouse as near the Pier as originally intended. The rubble offered for filling of the gap between the Lighthouse and the Pier proved to be unsuitable both in size and uneconomical as the owner of the site would only allow certain of the material to be removed. It was, therefore, necessary to get an alternative source of supply. Stone was got from the Sugar-loaf and heavy facing stone was brought from Carrigmore Quarry which was fifteen miles away. In the recent heavy storms some of the stone was displaced from its original position by the high tides, with the result that the protection wall has subsided considerably. I have been informed locally that these particular tides were the severest in living memory.

The work carried out has afforded a great deal of protection to the foreshore, as has been evidenced by the very little damage that has been done by the high tides in comparison with the damage caused by much lesser tides in previous years.

The work carried out has and will continue to afford protection

to the foreshore and to boats anchored in the Harbour. Approximately 950 cubic yards of rubble were placed in position. If it is intended that a permanent Pier be constructed as a connection between the Kish Lighthouse base and the existing Pier it would be necessary to carry out a detailed Survey and design for a permanent retaining wall to withstand the highest tides possible.

As this is work of a specialised nature, it is recommended that a Consulting Engineer be appointed.

Mise, le meas,

T. J. DONOVAN,

County Engineer.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D., contended that the work carried out had not been satisfactory and that he could not agree with the terms of the County Engineer's Report. Councillor J. Temple stated that the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area were very interested in the matter and he felt it should be left to them. It was agreed that the matter be considered further by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area.

Item No. 17—Acquisition of Plot of Land adjoining Dargle River, Bray—Letter from the Solicitors for Owner.

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Solicitors for Miss M. Barton, who was the owner of this plot of land, in which it was indicated that she had assigned her interest to the Rev. Fr. Gerald Healy. It was stated by the Solicitors that the rent received for the plot of land and the Advertising Hoarding thereon exceeded the offer being made by the Council and that they could not advise their clients to accept the offer. Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that he would arrange to contact Fr. Healy with a view to reaching an agreement in the matter and he pointed out that part of the site was owned by the Pembroke Estate. The Members of the Council noted that the matter was also being considered by Bray Urban District Council at their Meeting on the following night.

Item No. 18—Application of County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee for Grant of £20,000 to Finance Erection of extra Classrooms at various Centres.

The following letter from the Vocational Education Committee was submitted:—

COUNTY WICKLOW VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE,
Secretary, Technical School, Wicklow.
Wicklow Co. Council. 23rd November, 1966.
Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I am instructed by my Committee to ask whether your Council would be prepared to make a grant of the sum of £20,000 to finance the erection of extra classrooms which are urgently required at various centres throughout the county. It is hoped that your Council would agree to raise a loan for the purpose of this grant, in which case one-half of the sum involved would be recouped to you by the Department of Education under the terms of Section 51 of the V.E. Act, 1930.

For the information of your members, I wish to state that the need for the additional classrooms arises from:—

(a) The substantial increase in enrolments in day classes at all centres which has already taken place.

- (b) The introduction of the Intermediate Certificate Programme to Vocational Schools and the resulting extension of day school courses from two to three years.

My Committee had planned for the carrying out of permanent extensions at its various schools and for the erection of a new school at Arklow, but due to the general economic conditions which prevailed over the past 18 months, these plans for development have been held up by the Department. As an interim measure, the Committee now proposes to try and meet the need for more accommodation by providing pre-fabricated wooden classrooms where required. Vocational Education Committees in other counties are proceeding along similar lines. It is estimated that the pre-fabricated buildings now envisaged would have a useful life of 20 years.

I give hereunder a list of the centres at which the additional rooms are required:—

	Additional Classrooms Required.	
	Sept. 1967	Sept. 1968
Carnew	2	2
Dunlavin	2	3
Arklow	2	2
Blessington	2	2
Baltinglass	2	1
Totals	10	10

I look forward to receiving your Council's decision on my Committee's request, in due course.

Yours faithfully,

A. J. CROTTY,

Chief Executive Officer.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Miley;

Seconded by Councillor G. Timmins:

Resolved—That having considered letter of 23rd November, 1966, from County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee we hereby approve, subject to the consent of the Minister for Education, of the making of a Grant to the Committee of the sum of £20,000 to finance the erection of twenty extra Classrooms at the Centres indicated by the Committee, and authorise the borrowing of a sum of £20,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, re-payable over a period of twenty years, for the purposes of making such Grant, subject to the recoupment to the Council of one-half of such Loan Charges by the Minister for Education.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 19—Courthouse, Tinahely—Estimate of Cost of Decoration of Hall.

The County Secretary stated that the Tinahely I.C.A. Guild had inquired if the Council would agree to their re-decorating the inside of the hall of the Courthouse in Tinahely and had suggested that the Council might supply the materials and they would have the work carried out. The County Engineer had reported that he did not think the suggestion that the Hall could be painted by the members of the I.C.A. to be a workable one in view of the height involved, the Hall being approximately 20 ft. high. He estimated the cost of labour and materials in painting internally the Hall, which is now used as a Dance Hall and Badminton Hall, at £110.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Miss M. Walsh;

Seconded by Councillor A. H. Hadden:

Resolved—That we approve of expenditure of £110 in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to defray the cost of internal painting of the Hall at Tinahely Courthouse.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 20—Courthouse, Baltinglass—Estimate of Cost of Painting and Decorating.

The County Secretary stated that the County Engineer in a Report regarding Baltinglass Courthouse had submitted an estimate of £455 in respect of cleaning fungus from external walls and sterilising affected area of brickwork, applying two coats of 'Snowcem' to the walls, and cleaning internal walls, sterilising areas affected by fungus, applying paint and decorating ceilings, painting woodwork, and varnishing benches.

It was

Proposed by Councillor G. Timmins;

Seconded by Councillor M. J. O'Neill:

Resolved—That having considered Report of County Engineer in regard to Baltinglass Courthouse we approve of expenditure of £455 on external and internal cleaning and painting, and authorise the necessary expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the current year's Estimates to meet the cost of such work.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 21—Sale of Vested Cottages at Croneynhorn, Carnew, and Ballynultagh, Shillelagh, and application for Redemption of Annuity of Cottage at Croneynhorn, Carnew—Report requested by Councillor Whelan.

As requested by Councillor Whelan the County Secretary gave details of the position regarding the sale of Vested Cottages, of whom the former tenant-purchasers were the late Patrick Somers (deceased) and Mr. Keogh. An application had been received from Mr. Patrick Kilbride for consent to the redemption of the Annuity on his Vested Cottage, but he had been informed that the Council was not prepared to accept redemption of the Annuity. Mr. Kilbride had been carrying on the business of retail grocery in a premises built with concrete blocks and roofed with iron, erected on the cottage plot, without having obtained any permission from the Council, and legal proceedings had been instituted against him to re-vest the cottage in the Council by reason of the breach of the Statutory Conditions. Mr. Kilbride had also commenced to erect a Garage as an extension to the "unauthorised structure" without having sought or obtained Planning permission.

It was

Proposed by Councillor J. Whelan;

Seconded by Councillor J. Quigley:

Resolved—That Council would not object to use of structure for a lock-up Store only.

Passed unanimously.

Item No. 22—Inquiries arising from County Manager's Orders.

The Council noted the particulars of County Manager's Orders which had been circulated to the Members.

Notices of Motion.

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

In the names of Councillor James Miley, James Whelan and M. J. O'Neill as follows: "I, or some Member for me, move at the next Council Meeting instruct the Council erect the houses approved by the Minister for Local Government and that we finance them out of some of the money we instructed the Council to borrow up to 31st March, 1967, to-day (12/12/66)."

In the name of Councillor Edward Byrne: "That the District Engineer report on the need for a public light midway down the road at the cottages at Redford, Greystones."

In the name of Councillor James Whelan: "That I, or someone for me, will propose that the Council advertise for Tenders for the erection of the house for Richard Breen of Rathmeigue."

In regard to the Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Miss Walsh: ("That the road leading to the Holy Year Cross at Avoca be taken over and maintained by the Council")—Councillor H. J. Byrne, Chairman, pointed out that this matter would have to be referred to the Local Roads Estimates Meeting, and it was agreed that this procedure be followed.

Message from Chairman.

Councillor H. J. Byrne, Vice-Chairman, stated that a telephone message had been received from Councillor J. J. McCrea, Chairman, to say that he had hoped to attend the Meeting that day, but due to the bad weather he felt it would be unwise of him to come. Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that the Chairman had expressed his best wishes to the Members of the Council and to the Officers and Staff for the Christmas Season. Councillor H. J. Byrne stated that he felt the Council would wish to return the compliments of the Season to Councillor McCrea and to express the hope that he would be with them again as Chairman in the New Year.

Reception of Deputations.

The County Secretary stated that an application had been received from the Secretary to the Local Development Association at Dunlavin asking if the Council would receive a Deputation from the town in order that the need for houses in Dunlavin could be urged. The Council agreed to receive the Deputation at the Housing Meeting on the 2nd January, 1967.

The County Secretary stated that a request had also been received from the Labour Party (Kilmacanogue Branch) for the reception of a Deputation or for a Meeting with the Members of the Council in relation to the matter of water supply to cottages at Ballybawn. The Council agreed that a Deputation from the Branch be met by the Members of the Council for the Bray Electoral Area at their next Local Meeting.